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THE COTTONWOOD ROAD AN EARLY FARM TO MARKET ROAD

By Peter Coffin

Free — Take One

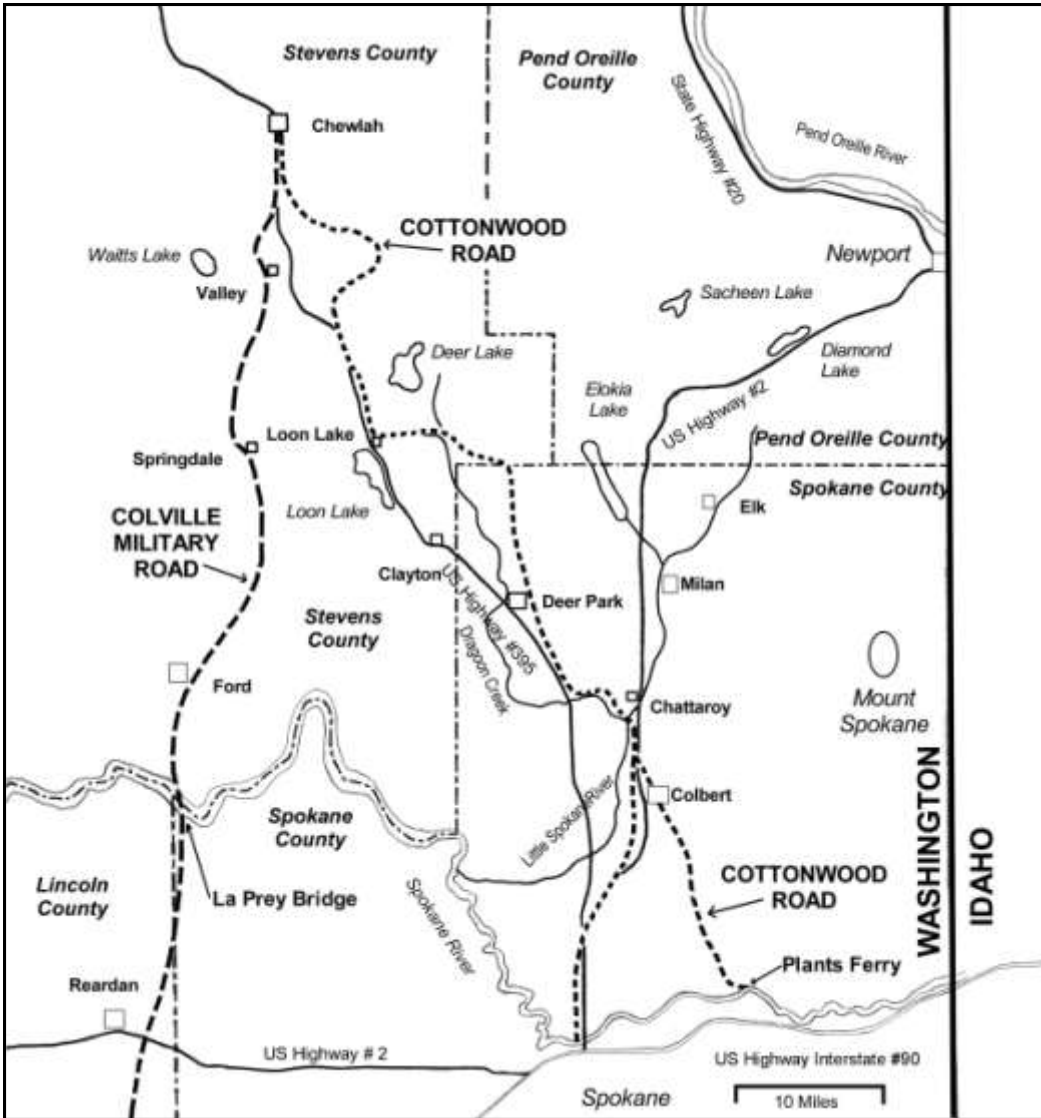
In the 1860s, only a few people lived between Walla Walla and Colville, Washington Territory. Those few inhabitants lived at bridge and ferry crossings of the Spokane River such as La Pray Ferry on the Colville Military Road and Plante's Ferry on the Mullan Road. During this time, miners began to cross the area headed for the gold mines in Montana and the Kootenai District of British Columbia.

