



Community Newsletter January 2015

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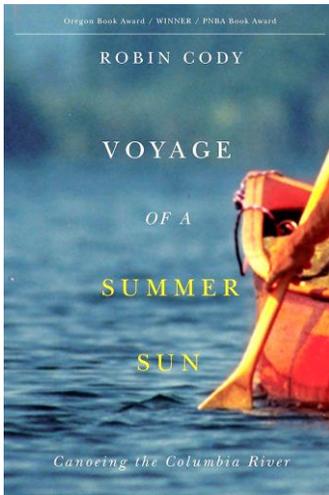
Happy New Year!

7th ANNUAL NORTH PLAINS CRAB FEED Saturday, January 17, 2015



It is here already. The 7th Annual North Plains Crab Feed, Saturday, January 17, 2015. This is a fundraiser for the North Plains Senior Center. Tickets are on sale in advance at the Senior Center or online at www.northplainssc.org. Advance sale prices are \$30 for crab or \$35 for crab and steak. If you wish to wait to purchase your tickets at the door, the prices will be \$35 and \$40. Seating times vary-3:00, 4:30 and 6:00. Raffle baskets will be on hand, and tickets will be available for a chance to win a hand-knit heirloom afghan. There will be silent auction items also, including a guided fishing tour for two. Come and join your neighbors and bring your friends for good food and good music. Beer and wine will also be available.

Evening with an Author Series



Northwest author **Robin Cody** will be in North Plains at 7 p.m. on January 24 to discuss his book, *Voyage of a Summer Sun*, winner of the Oregon Book Award. Also known for *Ricochet River*, Mr. Cody is the first of four Oregon authors featured in the new "An Evening with an Author" series. Offered by the Friends of the North Plains Public Library, these events will take place every

third month and feature a variety of authors and topics.

This series is offered for free, in part through a generous grant from the Cultural Coalition of Washington County.

Refreshments will be served.



Jingle Through North Plains



The annual golf cart parade took place on Thursday, December 4. The winners of this year's contest are:

Best lighted house:

Stephanie Evans at 30748 NW Yorkshire Street (above)

Most likely to be seen from space:

Tom & Sue Hauth at 31755 NW Lenox Street

Best street spirit: Lenox Street

Best parade entry: King Family

Christmas Tree Recycling

North Plains Boy Scout Troop 275 will be accepting undecorated Christmas trees for recycling on Saturday, January 3 and January 10 at the Chevron Station (Glencoe at Highland).

The troop has openings for more boys, ages 11-17, who want to learn about being leaders while enjoying the outdoors.



YOU HAVE OPTIONS

There are options available to avoid incurring late fees on your water bill. You can pay on-line at www.northplains.org. Look for the red icon on the home page.



The process is simple. Convenience fees do apply.

You can also walk your payment into City Hall during our business hours. We love to see your smiling faces.

If you can't make it to City Hall during open hours, we have a secure drop box affixed to the door on the north side of the building facing Commercial Street. You can drop your check off anytime night or day. Cash cannot be accepted in the drop box.

Another option is to set up an automatic payment plan through your bank. Just stop by City Hall to fill out an application and provide a voided check and we can set that up for you.

You can also mail in your payment using the return envelope that comes enclosed with your bill.

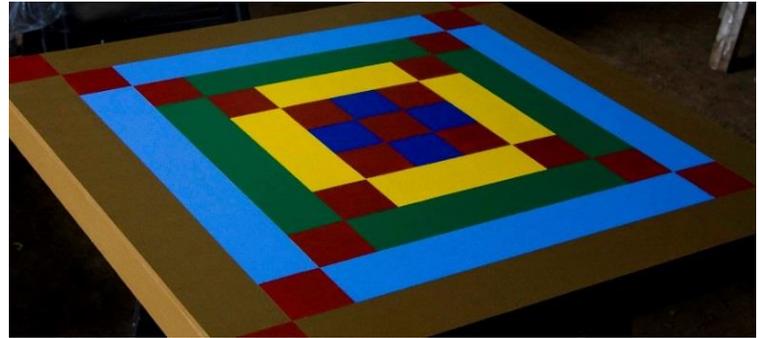
"ACTING WITH MO"

It's nearly March, and that means it is time for Acting With Mo! Come and join the fun this year! Children ages 5-12 are welcome to come and learn acting techniques during 8 weeks of classes with a performance at the end of this course. We can use up to 20 children to perform two one-act plays written by either Mo or Julia Richards. Julia is a new addition to the teaching of these classes with over 25 years of acting experience!

