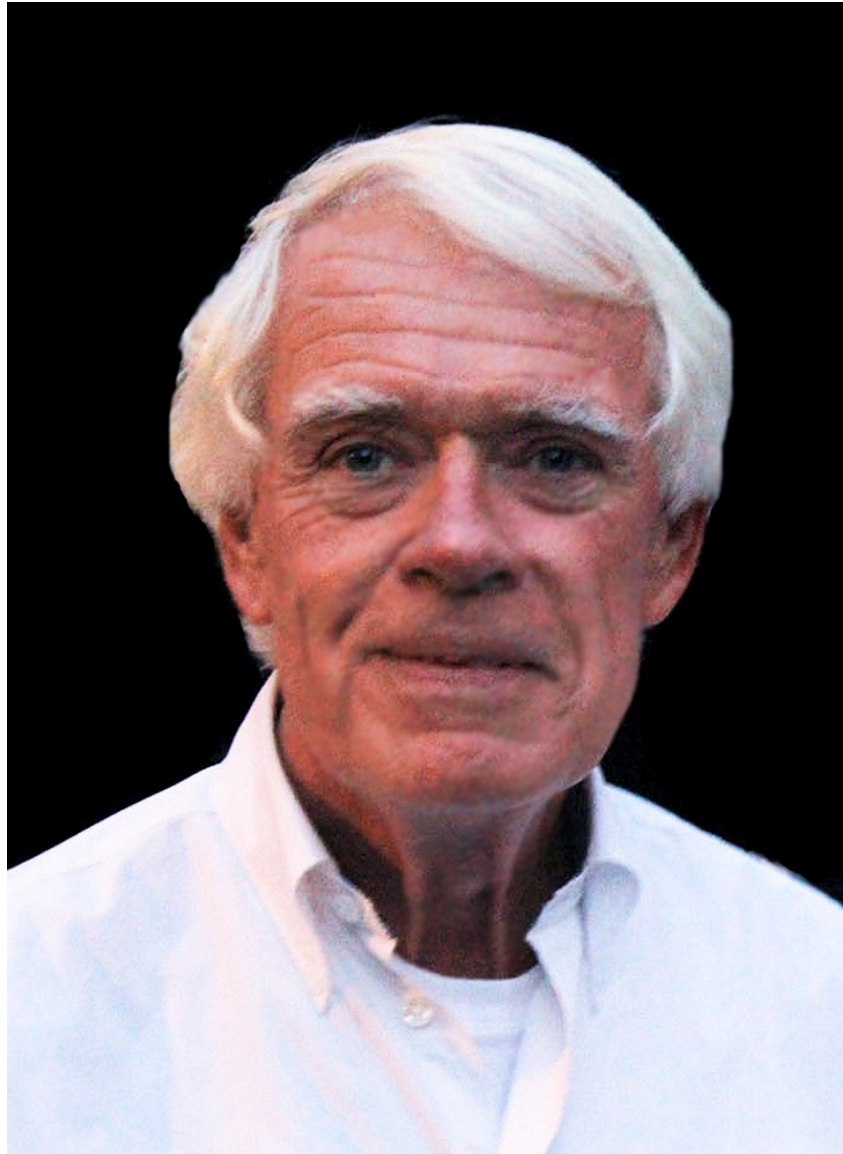


**Meet the Pioneers  
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**The Silent City on the  
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# Dedication

“This book is dedicated to my number one volunteer and partner,  
my wife, Mary.

Also, to all our wonderful volunteers who have made this program so  
popular and successful. My appreciation and gratitude to each of you for  
all that you have done on behalf of the  
Friends of Jacksonville’s Historic Cemetery.

No one could have asked to work with a greater group of people”

**- Dirk**











# **STORIES FROM MEET THE PIONEERS**

Presented by the Friends of Jacksonville's Historic Cemetery  
in October 2006 - 2015 and 2017 - 2019

Living History walking tours through the grounds of the  
Jacksonville, Oregon Pioneer Cemetery - First Burial 1859

Players in period dress and costumes stand at the side of the  
grave and share the history of the early Pioneer families to  
Jacksonville and Southern Oregon's Rogue Valley.

Thirteen years of family stories, events, and activities of the  
day, 1800's to the early 1900's that were shared with  
individual groups of visitors as they strolled from one  
presentation station to the next.

The stories contained in this book are not intended to provide  
or represent the entire history of the family or members of  
that family, rather just the portion that was presented during  
the actual tours. The same is true for the stories of historical  
events and activities that were presented.

In some instances, a minor addition to the written story may  
have been made to help clarify or better explain something  
that was a part of the original presentation.