

Toledo, Oregon

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Dear Maxine,

In reading the News Reporter, I see you are to have the history of Midvale written.

In 1957, my Aunt Ethel Hooper & Aunt Myra Sallee visited my mother and Ira and I (when we lived in the house Eva Ward is now in) through the summer. Aunt Seppie Keithley and they gave me a lot of information that Aunt Ethel and I had planned to write. I still have notes that I might be able to do some with, after Christmas. At the present, I couldn't do.

The road my mother's people came from Missouri on, in the 12-wagon train, came from Boise through Emmett, August, 1881 down Freezeout Hill, through Willow Creek, Crane Creek and Dixie, down what we called the Leddington Hill, which one travels coming from Salubria to Midvale on. They camped that night in the field of the place your folks lived near the house.

My father's people, Aders, Potters, & Moses Hopper Family came 3 years later 1884 by Emigrant Train. I have more details of where different ones lived at the time. The first school house was across from Ruel Doggett's place, Salem School, built in 1904.

I hope the ones writing won't write in a big hurry. Hoping you have happy holidays.

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Some items I feel should be remembered:

The railroad was first to go to Salubria and miss Cambridge.

The first store was at the corner of the place Niel Evans lived. The railroad was to go near that, next a store across the corner from Salem School. I recall a restaurant, two drug stores, several groceries, Clements was the wooden one burned by lightning. A wooden building for Keithly Hardware, with a harness store back of it, a candy store next to it, then the first telephone office next. A millinery

store, mortuary, doctor's, first was ferry to cross the river, etc., etc. I could enlarge on much of it.

We used to ford the river at a riffle 1/4 mile north of bridge. I have a note of whose place was east cemetery.

John, Levi, and Dan Keithley arrived before the Grif Keithly family

did, though they were relatives, one spelled with an "e" while the other was "ly". We had two creameries, Farmer's warehouse, two lumber yards, shoe shop, real estate and insurance office, picture show, train depot, livery stable with a driver, flour mill, police with deputies, a jail, passenger train followed by the gas rail bus, called the galloping goose.

The Weiser River was out by ice gorge in 1896, 1904, and I think in 1911. I know I was in the second grade. A plank foot log was down near the water to cross on.

The town flooded in winter of 1915-16. People were worried for fear it would take the bridge. People were evacuated. Only a few stayed that was on higher spots.

Mary Horton could probably remember much more. I hope this outline might help some.

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