Classes will be on Mondays from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. at Jessie Mays Community Hall, with the final performance on the last day at 5:00 p.m. To sign up your child, call Mo at 503 447-1263 or email her at mhicks713@yahoo.com.

This class is open to all kids for free, and no experience is needed.

Quilt Barn Trail of Washington County



This quilt block will be displayed on Jessie Mays Community



The Westside Quilters Guild, with the help of a grant from the Washington County Cultural Coalition, is sponsoring a project to provide a

quilt barn trail in Washington County. This is a public art project to display quilt designs on large buildings such as barns or halls. This is a means of celebrating Washington County's agricultural roots, its quilting heritage and supplying unexpected art in our rural areas. A brightly painted "quilt block" on plywood is affixed to a barn and becomes a part of this attraction. This designated trail will be published by the Westside Quilters. This type of trail has been proven popular and will attract tourists to Washington County.

The North Plains City Council has approved including Jessie Mays Community Hall as a part of this project. The space on the north wall of Jessie Mays Community Hall has been identified as an ideal spot for the quilt.

A quilt block has been designed which will honor Veronica (Roni) Andrews, a member of the Guild, who recently passed away. Mrs. Andrews was also very active in the North Plains community as a volunteer.



DID YOU KNOW?...



Did you know that North Plains' residents can drop off wood and yard debris at Nature's Needs/Recology at no cost year round? You only need to present your ID to prove residency.



Jessie Mays Park Conceptual Plan Evolving

The North Plains Parks Board has been working with a consultant on possible improvements to the Jessie Mays Community Hall and Jessie Mays Community Park. To view the final report for the conceptual plan, visit the City website: www.northplains.org. The next step for this project is for Council to accept the report and for the Parks Board to determine the process for implementing the concept. The conceptual plan was developed by Woofter Architecture and includes expanding the size of the building, creating an entrance from Hillcrest, creating a performance space, adding parking, and changing the location of ball courts. The next meeting of the Parks Board is January 7, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the North Plains Senior Center.

preliminary conceptual design

site plan



CITY OF NORTH PLAINS - JESSIE MAYS COMMUNITY HALL + PARK
Facility Needs Assessment + Preliminary Conceptual Design

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woofter architecture
Final Report - December 12, 2014

Police News



Chief Snyder, Officer Petersen and Sarah Baker

Hood to Coast

Good news! After having a successful completion of our North Plains Police Hood to Coast Race we have decided to run again!

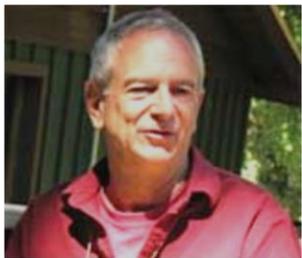
North Plains Police will again raise \$10,000 for Providence Medical Center Cancer Research. Chief Snyder intends to extend the number of teams this year with even more emphasis on raising funds for medical research. If you wish to donate, you can do so at North Plains City Hall.



Donated Dodge Pickup

The City of North Plains and the North Plains Police Department want to acknowledge Crook County for donating a 2000 Dodge pickup to the department. The truck was recently placed in service after an equipment update. The Department realized it needed a four-wheel drive vehicle when, during last winter, our officers were having a hard time driving in the snow. (Both of our Chevrolet Tahoes are two-wheel drive pursuit-rated vehicles.) During inclement weather, police need to be able to respond to calls in the city. Officers can also use the truck for some of our training exercises, as at times we need to train in areas that are difficult to access in two wheel drive vehicles. North Plains donated two older model Motorola computers to Crook County.

