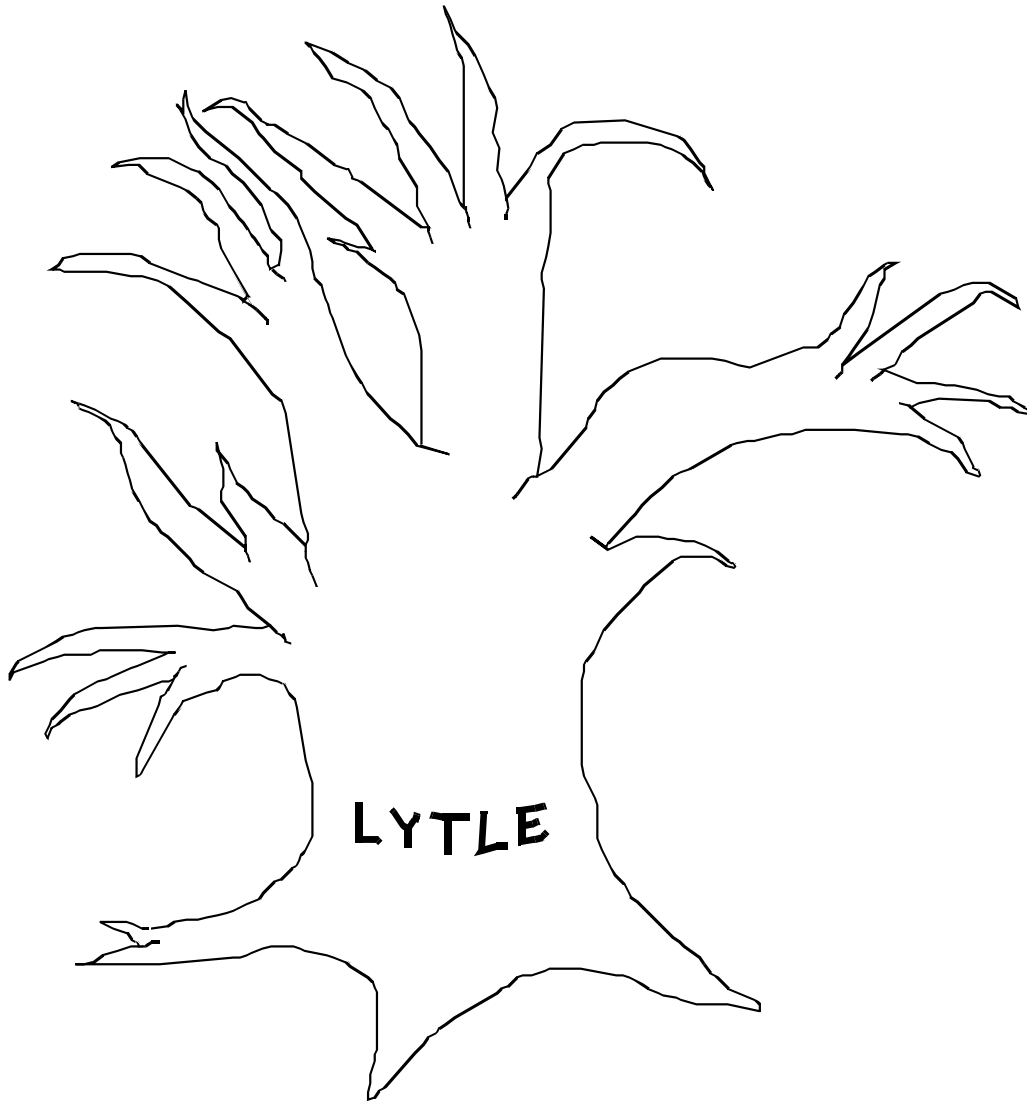


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Gravesites Found

The graves of Tobias Lytle (1828-1896) and his wife Melissa (Bethers) Lytle (1844-1920) are in a small pioneer cemetery, named Mt. Union Cemetery, in the small town of Philomath, Oregon. Tobias, a son of Francis Lytle Jr., originally came to California for the Gold Rush, and after a few years relocated in Oregon. He served in a minor Indian War southern Oregon. There are also several relatives of Melissa Bethers, including her parents, nearby. Pictured: Rik Vigeland at the gravesite (headstones are flat to the ground).



