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EXCERPTS FROM THE 1906 TO 1909
WILLIAMS VALLEY DIARY OF HERBERT MASON
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INTRODUCTION

Herbert Mason apparently kept a journal of day-to-day events on his family's farm located immediately west of the Burroughs School house. This diary is remarkable in that it was begun by a man who had not yet turned 21 years of age. The farm shown on the 1905 Ogle ownership map of Spokane

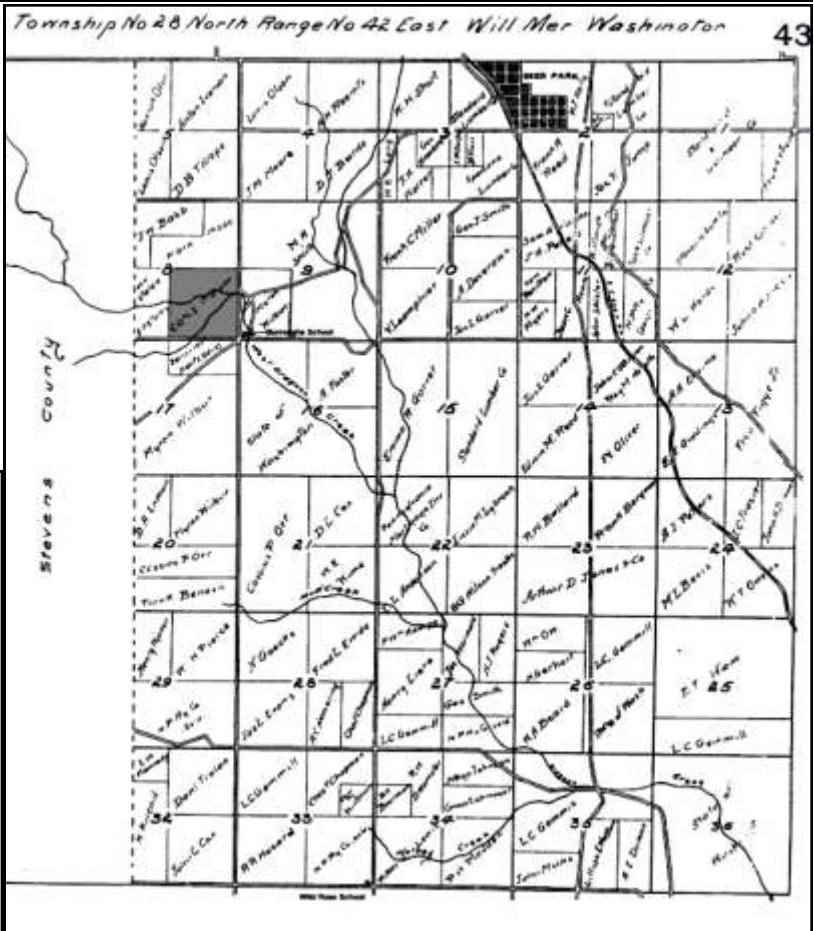


Figure 1: The 1905 Ogle Ownership Map of Township 28 North Range 42 East. The Mason farm (SE/4 Section 8) is highlighted in medium gray. The Burroughs School house is just northeast of the junction of Burroughs Road (the east-west road) and Spotted Road (the north-south road).

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County was composed of the SE quarter of Section 8 -Township 29 North-Range 42 East Willamette Meridian located about two and one half miles southwest of Deer Park, Washington (Figure 1). The Ogle map tract has the name C. O. & I. Mason printed across it. Charles Oscar Mason was the father of Herbert Mason and Sylvia Irene Mason was his mother.

The Herbert Mason diary excerpted in this manuscript is only a portion of the original and is composed of daily records for January 1906, May to December 1906, all of 1907 and 1908, and through January 17th of 1909. The original hand-written journal is located in the collection of the Cowles Museum, now the Museum of Arts and Culture in Spokane, Washington. The author of this manuscript, Richard Eugene Hazelmyer, was married to the late Marjorie Irene Mason, a niece of Herbert Mason who wrote the diary and the daughter of James Mason in whose estate the diary was found. The original journal was transcribed verbatim by Richard Hazelmyer into a series of .txt files from the sometimes hard to read hand-written original.