LIBRARY NEWS



An Evening with an Author – Robin Cody. The Friends of the North Plains Public Library will host the first event of its "An Evening with an Author" series on **Saturday, January 24** beginning at 7 p.m. at the Library. Oregon author Robin Cody has been invited to launch this new program. His published works include both fiction and non-fiction books.

Cody was born in St. Helens. His family moved to Estacada when he was five and remained there for nearly 50 years. Cody graduated from Yale University, taught in the American School of Paris, France, and was the Dean of Admissions for Reed College. In 1984, he became a writer with *The Oregonian*. One of his stories won the Western Writers of America Silver Spur Award for short non-fiction in 1986. Cody later joined the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) as a freelance writer. It was during an assignment for BPA that he was inspired to canoe the length of the Columbia River from its source to its mouth. The 82-day trip gave birth to his book, Voyage of a Summer Sun, which won the Oregon Book Award in 1995.

Ricochet River, Cody's second book, was first published in 1992. It deals with the lives of three high school students in the fictional small town of Calamus, Oregon in the 1960s. Ricochet River was one of one hundred works chosen by the Oregon Cultural Heritage Commission "as exemplifying Oregon's rich literary heritage from the years 1800 to 2000." The book was made into a 1998 film starring Kate Hudson.

Cody now conducts seminars and workshops in the Portland area, mostly about nature-writing. He will be speaking about his works, particularly Voyage of a Summer Sun, followed by a "question and answer" period and book signing. This free program is open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Knights of Pythias

E-books Donation. Many thanks to the members of the North Plains Knights of Pythias Glencoe Lodge No. 22 for their generous donation to the Library in support of our e-reader program. The Knights previously purchased a Nook



and a Kindle for public checkout. Each was loaded with approximately 25 titles in fiction and non-fiction for adults, teens, and children. This month, the Knights funded the purchase of ten more unique bestseller titles for each device. The Library's e-readers check out for three weeks, and staff are available to introduce the devices to those who have yet to enjoy reading books through this new technology.

New Raffle Quilt! Many thanks to Westside Quilters Guild members for their generous donation of this colorful quilt for the Library to raffle as a fundraiser. Tickets are now on sale and will be sold throughout the coming year until the winning ticket is drawn at the annual Elephant Garlic Festival in August. Each ticket is \$1, or 6 tickets will be issued for \$5. This beautiful quilt utilizes a non-traditional pinwheel design.



Rather than incorporating traditional half-square triangles, each of the four arms of every pinwheel in this quilt is in the shape of a trapezoid. Each block features a different, brightly colored pinwheel on a white patterned background, and the entire piece is machine-quilted. It measures six feet square. This quilt will be on display over the Checkout Desk during January and displayed elsewhere in the Library thereafter.

First Friday Flick – Join us on the first Friday of each month at the Jessie Mays Community Hall at 6 p.m. for a FREE movie showing. On **Friday, January 2**, come sing along to the tunes of the newest Disney movie release. Inspired by the Hans Christian Andersen story of the Snow Queen, the songs in this movie involve a princess who turns everything to ice.

Storytimes. Children ages 0-6 are invited to participate every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in the children's section of the Library.

- **January 7** Storytime with Miss Marion: Trolls, Gnomes, and Tomtar
- **January 14** Storytime with Youth Librarian Jackie: Dinosaurs
- **January 21** Special Guest Storytime: Pedrita, the Amazing Bearded Dragon
- **January 28** Storytime with Teacher Barbara: Wolves

Writers' Group. Share your writing projects and receive feedback from peers on **Thursday, January 8** at 6:30 p.m.

New members are welcome to join. (This is not a teacher/trainer-led class.)

Art Exhibit. The art exhibit in **January and February** will feature abstract paintings by Hillsboro artist Jeff Jurrens. A reception will be held in his honor on **Friday, January 9, 2015** from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Library, and the public is invited to attend this free event. Refreshments will be served.

Jurrens' abstract expressionist paintings are large, geometric, textured, and colorful. He has been painting since retiring from the Hillsboro Fire Department in 2005, inspired by a lifelong appreciation of art and influenced by New York's abstract expressionism movement of the 1950s.

