

## Kinship Report of John Giesy, mayor of Salem, 1923-1926<sup>1</sup>

John B. F. Giesy is listed as the 8 year old son of John and B.A. Giesy of Aurora, Marion County, Oregon, in the 1880 Census. Also living in the household are their children: Henry E. (26), Anna B. (25), William W. (21), Louisa (19), Gloriaimindia[sic] (17), Alterias (15), Amelia (13), Augusta (11), and William (33), nephew, John (35), nephew, Henry (9) and Emma (8) who are identified as son and daughter, but it is unclear whose children they are---John Giesy head of household or John Giesy, nephew.<sup>2</sup>

In 1900, John B. Giesy is living at 174-12<sup>th</sup> Street, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, in a boarding house run by Mary Murphy. He lists his occupation as "assistant weigher" in the service of the U.S. government.<sup>3</sup>

In 1910, he is living with his wife Luella M. (Ostrander) Pike Giesy and Luella's daughter Madelene Pike and her brother Wilbur Ostrander.<sup>4</sup> John and Luella were married on 17 Mar 1909 in Tillamook County.<sup>5</sup> John died 6 Mar 1929 in Marion County.<sup>6</sup>

In order to conclusively prove this relationship, the probate file for John Giesy Sr. should be obtained from the Oregon State Archives.<sup>7</sup> Also, John B.F. Giesy has a guardianship file from 1888<sup>8</sup>, that should state why he is in need of a guardian (presumably because his father died).

As to his relationship to Andrew Giesy, Sr. who was prominent in the Bethel colony in Missouri, and only came to Oregon in 1876, it appears that John B.F. Giesy is a nephew, his father John being Andrew's younger brother. However, I do not have solid facts to back this up. The Old Colony Museum in Aurora has a large amount of material on the Giesy family for historians. Their Summer 2011 exhibit is on this family. Research access can be obtained by contacting the museum curator at PO Box 202, 15018 Second Street NE, Aurora, OR 97002, (503) 678-5754 or email [patrick@auroracolony.org](mailto:patrick@auroracolony.org).

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- 1 George Strozuts and Monica Mersinger, comp., *Salem Online History*, "City of Salem Mayors, 1857 to Present," ([http://salemhistory.net/people/salem\\_mayors\\_list.htm](http://salemhistory.net/people/salem_mayors_list.htm) : accessed 25 July 2011), entry for I.B. Giesy [sic].
  - 2 1880 U.S. Census, Marion County, Oregon, Aurora, Enumeration District ("ED") 82, Page No. 27A (penned), p. 77 (stamped), dwelling 22, family 32, John Giesy household; digital image, Ancestry.com (<http://www.search.ancestry.com> : accessed 25 July 2011); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm publication 1082, FHL Film 1255082 roll T9.
  - 3 1900 U.S. Census, Multnomah County, Oregon, Portland, 15th Precinct, Ward 4, enumeration district ("ED") 52, Sheet No. B1, p.49 (stamped on reverse), dwelling 4, family 4, Mary Murphy household; digital image, Ancestry.com (<http://www.search.ancestry.com> : accessed 25 Jul 2011); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm publication T623 roll 1350.
  - 4 1910 U.S. Census, Tillamook County, Oregon, Foley, Bay City, enumeration district ("ED") 255, Sheet No. B2, p.232 (stamped on reverse), dwelling 44, family 44, John B. F. Giesy household; digital image, Ancestry.com (<http://www.search.ancestry.com> : accessed 25 Jul 2011); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm publication T623 roll 1283.
  - 5 State of Oregon, "Oregon Marriages, 1906-1920," database, Ancestry.com (<http://www.search.ancestry.com> : accessed 25 July 2011), entries for Luella M. Pike and John B. Giesy
  - 6 State of Oregon, "Oregon Death Index, 1903-98," database, Ancestry.com (<http://www.search.ancestry.com> : accessed 25 July 2011), entry for John B. Giesy, certificate 229.
  - 7 John Giesy, Marion County, 1887, estate case no. 1011
  - 8 John B.F. Giesy, Marion County, guardianship case no. 1086