

WESTON CEMETERY MARKER DEDICATION
Champoeg State Park August 22, 1985

We are gathered here to remember one of the 100-plus early Oregon residents who took part in the historic provisional government's ground-laying on this very spot on May 2, 1843.

David Weston is the only one of those 1842 Oregon Trail pioneers in the first family migration in the Willamette Valley to be buried on land that is now within this oldest Oregon State Park.

Only the graves of eleven in the Weston family cemetery and that of Kitty Newell, wife of Robert Newell, whose land claim adjoined Weston's, are known to be within this historic park. Mrs. Newell, daughter of a Nez Perce Indian chief and mother of five sons, died in January 1845, nearly 31 years before David Weston's life ended at 55 in December 1875. Kitty Newell was the sister of Mrs. Joseph L. (Virginia) Meek and of Mrs. Caleb Wilkins, who also were wives of "Mountain Men" participating in the 1843 voting here.

His burial plot is on the westernmost part of land on which David Weston settled in 1850 on his return from the Cayuse War. He was one of the volunteers from the valley who responded following the 1847 Whitman Massacre at Waiilatpu. He took up his claim near his blacksmith shop in the town of Champoeg, a portion of land destroyed by the 1861 flood. It was to that claim that he took his Oregon-born bride, Mary Sinclair, in 1852, after their marriage in St. Paul Catholic Church.

Until this summer there had been no identification on the Weston Cemetery for several decades. A wooden fence which early bordered it had given way to the elements years ago.

David and Mary, who died in 1884, and five of their babies, along with three other infants, are buried in the family cemetery. It was used from 1855 until 1896. Last interment there was for David's brother, Alfred Thomas Weston, who came to Oregon in 1852 with another brother and two young half-sisters and a half-brother. David and Mary's oldest daughter, 18 at the time of her father's death, completed work to obtain title to the land claim. In 1968 her heirs deeded the half-acre to the State of Oregon to square up the eastern boundary of the then-expanding State Park. It is a wooded strip north of the intersection of Case and Champoeg (formerly Weston) Roads.

Weston grandchildren--all now of retirement age--have provided a gray granite marker for their grandparents, their uncle Tom, and the eight infants who were given interment on the family farm. No survivors, of course, ever knew any of the eleven.

Most 1843 voters' living descendants are in later generations, but the Westons for the most part were late in having families. Five of the twelve Weston grandchildren now living--four grandsons and one granddaughter--all Oregon-born--are children of David and Mary's youngest son, Lewis Sinclair Weston, who was not yet six years old when his father died in 1875 on his donation land claim.

Only four of David and Mary's eleven children attained adulthood. The youngest was born six months after her father's demise. She lived on the Weston farm and later in the Newell House, at attended school at Butteville. Her 85 years were lived in Oregon and Washington.

Twelve great-grandchildren of David and Mary, 32 great-great-grandchildren, and several sixth generation descendants complete the living family.

The family deeply appreciates the cooperation of Champoeg Park's personnel, particularly that of Max Ruff, manager, and Sallie Jacobson, in permitting placement of the granite marker on the family cemetery. The plot is on high ground accessible only on foot through the park's nursery planting north of Champoeg Road and east of the eight-year-old Visitors' Center and Champoeg Creek bridge.

This evening we recognize the contribution made by all who participated in the 1843 meeting here, as we pay respect to the memory of the Indiana-born David Weston--one of ten from the small 1842 migration to take part in the historic 1843 meeting on this spot.

Our thanks to all of you for joining the family in this event. Please now enjoy the get-acquainted evening and picnic supper planned for you.

*directions
to mark
cemetery*

THE DAVID WESTON D.L.C.

DAVID WESTON settled his Marion County claim Nov. 15, 1850, according to Oregon State Archives records. Prior to Dec. 31, 1847, he had land in Yamhill County east of the Robert Ady's 640-acre claim on the Willamette River. Ady's claim also cornered those of Louis LaBonte and Michel LaFramboise. Weston answered the call for volunteers at time of the Whitman Massacre in November 1847 and in 1849 is listed as an American voter from Champoege County.

