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History

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Emigrants choosing the Barlow Road route around Mount Hood traveled south from The Dalles to Dufur on Fremont's Trail to California. Then called Fifteen Mile Creek, Dufur provided both good water and good camping.

Dufur's main street is the Barlow Road. There is a historical marker on Fifteen Mile Creek, as well as Oregon Trail exhibits at the Dufur Historical Museum.

In 1872, Andrew and Burnham Dufur bought a farm where Dufur is now situated. The two men were members of a Wasco County pioneer family that came from New England in 1859. Although they were not the first inhabitants of this location, the little town was named in their honor.

According to the 1910 Polk City Directory (page 125), Dufur "is in the central part of Wasco County, fifteen miles south of The Dalles. Incorporated as a city in 1894, now contains Methodist and United Brethren churches, a bank, a school, two hotels, and various secret organizations. Population 700. It is the terminus of the Great Southern Railroad and is also connected with The Dalles by an auto stage making two trips daily. The surrounding lands are of extreme fertility, the soil being especially adapted to the cultivation of wheat. Long distance telephone. Mail, daily."

If anyone has more information about Dufur or about the Dufur family, please contact the webmaster.



An old cabin at the Dufur Historical Society Museum in Dufur
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