The ranchers and farmers of the Colville River Valley saw in these miners a profitable market for their excess farm products. To reach this market, the residents of the Colville Valley banded together to build a road south from Chewelah to the Spokane area. The Colville Valley residents provided the labor and the businessmen provided the necessary supplies. With an Indian as a guide, the road route was laid out by D. H. Ferguson. Colville pioneer merchant John Hofstetter supervised the work done during the summer and fall of 1867 to complete the rough road. Parts of the road constructed then are still used today.

The road was cut through about 60 miles of forest and was named the Cottonwood Road, as

it followed the course of Cottonwood Creek southeastward from the Chewelah Flats out of the Colville River Valley. From Cottonwood Creek, the road turned southwestward down the Beity Creek Valley until it headed southeastward toward Loon Lake along what is now US Highway 395. On the east side of Loon Lake, the road headed eastward toward the Dragoon Creek drainage, along the present Garden Spot Road. From present site of the Garden Spot Grange, the road traversed the flat terrain to the Lost Springs area (near the present Half Moon Milling buildings) just northeast of Deer Park. From Lost Springs, the road went south, just east of Deer Park's Colville Avenue and on to the future site of Denison. Just southeast of Denison, the road followed the course along Dragoon Creek (and the BNSF railroad right-of-way) to a bridge crossing the Little Spokane River about 2 miles south of present day Chattaroy, Washington. At that bridge, a man named James Walton ("Peavine Jimmy") had built a roadhouse as a stop for freighters. South of the bridge, the road forked with one branch crossing Peone Prairie to terminate at Plante's Ferry on the Mullan Road. The other branch

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Map 1: Map showing the route of the Cottonwood Road (dotted) and the Colville Military Road (dashed) with crossings of the Spokane River.

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 trended more southerly toward the settlement of Spokane Falls.

Before the completion of D. C. Corbin's Spokane Falls and Northern Railroad in 1889 to Colville, this road was the main route for
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freight shipped between Colville and Spokane. The Cottonwood Road became a major supply line for the Canadian Pacific Railroad survey party in 1871 and the construction of the Northern Pacific Railroad that reached Spokane in 1881. The Colville Military Road was a longer route going south from Chewelah in the Colville River Valley through what would become Springdale and Ford, crossing the La Pray Ferry/bridge just upstream from the present Long Lake Dam on the Spokane River. From the La Pray bridge, the freight would be hauled eastward to Spokane Falls.

In 2010, the name Cottonwood Road is forgotten but portions of the road which was laid out by an Indian and an 1860s surveyor are still used over a large portion of northern Spokane County and southeastern Stevens County Washington.

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Calendar of Events

Event	Date & Time	Location
C/DPHS meeting	April 10, 2010 9:00 AM	Clayton Burger
Friends of the Library Book Sale- <i>Set Up Sales</i>	*Week of May 31 –June 5. 10am to 4pm Mon.-Thurs. 9am to 4pm Fri.& Sat.	Deer Park Auto Freight Storage Building, 2405 E Crawford, Deer Park
C/DPHS meeting	May 8, 2010	Clayton Burger
Raspberry Ridge Field Trip	To be determined	Raspberry Ridge on Rambo Road Near Fairchild AF Base
Old Settlers Picnic <i>Display at Mix Park</i>	July 24, 2010	Deer Park Mix Park
Clayton Brickyard Day <i>Display of Memorabilia</i>	August 7, 2010	Clayton School
<i>Eagle Dedication</i>	August 7, 2010 1pm	Clayton Burger
Leno Prestini Show <i>The Heritage Network is presenting three congruent shows of Leno's paintings, sketches, memorabilia and life as a Terra Cotta modeler.</i>	August 7-22, 2010	Main Street, Colville, Stevens County Historical Society
	August 14, 15, 21,22	Loon Lake Museum, Loon Lake Historical Society
	August 14, 15, 21,22	Clayton Grange, C/DPHS
Clayton Fair	August 27, 28, 29, 2010	Clayton Fairgrounds