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Portrait Discovered

This picture is of Julia (Ritter) Walden (1822-1907), a former slave and wife of Anderson Walden, cousin to Elizabeth Lytle's husband William Walden. Anderson was the son of Elizabeth (Lytle) Walden (1799-1831). It hangs in the house of her great granddaughter, Mary (Brower) Sawyer, who will turn 102 this year. Mary lives in Moore County, which is to the immediate south of Randolph County, North Carolina.



Family News

Fred and Betty Postlewait, who have attended our Canby Reunions - and why not, they live in the same town! - celebrated their 60th Anniversary this year! Congratulations! Many of our readers will remember meeting them in 1990 and in 2004.



Postlewaits celebrate 60th wedding anniversary

Fred and Bettie Postlewait of Canby celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Nov. 6.

They were wed Nov. 6, 1947, in Topeka, Kan. They lived two years in Emporia, Kan., where they farmed the property of her great-grandfather. She also taught all eight grades in a one-room country schoolhouse.

They also lived in Hartford, Kan., where he worked in construction for two years and then moved to Canby in September 1952.

After working in construction for 40 years, he retired and she retired in 1986 after 20 years as owner and operator of Canby Co-op Kindergarten. They still live in the house they built 31 years ago.

They have four sons, Fred Jr. of Newport, Jim of Colton and Tom and Gary, both of Canby; and daughter, Gale Hipp of Canby. They also have 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Research Notes

A few tidbits from Cousin Leta Olson of Texas. I think she's done more Lytle work than I have this past year.

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First, some cemetery records for Ephraim Benbow (1854-1937) and his wife, Rachel (Harper) Benbow (1862-1949) in Fairview Cemetery, Major County, Oklahoma. Leta recognized the surname and wondered if there is a family connection. Yes, Ephraim was a grandson of Charity (Mendenhall) Benbow (1787-1856), who was later the 4th wife of Francis Lytle (1796-1880). Some of Francis' own descendants, including Joshua Moore Lytle (1879-1978) and Ezekiel Jasper Lytle (1859-1929), both sons of Francis Moore Lytle (1823-1913), lived in that same county.

Next, part of an article from Jewell County, Kansas, wherein the writer is traveling across Kansas.

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We left our old friend Jack in the best of spirits; he will have five or six hundred bushels of small grain this year and a fair showing for corn. Odel is a small town founded by Newt Lytle and others formerly of Jewell county. The finest farm house we have seen in Sheridan county is that of Mr. Lytle. The valley is very narrow for several miles, and most terribly crooked.

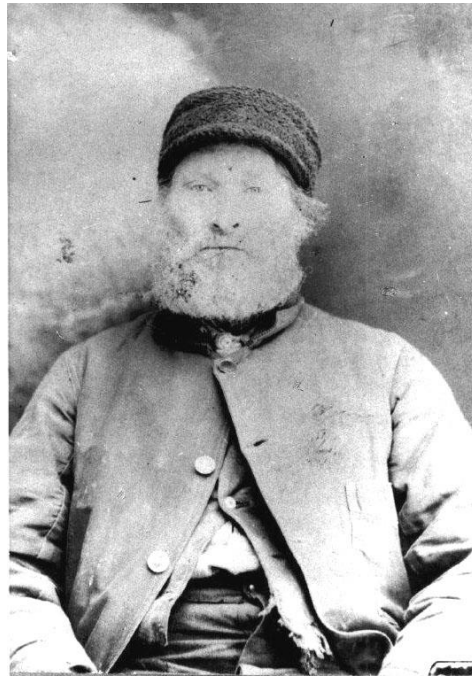
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Who is This?

Leta Olson has discovered this photo among descendants of Francis Moore Lytle (1823-1913). Sure looks like it could be one of the Lytle boys - sons of Francis Lytle Jr.(1796-1880).



There is a strong resemblance to Rev. James Lytle (1818-1904), below left. The style of clothing seems pretty old, so this might be Francis himself, below right. If anyone knows, please tell us!

