

Persons Buried in Lone Fir Cemetery, Portland, Oregon

Who Were Sent Over From Dr. Hawthorne's Insane Asylum from 1867–1879

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In early Oregon, each county dealt with such citizens on an individual basis. On August 6, 1845, Andrew Hembrie of Oregon City received a contract for “boarding, clothing, and keeping” Eli Smith, “a lunatic.” Compensation was \$1.00 per day, and Hembrie was under \$600 bond to fulfill the contract.

In 1858, Dr. James C. Hawthorne received a contract from the Multnomah County Court to care for county indigents at the county hospital.

In 1859, Hawthorne, who was now a Multnomah County commissioner,¹ received a contract from Governor John Whiteaker to look after the state's insane in a temporary facility that he and his partner Dr. A. M. Loryea constructed on S.W. Taylor Street in Portland.

In 1864, Hawthorne and Loryea built the “Oregon Hospital for the Insane” in East Portland on land donated by Loryea’s father-in-law, James Stephens. Hawthorne and Loryea worked as partners until 1872 when Loryea divorced his wife and moved to San Francisco where he opened a Turkish bath house.

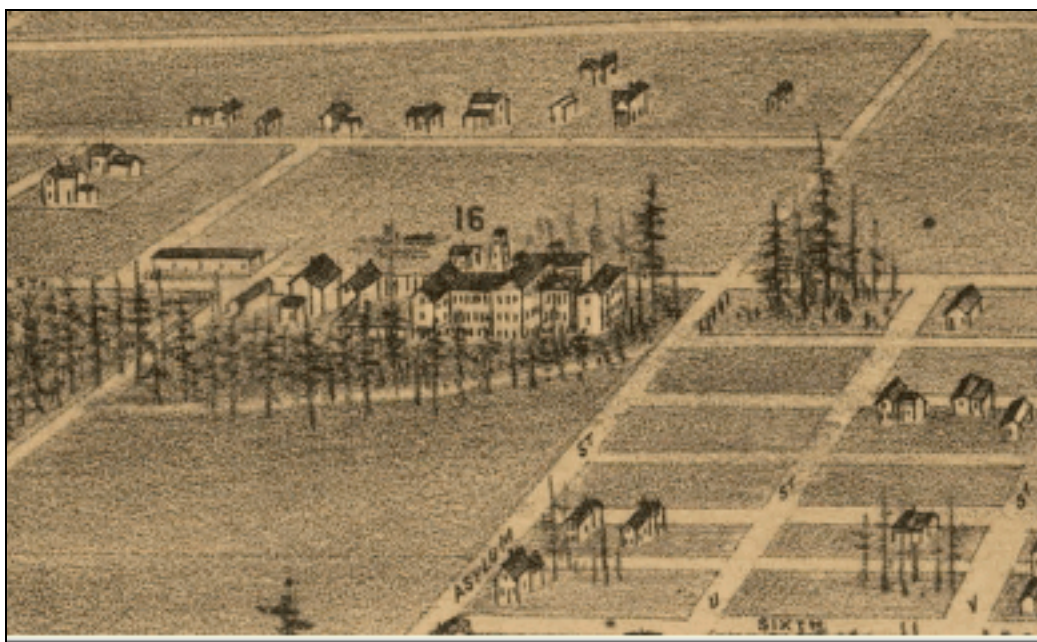
The hospital was located between S.E. 9th and 12th and O & U streets. These letter streets are now known as Belmont and Hawthorne streets. Hawthorne Street was known as Asylum Avenue until 1888 when it was renamed in Hawthorne’s honor.²

Throughout the 1860's, Hawthorne and Loryea built up the patient population to about 200 per year, and the hospital received a stipend of \$6 per person per week from the state of Oregon. Lawmakers were constantly disturbed by the fact that this private facility consumed more than half of the state budget, and investigations showed that payments were not always documented.³

In 1868, Hawthorne and Loryea secured a contract with Multnomah County to maintain the county paupers. During the fiscal period June 1867–June 1868, the county paid over \$5,000 to Hawthorne and Loryea.⁴ The county commissioners felt the \$8.00 fee was high, and the contract only ran for two years. For more about the Multnomah County Poor Farm see [“Go Straight to the Poor Farm - 1880.”](#)

In 1870, Jno. Kenworthy was the asylum superintendent, and 127 people were housed in the hospital.⁵ Only four of the residents were Oregon-born. The largest number (27) were Missouri-born, including forty-eight-year-old Charity Lamb, the first woman in Oregon to be convicted of murder.