The journal, incomplete as it is, describes the hard work performed on a day-to-day basis that was required to make a living in the Deer Park area in the very early years of the 20th century. Excerpts from the pages of the .txt files have been selected to illustrate some of that routine work necessary in making a living in the early Deer Park area as well as document some of the more important historical events occurring in those years.



Figure 2: A photograph of Herbert Mason taken much later than at the time he wrote his diary.

1906

Tuesday, January 2, 1906:
"Cloudy and chilly all day 20 degrees above zero this morning. I hauled two loads of logs from Mixes place to Deerpark today. I bought some tamarack and four logs of mix. The Standard Lumber Company is giving \$3.50 for



Figure 3: The original Mason farm house and barn with Estella Mason sitting in front of the porch. (Richard Hazelmyer photograph)

common logs, and \$5.50 for clear logs. Now sleighing is very poor on account of the snow being so dry."

It should be noted that all hauling was done with horse and wagon or sled. The price is assumed to be for 1000 scaled board feet of logs and Standard Lumber was the Short and Crawford mill



Figure 4: The Standard Company saw mill in the 1900 to 1911 time period. The mill was located just west of the railroad tracks and about 100 yards north of Crawford Street in Deer Park. (Photograph from the Lawrence Zimmerer Collection)

that later became the Deer Park Pine Lumber Company.

Tuesday, January 9, 1906: *"Cloudy and warm all day. I went with W.H. Short to Martin Lees place to look at a log haul this afternoon. I pattered around this afternoon."*

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Mr. Short was an active manager and traveled across much of northeast Washington looking after his investments in stands of timber and the several mills he owned at the time.

Friday, January 26, 1906: *"Cloudy and warm all day. We hauled two loads from 16 today. I got home at 9:00 tonight. Only worked 15 hrs today."*

Sixteen refers to section 16 in Township 28 North Range 42 East Willamette Meridian just southeast of the Mason farm. Many loads of logs were taken from this section as recorded in the day-to-day diary entries.

Sunday, May 6, 1906: *"Clear and warm today. We went to S.S. and also preaching by Mrs. Swartz, a lady preacher, this forenoon. Miss Pruesse here to dinner. Mother down to Smiths with her this afternoon."*

The diary narrative is filled with reference to visiting neighbors and having meals with them. Walking to, or taking a carriage to, Deer Park for business or lodge meetings and entertainment was very common.

Monday, June 11, 1906: *"Clear and warm all day. I hauled six loads of logs from 16 today. The company's teams went to sec. 15 to load cars for the logging engine. Jim Morris is with me."*

The logging engine is "Old Buck," the experiment that W. H. Short made with a steam driven traction engine to haul logs to his mill.

Figure 5: "Old Buck," the steam driven traction engine in the woods with a string of loaded cars. The location of this picture is not



known but must certainly represent what it looked like near the Mason farm as logs were carried from the area to the Standard Mill. (Photograph courtesy of the Deer Park Congregational Church)

Thursday, June 12, 1906: *"Clear and hot today. I worked on a bridge across Dragoon Creek today (it is on Shorts logging road)."*

"Old Buck" needed a road to operate because it got bogged down on muddy roads frustrating W. H. Short and causing him to build the Deer Park Central Railroad which was north from Deer Park to near Garden Spot to more efficiently haul logs to his mill. The logging road mentioned in this entry probably followed part of the present day Parker Road that runs diagonally across Section 9-T28N-R42E, just north of the Burroughs School. This road also cuts across Section 17 south of the Mason farm on the 1905 Ogle map in Figure 1.

Saturday, July 11, 1906: *"Clear and hot all day. 99 degrees above here. Andy and Oscar Young and Roy came to Spokane this morning and we took in Forepaugh & Sells Bro Circus. We came home on the train at 7 O'clock."*

The Spokane Falls and Northern Railroad ran quite a few passenger trains through Deer Park during these years. It was possible to go to Spokane in the morning, shop for the day and come home in the afternoon apparently quite easily. However, going to Spokane for entertainment was fairly rare.



