

Supplina Hamilton – County Commissioner Umatilla County, Oregon 1863

The following pages are copies of original documents provided to us by the Office of County Records of Umatilla County in Pendleton, Oregon. These records were provided to us in June of 2006.

These hand written documents tell of Supplina Hamilton's appointment as County Commissioner of Umatilla County by county Judge J. W. Johnson on May 20th, 1863. Supplina swore his Oath of Office and it was recorded by the County Clerk a week later on May 27th, 1863.

Umatilla County was brand new. It had recently been formed out of a part of Wasco County. Supplina would serve until the first election was held in 1864.

The Office of County Records also sent to us land deeds naming both Supplina and Jane Hamilton in their joint land transactions as husband and wife near Echo, OR in Umatilla County in 1862 and 1866. From these records we know without any doubt that our ancestor Supplina Hamilton was one of the first two County Commissioners appointed to lead Umatilla County, Oregon way back in 1863.

Since the documents are a little difficult to read I'll (Glen Hamilton) attempt a transcription below. I was able to verify the names of D.A. Richards (County Clerk in 1863) and R.H. Baskett (County Clerk in 1864) and Judge J.W. Johnson from Umatilla County histories.

Page 1: (back of folded document?)

Appointment and Oath of Office of Supplina Hamilton County Commissioner / Filed in the Clerks office in Umatilla County This 27th day of May A.D. 1863/ by me D. A. Richards County Clerk of Umatilla Co State of Oregon / and recorded in book of Bonds ?? my hand and the Seal of Umatilla County Oregon. / R. H. Baskett County Clerk

Page 2: Appointment as County Commissioner

Whereas a vacancy has occurred in the office of County Commissioner in and for Umatilla County Oregon and whereas at the last stated meeting of the Co Comis Court no yeoman (?) was present as will appear by the minutes of the Clerk and whereas the only County Commissioner in the County has gone to the gold mines in W.T. (Washington Territory) and it would be impossible to join with any other officer in filling the said vacancy now therefore by virtue of the power in me vested I hereby appoint Supplina Hamilton to be County Commissioner for Umatilla County Oregon to fill the existing vacancy / Dated May 20th 1863 / J. W. Johnson County Judge Umatilla County Oregon

Page 3: Oath of Office

State of Oregon County of Umatilla

I Supplina Hamilton solemnly swear that I will support the constitution of the United States, the constitution and laws of Oregon and will faithfully and diligently perform the duties of county Commissioner of Umatilla County during the period for which I shall hold the office of Commissioner of Umatilla County State of Oregon.

So help me God

Supplina Hamilton

Subscribed and sworn before me at said Umatilla County this 27th day of May A.D. 1863

D A Richards County Clerk

Appointments
and Calling
Office
of Supplena
Hamilton
County
Commissioner.

Filed in the
Clerks office
of Umatilla County
this 27th day of May
A.D. 1869

by me Richard
County Clerk
of Umatilla Co.
State of
Oregon

and recorded in book of
Bonds with my hand
and Seal of Umatilla County
Oregon

R. W. Burtett
County Clerk

Whereas a vacancy has occurred in
the office of County Commissioner in
and for Umatilla County Oregon and
whereas at the last stated meeting of the
Co Comis Court no quorum was present
as will appear by the minutes of the clerk
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to fill the existing vacancy
Dated May 20th 1863

J. W. Johnson
County Judge
Umatilla County
Oregon

State of Oregon
County of Multnomah

I Supplina Hamilton solemnly
swear that I will support the constitution
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and Laws of Oregon and will faithfully
and diligently perform the duties of
County Commissioner of Multnomah
County during the period for which
I shall hold the office of Commissioner
of Multnomah County State of Oregon

To help me God.

Supplina Hamilton

Subscribed and sworn to
before me at said Multnomah County
this 27th day of May A.D. 1863

O. Richards
County Clerk