*Tentative dates

FOREIGN BORN CITIZENS OF THE CLAYTON-DEER PARK AREA POPULATION OF EASTERN WASHINGTON 1900 TO 1930

By Peter Coffin

Introduction

The foreign born citizens add much to the social fabric of the society in which they have settled. Both in farming and in labor employment, these people are a significant part of the history of Clayton and Deer Park, Washington. My parents told stories of these individuals varying from their learning the English language, their work habits and their persecution as minority groups before and after the two World Wars. Today these people are remembered as their last names are spread across the entire area. They were never a majority of the population but many of their members established successful farms and businesses out of proportion to their numbers. Many names and dates of these people have been cut into the wood of many barns and houses standing in the area today.

Sources of Data and Basic Assumptions

The data source used to study the numbers and nationalities of the foreign born citizens of the Clayton-Deer Park area is the United States Census, taken every 10 years. The census is a constitutional requirement to accurately count the population of every state and territory and to apportion representation in the House of Representatives. Each census lists the names of the citizens of an area along with their country of birth and other information varying from census to census. This birth country information has been assumed accurate. This assumption has been made in this study as there is no other source easily obtained to compare and

check the United States Census.

Data Limitations and Methodology

There are several limits imposed by using the United States Census data. Because the state of Washington was formed in 1889 and county outlines varied widely prior to that date, 1889 represents the earliest reliable small area data can be examined. Another early time limit is the lack of the 1890 United Federal Census in Washington. The original census sheets for this survey were destroyed on January 10, 1921, in a Washington, D.C. Commerce Department warehouse fire. There is also a limit on how recent the census data can be released. At present, the most recent census data released was taken 72 years ago. Thus, the latest census data available is from the one taken in 1930 and this study is based on the information in the 1900, 1910, 1920, and 1930 censuses.

Another limitation inherent in this study is a lack of precise precinct boundaries where so as comparisons of numbers from one census to another is not entirely accurate. I have no means to be sure that the precinct boundaries within any enumeration district has remained the same from the 1900 census to the 1930 census. Without this information, I have assumed that the areas used to establish the count from one census date to the next is approximately accurate.

To gather the data summarized in this paper, I reviewed each census page for the Clayton and Deer Park Precincts and noted each listed indi-

vidual's foreign birthplace as to census page number and line number on that page. In this manner, a number of people born in each country in each precinct for each census year could be counted.

For both the Clayton and Deer Park Precincts, each of four censuses, 1900, 1920, 1920, and 1930 the birth country of the foreign residents have been summarized and reviewed.

1900 Clayton Precinct Enumeration District 77

The 1900 United States Federal Census for the Clayton Precinct lists a total of 170 people on four sheets. The numbers of residents born outside the United States is listed below in decreasing order:

Norway	17
England	8
Canada	5
Sweden	5
Germany	4
Denmark	3
Scotland	2
Ireland	1
Poland	1
Switzerland	1
TOTAL	47

Forty-seven residents (27.6%) of the Clayton Precinct were foreign born in 1900. Northern European countries were the birthplace of these residents. Note that no Italians were counted in this census.

1900 Deer-Mayer Precincts Enumeration District 53

The 1900 United States Federal Census for the Deer-Mayer (Deer Park) Precinct lists a total of 1078 people on twenty-two sheets. The numbers of residents born outside the United States are listed below in decreasing order:

Germany	44
Norway	32
England	20
Canada	15
Sweden	15
Switzerland	9
Italy	7
Wales	7
Ireland	4
Russia	3
Scotland	3
Denmark	2
Austria	1
Finland	1
Holland	1
TOTAL	164

One hundred sixty-four residents (15.2%) of the Deer-Mayer Precinct were foreign born in 1900. As in the Clayton Precinct most of these residents were born in Northern European countries with the exception of the seven born in Italy and the three born in Russia. The latter three were Russian Germans born to German parents who moved to Russia to take advantage of a land offer to Germans by the Czar. Eickmeyer (Germany), Reiter (Austria), Olson and

Westby (Norway) are some of the prominent family names listed on this census. dent house or farm owners.