Figure 6: The Spokane Falls and Northern Railroad station in Deer Park in approximately 1908. In the distance just below the left hand eaves of the station is the bell tower of the Congregational Church and directly behind the station is the Kelly Mercantile store. (Photograph from the Gordon Daggett Photograph Album, courtesy of the Northwest Room, Spokane Public Library)

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Thursday, October 25, 1906: *"Cloudy and windy all day. Warm. There was lots of dust in the air from the Big Bend country. I turned my skidder over to the S.L.Co. today noon. As I went in the hole with them. Dave was over to Holdens Mill this A.M."*

Apparently, the dust blowing in from central Washington was not uncommon. There are many references in this diary to other small mills in the area to which Herbert and his crew hauled logs. S.L. Co. is Short's Standard Lumber Company.

Thursday, November 1, 1906: *"Clear and pleasant today. I skidded logs on sec. 17. The Williams Valley Mutual Telephone Company put up poles and strung wire in front of our place today."*

Williams Valley was getting a phone system long before electricity would be installed!

Monday, November 5, 1906: *"Cloudy and warm all day. I skidded logs for the engine today. It is not running on account of the mud. I went to Deerpark for feed after work this evening."*

The "engine" is "Old Buck" and the mud keeping it from running illustrated W. H. Short's frustration with the machine.

Thursday, November 15, 1906: *"Rained in spells all day. I was to Deerpark this afternoon to get coal oil. There has been a coal oil famine for over three weeks, which was relieved by the arrival of a car load of oil from Seattle today. It was California Oil, the first that we ever bought that did not come from Standard Oil Co. I was down to Barnharts this evening."*

Coal oil was the kerosene used for lanterns and lighting.

1907

Wednesday, January 2, 1907: *"Cloudy and cold today. 16 degrees above zero. I hauled two loads of logs to Deerpark from section 17 today. George Young bought a team and outfit of A.J. Eperly yesterday for \$470.00."*

The cost of a team of horses and their harness was nearly \$500.

Saturday, January 12, 1907: *"Clear and cold all day. 4 degrees above zero this morning. 13 degrees below tonight. I hauled a load of logs from Lee's today. It was the largest load of logs I ever hauled. 2589 feet. Clarence Markland here to dinner. Jim Mark here awhile today."*

A sled load of 2589 board feet of logs must have been quite a sight. On the 29th of January, he hauled a load of 2929 board feet and on the 13th of February, he hauled a load of 3722 board feet. People visiting the Masons and staying for dinner was very common. The women doing the cooking must have been very skillful to feed everyone that apparently just dropped in for the meal.



Figure 7: Picture of a virgin stand of Ponderosa Pine forest somewhere near Deer Park. It is likely that this was the sort of timber being cut and shipped to the Standard Lumber Mill from the Williams Valley area. (Photograph Courtesy of the Deer Park Congregational Church)

Tuesday, February 12, 1907: *"Cloudy and foggy all day. Roads are good. I hauled a load of logs from Lees. Mart Bradley had his arm caught and broked, between a load of logs and a tree this forenoon. He was driving team for the S.L. Co."*

One of the few mentions of injury in the woods. There must have been many.

Monday, April 1, 1907: *"Clear and warm all day. Clarence and I put fifteen loads of manure on the garden patch today. The snow is gone except in the woods in shaded places. Some plowing has been done around here."*

Not only did the men work in the woods, they also worked around the farm. The plowing season was just beginning.

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Sunday, April 7, 1907: **"Cloudy all day. Rained a little. We were all to preaching and S.S. (excepting Roy and Jim). E.P Lyons presided. Mr. & Mrs. James here to supper. Mr. & Mrs. Enman here to dinner. I took them home in the hack. Mrs. Mark here a while this afternoon."**

Most Sundays the family, or parts of it, went to Sunday School or some sort of preaching. Visiting and meals afterward were common.

