

Hultin-Thrush Cemetery, Randolph, Coos Co, OR

Introduction

Between 1870 and 1938, at least eleven Thrush relatives were buried in the Hultin-Thrush Cemetery, located near the junction of North Bank Lane and Seven Mile Road (GPS coordinates 43.1689931°, -124.3506551°) in unincorporated Randolph.

In 1971, local historian Alice Wooldridge described the cemetery as follows: “There are not stones, one grave with a broken down picket fence. The cemetery is covered with St. John's Wort, and no graves are visible. The names were given by the Hultins who were born and have lived there all their lives.”

Besides those named by Hultin family members for Wooldridge and a family historian who posted memorials to the Find a Grave website, another burial was posted by a Thrush descendant to the *Find a Grave* website as a comment, and two more were identified by another Thrush descendant who created the blog, *Echoes from Randolph*.

Burials

John Thrush (1819 - 01 Feb 1890)

Husband of Elizabeth Trimble.

Sources:

- Death: “Coquille City Herald. (Coquille City, Or.) 188?-1904, February 04, 1890, Image 2 « Historic Oregon Newspapers,” 1890. <https://oregonnews.uoregon.edu/lccn/sn93051617/1890-02-04/ed-1/seq-2/>.
- Burial: “Coquille City Herald. (Coquille City, Or.) 188?-1904, February 11, 1890, Image 2 « Historic Oregon Newspapers,” 1890. <https://oregonnews.uoregon.edu/lccn/sn93051617/1890-02-11/ed-1/seq-2/>.

FEARFUL DISASTER.

A Land Slide Kills Grandpa Thrush and Miss Mary Russell.

Last Saturday at three o'clock p. m. a land slide occurred at Randolph that resulted in the instant death of John Thrush and his grand daughter, Miss Mary Russell. They lived at the upper end of town in the old Thrush residence. The slide came from the hill at the rear of the house and carried the structure and its occupants into Randolph slough. The house was badly crushed. Richard Thrush, youngest son of the old gentleman killed, was badly cut in the side of the head and stunned to unconsciousness. Billy Hutchinson and a young brother of Miss Russell who were also grand children of Mr. Thrush, and the only other occupants of the house, escaped uninjured. Miss Russell's body was found badly crushed, and was buried on Monday. The body of Mr. Thrush has not been found, but is probably under the dirt and debris at the bottom of the slough, and will doubtless be recovered when the high water goes down. Mr. Thrush was 72 years of age and leaves a host of relatives and friends in deep sorrow and mourning. Miss Russell was a daughter of J. N. Russell of Randolph and also is very deeply mourned. She was 19 years old.

It was feared that the slide would carry the whole town away. A deep crack in the hill back of the Randolph hotel caused much alarm.

BODY RECOVERED.—The body of John Thrush, the old gentleman killed at Randolph a week ago last Saturday, was recovered on Thursday last and buried the next day. It seems the old gentleman was sitting in a chair near the fire-place and was killed instantly, being found on the demolished seat. It is evident he was literally crushed, his limbs being broken. The body was only a couple of feet under the dirt and debris of the slide, and not in the slough as it was expected it had been carried.

Elizabeth Trimble Thrush (abt 1821 - 12 Dec 1899)

Wife of John Thrush.

Source of burial information: Reported by family.

Lydia Margaret "Maggie" Thrush Hultin (20 Aug 1857 - 13 Jun 1938)

Daughter of John Thrush and Elizabeth Trimble.

Source of burial information: Newspapers.com. "The World 14 Jun 1938, Page 3," 1938. <https://www.newspapers.com/image/485513430/>. Note: Lydia's obituary identifies the cemetery as Prosper, but there is no "Prosper Cemetery." When the Randolph Post Office was discontinued and subsumed by the new post office at Prosper in 1893, Randolph was officially referred to as Prosper.

OBITUARY

HULTIN

Mrs. Lydia Margaret Hul'in, 80, died at her home in Coquille Monday at 1 p.m. Mrs. Hultin was a pioneer of the Coquille valley, her maiden name being Thrush. She is survived by three sons, Roy and Jack of Coquille, and A. R. of Randolph, and one daughter, Mrs. William Mehl of this city. Funeral services will be at 1:30 Wednesday afternoon at the Schroder Bros. chapel with burial in the Prosper cemetery.

Adolph Hjalmar Hultin (20 Oct 1842 - 02 Jul 1911)

Son-in-law of John Thrush and Elizabeth Trimble; married to Lydia Thrush.

Source of burial information: Death certificate and correspondence from attending physician confirm burial at Randolph.

Magnas Emore Hultin (12 Apr 1978 - 03 Mar 1936)

Grandson of John Thrush and Elizabeth Trimble; son of Lydia Thrush and Adolph H. Hultin.

Source of burial information: Newspapers.com. "The World 07 Mar 1936, Page 5," 1936. <https://www.newspapers.com/image/485513290/>.

Graveside services were held at the Randolph cemetery for Magnus E. Hultin, eldest son of Mrs. L. M. Hultin of this place. The Rev. Clark Evans of Bandon conducted the services, attended by a large number of relatives and friends.

Rose Hultin (unknown - unknown)

Possible granddaughter of John Thrush and Elizabeth Trimble; based upon 1900 U. S. Census record, Rose could have been the child of Lydia Thrush and Adolph H. Hultin born and died sometime between 1880 and 1900.

Source of burial information: Reported by family.

Lenard Tennison Hultin (22 Jan 1920 - 15 May 1922)

Great grandson of John Thrush and Elizabeth Trimble, grandson of Lydia Thrush and Adolph H. Hultin, son of Adolph R. Hultin and Winifred M. Tennisson.

