

Ord Visits Ord; History Traced

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E. O. C. Ord . . . returns to visit town named for grandfather.

Gen. E. O. C. Ord's Great-Grandson Here For Visit, Business

Mr. Ord visited Ord last week.

That's right, E. O. C. Ord returned. Not to "ghost" the town, though he was on business from the U. S. Department of Justice, Tax Division, and there were some people white as a sheet when he flipped out his wallet and showed his credentials.

Mr. Ord was here on official business. But he made it a point to study the history of his great-grandfather, after which the town was named. And at the same time he related some interesting history of his family.

Coming to Ord on the Kokes case — in which Ed Kokes is trying to recover a tax refund on the Kokes estate — Mr. Ord spent quite some time digging into the history of Ord. He visited with Dr. Glen Auble and others who share an interest in the history of the town.

Stopping at the Ord Quiz, the 28-year-old lawyer for the Tax Division visited with editor Kerry Leggett, promising to send a more complete history of his family. The youthful attorney makes his home in Washington, D. C., though he is assigned several midwestern states as government lawyer on tax refund cases.

According to Mr. Ord — who plans on returning to the city of his name for pheasant hunting next fall — the initials "E. O. C." stand for Edward Otho Cresap. This was the given name of the famous general after which Ord was named. It is also the name of the young man visiting here last week.

After considerable research by one of his relatives — and a Washington newspaper reporter — quite a family history has been compiled and was printed recently in a Washington, D. C., newspaper. A book is also being written about the family, the attorney related.

Promising to send both the newspaper article and the book (when published), on to the Quiz for future articles, Mr. Ord said that General E. O. C. Ord was his great-grandfather and succeeding family members had followed the military line as a profession until the visitor broke ranks and pursued the legal profession after attending the U. S. Military Academy at West Point.

The younger Edward Ord told of the tracing of family history. It is believed his great-grandfather, after which the town is named — was a descendant of the 12th century Roman emperor, Otho. This is where the second name of the three initials comes into being. The third name, Cresap, came from the General's mother's side of the family.

The historical "Trail of the Loup" relates to readers that the town of Ord was named after the famous general that came to the North Loup Valley from Fort Kearny on an inspection visit to help in the location of Fort Hart-suff. Prior to his going to Fort Kearny, Gen. E. O. C. Ord was a grizzled veteran of the Civil War and a hero of many Indian campaigns when he was placed in charge of the Department of the Platte with original headquarters at Omaha — then moved further west to Fort Kearny.

The younger E. O. C. Ord confirmed that his great-grandfather was a graduate of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point. Legend says that General Ord was the descendant of English kings, and further study is being made to bear this out.

The courtly Gen. Ord, after which the town was named, was reputed to be a gentleman and a fine waltzer, though the young visitor here said his great-grandfather was in his share of trouble, as well. The attorney said that while attending West Point his great-grandfather allegedly was caught cooking a stolen chicken, plucked from someone's private stock by his roommate, the famous Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman.

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Gen. E. O. C. Ord later was transferred to San Francisco from the midwest, where he was in charge of United States troops there and helped establish Fort Ord, California, which also bears his name. He reportedly helped with the surveying and platting of

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the city of San Francisco, as the young lawyer said he has seen some of the maps originally done by his great-grandfather. Gen. Ord met his end as a war hero, having achieved the rank of Major-General and dying in the Battle of San Juan Hill during the Spanish-American War in Cuba.

Gen. E. O. C. Ord's son — the visitor's father — James G. Ord was another military man, graduating from West Point in 1909 and also achieving the rank of Major-General. He received his U. S. Military Academy appointment from President Theodore Roosevelt through the influence of "Teddy" himself. Teddy Roosevelt had become acquainted with James' father when he was a member of Teddy's famous "Rough Riders."

Major Gen. James Ord is deceased, his son said, as he related the family's history — promising to send more information to the Quiz when he returns to Washington in the first part of July.

Any history obtained will be reproduced in the Quiz, hoping to help make Nebraska's Centennial in 1967 even more meaningful to local citizens, and others interested in the Ord that Mr. Ord so inter-

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Family of Pacificus Ord:

JAMES ORD, bp. Apr. 9, 1786, Church of St. Mary and St. Michael (Cath.) in London; adopted son of Ralph and Mary Ord; claimed to be the son of King George IV and Mrs. Maria Fitzherbert.