Tuesday, April 9, 1907: **"Cloudy and rainy today. Mr. & Mrs. James and Mother and I were to Nine Mile bridge to take a look at the dam under construction there. We took our team and hack and drove about 45 miles altogether."**

Dams were being constructed on the Spokane River to generate electricity. At 3 or 4 miles an hour a trip of 45 miles by horse-drawn carriage must have taken a long time.

Sunday, April 21, 1907: **"Clear and warm all day. I took dinner at Enman's and Theodore and I went with L.Z. Sprague to Gimmilles Mill and Arcadia this afternoon. Mother and Stella were to Sunday School."**

The first mention of Arcadia (and the Arcadia Orchards Company) in this diary. Arcadia Orchards Company was incorporated in 1906.



Figure 8: A picture of the L. C. Gemmill Mill on Dragoon Creek taken about the same time as this diary was written. The flume brought creek water to power the water wheel in the mill. Quite a settlement is seen in the background as well as many piles of drying lumber. (Photograph from the Lawrence Zimmerer Collection)

Gemmill's Mill was quite a large operation near the intersection of Dragoon Creek and Dalton Road just south and west of the Arcadia Orchard area west of Denison.

Saturday, May 4, 1907: **"Clear and warm all day. I hauled five loads of logs today, and came home and went to lodge this evening. Dr. Slater was here in his automobile this morning. Mother is getting better."**

Herbert's mother had been in bed with the "rheumatiz" for about 7 days. Dr. Slater had an automobile and made house calls. Dr. Slater's car, a 1907 Gale Runabout, is described by Wally Parker (Parker, 2007 p. 139).

Saturday, June 1, 1907: **"Clear and cooler today. Conrad and I only hauled three loads of logs today. John Foster, who was hauling with us had his leg broke by a log being dragged onto it this forenoon. I was to Deerpark with the team since supper and got some hay (only \$27 a ton)."**

Another recorded logging accident. After logging all day, he drove to Deer Park and got a load of hay. I don't know if the price was low or high. From later diary entries, I suspect it must have been high. Two days later, a John Tucker who had worked as a skidway man at a small mill died. The diary doesn't say if he died as the result of an accident.

Sunday, July 7, 1907: **"Clear and hot all day. Mother and Stella were to Sunday School and were to the funeral of Mr. Madden Sr. of Wild Rose, with Mrs. Sprague this afternoon. Conrad and I went together."**

Mr. Madden, Sr. was the great-grandfather of Peter Coffin who wrote a story about him (Coffin, 2007 p.152). Mr. Madden had homesteaded the SE/4 Section 34-T28N-R42EWM 1-1/2 mile east of the Wild Rose School and Church. He and his pioneer family arrived in the area in the spring of 1885 (Fisher et. al., 1970, p.8).

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Wednesday, July 31, 1907: *"Clear and hot all day. 92 degrees above. The hottest yet this year. Earl helped me haul two loads of hay from Jim's place this forenoon. I raked my hay up this afternoon. Roy & Earl shocked it. Mother went to Spokane this morning."*

Haying took up much of Herbert Mason's time in late July and August. He wrote of hand cutting and drying both timothy grass hay and wheat

hay with a scythe and cradle. This is very hard work and a very slow way to cut hay!



Figure 9: A 1908 picture of downtown Deer Park looking west on Crawford Street across Main Avenue. The Kelly house is on the far right and partially blocks a complete view of the Kelly store. The second floor of the Kelly store building was a large meeting room used by the Knights of Pythias Lodge. (Photograph from the Lawrence Zimmerer Collection)

Roy were to Deerpark this evening."

Mrs. Kelly was the wife of the builder of the Kelly house and the Kelly mercantile building in central downtown Deer Park. Two Mortarboard articles have early pictures of the city center in Deer Park and the Kelly house at this time (Coffin, 2009 and Coffin, 2010).

Friday, September 13, 1907: *"Cloudy and misty this forenoon. Cleared up this afternoon. I harrowed in four acres of wheat today. Joe J. sowed this forenoon. This is my twenty first birthday anniversary. I received a Waltham watch as a present from my mother."*

Apparently, the wheat seed was hand cast across the prepared field (and not drilled in with a machine) and then harrowed in to cover the seed with dirt so it would sprout. Several days earlier in this month were spent digging up and "blowing up" stumps.