**1910 Clayton Precinct Enumeration
District 230**

The 1910 United States Federal Census for the Clayton Precinct lists a total of 505 people on eleven sheets. The numbers of residents born outside the United States are listed below in decreasing order:

Norway	29
Italy	24
Germany	15
Sweden	10
Austria	9
Denmark	7
Hungary	5
Canada	4
Switzerland	2
Greece	1
Ireland	1
Montenegro	1
Russia	1
South Am	1
TOTAL	110

One hundred and ten residents (21.8%) of the Clayton Precinct were foreign born in 1910. The majority of these residents were born in northern European countries but a few people from eastern European and Mediterranean countries were moving into the area. Another interesting fact about many of these people was that they were listed as boarders and not resi-

**1910 Deer Park Precinct Enumeration
District 132**

The 1910 United States Federal Census for the Deer Park Precinct lists a total of 1256 citizens on 27 sheets. The numbers of residents born outside the United States are listed below in decreasing order:

Germany	39
Norway	26
England	20
Sweden	18
Canada	11
Italy	8
Switzerland	7
Wales	6
Ireland	4
Holland	3
Scotland	3
Denmark	2
Lithuania	1
TOTAL	148

One hundred and forty-eight residents (10.5%) of the Deer Park Precinct were foreign born in 1910. With the exception of the eight Italians, all of the foreign born residents had been born in northern European countries. Of interest on the census sheet were 29 Greek men who were counted as being in or on railroad cars. These were not counted as residents in this study and were assumed to be transients traveling to some other area.

1920 Clayton Precinct Enumeration District 279

The 1920 United States Federal Census for Clayton Precinct lists a total of 675 residents on 14 sheets. The numbers of residents born outside the United States are listed below in decreasing order:

Italy	39
Germany	25
Norway	23
Austria	16
Sweden	16
Canada	13
Ireland	6
Wales	6
Denmark	4
England	4
Poland	4
Switzerland	2
Australia	1
Finland	1
Holland	1
Iceland	1
Russia	1
Scotland	1
Spain	1
TOTAL	165

One hundred sixty-five residents of the Clayton Precinct were foreign born in 1920 (24%). The largest change was the large increase in Italians who were presumably working at the Washing-

ton Brick and Lime plant. The decrease in numbers of people of German birth is perhaps the result of the older residents passing on or simply moving out. Without a name by name comparison of the 1910 and the 1920 census sheets this is speculation.

1920 Deer Park Precinct Enumeration District 121

The 1920 United States Federal Census for Deer Park Precinct lists a total of 1681 residents on 35 sheets. The numbers of residents born outside the United States are listed below in decreasing order:

Sweden	43
Canada	41
Germany	32
Norway	31
England	16
Italy	12
Austria	4
Denmark	4
Ireland	4
Scotland	4
Holland	2
Russia	2
Switzerland	2
Wales	2
Greece	1
Panama	1
Poland	1
TOTAL	202

Two hundred two residents of Deer Park Precinct were foreign born in 1920 (12%). The largest increase was in the number of residents born in Canada and the largest decrease was again in the number of residents of German birth. A small number of eastern European countries were represented along with an increasing number of Italians. Prominent family names from this census list are Reiter (Austria), Slater (England), and Follevaage (Norwegian).

Serbia	1
TOTAL	103

1930 Clayton Precinct Enumeration District 18

The 1930 United States Federal Census for Clayton Precinct lists a total of 646 residents on 13 sheets. The numbers of residents born outside the United States are listed below in decreasing order:

Norway	22
Sweden	20
Italy	16
Canada	13
Germany	10
Denmark	7
Czechoslovakia	3
England	2
Scotland	2
Switzerland	2
Austria	1
Finland	1
Iceland	1
Hungary	1
Russia	1

One hundred three residents of Clayton Precinct were foreign born in 1930 (15.9%). All nationalities decreased in number with the Italian group showing the largest decline. It could be assumed that the older immigrants were passing away and no new ethnic groups were moving in to keep the numbers of foreign born residents at a high level.