LESS THAN three weeks after her father's death Dec. 19, 1875, the oldest child, Mary Jane Weston, 20, filed a \$2,000 bond in Marion County as administratrix of David's estate. Heirs were listed Jan. 5, 1876, as Mary Jane, James 18, and Lewis 5. (Inez was born six months later, June 6, 1876.) Appraised by William M. Case, J.B. Piette and Ed Mathiot, the land was valued at \$2000 and personal property at \$200. Affidavits for Mary Jane's certification request were signed by John S. Smith, James Henshaw, C.F. Ray and William M. Case. Patent on the 322.5 acres was filed in Marion County deeds book 62, page 65, June 14, 1877. Certificate 4747 recorded May 7, 1895, shows notification was No. 773 for claim 65 (sec. 6,7, T4S, R1W) and claim 44 (sec. 1, 12, T4S, R2W). This and the following data until Dec. 7, 1943, is in a document of that date on the final 95.12 acres in second-generation ownership, prepared by Union Abstract Co., 525 Court St., Salem, OR. The abstract came into family possession in the 1960s.

JAMES WESTON at 23 gave a quitclaim deed Feb. 8, 1881, on his interest in the land. On Nov. 1, 1882, the widow, Mary Weston Gay (married Dec. 5, 1878) and husband, Joseph Gay, along with James and his wife, Sophia, and Mary Jane Weston gave a quitclaim deed to William M. Case for the 322.5 acres. Mary Jane (married in 1886 to Adolph W. Jette) declared in 1887 that she had forfeited all rights and had no interest in the land.

LEWIS WESTON, at 21, for \$500 gave a warranty deed to A.W. Jette for his one-fourth interest in the property. On Dec. 13, 1893, he acknowledged satisfaction in full of a \$219 mortgage on his quarter-interest. That one-quarter was included in a quitclaim deed for the entire parcel given by A.W. and M.J. Jette to William M. Case. INEZ WESTON, 18, on June 14, 1894, for \$500 gave Case a quitclaim deed for her interest.

THE WESTERLY part of the claim, No. 44, 95.12 acres, was returned to Mary Jane Jette Nov. 9, 1895, for \$2,500 in a quitclaim deed from William M. and Eliza Case. The Jettes on Nov. 9, 1898, sold that acreage to William S. Flynn, ending Weston ownership of all acreage except the half-acre cemetery. On Feb. 23, 1904, Flynn sold that land, with Willamette riverfront, to Tung Lee for \$4,000. Tung and his wife, Sue Sam, lived in the old Weston house and operated a hop yard on the riverfront land. The Lees deeded the property to his sister, Ruth Bertha Lee, March 10, 1921, giving Flynn an easement to Weston's Landing for his own exclusive use in shipping his produce. On Jan. 5, 1937, Ruth Lee granted a strip of land involving 11.54 acres, for widening of Champoege Memorial Highway in front of the Weston house. Marion County records show that the Lees paid taxes on the property through 1942-43. The Lees sold the 95.12 acres in 1943 to Leslie Eppers, Aurora farmer. The riverfront farm land later was sold and a strip along the river became part of Willamette Greenway, now the Champoege Park-Butteville bicycle path which passes Dave Weston's landing.

EPPERS SOLD the 5.5-acre parcel on which the Weston house stood, east of the county road, to Donald D. Danner of Portland a few years later. Eppers had torn out the brick fireplace and was in process of razing the house. Danner sought to restore it as a hobby. In the fall of 1959 he sold the property to David Weston's grandson, William G. Weston, and wife, Myra. The house had weathered record Willamette River floods of 1890 and 1964 and was greatly deteriorated, and was torn down. After 24 years' ownership, the Westons sold the 5.5 acres intersected by Mill Creek to Theodore H. Roberts Jr., and Mary V. Roberts, whose mobile home is now on the land at 9408 Champoege Road N.E., Aurora, Oregon.

THE WESTON CEMETERY on the western edge of the D.L.C. was deeded to the State Dept. of Transportation for park purposes in 1968 by heirs of Mary Jane and A.W. Jette. The naturally wooded half-acre on high ground was included in Champoege State Park to "square up" its eastern boundary and is not slated for park development. A granite marker was placed by third generation descendants on the cemetery plot in June 1985 as a memorial.