Source of burial information: "The Coquille Valley Sentinel. (Coquille, Coos County, Or.) 1921-2003, June 02, 1922, Page 6, Image 6 « Historic Oregon Newspapers," 1922. <https://oregonnews.uoregon.edu/lccn/sn96088222/1922-06-02/ed-1/seq-6/>.

RANDOLPH NOTES

A very sad accident occurred in our neighborhood last week. The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hultin fell in the Randolph Slough and was drowned. The little child had attempted to follow his father out to work and fell off the boat landing. Although he could not have been in the water more than ten minutes all efforts to save him proved of no avail. The child was two years, three months and twenty-three days old. He was buried on the home place, the funeral being attended by a very large number of people. The sympathy of all is extended to the bereaved parents in their misfortune.

Clementine Thrush Hutchinson McCue (1845 - 26 Apr 1902)

Daughter of John Thrush and Elizabeth Trimble.

Source of burial information: "Bandon Recorder. (Bandon, Or.) 188?-1910, May 01, 1902, Image 1 « Historic Oregon Newspapers," 1902. <https://oregonnews.uoregon.edu/lccn/sn93051610/1902-05-01/ed-1/seq-1/>.

DIED.—Near Randolph, Saturday, April 26, Mrs. Clementine McCue, Aged about 56 years. The remains were laid to rest in the Randolph cemetery Monday. Deceased was the mother of Mrs. W. R. Panter and leaves many relatives and friends to cherish her memory.

Mary L. Hutchinson (abt 1866 - Mar 1870)

Granddaughter of John Thrush and Elizabeth Trimble; daughter of Clementine Thrush and her first husband (E. Hutchinson). The “U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedules Index, 1850-1880” identifies her as four years old when she died in March 1870.

Source of burial information: Reported by family.

William “Billy” Hutchinson (abt 1864 - 21 May 1898)

Grandson of John Thrush and Elizabeth Trimble; son of Clementine Thrush and her first husband (E. Hutchinson).

Source of burial information: “Bandon Recorder. (Bandon, Or.) 188?-1910, May 27, 1898, Image 1 « Historic Oregon Newspapers,” 1898. <https://oregonnews.uoregon.edu/lccn/sn93051610/1898-05-27/ed-1/seq-1/>. Note: Obituary included in [Bandon Historical Society online collection](#) as “Hutchison”.

Sad Accident.

Saturday morning last Wm. Hutchison, fireman on the steamer Dispatch met his death at Parkersburg by drowning. Many of his friends here saw him leave on the morning boat attending to his duties and appearing as well and hearty as any amongst them. When the steamer Fawn arrived here at noon of the same day she had on board in her cabin his lifeless body stiffened in death. It was a shock to all his friends and acquaintances as they could scarcely believe what they heard or what they saw or that it could be possible that Billy was the dead man lying before them with his upturned face to the sky, and his sightless eyes staring in that glassy way so peculiar to death. Many turned away from the scene with tears in their eyes and expressions of sorrow for the unfortunate wife and babes of the dead man upon whose cold form they had just gazed.

Saturday morning the Dispatch left here as usual to make her regular run to Coquille and return. Everything went well until Parkersburg was reached. At this place it was customary to take on fuel. This task was soon completed and the steamer proceeded on her way. Captain White was at the wheel and without any warning he became aware that the engines had been reversed and the boat brought to a stand still and was soon going astern. At almost the same instant he was called by Frank Barrows and told that an accident had happened and someone was overboard. He looked back over the stern of the boat and saw an object floating and also heard the fall of the steamer's boat to the deck as one of the hoods were taking it down to get it into the water. At the next instant it was shoved out into the stream and driven rapidly toward the drowning man. It had reached within a few feet of him when he sank from sight and that was the last seen of him for over an hour when his dead body was fished out of the river by Jesse Leneve and Dave Perkins. When the crew looked over

the boat it was found that Billy Hutchison was missing, and that left no doubt that he was the one who had met with an untimely death. After working some time in trying to recover the body the crew gave up the quest and proceeded on their way. Some way up the river the steamer Fawn was met and the crew informed of the accident. When the latter reached Parkersburg the body had already been recovered. It was placed aboard the little boat and brought to this city.

The cause of the accident or how Billy came to fall overboard is conjectural. It is generally supposed that he was splitting wood on the forward deck, and that he struck his ax into one of the slabs piled up higher than his head. In pulling the ax out it is thought he lost his balance and toppled over into the water.

Frank Barrows, the engineer, observed an object float past the side door and he sprang to one of the windows and looked out. He saw a man struggling in the water and immediately reversed his engines. He gave the alarm and the rest has already been told.

Billy was an excellent swimmer and all who are aware of this fact are at a loss to understand how it was that he sank so soon. It is claimed that he suffered from asthma and this at times produced partial heart-failure, and it is supposed that he was taken with one of these spells while in the water. This would account in a measure for his inability to keep up any longer than he did.

The funeral was held Sunday at Randolph. The Dispatch conveyed the body from here, and also a large concourse of relatives and friends of the deceased who desired to pay a last sad tribute to the dead.

The sympathy of the community is extended to the wife and children. It is stated that the deceased left very little property of any value and this makes the accident all the more deplorable, as the children are all small and it will be a hard matter for Mrs. Hutchison to care for them without help.

John Jacob Baughman (27 Oct 1883 - abt. 1924)

Brother-in-law of Richard Thrush, son of John Thrush and Elizabeth Trimble.

Source of burial information: Reported by family.

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