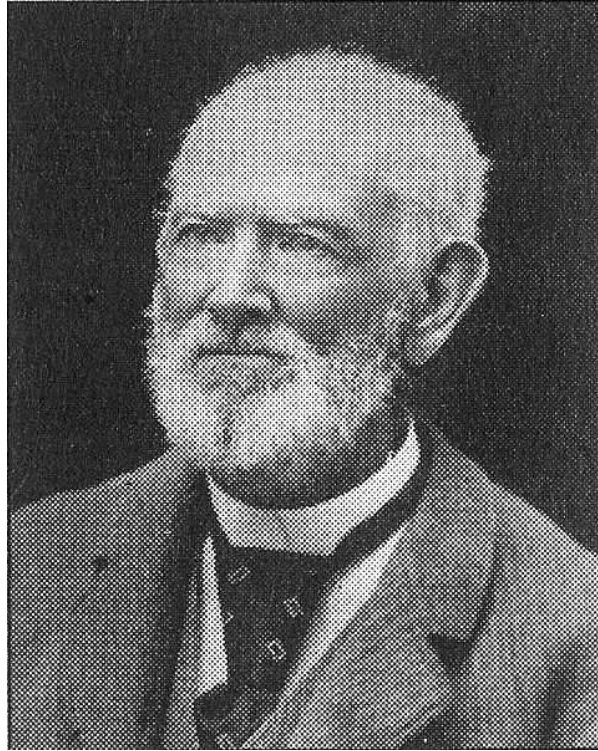


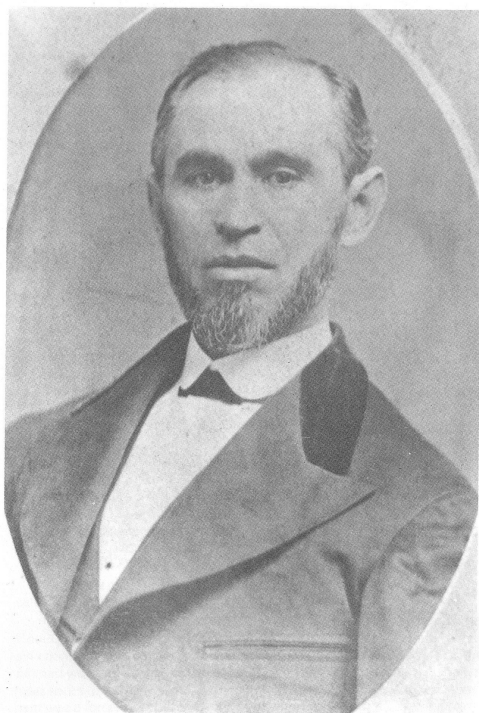
# Notable Jews of Roseburg and Douglas County

## Aaron Rose

German Jew from Ulster, NY, founded and developed Roseburg, originally called 'Deer Creek' in 1852. He built a saloon, an inn, a grist mill, a bakery and butcher shop, among numerous other business ventures. He befriended and employed local Indians, and collaborated with Solomon Abraham to establish the terminus of the O and C Railroad at Roseburg. He participated in the creation of the Coos Bay Wagon Road, and obtaining navigable river status for the Umpqua River, all of which served to establish Roseburg as the primary transportation and commercial hub between California and the Northwest, and bringing economic prosperity to the community. Rose was a wealthy and generous philanthropist, donating land and funds to numerous churches, schools, and public projects. Rose brought the county seat to Roseburg, served variously as Mayor of Roseburg, and a member of the Territorial Legislature in pre-state Oregon.



## Solomon Abraham



Sol Abraham, pioneer Douglas County merchant.

Railroad & real estate entrepreneur, as agent of the Oregon and California Railroad, he collaborated with Aaron Rose and Samuel Marks to establish the terminus of the O and C Railroad at Roseburg, establishing Roseburg as the sole transportation and commercial hub between California and the Northwest. The loading docks and warehouses at the terminus were owned by *Abraham & Co.*, and *S. Marks & Co.*, all Jewish owned businesses.

Abraham developed and resided in Glendale between Roseburg and Jacksonville. Jacksonville was the primary Jewish center for Southern Oregon in the 19th century. With the financial support of U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, Jacob Schiff, he helped to establish the New Odessa Colony of Russian and Ukrainian Socialist Jews on a collective farm in Glendale.

## Samuel Marks



S. Marks & Co. building that stood on the northwest corner of Jackson and Washington Streets, on the site of the Payless Store (1997). This store was built in 1878. N12614

Polish Jewish immigrant and business entrepreneur, Samuel Marks, together with Hyman Wallenburg, established a series of mercantile stores in Glendale, Canyonville, and Roseburg. *The S Marks & Co* building in Roseburg was the first brick building with a cast iron facade. Together with the Wallenburg brothers, Marks purchased and developed Canyonville, Oregon.

## Hyman, Isadore, and Alfred Wallenburg

Hyman, Isadore, and Alfred Wallenburg, Prussian Jewish brothers, together with Samuel Marks, established, developed, and settled in the community of Canyonville, Oregon, and established mercantile businesses in Glendale, Canyonville, and Myrtle Creek.

## Fred Sohn

Lumber entrepreneur, escaped Germany with his wife Francis to New York, moving to Roseburg in the 1950's to found Sun Studs lumber mill and pioneered the use of computer technology in the milling process. A nominal convert to Catholicism, he and Francis became active members of the Catholic community in Roseburg, but Fred always honored his Jewish identity and gave support to the Umpqua Havurah. They are buried today with his Jewish family members in New Jersey.



### Earl, Abe and Izzy Bean

Earl Bean, a prominent entrepreneur, philanthropist, and patriarch of the Jewish community of Olympia, Washington, was instrumental in establishing and financing many lumber related businesses in the Pacific Northwest, including Kenneth Ford of *Roseburg Lumber*, and Fred Sohn of *Sun Studs*.



L to R; Izzy Bean, Jeff Flury, ?, Abe Bean, ?

Earls sons, Abe and Isadore Bean, were founders of the Roseburg branch of *the Olympia Supply Company*, (with silent partner Fred Sohn) later named *Roseburg Supply Company*, during the lumber boom days of the 1950's. Izzy mentored a young Jeff Flurry, founder of *Flurry Supply Company*, into the lumber supply business. Izzy opened his warehouse on the night of the Roseburg Blast to freely distribute emergency supplies and directed an emergency operation all that night to build a wall of plywood, (donated by Fred Sohn), to shade some giant fuel tanks from the heat of the raging fire and prevent it from possibly exploding. Izzy became the defacto head of the small Jewish community of Roseburg during the 50's and early 60's, hosting Jewish holidays and celebrations, a Shabbat school with the Eckman family, occasionally speaking to groups, and often hosting Jewish dignitaries and rabbis traveling along Hwy 99 before the Interstate 5 days. He once represented the Jews of Roseburg to a group of Christian pastors and clergy, to pre-screen and comment on Cecil B. Demilles production of '*The Ten Commandments*'. His son Philip served for one controversial year as president of the *Umpqua Valley Havurah* and now lives with his family in Modiin, Israel.