WILLIAM JASPER WESTON I (born in Kentucky; moved to Indiana) (died 1845)
married NELLIE LEWIS in 1819. (died 1836)

CHILDREN:

1. DAV ID born July 9, 1820, Marion County (now Indianapolis) Ind.
came to Oregon 1842
2. SARAH born July 13, 1821; married James Davis, died in Arkansas
3. JOSEPH born Nov. 18, 1822; never married; died young
4. JAMES born May 15, 1824
came to Oregon 1852
5. SIMON born Nov. 5, 1826; died in infancy
6. JOHN born May 7, 1828; died in infancy
7. ELIZABETH born Jan. 31, 1830; died in infancy
8. LEWIS born Sept. 15, 1831
to California 1852(?) settled at Mariposa
9. ALFRED THOMAS (Tom) born Apr. 16, 1833
to Oregon 1852
10. WESLEY born Oct. 22, 1836; died in infancy; (mother also died 1826)

WILLIAM JASPER WESTON I, widower in 1836 (apparently had moved to Arkansas)
married JANE MONTGOMERY 1837 (both died 1845)

CHILDREN:

1. RACHEL born March 5, 1838
to Oregon 1852 with two half-brothers, James and Tom, and younger
sister and brother; married _____ Smith, after his death she married
Col. Ogg (1873 or 74) Had two daughters by Smith: Martha Parrott
(Mrs. James Sr.) and Mary Seely (Mrs. Ben). Stepson, Jefferson Ogg,
died 1938 or 1939 at 73; was a Portland policeman for some years.
2. MARGARET ANN born May 16, 1840 (Mrs. William H. Smith after June 12, 1854)
to Oregon 1852 (additional information follow§)
3. WILLIAM JASPER II born Aug. 28, 1845
to Oregon 1852
farmer at Pleasant Hill, near Sherwood, through life.

CHILDREN OF DAVID AND MARY SINCLAIR WESTON

* (only four attained adulthood)

1. JOHN (baptized as Jean Sept. 27, 1851, at St. Paul. Born Sept. 12 last "between one named John and Mary." Added later, "legitimatized afterwards by David Western, see 27 January 1852." "Godfather, Narcisse Vivet, godmother, Julienne Labonte, who have not undersigned. Cenas, priest.") The same priest conducted burial service for John Western 27 September 1852 in the old St. Paul cemetery. He had died at the age of one year September 26. Joseph Champagne and David Western were present at the burial.) (Munnick)
2. CATHERINE born March 28, 1853, baptized by Delorme, priest, at St. Paul April 17, 1853, of the legitimate marriage of David Westron and of Mary Sinclair of this parish. Godfather William Gladman, who has signed with us, godmother, Genevieve Longtain who could not sign. (Munnick, Catholic Church Records of the Northwest..) Catherine died Dec. 10, 1854, at the age of 20 months, and was buried in the St. Paul mission (old) cemetery Dec. 11. She was given by F.N. Blanchet, archbishop of Oregon City, as "legitimate daughter of David Weston, blacksmith, and of Mary Sinclair," and witnesses as Louis LaBonte and David Weston.
- * 3. MARY BORN 24 October 1855 to David Weston and Mary Sinclair of Champoeg, baptized by M. O'Reilly, priest, 28 October 1855. Godfather, Narcisse Vivet and Joseph LaFramboise. (Munnick)

married ADOLPH W. JETTE Feb. 2, 1886. Two daughters. She died at Moclips, Wash. May 19, 1932, at the age of 77. Adolph Jette, son of Adolphe and Julie Jette, died 1932; born Aug. 4, 1863; baptized as Adolphe Gilbert Jette, 16 August 1863 by J.F. Malo, priest.
- *4. JAMES ST. CLAIR born July 22, 1857 in the first brick house in the West, the home of George and Louise Gay on the Polk-Yamhill County line (as was Mary Jane).
5. DAVID II born Jan. 15, 1858; died in infancy; buried in Weston cemetery. Baptized June 13, 1858, in St. Paul by L.A. LeBas, priest; Marie St. Martin and Narcisse Vivet, godparents.
6. JOSEPHINE born Dec. 1859; baptized 27 May 1860 by J.F. Malo, priest; Thomas J. Hubbard and wife, Mary Sommata Hubbard, godparents. Died 1860, buried in Weston Cemetery.
7. WILLIAM FRANKLIN born Aug. 1865; died in infancy; buried in Weston Cemetery.
8. DAVIE born Nov. 15, 1866; died 1869; buried in Weston Cemetery.
9. ALFRED WASHINGTON born July 4, 1869; died 1870; buried in Weston Cemetery.
- *10. LEWIS SINCLAIR born Jan. 4, 1871, Walla Walla, Washington Territory; married Ella Lydia Kruger, Portland, April 3, 1900. Seven sons, one daughter.
- *11. INES (INEZ) born June 6, 1876, on Champoeg farm, Weston D.L.C.; baptized at St. Paul by B. Delorme, V.G., as Inis Agnes July 29, 1876 "born of the marriage of the late David Weston and Mary Sinclair." Sponsor: M.J. (Mary Jane) Weston. Married WILLIAM J. COOK, no children.