An 1879 map shows the location of the hospital on Asylum Street.⁶ For more maps of the area, see [Grand Central Public Market](#).



Funds were allocated in 1880 for the Oregon State Insane Asylum; the site selected was north of the state prison on a slight rise just east of Salem, its present location. The new hospital was completed in 1883, and the Hawthorne patients were transferred to their new, and less expensive quarters.

On 1 June 1880, the census enumerator recorded 280 patients in the hospital. Most were classified as insane while a small number were termed “idiotic.” The patients’ ages ranged from nine to seventy, and the majority were in their thirties. Dr. G. E. Nottage was the resident physician and lived on the grounds with his wife and three-year-old son.⁷

From 1867 to 1879, the hospital contracted with Lone Fir Cemetery to bury the bodies of those patients who were not claimed by their relatives. The burial fee was \$5.00; the standard grave-digging fee for that time period. Sadly, the locations of few of the burials are noted in the Lone Fir records.

The records for removals from the Insane Asylum to Lone Fir for the period 1867–1879 are located in the University of Oregon Special Collections Division.⁸ The names of those listed and their date of death:

Last	First	Death Date	Notes
Aberly	Charles	3 Sep 1877	
Allen	John	6 Aug 1876	
Anderson	D.	20 Oct 1869	

Last	First	Death Date	Notes
Barr	John	8 Sep 1875	
Bay	W. F.	26 Oct 1876	
Beach	W. R.	25 Oct 1876	
Beattie	William	26 Aug 1876	
Bixby	S. F.	21 Dec 1876	
Blodgett	Rose	15 Apr 1876	
Boyle	Mahala	14 Feb 1879	
Burke	John	29 Oct 1879	
Butler	Joseph E.	27 Feb 1879	
Butts	Emily C.	27 Jan 1879	
Caffee	Benj.	18 Mar 1868	County patient
Campbell	H. B.	3 March 1879	
Cane	John P.	12 April 1876	
Carroll	James	4 Jan 1878	
Cave	Thomas R.	3 Aug 1874	
Chichester	James	4 June 1868	State patient
Clemen	William	17 June 1878	
Cliff	William	23 November 1874	
Cook	John	14 April 1869	Insane
Davis	G. L.	7 March 1875	
Day	John	7 Aug 1878	
Derenson	H.	16 August 1868	State patient
Desottle	Jennie	28 November 1868	State patient
Dickenson	Louis	29 September 1879	
Dowell	Wm.	11 September 1869	Insane
Duncan	James G.	22 December 1877	
Dutzouer	Peter	5 July 1867	Hospital
Edwards	William	30 November 1878	
Emersen	C. C.	2 January 1877	
Farley	Mary	21 October 1877	
Fisher	George	30 July 1879	
Frazier	Anthony	25 July 1874	
Friedle	Louis	27 July 1869	Insane
Fulton	William	6 May 1877	
Galligher	J.	23 July 1868	County patient
Gentle	John	25 March 1879	
Gill	John	4 May 1874	
Goodrich	J.	30 August 1868	County patient
Gow	Lee King	9 April 1877	
Gregg	John	8 February 1879	

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Griffin	Wm.	17 February 1869	Insane
Griffith	Maria	4 April 1877	
Haight	Ann M.	31 December 1874	
Hanson	Maria	5 February 1878	
Hastings	Mrs. L.	11 January 1876	
Herberger	Ernest	6 November 1877	
Hickson	James	15 July 1875	
Hill	Wm. N.	8 April 1879	
Hodgins	Mary	3 August 1876	
Howard	Elizabeth	23 June 1878	
Hulse	Sarah A.	8 September 1876	
Hust	Charles	7 November 1876	
Illiedge	Chas.	8 February 1868	State patient
(Oregonian)	Jim	19 November 1875	
Johnsen	A. J.	16 February 1875	
Johnson	Richard	10 August 1878	
Jones	F.	4 May 1869	Insane
Jones	Thomas	15 February 1877	
Kelly	Joseph	26 February 1876	
King	Ah	5 March 1875	
Lamb	Charity	16 September 1879	
Lauchren	Nicholas	11 May 1875	
Leith	Thomas	24 March 1879	
Lewis	B. F.	29 September 1874	
Linn	(Chinaman)	24 March 1876	
Lutz	George	1 April 1875	
Majors	J. R.	8 January 1879	
Margeret	L. F.	5 September 1877	
Marton	John B.	4 November 1874	
McCabe	J.	30 March 1868	County patient
McClennan	Norman	12 March 1879	
McClincy	Sarah	7 December 1878	
McConnell	Mary	29 February 1876	
McEwan	John	13 December 1877	
McGowan	Thomas	1 November 1879	
McKee	Mary	18 January 1876	
McLaughlin	Frank	9 March 1868	State patient
McPherson	John	23 May 1875	
Mier	Robt.	3 October 1868	County patient
Miller	R. C.	26 January 1868	State patient