Super Saturday – Graphic Novel Workshop. Darren Davis of Bluewater Productions will be demonstrating and teaching how to draw comics beginning at 1:00 p.m. on **Saturday, January 10** at the Jessie Mays Community Hall. All ages are welcome to attend this free event.

LEGO Palooza! The Library's first LEGO Palooza day in November was such a huge success - *135 participants!* - that we want to offer it again. Come to Jessie Mays Community Hall on the holiday, **Monday, January 19**, and use your imagination to make fantastic LEGO creations.

Drop in between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Kids, teens, and adults are welcome. We will provide the LEGOs (for ages 6 and up) and DUPLOs (for ages 3 and up), so please leave yours at home and ours at Jessie Mays!



FRIENDS
OF NORTH PLAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Friends of the Library.

There will be a general meeting of the Friends on **Monday, January 12** at the Library from 7:30-9 p.m. New members are welcome to attend.

Holiday Closure.

The Library will be closed all day on **Monday, January 19** for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Library Book Club. Come enjoy our annual Book Club Potluck Dinner at the Library on **Thursday, January 29 beginning at 6:00 p.m.** This is when the book choices are finalized for 2015, and it is a perfect time to join our group and participate in the selections. If you are interested, please contact the Library at 503-647-5051 and give us your name and email. We will be in touch with all the details for the potluck and book choosing process.

Community Vision Process Starts Next Year!

City Council recently retained Cogan, Owens & Greene to assist with the development of a community vision over the next 9 months. As the Planning Commission considered changes to the Comprehensive Plan, it realized that the document needs significant changes, and defining a clear vision of the future should be the first step. It's been almost 20 years since the Comprehensive Plan vision statement was updated, and obviously a lot of things have changed in North Plains.

A steering committee comprised of residents will work closely with the consultant and staff to develop outreach materials, surveys, and to organize two community workshops. The meetings of the steering committee will be open to the public, and anyone may attend. The schedule will be established shortly.

Information about the Comprehensive Plan update process is available at <http://cityofnp.org/index.php/publications/comprehensive-plan-update/>

The Comprehensive Plan will be redrafted after the vision process is complete.



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Pizzas are 16” in diameter

~Kobe Beef Pizza~

A zesty red garlic sauce, topped with mozzarella, a full pound of crumbled Kobe Beef, mushrooms, fresh sliced tomatoes, black olives, and red onion.

\$24.00

~Tropical Hawaiian~

A zesty red garlic sauce, topped with a three cheese blend, finely chopped chunks of black forest ham, pineapple, crumbled applewood smoked bacon, red onion, and finished with a teriyaki BBQ drizzle.

\$21.00

~Ultimate Supreme~

A zesty red garlic sauce topped with three cheese blend, crumbled applewood smoked bacon, Genoa salami, pepperoni, mushrooms, bell peppers, red onion, and black olives

\$26.00

~Rogue Greek~

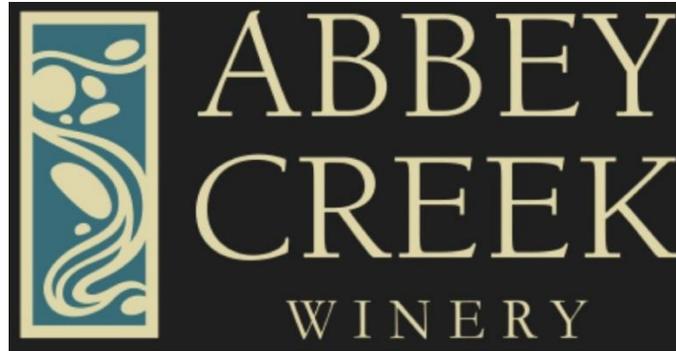
A pesto garlic sauce topped with feta cheese crumbles, sun dried tomatoes, marinated artichoke hearts, black olives, and a generous amount of grilled chicken breast.

\$24.00

Our Handmade Pizzas are made fresh to order with love and may take some time to make.

