



Couch Historian Ep. 6

Marion County Deeds & Surveys

Answer Key

1) What “Addition” to the City of Salem is Deepwood (1116 Mission St SE) located in?

Yew Park Addition.

How did we get there? From the Marion County Survey Graphic Index, we pressed on the icon in the upper left hand corner with three parallel lines. We then typed in the address “1116 Mission St SE” in the field SITUS ADDRESS under BASIC SEARCH in the pop up window that came up. Another pop up window appeared with a long list of surveys. If you scroll all the way to the bottom you should find one that doesn't look like the others (has an “S” in front of it). When you open that link up, a three page document showing the original plat of the area opens up. In the title is the name “Yew Park Addition.”

2) What can you tell about the history of the area around Salem's Riverfront Carousel from various recorded surveys?

To get this information, I used the map and scrolled over to where the Carousel is, clicked on box icon labeled SEARCH BY LOCATION and then drew a box around the Carousel. It pulled up about 5 surveys. I learned:

--That this area was part of the original plat for the City of Salem.

--It wasn't always a big open park, but had lots more streets that zig-zagged through it. Although some of those streets were vacated (or abandoned) over time.

--The Columbia River Paper Company had an interest in the property at some point and made several surveys.

All clues I can use in my hunt to learn more about those areas.

3) To whom, what and for how much did J.M. And E.J. Brown sell property on September 17, 1898? Can you find the property today?

Laural M. Pendall, 120 dollars, 1 lot in on 2nd Street in Silverton between C & D Streets.

How'd we get there? We know the seller (Grantor) and the date, so we can look in the Direct Index for 1898. You will notice when you get to the list that there are two volumes of direct indexes that cover the year 1898 (Volume 6 – 1894-1898 and Volume 7– 1898-1900). Because the transaction took place in September (or the latter half of the year), I guessed volume 7 and was right. Browse through until you get to the B's and then the BO's for Brown. On page 27, you should find a listing for the sale of property to Laura M. Pendall. Make note of the deed volume and page number (69/360) and then flip to the next page to see that this refers to the sale of Lot 5 in Block 6 of Brown's Addition to Silverton, Oregon. Going back to the full list of digitized deeds and indices, scroll down to Deeds Volume 69, then search for page 360 (printed page will say 360, image number is actually 366). Should show you that that property was sold for \$120 dollars.

So where is Lot 5 of Block 6 of Brown's Addition? Go back to the Survey Graphic Index. Hit the three bars to access search for a survey. Under the field “Search By Attribute” and SUB NAME, enter “Brown's Addition to Silverton.” Pulls up the original plat with blocks and lot numbers listed. Search for lot 5 in block 6 and then look for the street names around it. The map shows that it faces 2nd Street and lies between C & D Streets. If you want, you can cross reference this map with a modern GoogleMap to get an even more precise understanding of where the property lies today.