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Miller	Ulrich	18 September 1874	
Mitchell	Joseph	9 October 1877	
Molott	William	23 August 1874	
Morey	Sarah A.	6 November 1879	
Morgan	Mary	10 June 1874	
Morrison	Alexander	4 December 1875	
Morrison	John C.	15 January 1874	
Mow	(Chinaman)	18 May 1868	State patient
O'Donnell	Andrew	11 May 1879	
O'Neill	William	9 Jan 1878	
Offield	Mrs.	17 May 1669	Insane
Ogles	Robert L.	23 October 1874	
Parker	Charles	4 May 1878	
Parkhurst	Louis	30 November 1879	
Paul	John	3 June 1868	County patient
Peoples	James	28 November 1874	
Price	R. T.	1 November 1874	
Raboe	Antone	16 March 1878	
Reddy	Andrew	4 October 1875	
Reed	James	2 November 1877	
Rheinhar	Catharine	20 August 1867	Hospital
Richter	Johann	22 February 1876	
Roberson	John	6 January 1867	Hospital
Roberts	Maggie H.	12 September 1878	
Rooney	John	3 April 1879	
Roorke	Thomas	27 November 1878	
Sanders	James F.	5 July 1877	
Saulsbury	Steven	1 May 1868	State patient
Schaff	J. A.	26 February 1879	
Sevares	Joseph W.	10 June 1879	
Smith (Indian)	John	23 April 1867	Hospital
Smith	John E.	24 August 1878	
Stafford	Thomas	26 July 1867	Hospital
Stout	Hugh	2 January 1874	
Sue	Fred	15 July 1878	
Summers	William	11 October 1879	
Templeman	Nancy J.	16 October 1877	
Thompson	A.	1 April 1874	
Todd	William	10 June 1879	
Toiku	Christian	6 June 1877	

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Tyler	P. H.	29 February 1868	County patient
Velerea	Alexis	12 March 1879	
Vincent	Fletcher	21 March 1874	
Wallace	William G.	8 January 1879	
Walters	C. R.	1 July 1878	
Warfield	Alice L.	20 September 1878	
Williams	Edwin	10 November 1879	
Wilson	M.	31 October 1869	Insane
Young	Charles	2 October 1876	

End Notes:

¹ *The Portland Directory, for the Year 1863: Embracing a General Directory of Citizens, a Business Directory, and Other Statistical Information Relative to the Progress and Present Condition of the City* (Portland: S. J. McCormick, Compiler and Publisher, 1863.), page 6, citing “Historical Sketch of Portland.”

² Eugene E. Snyder, *Portland Names and Neighborhoods: Their Historic Origins* (Portland: Binford & Mort, 1979), 146.

³ *Report of the Investigating Commission Appointed in Pursuance of Senate Joint Resolution No 27, Passed at the Sixth Regular Session of the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, 1870* (Salem: T. Patterson, State Printer, 1872); digital image, GoogleBooks (<http://books.google.com> : accessed 2 April 2009), citing pp 106-119.

⁴ “Maintenance of the Poor,” *The Daily Oregonian* (Portland), 27 June 1868, page 3, column 1.

⁵ 1870 U.S. census, Multnomah County, Oregon, East Portland, page 130–132 (stamped), 40–44 (penned); dwelling 307, family 307, Jno. Kenworthy (digital image ProQuest *HeritageQuestOnline* (access through participating libraries : last accessed 4 April 2009); citing M593, roll 1287.

⁶ [1879] Portland, Oregon. Drawn and published by E. S. Glover, A.L. Bancroft & Co., lithographers. digital image, Library of Congress, Geography and Map Division (<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/> : accessed 3 February 2008).

⁷ 1880 US Census, Multnomah County, Oregon, pop. sch., East Portland, SD 1001, ED 101, pages 379–382 (stamped) 23–28 (penned), dwell. 216, fam. 26, Hospital for the Insane; digital image ProQuest *HeritageQuestOnline* (access through participating libraries : last accessed 4 April 2009); citing T9, roll 1083.

⁸ “Portland, Lone Fir Cemetery,” Collection Number B147; Located in the Special Collections Division, University of Oregon Library, Eugene, Oregon.