Live Music in January at the Rogue Brew Pub

January 02-Friday	Lesser Three Band	January 03-Saturday	Responsible Party
January 09-Friday	Acoustic	January 10-Saturday	Strawberry Roan
January 16-Friday	Rogue River Band	January 17-Saturday	Norman Sylvester Band
January 19-Monday	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday	Enjoy the holiday at the Rogue with your friends	
January 23-Friday	Lloyd Jones Trio	January 24-Saturday	“Tough” Love Pyle
January 30-Friday	Wild Soul Alternative Rock	January 31-Saturday	The Legendary Jon Koonce



Presents...

An Artist Spotlight & Wine and Food Festivals

Join us January 16th, 2015 from 6-9 pm for Art Night @ The Crick!

We will be starting off the New Year with
fresh photos from the Portlander Physician, Tula Top.

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<http://www.tulatopphotography.com/>

Customary tasting flights and wine by the glass and bottle will be available.

Come see Abbey Creek at the annual **ChocolateFest** January 23-25th 2015 at the Oregon Convention Center. Explore over 50 exotic chocolatiers along with local wineries. ChocolateFest promises you the opportunity to sample, taste, savor, and delight in some of the finest chocolate from the Northwest and beyond!

<http://chocolatefest.org>

The following weekend (January 30-31st) sip Oregon Wines and enjoy fresh coastal seafood and other culinary delights at the Tenth Annual **Portland Seafood and Wine Festival!**

This annual Portland Tradition, smack dab in the middle of Dungeness crab season, promises to be an event you will love and look forward to each and every year!

<http://www.pdxseafoodandwinefestival.com>

For more info about this or any upcoming events please call or email at
503-389-0619 or info@abbeycreekvineyard.com
31441 NW Commercial in North Plains

News and Views from the Senior Center

PAINTING CLASS OFFERED



Pop and Paint night at the North Plains Senior Center, Wednesday, January 21 from 6:30 – 8:30. “Crater Lake” will be the picture being painted. \$37.00 is the cost of the class. Snacks and drinks

will be served. Register at www.popandpaint.com.

DONATIONS WELCOME

We are still here for any last-minute donations for the year’s end. You can make donations through Paypal online in any denomination. You may also drop off a check or cash at the Senior Center.

MEAL TICKETS

We are selling meal tickets at the center for congregate meals. The tickets are \$30 for 10 meals. This would make a great gift for a special loved one in your life.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to drive and deliver Meals on Wheels meals to seniors who are homebound. Hours for delivery are 10:30 to 1:00, and you would drive the Senior Center van. If you can help us, we can accommodate your schedule. Contact the Senior Center at 503-647-5666, or come in and talk to us.

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chances on a hand-knitted heirloom afghan. There will be good food and good music. Beer and wine will also be available. Purchase tickets online at

www.northplainssc.org

January 2015 Calendar

See community events at NPfun.org

- 1/02 First Friday Flick** 6 p.m. at Jessie Mays Community Hall, 30975 NW Hillcrest Street
- 1/03 Christmas Tree Recycling** by Scout Troup 275 at the Chevron Station
- 1/05 City Council Meeting** 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
- 1/07 Storytime** 11:30 a.m. at the North Plains Public Library, 31334 NW Commercial Street.
- 1/07 Parks Board** 6 p.m. North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
- 1/08 Food Pantry** 5 p.m. at 31311 Commercial Street
- 1/08 Writer’s Group** 6:30 p.m. at the Library
- 1/10 Christmas Tree Recycling** by Scout Troup 275 at the Chevron Station.
- 1/10 Super Saturday** 1 p.m. at Jessie Mays
- 1/12 Friends of the Library** 7:30 p.m. at the Library
- 1/14 Storytime** 11:30 a.m. at the Library.
- 1/14 Planning Commission** 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
- 1/17 Crab Feed** 3, 4:30 and 6 p.m. at Jessie Mays Hall
- 1/19 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** City Offices and Library Closed
- 1/20 City Council Meeting (Tuesday)** 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
- 1/21 Storytime** 11:30 a.m. at the Library.
- 1/21 Pop and Paint** 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- 1/23 Food Pantry** 5 p.m. at 31311 Commercial Street.
- 1/24 Evening with an Author** 7 p.m. at the Library.
- 1/28 Storytime** 11:30 a.m. at the Library.
- 1/28 Parks Board** 6 p. m. North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
- 1/29 Library Book Club** 6 p.m. potluck at the Library.