Thursday, October 3, 1907: *"Clear and warm all day. I cleared a roadway for telephone poles from the house to our south line today and the cut the poles. Geo. Young dug his potatoes yesterday. He had just 1/4 acre, and got over 30 sacks of potatoes. It was the first crop on poor black pine land."*

The telephone was about to be installed and Herbert was cutting, peeling and setting the posts to hold the wire. Fall crops were being harvested and the Mason family purchased fruit for the winter season at Tum Tum.

Friday, August 16, 1907: *"Clear and warm all day. I hauled three loads of logs today. Mrs. P.J. Kelly of Deerpark died today. Mother and*

Thursday, October 24, 1907: *"Clear and warm all day: Light wind from East. We hauled two loads of wood today. Clarence here awhile this evening. Mother was up to Jame's awhile this forenoon. Just ten years ago we arrived on this place. Things have changed since then. Wages then were two and half and three dollars for team work per day. Now it is \$5.00 to \$6.50 per day. Single handed wages were then a dollar a day now \$2.50 to \$3.00 common labor. Timothy hay was worth six dollars per ton then now it is \$25.00. Cord wood was worth \$5.00. Saw logs were \$2.50 and \$3.75 per 1,000 feet then now they are \$6.00 and \$7.00 at Deerpark. Clothing and other things have raisen even more in proportion. Section 8 had two families living on it then now there are six."*

Things that progress brings, high prices and congestion! Herbert wouldn't believe how many families now live on the Mason farm today in 2010.

1908

Friday, January 31, 1908: *"Clear and cold all day. 16 below this morning. I hauled two loads of logs from Arcadia today. Charlie Smith (G.B.A.) hauled two loads also. 1 degrees below zero this evening. January has been the best winter month for hauling in years."*

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Clearing of the Arcadia Orchards lands was ongoing. The cold weather and snow made for easy hauling.

Tuesday, March 24, 1908: *"Cloudy and windy all day. Chapman brought me half of a ton of oats this afternoon. Cost delivered (\$15.00). Worked at clearing land today."*

Oats cost \$30.00 per ton delivered. Land clearing was a constant operation. Later in the month, a stump puller was used along with dynamite to blow the stumps out of the ground.

Monday, April 20, 1908: *"Clear most all day. Windy. I plowed for myself on the hill today. P.J. Kelly, Deerpark pioneer store keeper died today. He has been sick all winter. Mrs. Kelly died last fall."*

Herbert and his sister Stella and his mother went to Mr. Kelly's funeral on April 22, 1908.

Tuesday, April 28, 1908: *"Clear and windy all day. I pulled pieces of stumps out of the garden this forenoon. This afternoon I finished hauling the*



Figure 10: The Arcadia Orchard Company's Dragoon Creek dam under construction. At the time, it must have been quite a construction operation as evidenced by the number of horse teams and the steam engine in this picture. (Photograph from the Gordon Daggett Album courtesy of the Northwest Room, Spokane Public Library)

school house wood, 8 cords in all. Am to received \$25.00 for it. Charlie Mason and Roy Fields go a job wood cutting an Clayton today."

The labor involved in cutting and hauling the 8 cords fire wood for the school house would be impressive for the \$25.00 payment.

Wednesday, May 20, 1908: *"Clear and pleasant all day. I hauled rock for the Olsen Mercantile today. One load from home and 3 loads from south of town. Roy picked potatoes for Sprague."*

I assume that the rock was used for foundation preparation for the new hotel building that Olaf Olson was building in Deer Park.

Saturday, June 20, 1908: *"Cloudy part of today. Killing frost this morning. It got my potatoes. I hauled a load of wood this forenoon. Grandfather came up from Spokane this evening. I went lodge this evening."*

The middle of June and a killing frost! This is testimony to the refusal of a bank to loan money to the Arcadia Orchard Company on the basis of killing frosts in nearly every month of the year in the Deer Park area (Fahey, 1993, p. 10.).

Sunday, July 26, 1908: *"Clear and warm today. Hard frost this morning. It nipped the potatoes some. We were to Sunday School this forenoon. And over to Spragues' this afternoon."*

Now towards the end of July and another killing frost.

