Couch Historian Ep. 3
Fun with Historical Maps!

Practice Exercises

Test Your new-found research skills. Can you answer the following questions using the BLM Government Land Office Records (https://glorecords.blm.gov/) site and the ORMAP (https://ormap.net/). You can check your responses on the answer key.

1) Using ORMAP can you determine what town is located in Township 9S, Range 1W?

2) In which Township, Range and Section(s) was the landclaim of Joseph and Angelica Gervais?

3) What can you tell about what the landscape on Lorenzo A. Bird's landclaim in 1852 looked like from looking at the maps?

4) On what modern Salem street/road is the NW corner of I.N.Gilbert's Donation Landclaim on?

5) How about where you live? Can you find your house on ORMAP and look for Donation Land Claim corners near you?

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