JAMES WESTON (fourth child of William Jasper I and Nellie Lewis Weston)
born May 15, 1824. Married Emmeline Watkins, probably near Little Rock, Ark.,
Sept. 24, 1846. Had daughter:

ELLEN WESTON (Barkefer) - Kansas City, Mo., last known
came to Oregon 1852; returned to Missouri 1857; died 1916.

On Dec. 15, 1852, he and brother, Thomas, signed a petition in opposition to
a road through T. D. Keizer's farm, and was then living in Marion County.
(according to State Archives records)

ALFRED THOMAS WESTON (ninth child and seventh son of William Jasper I and Nellie)
born April 16, 1833

to Oregon in 1852; returned in 1868 to Kansas, where he was married in Leaven-
worth in 1870 to Inez Gruelle; daughter, Jane (last known to be living in St.
Helens, Ore.) Tom returned to Oregon, separated from wife.
He lived near Sherwood, where he died in 1896, and is buried in the David Weston
cemetery at Champoeg. (Widow married a _____ Todd and lived at St. Helens)

LEWIS WESTON (eighth child and sixth son of William Jasper and Nellie Lewis Weston)
born Sept. 15, 1831
to California (1852 ?)
married in Mariposa County, Calif.; homesteaded on Sherlock's Creek near there.

9 & children: (not in order)

JANE (married a ____ James) lived ^{last} at Coquille, deceased

ADDIE (married ____ Bell) had children; was living in Merced, CA., Apr 1892

ALICE M. (married ____ Judkins), last known in Richmond, CA. (youngest child)

ANNIE L. (latest information to Lewis S. Weston, cousin, Sept 16, 1892

GEORGE

CHARLES H. (next to youngest son- living in Atwater, CA. 1893)

WILLIAM JASPER III

JOHN

ELLEN (married Halterman)

When ANNIE L. WESTON wrote Sept. 16, 1892, to cousin, Lewis S. Weston in Champoege, she noted that Mariposa had five stores, three saloons, two hotels, two churches and "many" residences.

ALICE M. WESTON wrote June 2, 1892 (as a schoolgirl, as was Annie) that they were living on the homestead six miles north of Mariposa, on Sherlock's Creek. Mariposa was a mining community. Three of the girls were married: ~~Max~~ Halterman, Bell and James being given as names of brothers-in-law) Addie and "children" had been "up from Merced" and Charles H. was living in Atwater. They had cousins, Hattie, Will and Edith (Smith) living in Portland; children of Margaret Ann Weston and Capt. William H. Smith.

ALICE wrote Oct. 24, 1892, to say that ~~that~~ ADDIE BELL's house had burned, her baby saved. The house also was home to ELLEN, and CHARLES AND GEORGE were visiting there, all losing all in the fire. Alice inquired: "How is Uncle Tom?"

MARGARET ANN WESTON (second daughter of William Jasper I and JANE Montgomery Weston born May 16, 1840 in Arkansas; died in Portland Oregon Feb 7, 1922 to Oregon 1852 with younger brother, William Jasper II, 7, sister Rachel, 14, and two half-brothers, James and Alfred Thomas Weston.

married William H. Smith, pioneer steamboat captain, born June 16, 1831, in London England; died at 81 in 1912 at Portland.

married June 12, 1854 (she was 14) at Oregon City.