Tuesday, August 4, 1908: *"Clear and hot all day., 94 degrees above. We raked and shocked hay today. The town of Clayton (4 miles north of here) was destroyed by fire yesterday."*

The second fire in Clayton that burned the Washington Brick and Lime factory.

Sunday, August 9, 1908: *"Clear and hot all day. 92 degrees above. We were to preaching services*

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twice today. (at the school house) L. Z. and I were to the Arcadia dam and through Clayton this afternoon. Mrs. James was here to dinner."

Apparently, the construction of the Arcadia Orchards irrigation dam on Dragoon Creek in Deer Park was a tourist attraction along with the damage from the Clayton fire a week before.

Monday, August 31, 1908: *"Clear and warm all day. I hauled three loads of logs to Deerpark today. School started in our district today. Alice James is teacher. (wages \$60.00 per month) Only Jim is going from here. Roy passed his Eight grade last spring."*

The school teacher wages listed here may or may not include any board or room. Apparently, graduating from the eighth grade was the end of schooling for many in the area.

Saturday, September 5, 1908 *"Clear and hot 84 degrees above. Stella and I were to a party at Hodges last night. I drilled grain and took the drill back to Hopples today. I have a little over ten acres planted now. Joe James and I were to lodge this evening."*

Specialized farm machinery like grain drills were borrowed and used by farmers without one. Ten acres of grain would be quite a sizable tract to harvest by hand. The diary mentions harvesting both with a scythe and cradle as well as with a binder. As usual there were social events to attend.

Monday, September 28, 1908: *"Clear most of today. Roy and I sawed the largest tree on the place down this forenoon. It was a yellow pine. It died in July from being struck by lightning. It was nearly five feet at the stump. I took one log of it to Deerpark this afternoon."*

The tree must have been very large because he hauled only one log from it to Deer Park. There is little mention in the diary of how logs were loaded onto the wagons or sleds. One has to assume they may have used ramps made of smaller logs and

the horses to pull the logs onto the wagons with a gin pole setup. Roy, his brother, is 15 years old and working as an adult.

Saturday, October 10, 1908: *"Clear and warm all day. We skidded logs this forenoon. Andy kept on skidding, but I went to Deerpark. We were to a surprise party at Alberthol's this evening. They are going to Texas for the winter."*

There were "Snow Birds" in the area in 1908! Texas rather than Arizona may have then been the place to spend the winter.

Saturday, October 24, 1908: *"Clear and pleasant today. I finished plowing. Five days work in all (10 hour day) 9 1/4 acres. Clarence and M and I were to a Republican rally at Deerpark this evening (nobody hurt)."*

Fifty hours to plow a nine acre plot of land with a team of horses. The ending statement describing the Republican rally is interesting. One wonders if such political rallies normally led to violence.

Wednesday, November 25, 1908: *"Clear a little while today. I was to Deerpark this forenoon. Roy and Clarence ran a shooting match for chickens on the mill grounds. Merlee Perkins and Sam Markland were awhile this evening."*

I am assuming that the shooting match was like a turkey shoot contest and the chickens were the prizes.

Thursday, December 24, 1908: *"Cloudy and warm all day. Did not thaw. I hauled a load of logs from West Arcadia to Deerpark on the sled today. I used both teams. We were out to Christmas tree at the School House this evening."*

The roads must have been icy and slick with poor traction for the horses as he is using two teams to haul the log loads. Each Christmas a celebration was held at the school house. There must have been a Christmas tree put up as Herbert always refers to the event as "Christmas tree."

