The Barber Library at Central Oregon Community College

A Select, Annotated Bibliography of Local History Resources





REGIONAL HISTORY

An Illustrated History of Central Oregon, Embracing Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Wheeler, Crook, Lake, and Klamath Counties. Western Historical Publishing Company. 1905. A two volume early history of central Oregon, featuring significant biographical information on early settlers and pioneers. Includes Bend and Deschutes Co., which was part of Crook Co. until 1916. F876.I3 1905

East of the Cascades. Phil Brogan. 1964. One of the first comprehensive histories of central and eastern Oregon. Something of a classic of its time. Illustrated with photographs. F876.B8

High Desert of Central Oregon. Raymond R. Hatton. 1977. Focuses on the "historical geography of these vast windswept lands." "This is the story of the homesteaders' struggle against adversities of climate and isolation." F8882.D4 H37

Oregon Outback: Tales and Legends from Beyond the High Cascades. Russ Baehr. 1988. "In the sixties, Russ Baehr interviewed ninety-eight early settlers" from central Oregon. "They loaned Ross photos from their family albums (published here for the first time) and talked candidly of the inexplicable lure of Oregon's outback." F882.C46 B33 1988

Biography of a Place: Passages through a Central Oregon Meadow. Martin Winch. 2006. The story of Central Oregon as told through the history of the meadow around Camp Polk, (near Sisters), which was a meeting place and crossing point for Native Americans and pioneers. F882.D4 W56 2006

Crooked River Country: Wranglers, Rogues, and Barons. David Braly. 2007. Covers "central Oregon's thrilling history from 1825 – 1953." Includes information on the "reign of terror" and the vigilante justice system. F8881.B73 2007

The Deschutes River Railroad War. Leon Speroff. 2007. Details the competition between two railroad barons to build the first railway to Bend. Illustrated with photographs. HE2771.O7 S64 2007

COUNTY HISTORIES

Deschutes:

High & Mighty: Select Sketches about the Deschutes Country. Thomas Vaughan, editor. 1981. Photographs and vignettes of Deschutes County history. F882.D45 H53

A History of the Deschutes Country in Oregon. Deschutes County Historical Society. 1985. Detailed, illustrated history of the people and places of Deschutes County. Includes information on local families all the way through the book's publication date. F882.D4 H57 1985

Crook:

Old Crook County. Frances Juris. 1975. "Mrs. Juris has retraced many of the old trails first blazed by the war ponies of the Indians, followed dim roads to historic ranches, old stage stations and communities where stockmen once battled for green rangeland." Illustrated with old photographs. F882.C9 J87

The History of Crook County, Oregon. Crook County Historical Society. 1981. Full of detailed information on settlers and their descendants in the area. Many historic photographs. Also a generous helping of regional information. F882.C9 H5

Central Oregon Place Names. Volume 1: Crook County. Steve Lent. 2001. First of a projected three volume set featuring the place names of Central Oregon. As of May, 2012, the other volumes have not been published. F874.L47 2001

Jefferson:

Jefferson County Reminiscences. Mary Hands. 1957. An anthology of personal reminiscences from a variety of early inhabitants of Jefferson County. Illustrated with photographs. F882.J4 J4 1957

The History of Jefferson County, Oregon. Jefferson County Historical Society. 1984. Detailed and extensive history of Jefferson County, focusing in particular on residents of Jefferson County from its early settlement through the book's publication. Generously illustrated with photographs. F882.J4 H57 1984

Klamath:

History of Klamath County, Oregon. Linsy Sisemore. 1941. Extensive, detailed history of Klamath County. F882.K5 H5

An Illustrated History of Early Northern Klamath County, Oregon. Edward Gray. 1989. A detailed history of the northern part of Klamath County, well illustrated with photographs and drawings. F882.K5 G73 1989

Lake:

Pioneer Homesteaders of the Fort Rock Valley. Raymond R. Hatton. 1982. "The homestead period of the High Desert of Central Oregon lasted but a few brief years. During this time waves of people, lured by the prospect of owning 320 acres of land, moved to the arid lands east and southeast of Bend." Illustrated with photographs. F882.L15 H37 1987