Those were the good old days...



Uncle John's Cabin

By Melvin VanDomelen—
Mountaindale, Oregon

My Great Grandfather on my Mother's side was Herman Harms who came to the Oregon Territory around 1850. Herman married here and had nine children; one was my grandmother Mahala. Herman was killed by being drug to death by a team of run-away horses on June 1, 1882. We often refer to this as being the first drug death in our family.

Mahala Harms married James Corey, and one of their children was my Mother, Pearl. Mother inherited the buildings and 60 acres of the Corey farm when she was still a teenager. Pearl married Jacob VanDomelen. During the 1920s and 1930s one of my Grandmother's brothers, John Harms, and his sister Olive Harms, were living on the farm along with my mother and father and their children.

One point I'd like to make is that if someone needed help in the older days, somebody in the family would usually provide it. The only alternative would be to send them to the County Poor Farm, which was then located on Zion Church Road. I do remember the building there.

There were no retirement homes or assisted living care facilities that today seem to be everywhere. These places barely existed before the 1980's.

The Columbus Day windstorm of October 12, 1962 flattened a large machine shed on our farm. My father and I worked for two weeks to salvage the contents. While we worked, my father told me stories all of the time. It was a blessing of sorts because I learned a lot I'd never heard before. Dad told me this story about Uncle John.

John Harms never married. He had no place to go when he got older so he built a crude cabin along the edge of Dairy Creek on my parent's farm. The water in Dairy Creek was safe to drink in those days. John quietly lived down by the creek. Some of my older cousins told of taking food to Uncle John from time to time.

My father said it had been snowing, and he and the hired man went out early to milk the cows as they always did. He told me the dog was making a fuss and barking out in the dark. Dad said he got a lantern, went out and found Uncle John jammed up against the cow corral fence. Poor John was covered with snow, half dead, and out of his mind.

Uncle John had suffered a stroke and had been trying to get to my parents' house for help. After daylight my father went out into the fields and was able to follow John's tracks because of the snow. The old guy had been wandering and flopping all over the farm that night. My father said he always regretted that no one knew John had needed help. It really bothered him.



Uncle John lived for another year or so, but his mind was gone. He ended up being institutionalized in Salem. This photo is of the brothers, William Harms and John Harms. Uncle John is the shorter one.

Awhile after Uncle John was gone, his cabin was moved up to our barnyard. My father enlarged it

and made a small shop in there. When we butchered we used the cabin for cutting up the meat. Olive Harms, my Grandmother's sister, was living with my parents. We called her "Aunt Dolly," and she helped care for me until she died when I was six. I remember Aunt Dolly out in the cabin stuffing sausage and rendering the lard. They would make a balloon for me to play with out of a pig's bladder. Think about that.

There was a low area on our farm that usually flooded. We called this place "The Bottom." One year when the water was high in The Bottom, my cousin Herbert Corey and I spent an afternoon poling around on a raft, having fun and getting wet.

We didn't want to send Herbert home with wet clothes, so we decided to build a fire in Uncle John's cabin in the barnyard. There was trouble getting the fire started. We knew a little gasoline would help. Big mistake. The fumes exploded, the gas can spilled, and flames were clear up to the roof of the building. Herbert and I ran out with nothing more than singed hair and eyebrows.

In the barnyard there were some pieces of wet canvas. We both took pieces of this canvas and went back in swinging. It was a battle for a short time, but we beat

that fire out. Herbert had to go home with wet overalls anyway—smoky and wet.

The cabin stood there for years and years and seemed to collect things. Time took its toll and it settled into the ground. The roof gave out under a snow load in 1991. A tree grew through where the roof had been. Sometime later, what remained was torn down and burned.

I never knew Uncle John myself, but his cabin was part of my life for over 65 years. I did get this picture of the cabin before it was dismantled.

Uncle John Harms, a bachelor- 1857-1925.



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