

THE IRELAND FAMILY

An Ireland came and stayed. When the three Ireland brothers left California's gold fields for some place north, one of them, James, saw opportunity in the sage covered flats and rolling bunch grass hills of the Walla Walla. He settled there in 1860 on a section of land, later titled under a land grant patent, and began raising cattle. The tract of land in Ireland ownership began where the Milton library (*former*) now stands, extending East and North one mile in each direction. It is notable that part of that section has remained in Ireland ownership for 100 years.

James and his wife, Sarah (Ingle) Ireland, at one time operated the Cowl place as a way station to serve the stream of travelers moving between the mines of Eastern Oregon and Walla Walla. Quarters were often crowded and prices were high and paid in gold. The place was known as Ireland's Crossing.

Three children were born to them, a girl, Elzora, and two boys, Ellis and George. The third generation of Ireland's register as follows: Elzora married Charley Armstrong; to them was born a daughter, Grace, now Mrs. Mathewson of Walla Walla. Ellis married Clyde Crockett; their children were Pansy, Eldred, and Darrel Ireland.

George and Edith (Renick) were the parents of Dee, George, Howard, and Robert Ireland. Dee and Edith (Patton) Ireland had one child. George and Lorraine (Rogers) had three children. Howard and Daglin. Robert and Neva (Packard).

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