Homesteading the High Desert. Barbara Allen. 1987. Primarily an oral history of the homesteading near Fort Rock and throughout northern Lake County. Illustrated with some photographs and drawings. F882.L15 A44 1987

Wasco:

Governmental History of Wasco County Oregon. John Lundell. 1970. A brief history of the county, illustrated with several photographs and maps. F882.W3 L8

TOWN HISTORIES

Bend:

Bend: In Central Oregon. Raymond R. Hatton. 1978. A history of Bend, complete with historic photographs. F884.B38 H37

Pioneer Spirits of Bend. Joyce Gribskov. 1980. This book "was written in a desire to keep the history and spirit of Bend alive for the newcomers and young native people of Bend." Illustrated with photographs. F884.B38 G74

The Bend Country: Past to Present. Elsie Horn Williams. 1983. A history of Bend through 1983, generously illustrated with photographs. F884.B38 W54 1998

Bend. Images of America series. Deschutes County Historical Society. 2009. A photographic history of early Bend. Many early photographs. Two other entries in the series: Redmond and Prineville. F884.B38 B46 2009

Redmond:

Redmond: Rose of the Desert. B. Elizabeth Ward. 1975. A history of Redmond by a local librarian that includes some photographs. F884.W32

Redmond: Where the Desert Blooms. Keith Clark. 1985. A history of Redmond, illustrated with many photographs. F884.R3 C55 1985

Redmond. Images of America series. Leslie Pugmire Hole and Trish Pinkerton. 2009. Photographic history of the Redmond area. Two other entries in the series: Bend and Prineville. F884.R3 H66 2009

Sisters:

That Was Yesterday. Tillie Wilson and Alice Scott. 1974. Detailed history of Sisters with many photographs. F884.S56 W5 1974

Camp Polk Cemetery 1880 – 1999. Bend Genealogical Society. 2000. Detailed, illustrated overview of the pioneer cemetery at Camp Polk, near modern day Sisters. Includes a list of all the graves. Many photographs. F882.D4 C35 2000

Sunriver:

Sunriver: the first 20 years. James W. Quinn. 1990. A history of the early years of the resort community. Includes the text of Suddenly Settlers by Paul Redding, which is a personal narrative of the early years of Sunriver from one of its original "settlers." F884.S84 Q56 1990

La Pine:

History of the La Pine Pioneers. Friends of the La Pine Branch Library. 1983. Local reminiscence about the La Pine area settlers. F884.L3 H5 1983

Prineville:

Prineville. Images of America series. Steve Lent. 2006. Early photographic history of the Prineville area. F884.P93 L46 2006

Christmas Valley:

Where the Pavement Ends. The Christmas Valley Women's Club. 1968. A small pamphlet on Christmas Valley history. Illustrated with photographs. F884.C52 C5

Ghost Towns:

Antelope: the Saga of a Western Town. Arthur H. Campbell. 1989. The story of a ghost town in southern Wasco County. Very detailed and illustrated with many photographs. F884.A43 C36 1989.

Shaniko: from Wool Capital to Ghost Town. Helen Guyton Rees. 1982. The story of another Wasco County ghost town. Illustrated with photographs. F884.S46 R43 1982. Also check out the companion volume, *Shaniko People*, by the same author, published in 1983. F884.S46 R43 1983.

Ghost Towns of the West. Lambert Florin. 1971. F591.F5734 1971. A great overview of ghost towns throughout the western states, including many entries on Oregon.

NATIVE PEOPLES

A History of the Warm Springs Reservation, 1855 – 1900. Thelma Drake Cliff. 1942. Detailed Master's thesis covering the foundation and first fifty years of the Warm Springs reservation. E78.O6 C55 1942

The Klamath Tribe; a People and Their Reservation. Theodore Stern. 1966. Detailed history of the Klamath people and reservation. Illustrated with a handful of photographs. E99.K7 S8

Ancient Tribes of the Klamath Country. Carrol B. Howe. 1968. Covers the Wocas People, the Desert People, the Canoe People of Tule Lake, the Rich Traders of Lower Klamath Lake, and the Lost River Circle. E78.O6 H6

