



Greenwood Hills
CEMETERY

Portland, Oregon
Estab. 1882

November 2014

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Berryman Jennings—First Grand Master of the Grand Lodge AF & AM of Masons in Oregon

Berryman Jennings was born at Jessamine County, Kentucky on or about June 16, 1807. In 1826, Jennings moved from Kentucky to Commerce, Illinois, a small town on the east bank of the Mississippi River. At the time of Jennings' residence in Commerce, there was a settlement on the west side of the Mississippi referred to as Half Breed where, in 1830, Jennings opened a log cabin school. He later went on to study medicine with Dr. Galland, a former merchant in Burlington just north of Chicago. It was in 1847 that Jennings made the journey to Oregon on an emigrant wagon train.

A history of Milwaukie, Oregon states that Jennings is associated with Mr. Lot Whitcomb and Mr. Samuel Simpson White and their steamboat enterprises. Jennings settled near Oregon City in 1847 and the three men became partners realizing they could build the hull of a steamboat. However, the machinery to do so would need to come from the east.

Whitcomb and White sailed to San Francisco on a packet—predecessors to steamboats. They arrived in San Francisco in 1850 hoping to acquire the engine, boiler and other parts necessary for completion of their hull. While searching in California, Whitcomb and White met Captain J.C. Ainsworth who was awaiting command of a steamer on the Sacramento River. Whitcomb and White persuaded Ainsworth to come to Oregon to command their boat for a healthy \$300 per month.

Berryman Jennings was a member of the Oregon Legislature in 1860 and served as Registrar of the U. S. Land Office. Jennings established a Donation Land Claim (DLC) south of the Lot Whitcomb DLC where the City of Milwaukie now stands. Jennings' DLC started at the Lot Whitcomb DLC and extended south to the Clackamas River. DLC's were intended to promote homesteads in the state of Oregon under the Donation Land Claim Act of 1850. In 1870, the U.S. Census lists Berryman Jennings' profession as huckster—a person who sells small items door-to-door, in a cart or in a small store.

*From the History of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Oregon AF&AM
From 1846 to 1951 Inclusive; Volumes I & II*

He was initiated into the Fraternity in Des Moines Lodge #1 of the Grand Lodge of Iowa by the first Grand Master, Oliver Cook on August 18, 1845. He was raised to the Degree of Master Mason November 8, 1849. His wife died in-route near Boise, Idaho and he was left with a small child. He was in Oregon City when the Charter arrived from Missouri for Multnomah Lodge #84 of the Grand Lodge of Missouri and when it commenced its operation on September 11, 1848. He next appeared in Sacramento California, affiliated with a lodge and became a merchant. The Grand Lodge of California granted a charter to Berryman Lodge #4, which was subsequently re-named Jennings Lodge #4. Soon afterward, Jennings returned to Oregon City and resumed his membership. He was elected Grand Master in Oregon and served in 1851 and 1852 but declined to serve a third term.

Jennings died on December 22, 1888 at Jennings Lodge, Oregon at the age of 81. After his death, the north half of the Berryman Jennings DLC was given to his daughter, Addie C. Hodgkin, and her husband Frank. Together, Addie and Frank platted Jennings Lodge in 1903. However, historical notes say there are two possible origins of the name Jennings Lodge. One account is that Berryman Jennings was the first Grand Master of Masons in Oregon in 1851. Secondly, as expressed by Gladstone historian, Wilmer Gardner, after 1850 Jennings helped form a lodge in Sacramento,



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Greenwood Hills Cemetery Maintenance Association is a volunteer organization dedicated to maintaining the grounds of Greenwood Hills Cemetery in a manner that respects the dead, honors the living, and preserves a valuable connection with our rich pioneer history. Through responsible stewardship of resources, we strive to maintain a safe and beautiful open space where people can come to remember the past and enjoy the natural world which we hold in sacred trust for the future.





Berryman Jennings—Continued

California, named Berryman Lodge; however, Berryman Lodge was later changed to Jennings Lodge. This second account is thought to be the reason Addie and Frank chose Jennings Lodge as the name for their new community. Jennings Lodge appears to have been adopted during Jennings' lifetime as a way of honoring his role as a Mason. In fact, the first post office in Jennings Lodge was established with the name Jennings Post Office on November 3, 1910 and was later changed to Jennings Lodge on January 6, 1911.

Cleanup Day 2014—Our Day of Transformation Continues to Grow

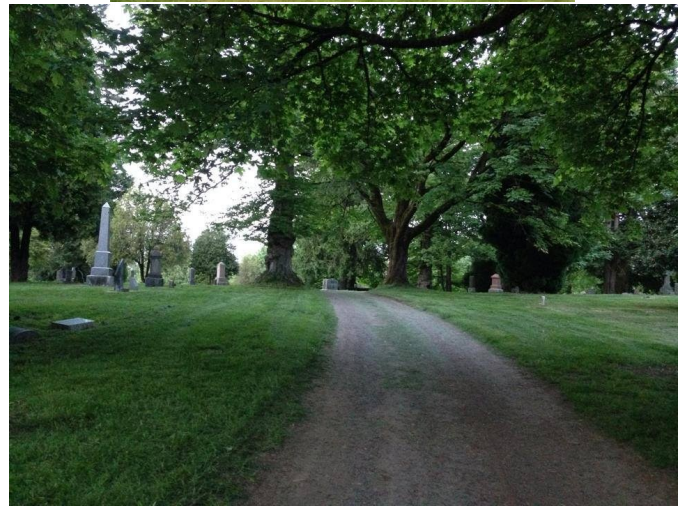
This year's May Clean-up Day 2014 boasted comfortable and cool weather. We had over 40 volunteers and we once again transformed the cemetery into the beautiful green space we all know and love. Neighborhood volunteers, family and friends brought the tools of the trade along with the happiness of laughter and the resulting good times of revisiting with old friends and meeting new acquaintances.

2014 brought a new tradition of a fun and very successful raffle. Seven lucky volunteers won some very cool power banks for their mobile devices. In turn, we raised over \$300 for the cemetery! This year, we also worked hard to clear the property line along the newly purchased River View office that faces SW Palatine Hill Road. And, guess what? Our volunteer James L., found the corner stake! 7 dump truck loads were filled with debris and we simply must give a special shout-out to Monaghan's Landscaping for their never-ending service and support.

As always, trees were pruned, branches were trimmed, and headstones were cleaned and raised. Our volunteers, Ken M. and Norv P. logged in 10 miles each mowing the lawn! We also found 10 tires, 2-3 old stoves, 3-4 old water heaters in the gully.

Lastly, volunteers were treated to lunch and a large assortment of desserts before heading back out to finish the work. We can't say it enough—we could never accomplish such a large undertaking without all of the people who dedicate their personal time and their heartfelt efforts helping us keep Greenwood Hills Cemetery a beautiful and well-maintained green space.

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!



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