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Cemetery Information

Butler Davidson Cemetery

The Butler Davidson Cemetery is located 2 miles southwest of Monmouth on private land, off the Falls City Road (Highway 51). Established in 1852 on the Elijah Davidson Donation Land Claim on a hilltop south of Monmouth, it contains graves of Elijah Davidson and Peter Butler families and their kin.

Butler family members buried here include:

Peter and Rachel Butler and some of their children

Isaac and Margaret Smith

Edward and Eliza Ground

Ira F.M. Butler

Founders of Western Oregon University that are buried here include:

Squire S. Whitman

Ira F. M. Butler

T. H. Lucas

Thomas Hutchinson

Haley family members buried here include:

P.R. and Sarah Jane Haley

Martha Jane Haley

Fir Crest Cemetery

Fir Crest Cemetery is located approximately 2 miles south of Monmouth, Oregon. Go south on Warren Street which becomes Helmick Road. Access is possible on either Helmick Road or Fir Crest Road, a gravel road that runs off Helmick. Established in 1848 on a hilltop covered with Douglas firs, this cemetery contains the graves of several founders of Western Oregon University including John E. Murphy and other prominent pioneers recognized as being instrumental to the establishment of the University. In 1943, Smith Cemetery and English Cemetery were relocated from their original locations at Camp Adair to property facing Fir Crest Road (across from Fir Crest Cemetery).