Smith came to Oregon Jan. 1, 1853, settled on Yamhill County claim March 28, 1855, filed for U.S. citizenship, which was granted July 13, 1859, Aaron E. Wait, circuit judge, Portland. Clipping of his obituary in 1912 indicates he left his widow, nine children, 17 grandchildren. - They had 12 children; nine survived him. When Capt. Smith sold his Yamhill County claim March 15, 1864, to William Kiernan, affidavits were signed by David and Thomas Weston and Martin James. (State archives)

SMITH children:

1. EMILY born 1855; died in infancy; buried in David Weston Cemetery 1855
2. RICHARD drowned in Willamette River at Portland, 1870
3. GUSSIE (Mrs. Frank Rettenour), Portland
4. ANNIE (Mrs. B.F. Hedges; later Mrs. Gilbreath), Portland; died about/1940s early
5. EPHRIAM Portland
6. MARY (Mrs C H Hawks) Portland
7. WILLIAM E. (lived on Palatine Hill, Portland)
8. EDITH J. Portland
9. KATIE (Mrs. E. C. Dick) Portland
10. HATTIE B. "
11. ALFRED (suicide)
12. EDWARD L. Portland

Note: Munnick's St. Paul Catholic Church records show that

ARTHUR BENJAMIN HEDGES (son of B. F. Hedges and Anna M. Smith-spelled Smyth) was baptized July 20, 1884, at St Paul. Sponsors were Adolphe Jette Jr., and Marie (M.J.) Weston.

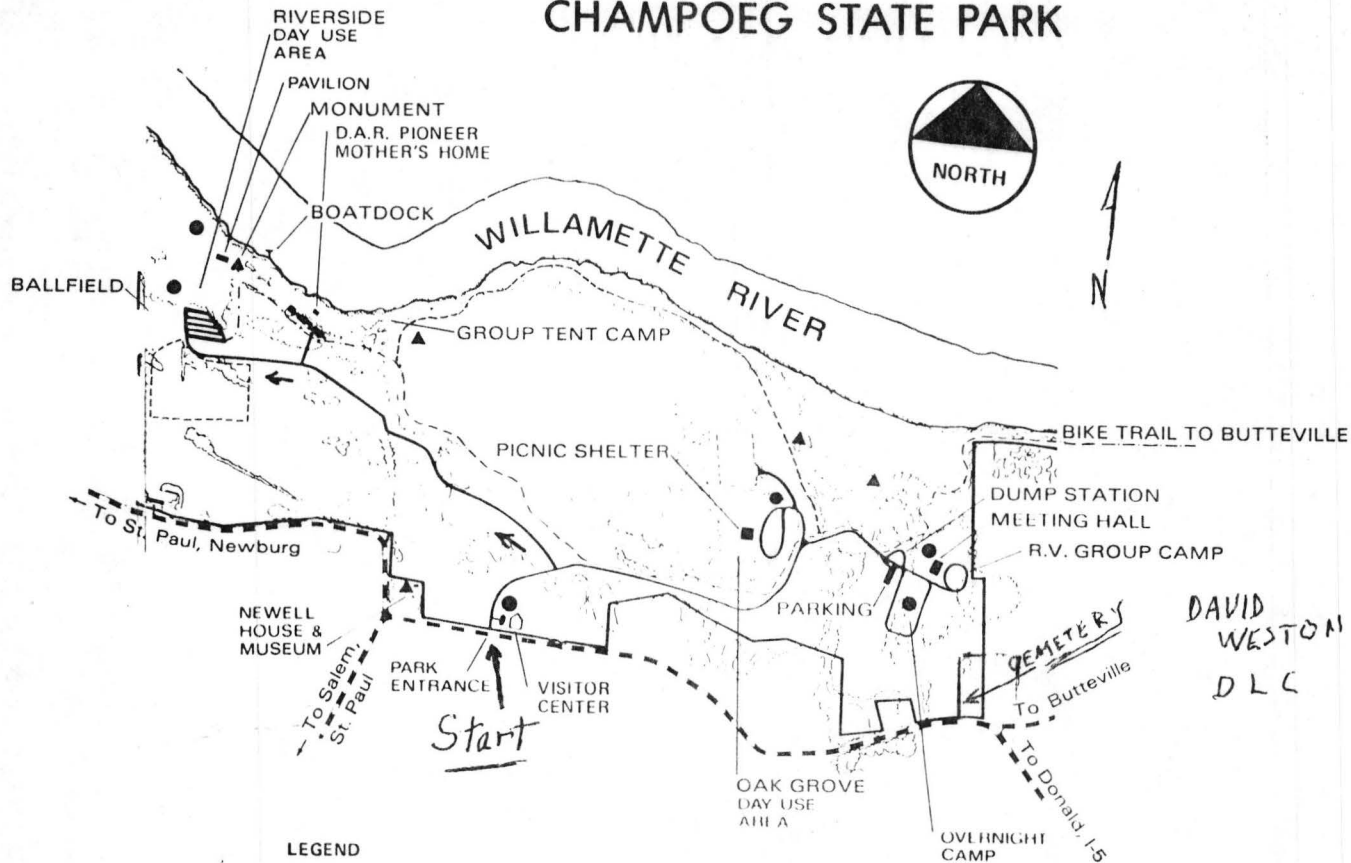
DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM JASPER WESTON I and JANE MONTGOMERY WESTON
and of WILLIAM JASPER WESTON II and SARAH BEAVERT WESTON