Documents copied in London show that Ralph Ord died shortly after Apr. 9, 1786 and his widow, Mary, and the son, James, were taken under the care of Ralph's unmarried brother, James, a shipbuilder who had been discharged from the navy on 19 May, 1779, at the age of 40. The elder James signed an agreement on 28 Aug., 1786 with the Spanish ambassadors in London operating on the orders of the Spanish Prime Minister under which he was to serve the King of Spain for fourteen years. He took his mother, Helen Ord, sister-in-law and adopted son with him to Spain and at the end of the contract, in 1790, brought the family to America from Bilbao. They settled for some time in Norfolk, Va. Helen died in 1791 and Mary in 1792 and James moved to Charles Co., Md. where he built a sloop for one John Brent. Here James (II) received schooling under Master Thomas K. Davis, afterward sheriff. In 1799, he moved to the farm of Notley Young, a clergyman near Washington, D.C. and was placed in the primary grade at Georgetown Coll., a Jesuit institution.

James Ord was an officer in the U.S. Navy and Lieutenant in 1812. He died Jan. or Feb. 25, 1873 at Omaha, Nebr. at age 86-7 and is buried at Arlington Cem. He married 29 Sept., 1814, at Baltimore, Md., Rebecca Ruth Cresap, daughter of Col. Daniel Cresap. She was born 22 Oct., 1794 near Cumberland, Md. and died 10 April, 1860 at Aptos. Her remains were re-interred at Arlington Cem. in 1931.

- children:
 - 1. Daniel Ord, died in infancy.
 - 2+ 2. PACIFICUS ORD, Judge, b. 16 Oct., 1816, Allegheny Co., Md., Signer of the California Constitution.
 - 3. Edward Otho Cresap Ord, Major General; West Point 1839; b. 16 Oct., 1816, Allegheny Co., Md.; Civil War hero and participant in California's struggle for independence. He mar. 1) Mary M. Thompson, 14 Oct., 1854 in San Francisco by Bishop Kip. They had thirteen children. He mar. 2) Mary Frances Norton on 9 Nov., 1879. He died 22 July, 1883 in Havana, Cuba and is buried in the Arlington National Cem.
 - 4. Raphael Ord, b. 1820, died in infancy.
 - 5. Placidus Ord, b. 1821, d. 1876. He had nine children.
 - 6. James Lycurgus Ord, b. 1822 in Washington, D.C. and removed to Calif. in 1847 and resided in Santa Barbara. He mar. 1) 1856, Angustias de la Guerra y Cesarin, 2) Mrs. Laura E. Lowrie (Sp)
 - 7. Septimus Ord, b. 1825, died in infancy.
 - 8. Robert Brent Ord, b. 4 March, 1827, Washington, D.C.; removed to Calif. and was a well-known stock raiser in Colusa County and later a city judge in Santa Barbara. He married 24 Aug., 1859 at Santa Cruz or Colusa Co., Elizabeth Good, daughter of John and Jane (Radon) Good, b. 1829 in England, d. about 1880, Mex.D.F. He died 20 Oct., 1889 at Santa Barbara, aged 62 years and 7 months. Eight children, including:
 - 1. Mabelle Ruth Ord, b. 7 Apr., 1886, Santa Barbara; married 10 May, 1913 as his second wife, Henry Wharton Shoemaker, b. 1882, s. of Henry Francis & Blanche (Quiggle) Shoemaker. They resided in New York City.
 - 9. William Marcellus Ord, "Marcy"; b. 1829 at Washington, D.C.;

was a farmer in Santa Cruz where he also served as Justice of the Peace. He married Anne (Elliott) Williams (born Beampton, Engl. and died 4 Jan., 1899 at Santa Cruz, aged 65). They had one child. William died 26 Apr., 1882 at Santa Cruz, aged 51 years.

- 10. Mary Elizabeth Ord, b. 1830, d. infancy.
 - 11. John Stephen Ord, b. 1832, d. 1911; resided at Aptos, Calif. and had five children.
 - 12. Georgiana Catherine Ord, "only daughter", b. 1832, m. Sept. 1858, Judge Samuel W. Holliday, a San Francisco attorney. She had three children and died in 1921 in San Francisco, aged 86 years.
 - 13. another daughter, said to have married Gen. Trevino of Mexico.
 - 14. George Robert Ord, Judge, Montecito
2. PACIFICUS ORD, lawyer, son of James and Rebecca Ruth (Cresap) Ord, was born on Oct. 16, 1816 in the town of Cumberland, Alleghany Co., Maryland and died on May 11, 1900 in Washington, D.C. at age 84. Came to California from Louisiana with his father and brother (later General Edward Otho Cresap Ord) in 1848. He was appointed to the California Supreme Court 30 Aug., 1849; was a delegate to the California Convention; was appointed in 1855 as District Attorney for the Southern District of California. Resplendant in his long white hair and full white beard, Pacificus was described in O'Neill's History of Santa Barbara Co. as "venerable and stately, one of the most prominent of California pioneers."
- He was married in 1848 at New Orleans, La. to Maria Louisa Pogue (b. 1823 in Illinois and d. 23 April 1854 in Monterey, Cal.). He married, second, Mrs. Helen Rebecca (Frank) Masterson, who died in Pau, France c. 1860 and is now buried in Greenwood Cem., New York City. He married, third, on 22 Oct., 1873, Mrs. Annie Greer (or Green?), a wealthy widow. She died in 1900, before her husband.