Faces of a Reservation. A Portrait of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation. Cynthia D. Stowell. 1987. Portrait of the reservation in text and photographs in the early 1980s. E78.O6 S86 1987

When the River Ran Wildl: Indian Traditions on the Mid-Columbia and the Warm Springs Reservation. George Aguilar, Sr. 2005. Focuses in particular on the historic role of the Columbia River for the various tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation. E99.C57 A48 2005

NEWSPAPERS

[On microfilm]

Oregonian (12/4/1850 – present)

Bend Bulletin (3/27/1903 – present)

Central Oregonian (9/5/1885 - 2005)

Madras Pioneer (1/2/1913 – present)

Redmond Spokesman (7/14/10 - 6/2003)

Laidlaw Chronicle [Pioneer newspaper of Crook County] (11/17/1905 – 9/25/1908)

Deschutes Echo [Early Bend newspaper] (8/30/1902 – 06/24/1904)

Ashwood Prospector [Pioneer newspaper of Jefferson County – now a ghost town] (8/13/1903 – 4/4/1905)

The Dalles Evening Times Mountaineer (4/8/1889 - 8/31/1895)

MAPS

Historic City Plans from Sanborn Map Co. (found in the map cabinet near reference desk):

- Bend 1913; 1917; 1920; 1928
- Redmond, 1913; 1920; 1928; 1929
- Antelope 1910
- Condon 1910; 1922;
- Fossil 1910
- Shaniko 1910

- Madras 1917
- Prineville 1913; 1928

Early Oregon Atlas. Ralph N. Preston. 1978. Historic maps of Oregon. G1491.S1 H5 1978. (Oversize)

Historical Maps of Oregon: Overland Stage Routes, Old Military Roads, Indian Battle Grounds, Old Forts, Old Gold Mines. R. N. Preston. 1972. A variety of historical maps bound together in one tall volume. G1491.S1 H5 1972 (Oversize)

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Central Oregon Photograph File

 An extensive collection of historic photographs of central Oregon, including many from Warm Springs Reservation.

Microfilm

- Early census records for Warm Springs and miscellaneous records from the Bureau of Indian Affairs regarding Warm Springs.
- Records of the Oregon Superintendency of Indian Affairs 1848 1873
- Librarian Association of Portland Newspaper Index
 - A series of index cards organized by subject, referencing people and events mentioned in Oregonian from 1851 1894 and the Oregon Journal from 1902 1982.

The Oregon Room

- Newspaper clippings from the 1970s and 1980s, primarily. Organized by subject matter or event. For example, several folders on the Rajneesh.
- A 1914 publication of the Oregon Cooperative Work on the Deschutes Project. TC 824.O7 A5 1914
- An Erratic Compilation of Records Dealing with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Oregon. Keith Clark.
 1975. E78.O6 C62 1975
- A photocopy of the Wheeler Survey; Lietenant T. W. Symons's report on Central Oregon issued in 1878.
- Shevlin-Hixon Oral History Project: Life in Railroad Logging Camps of Central Oregon 1916 1950, compiled by Ronald L. Gregory. Text and audio cassette tapes. HD 9759.S53 G73 1996

OTHER RESOURCES

Database Access [on-campus only] to Over 200 Databases

http://campuslibrary.cocc.edu/Research+Tools/history/default.aspx

Several Historic Databases

- Academic Search Premier
- JSTOR
- Films on Demand [great resource for documentary films and television programs]

NOTES

- Remember to browse through general histories of Oregon as well, which will include generous sections on central Oregon. The Oregon section can be found between call numbers F871 – F884.
 The same principle applies for research into Native American of Oregon. The Native American section can be found between call numbers
- Browse through the Oregon Room
- Remember to keyword search, but also to browse the stacks you never know what interesting thing you might uncover.
- Community members and visiting researchers are welcome to open Community Member library cards, which allow you to check out up to 10 items for 3 weeks. Also you will have access to the Internet and all of our databases while on campus.
- An updated version of the bibliography will eventually appear on the Barber Library website: http://campuslibrary.cocc.edu
- Ask a librarian!