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Squire Stoten Whitman

Squire Stoten Whitman (1818-1892) was born in Hart County, Kentucky, to Christopher Whitman (1791-1830) and Martha Lucas (1796-1888). He married the fourth daughter of Elijah and Margaret Davidson, Elizabeth Davidson Whitman (1823-1896) on February 26, 1839. Together they had nine children. He traveled to the Oregon Territory in 1850, where he became the first blacksmith in Polk County. He forged much of the early farm equipment in Monmouth and operated the first sawmill in Independence which was destroyed during the 1861-1862 floods. He donated approximately 200 acres of his land claim to help found Monmouth University (now Western Oregon University). He served on the Monmouth University Board of Trustees and is considered one of the founders of the University. Rufus M. Smith boarded with him while attending school in Monmouth. He died of heart failure in 1892 and is buried in the Butler Davidson Cemetery.

Children of Squire Stoten Whitman:

- Mary Ann Whitman (1840-1884); married John Bunyon Murphy (1826-1860) and Charles Wood (1820-1905)
- John Murphy Whitman (1842-1886); Married Emeline, Rilla Masterson, and Anna Moore
- William Andrew Whitman (1844-1896); married Martha Pruitt (?-1917)
- Martha Jane Whitman (1847-1927); married James Murphy (1837-1923)
- Margaret A. Whitman (1849-1923); married Nicholas S. Clark (1832-1898) in 1866
- Hezekiah Davidson Whitman (1851-1909); married Harriet Hiatt (1856-1930) in 1875; buried in the Butler Davidson Cemetery
- Christopher C. Whitman (1854-1889); married Dinda Moore
- Huldah Ann Whitman (1856-1909); married William Hiatt (1851-1927)
- Elijah Alexander Whitman (1859-?); married Addie Melvina Kennedy, Anna Hodgson, and Ruth Ann Judson Murphy

Land Claim: T8S R4W secs 19,30 and T8S R5W secs 24, 25.

The edge of this claim runs along Whitman Street in Monmouth, Oregon.