1930 Deer Park Precinct Enumeration District 118

The 1930 United States Federal Census for Deer Park Precinct lists a total of 1690 residents on 21 sheets. The numbers of residents born outside the United States are listed below in decreasing order:

Canada	37
Norway	12
Germany	11
Sweden	7
England	5
Italy	4
Russia	3
Hungary	2
Ireland	2
Wales	2
Denmark	1
Holland	1
Poland	1

Switzerland	1
TOTAL	89

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Eighty-nine residents of Deer Park Precinct were foreign born in 1930 (5.3%). As with the 1930 Clayton Precinct, all the nationalities numbers decreased. Older immigrants were probably passing away and being replaced in the total population number by their offspring.

Conclusion

Most of the foreign born residents of the Clayton-Deer Park area were from northern European countries. A notable exception was France. Not a single French born resident was counted in the United States Census enumerations of 1900, 1910, 1920, or 1930. The Scandinavian countries supplied the largest num-

bers of foreign born residents during this period and many of these family names are still to be found on rural mailboxes. Italy and Germany supplied the next largest groups.

Today, all of these nationalities have been melded into a homogenous society and there are no real groupings of people of a common nationality to be found.



Update on the Eagle

Bob Clouse forwarded this photo from Robin at Metallic Arts. “Our Plaque is ready for pick up. —Its more beautiful than the picture shows. I’ll get a better one when the Sun shines Nelly.” says Bob.

Knight Construction presented us the Blue Prints (for Eagle structure). Bob conveyed them to the Stevens County Building Permit Dept. in Colville.

Clayton/ Deer Park Historical Society Minutes, March 13, 2010

In attendance: Bill Sebright, Mark Wagner, Sharon Clark, Grace Hubal, Rob Higgins, Warren Nord, Lorraine Nord, Bob Clouse, Mary Clouse, Sue Rehms, Ella Jenkins, Lonnie Jenkins, Pete Coffin, Marilyn Reilly, Cliff Meyer, Karen Meyer, Kay Parkin, Penny Hutten, Gordon Grove, Don Ball, Lorraine Ball, Tom Gardner, Alan Berg, and Don Popejoy.

Society president Bill Sebright called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. He introduced Gordon Grove and Don Popejoy. Bill reported that he had a 2 hour conversation with Dorothy Boggs, Mike Boggs (her son), and cousin Don Stevens. He is transcribing it from the tape. He is putting together a history of Trysil/ Zion Lutheran Church. Anyone with

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information or pictures, please get them to Bill. Karen Meyer will email him some information. Bill showed insurance information from Standen Insurance. Marie Stauffer will be retiring March 31. There will be an open house at Standen in her honor that day. It's time to renew our membership with the Deer Park Chamber of Commerce. Annual dues are \$50.

Treasurer Mark Wagner reported that there is \$1634.76 in checking. Account activity: \$1278.37 in deposits---\$510 from last meeting and Bill deposited \$268.37---and an anonymous donation for the eagle restoration \$500. Checks written: Knight Construction \$2717.50; Sharon Clark \$113.04; Bob Clouse \$403.53; Standen Insurance \$690.19. They all cleared the bank. Eagle donations received today- \$100 from Tom Gardner and \$100 from Dan and Nancy Nolan. Mark is still preparing the list of members, phone numbers and addresses. He will bring the list to the April meeting. New membership: Penny Hutten. She paid her annual membership dues of \$20.

Grace Hubal would like to donate an American flag to Taffy and Randy for the flag pole to go with the Eagle.

Sharon Clark handed out Mortarboard #23.

Don Popejoy told the group that his mother used to go with Del King. Del was Walt King's cousin, and also was a boxer. Don is very excited to share King pictures with the Society.