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Calendar of Events

Event	Date & Time	Location
Deer Park Friends of the Library Book Sale <i>Set Up Sales</i>	Week of –June 2-5 June 2 & 3 10am to 4pm June 4 & 5 9am to 5pm	Deer Park Auto Freight Storage Building, 2405 E Crawford, Deer Park
C/DPHS meeting	June 12 9am	Clayton Drive-In
Raspberry Ridge Field Trip	To be determined	Near Fairchild AF Base
C/DPHS meeting	July10 9am	Clayton Drive-In
Old Settlers Picnic <i>Display at Mix Park</i>	July 24, 2010	Deer Park Mix Park
Clayton Brickyard Day <i>Display of Memorabilia</i>	August 7, 2010	Clayton School
<i>Eagle Dedication</i>	August 7, 2010 1pm	Clayton Drive-In
Leno Prestini Show <i>The Heritage Network is presenting three congruent shows of Leno's paintings, sketches, memorabilia and life as a Terra Cotta modeler.</i>	August 7-22, 2010	Main St., Colville, Stevens County Historical Society
	August 14, 15, 21,22	Loon Lake Museum, Loon Lake Historical Society
	August 14, 15, 21,22	Clayton Grange, C/DPHS
Clayton Fair	August 27, 28, 29, 2010	Clayton Fairgrounds

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1909

Friday, January 1, 1909: *"Snowed awhile this afternoon. I hauled two loads of logs to Deerpark from West Arcadia today. Mother is still in bed on account of hives. We had Dr. Slater."*

New Year's Day wasn't celebrated in the Mason household. I wonder if Dr. Slater drove his Gale Runabout in the winter or came by horse drawn sleigh?

CONCLUSION

The diary ends on Sunday, January 17, 1909. There must surely have been more pages but they have

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been lost. The transcription is as close to the original as I could make it.

William Oscar Mason, according to family accounts, was prospecting for gold in the time period from 1906 to 1919. The US census of 1900 gave his profession as a miner, not a farmer. Herbert Mason is listed as a son of the head of the household in the 1910 U.S. Census and as the head of the Mason household in the 1920 U.S. Census. Mason genealogical records have Charles Oscar Mason dying in Madera County, California in 1919. Herbert disappeared sometime after 1920 leaving his Waltham gift watch on the dresser according to family lore. Where he went is a mystery and all of the census and cemetery records that I have searched do not indicate where he went or when he died. The Mason family has given no reason for his disappearance.

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Clayton/Deer Park Historical Society Minutes, May 8, 2010

In attendance: Bill Sebright, Mark Wagner, Sharon Clark, Grace Hubal, Rob Higgins, Warren Nord, Lorraine Nord, Bob Clouse, Mary Clouse, Ella Jenkins, Lonnie Jenkins, Marilyn Reilly, Florene Moore, Art Stelting, Cliff Meyer, Karen Meyer, Betty Burdette, Bob Gibson, De Pelan, Margie Burdega, Duane Costa, Don Ball, and Lorraine Ball.

Society president, Bill Sebright called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. Zion Cemetery clean up is on May 15, 2010, not May 22 as it says in the Mortarboard.

Treasurer, Mark Wagner reported that there is \$4646.03 in checking. Account activity: \$171.00 for the "Eagle" building permit. Deposits: \$455.00 from last month's meeting;

Grace Hubal made a deposit of \$150, Bill Sebright made deposits of \$310 and \$413. Secretary, Grace Hubal reported that recipe submissions are now coming in.

Sharon Clark, Publications Editor, handed out Mortarboard # 25. She passed around *The Pacific North Westerner's* publication. She met Ann Fackenthall at the Westerners meeting (Spokane Corral.) Ann has all the information on that Pine Park School, located west and south of Wild Rose Prairie and bordering the Spokane River. She knows all about the location. Sharon will tell Pete Coffin about it. Ann also has all of the minutes to the Williams Valley Grange. Sharon has information on the history of the Open Door Church. She

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has an interesting article about the life of Dr. Slater. She'd like to publish it, but needs permission. It was written by his son, Harold Angus Slater.

Bob Clouse, Webmaster, reported the number of hits on the website. It jumped from the old high of 2141 up to 2620 hits. Bob also reported that he, Pete Coffin, and Bill Sebright went on a field trip to Knight Construction on Friday, May 7, 2010. He reported that the pedestal for the eagle was built. Numerous pictures were taken of the pedestal. It is being sent to I-90 Express for powder coating. It will be black, 40 percent glossy. It will be forever gorgeous. It cost \$400. It is money well spent. Randy has done some prep work on the Eagle construction site. No date on concrete yet. Dawson Trucking according to Jessica, who is the Knight's project manager, said we could almost rely on Dawson to contribute some of the cement. They may even contribute all of the cement.