Children:

- 1. Maria Louisa Ord, b. 1850, d. infancy.
 - 2. Mary Elizabeth Ord, b. 1850, Monterey, Calif.; d. Oct. 1914 in Englewood, N.J. at the age of 63 "the Sunday evening before the 18th."* She married in 1870, Col. Albert William Preston, son of Willard Tucker and Abigail (Vanderpoel) Preston. He was born in 1843 and grew up in Rochester, N.Y. He died 13 Sept., 1883 in St. Helena, Calif. Mary lived in San Francisco until after he died. Children:
 - 1. Alberta Louise Preston, b. 1871; mar. 1893, Theodore Lewis Peters.
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- 1. Alberta Louise Peters, b. 1894, mar. 1919 to Col. John Clark Moore of Chicago. They resided in Geneva, Switzerland. Mrs. Moore was living at North Point Farm in King William, Va. in 1959. children:
 - 1. John Clark Moore, 1919
 - 2. Albert Preston Moore, 1919
 - 3. David Cresap Moore
 - 2. Ord Preston (called Pacificus Ord Preston in the will of

* October 18th of 1914 was a Sunday, itself. Another source gives 1915 as the year of death, however the age indicates about 1912.

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Pacificus Ord), b. Aug. 15, 1874, St. Helena, Calif. A Yale graduate, he was listed in Who's Who in America. Financier, Director of the Washinton Gas & Light Co., Georgetown Gas Light Co., Union Trust Co., Security Storage Co. of Richmond and Norfolk, Va. Lieut. and Captain Air Service, served in Div. of Military Aeronautics from Jan. 16, 1918 to Jan. of 1919; Maj. Air Service, Signal R.C., Apr. 29, 1919. Treasurer of St. John's Orphanage.

He belonged to the University Club (NY), the Metropolitan, Chevy Chase, Racquet and the Riding and Hunting Club. He resided at 1822 R St., N.W., Washington, D.C.

He married in Cheyenne, Wyoming on June 7, 1902 to Frances Jane Converse. She was born in 1876, the daughter of Amasa Rice Converse of Cheyenne. She died 1 Sept., 1911. He married, second, on 4 Feb. or Dec., 1912 in Washington, D.C., Carolyn Merritt Murray, the daughter of Maj. Gen. Arthur Murray, USA. Carolyn died 30 Apr., 1941. He married, third, on 14 Oct., 1946, Margaret Helen Coe. Ord Preston died on 4 Feb., 1949 in La Jolla, Calif. children by first wife:

1. Frances Swan Preston, b. 23 Mar. 1903, d. 25 June, 1905.
2. Mary Ord Preston, b. 1 May, 1904, New York; she married in 1926 at Lorton, Linton Reynolds Massey. They resided at "Kinlock", Keswick, Va. in 1937.
3. Eleanor Converse Preston, b. 24 Sept., 1907 in Englewood, N.J. She m. Col. Ritchie of Washington, D.C. and was residing in that city in 1959.
4. Helen Andrews Preston, b. 24 Sept., 1907, d. 7 Mar., 1908.

children by second wife:

5. Arthur Murray Preston, b. 1 Nov., 1913 in Washington, D.C. and resided there in 1956. An attorney.
6. Ord Preston, Jr., b. 22 May, 1917 in Washington, D.C.; married, first, Helen C. _____; married, second, 22 Feb., 1941, Marjorie Hope Ellis. They lived in La Jolla in 1954. children by second wife:
 1. Carolyn Murray Preston
 2. Diana Marjorie Preston
 3. Sarah O. Preston

3. Joseph Pacificus Ord, b. 30 Apr., 1852, Monterey, Calif.

He graduated from Yale in 1873 and later became a member of the J.P.Morgan Banking Co. He died 9 Jan., 1913 in New York City. At the All Saints Cathedral Church of Schenectady, N.Y., he was married on Aug. 12, 1866 to Susan Vanderpoel, daughter of Isaac and Susan (Foster) Vanderpoel, b. 12 Aug., 1866 at Albany N.Y. and died July 1940 at New York City. (Isaac Vanderpoel was the State Treasurer. Susan Foster was the daughter of Adams Foster) Child:

1. Susan Vanderpoel Ord, b. 22 Apr., 1909 in New York City; married, 27 Aug., 1939 to Mr. J. W. F. Treadwell, of Aldershot, England, son of Frederick. He was born 14 July, 1901. They resided at Bessboro Farm in Westport, N.Y. in 1959. Children:

1. Thomas Ord Treadwell, b. 11 May, 1942 in London, Eng.
2. Alexander Ferguson Treadwell, b. 25 March, 1945, London, Eng.
4. George Lee Ord, b. 1854, d. in infancy.

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