WILLIAM JASPER WESTON II, youngest son of William Jasper I and Jane Weston, born Aug. 28, 1845 near Little Rock, Ark., only son of this marriage. Both parents died in 1845. He came to Oregon in 1852 with his two half-brothers, James 28, and Alfred Thomas (Tom) 21, and his sisters, Rachel 14, and Margaret Ann 12. He probably had his seventh birthday on the Oregon Trail, and had never his oldest halfbrother, David, a pioneer of 1842, until his arrival in the Willamette Valley.

Married SARAH BEAVERT, 14, in 1873; he was 28 years old. They lived out their lives on their farm at Pleasant Hill in Clackamas County, near Sherwood, OR. With seven of their 10 children they are buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery. William Jasper II died in 1922; Sarah in 1916.

1. JASPER (1875-1944); wife, Gertrude (1874-1947) (he was Spanish-American War veteran)
2. DAVID (1877-1939) never married
3. ANDREW M., wife Maude; died 1960, buried Lynden, WA.
 - 3-1 FRANK (took name of BEAVERT) (only living grandson, 1985)
1985 address: 4830 S. 187th, D 102, Seattle, WA. 98188
 - 3-2 MARVIN d. Jan 10, 1969; wife GLADYS (since 1979 Mrs. Fred Nicholson,
1985 address: 2910 Homsy, Clovis, CA. 93612 (209-292-6360)
 - 3-2-1 MARVYS JANE (Mrs. Don E. Chitwood)
1177 N. 4th Ct., Coos Bay OR. 97420 (503-267-2973)
3-2-1-1
3-2-1-2
 - 3-2-2 SHARON (Mrs. Don Telen)
126 N. Manila, Fresno, Calif. 93727
 - 3-2-2-1 DAN (b. Sept 1968)
 - 3-2-2-2 ERIK (b. Nov. 1974)
 - 3-2-3 STEVEN (deceased)
 - 3-2-3-1 MINDI
lives with mother and stepfather at Aloha, OR.
 - 3-3 MERLE (died 1972); wife, ESTHER WALLS WESTON (503-631-7117)
21364 S. Springwater Rd., Estacada, Or. 97023
 - 3-3-1 JAMES M. WESTON (1938-), wife SHARON
21354 S. Springwater Rd., Estacada, OR 97063
 - 3-3-1-1 JAY WESTON (1956-) wife, LE ANNE
 - 3-3-1-1-1 JOSHUA (born. 1984)
 - 3-3-1-2 JAN (1959-)
 - 3-3-1-3 JENI (b. 7-13-70)
4. ALFRED (1882-1958)
5. LULU (1886-1909)
6. PERRY (1889-1976)
7. CECIL (1891-1966)
8. EARL E. (-1962), buried Olney Cemetery, Pendleton, OR.
9. EMMETT (-1979)
 - 9-1 BARBARA RUSSELL (only surviving granddaughter, 1985), Wappingers Falls, NY.
9-1-1
10. HOWARD (1903-1975) Riverview Abbey, Portland, OR.; widow is MYRA PALMER WESTON,
Box 377 (190 SW Willamette St) Sherwood, OR 97140