Bob Clouse reported that there were 2147 hits on our Website, another new record. We are still waiting for the plans from Jim Knight on the Eagle base and pedestal. Then we will apply for the building permit. Bob showed preliminary pictures of the base and pedestal.

Pete Coffin brought lists of WWII military veterans. These lists are of Veterans from Deer Park, Clayton and Loon Lake. He

wants people to add to or correct the lists. Warren Nord asked about the time limit for Veterans listed. He enlisted after VJ Day, but is considered a WW II Veteran. Warren brought to our attention that boys were drafted into the military before they graduated from high school. Pete also said that he saw in a 2003 Nostalgia Magazine pictures of the Arcadia Orchard that he had never seen before. They were credited to Gordon F. Daggett. Pete found that the Northwest Room had Gordon F. Daggett's photograph album. He has taken pictures of the photos having to do with Arcadia and Deer Park. He had to sign a disclaimer saying he couldn't use the pictures without their consent.

Pete recommended that we take copies of the Society's Reports and Mortarboards to the Northwest Room of the Spokane Public Library. Sharon agreed and will drop them off at the library. She will also drop off Volume 6 of the Collected Mortarboards at the EWU Library.

Update on Prestini Project by Karen Meyer--- Loon Lake's and our displays will be 2 weekends in August, 14 & 15 and 21 & 22, from 10a – 4p at the Grange Hall in Clayton. Lyle Holcomb said he would lend the Prestini painting that he owns. Tom Gardner has two Prestini paintings, but isn't sure if he wants to have them on display unless there is some kind of security in place.

Marilyn Reilly informed us that a 5th grader in Chewelah is trying to collect money to send WW II Veterans to the World War II Memorial in Washington, DC. The boy's name is Justin Peterson.

Future possible field trips: Knight Construction and Raspberry Retreat

Book Sale at the Deer Park Auto Freight: It will be in June—friends of the library. Sharon will contact Florene Moore to

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get the correct information. The Society will Respectfully submitted by Grace Hubal, Secretary
get 75 % of the proceeds.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58AM
Next meeting- April 10, 2010

Editorial Policy Regarding Correcting Errors and/or Omissions

Information published here is compiled from many sources, including personal memories. It is often difficult or impossible to verify such recollections through outside documentation. Our editorial policy toward the veracity of personal recollections tends toward the casual – since little harm is normally done by such errors. But our editorial process also invites public review and input regarding the accuracy of the information we publish, and when such review either suggests or reveals errors or items open to dispute our “Letters” department will act as a forum allowing the airing of such disagreements in an effort to ascertain the truth and correct any probable or demonstrated errors. We also believe it’s important that such disagreements be recorded, even if they can’t be settled to the satisfaction of all parties.

We encourage everyone to submit any arguments as to fact to the editor in writing — since the written form reduces the chance of further misunderstandings. As is standard policy, all letters will be edited for spelling, word usage, clarity, and — if necessary — contents. If advisable, the editor will confer directly with the letter writers to insure that everyone’s comments and corrections are submitted in a literate, polite, and compelling manner — as best suits the editorial image of this society’s publications.

Society Want Ads

WANTED: Leno Prestini artwork. If you have or have access to any paintings, sketches, or sculptures created by Clayton artist Leno Prestini please contact the Society. We would like to feature either the original artwork or photos of the same at this year’s Prestini Project showing. For security reasons, the current owners of the materials may remain anonymous if that is their wish.

WANTED: Photos of local summer events such as the Old Settlers Picnic and Clayton Days. The photos

can be old or new as long as the submitter includes a caption for the photos and has the authority to permit reproduction of the image in the Society’s publications or on the Society’s website

WANTED: Old family recipes for inclusion in a future Society recipe book. Recipes drawn from any given family’s heritage are particularly desired — especially if accompanied by related family stories. Please submit to Grace Hubal, Society Secretary.

WANTED: Any stories, photos, or examples of traditional methods of quilt making.

WANTED. Your family’s story of settlement and early days in Clayton/Deer Park area.

Photos and stories of Clayton and Deer Park World War II veterans

WANTED. Information and photos regarding the history of Trysil/Zion Lutheran Church.

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