Bill Sebright will take the plaques to Wilbert to have them permanently implanted in artificial stone which will make them difficult to steal. Dennis Whisman from Knight Construction estimated the weight of the eagle to be about 3-1/2 tons.

Art Stelting told us about his time clock, which was from the old Brickyard. His grandfather, Martin Olson, used it as night watchman. The watchman had to check in at different points around the brick plant. At each station, that area's key was put in the clock to mark the time. This would show that the watchman made it to all the necessary points and at what time. Many years ago on one night when Martin Olson went to the company store (later Westby- Wind Mercantile), he interrupted a robbery. He was held at gun point by one thief while the other gathered what he wanted. They left without injuring Art's grandfather.

Don Ball mentioned the 'Ace of Spades' on a hangar at Felts Field was made at Clayton.

Duane Costas asked about security and lighting after the eagle is up. Randy and Taffy will have the lighted flag pole mounted. Duane recommended that we have plenty of lighting to protect the eagle. We figure there will be plenty of lighting from the Drive In, the Clayton entrance lights, and the fire station.

Over 30 people have given \$1275 to the Society in honor of Don Lindh. We could possibly use this money for the eagle project. Bill Sebright stated that we are looking for a flag pole. Randy said a commercial grade flag pole would cost over \$2,000. Bob Clouse said there were two aluminum poles at Geiger. He is going to check on that for us.

Karen Meyer brought pictures of the Zion Cemetery, which marked its 100th anniversary in 1992. Pete Coffin will scan these pictures.

Bill Sebright reported that the *Statesman-Examiner* newspaper from Colville had an article in it about Addy Mountain where a WWII Japanese balloon rigged with a bomb started a fire in April of 1945. He also showed pictures from Carl Justice. One picture showed a stationary baler from 1919. Betty Burdette, Bob Gibson, and Cliff Meyer had stories about this and other stationary balers.

Two of Carl's relatives are in the picture. The other 2 were pictures of Carl's kin swimming in an Arcadia Orchard flume south of Deer Park.

Florence Moore reported that the Friends of Deer Park Library book sale is on June 4th and 5th, 9am to 5pm. Set up is on June 2nd & 3rd from 10am until 4pm. She is getting some DPHS athletes to come and move the boxes of books. Our volunteers will move the books out of the boxes to tables. We will sort them in several categories.

Prestini display- We will use displays borrowed from the LLHS, which include

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2 of the brick yard, examples of terra cotta, historic Clayton, clay pits and Clayton timeline, Moose Hall (Grange Hall) history, and the razing of the brickyard and terra cotta building. A Prestini Project meeting is scheduled at Colville May 13.

On May 8, 2010, an article in the Northwest section of the *Spokesman Review* mentioned bricks that were uncovered in a re-paving project on Lincoln Street. They were

first thought to be made at the old brickyard at what is now the Cannon Hill Park pond. Jim Kershner now says they may be from Clayton.

De Pelan, past president of The Heritage Network was introduced and welcomed. She is the publisher of the *Loon Lake Times* and member of the Loon Lake Historical Society.

Next meeting- June 12, 2010

Meeting adjourned at 10:01a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Grace Hubal, CDPHS Secretary

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Society Want Ads

WANTED: Leno Prestini artwork. If you have or have access to any paintings, sketches, or sculptures created by Clayton artist Leno Prestini please contact the Society. We would like to feature either the original artwork or photos of the same at this year’s Prestini Project showing. For security reasons, the current owners of

the materials may remain anonymous if that is their wish.

WANTED: Old family recipes for inclusion in a future Society recipe book. Recipes drawn from any given family’s heritage are particularly desired — especially if accompanied by related family stories. Please sub-

mit to Grace Hubal, Society Secretary.

WANTED: Any stories, photos, or examples of traditional methods of quilt making.

WANTED. Information and photos regarding the history of Trysil/Zion Lutheran Church.

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