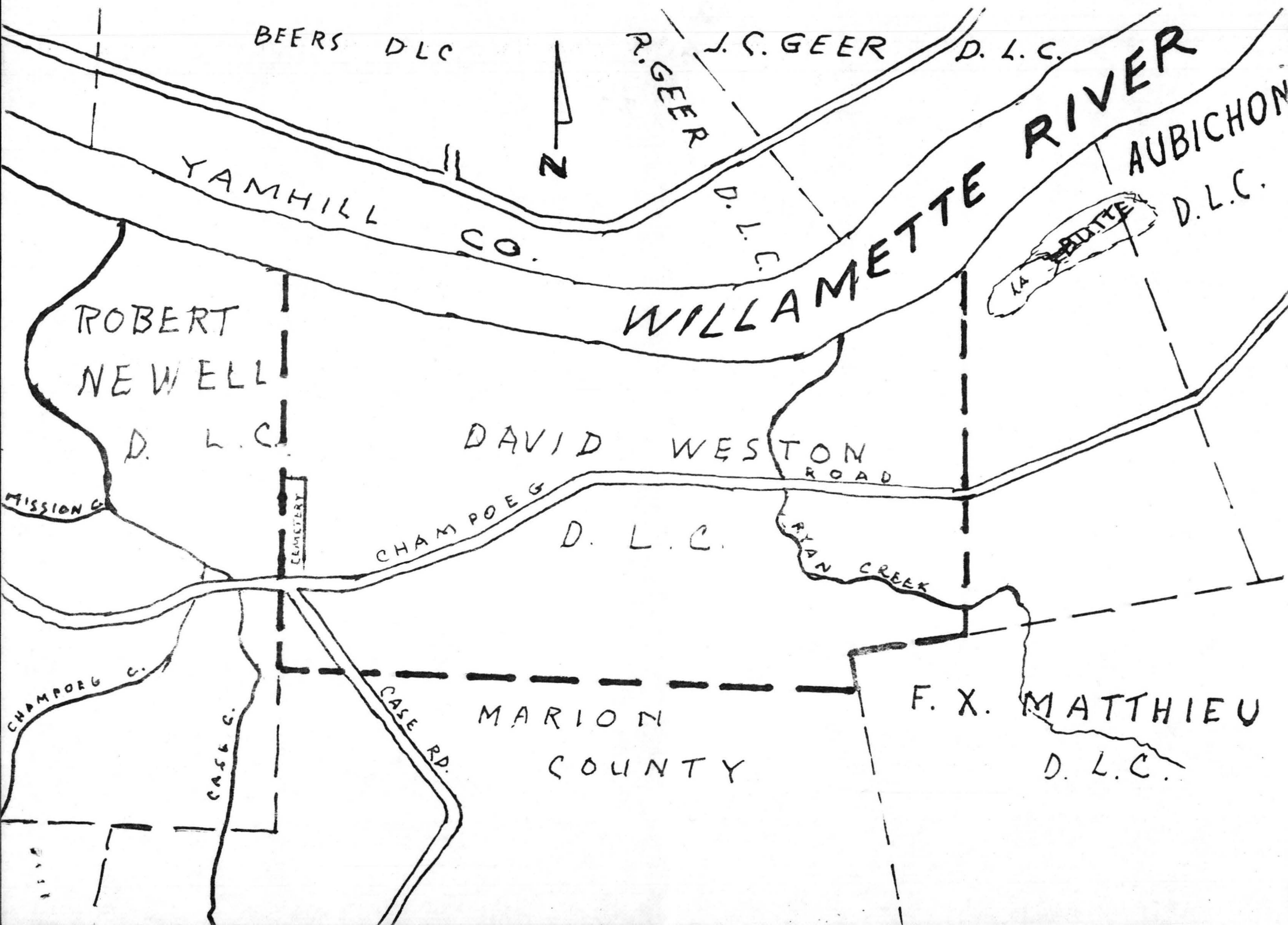
CHAMPOEG STATE PARK



DAVID
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BICYCLE & HIKING TRAIL
HIKING TRAIL
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POINTS OF HISTORIC INTEREST
OVERFLOW PARKING





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CASE G.

CASE RD.

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