

# The Judge George Bagley Collection

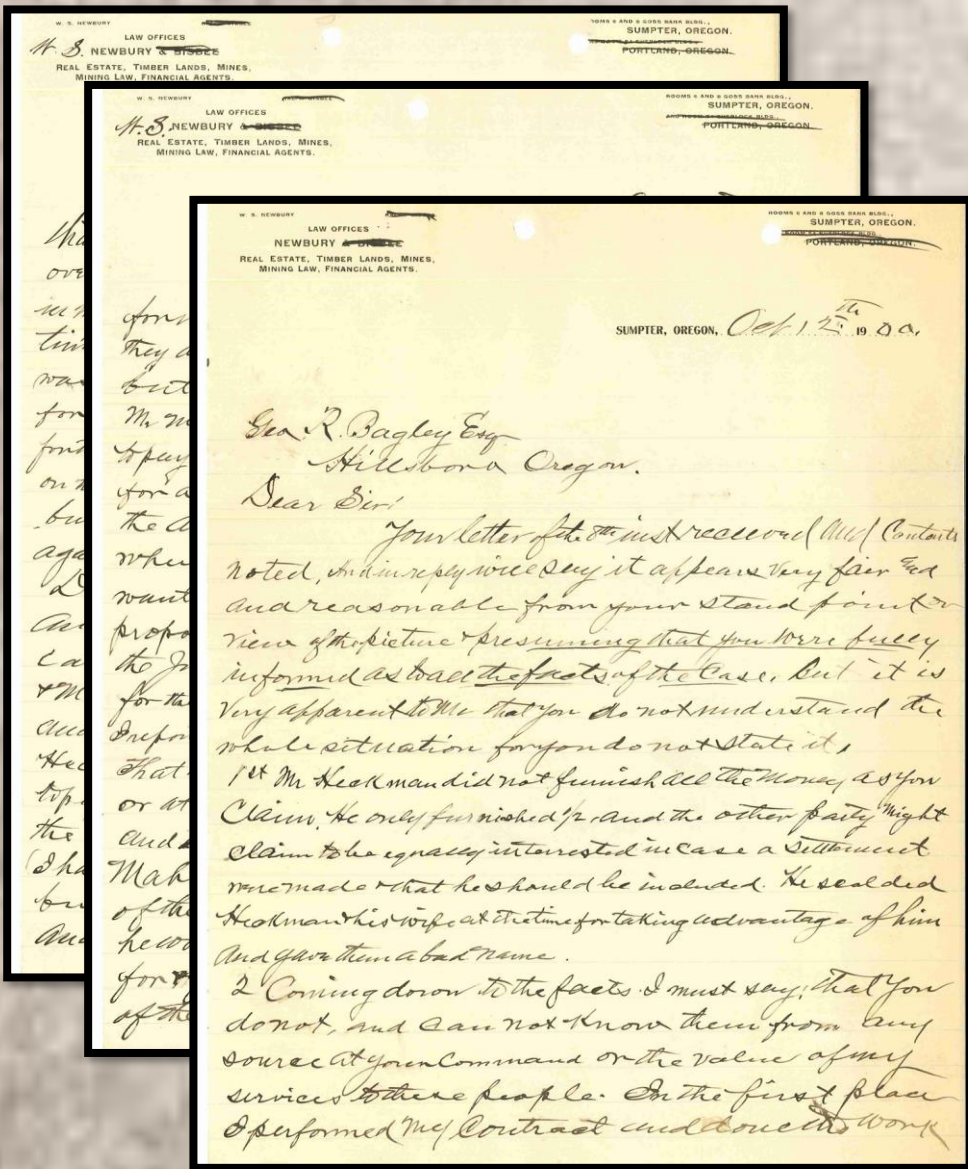


Judge George Bagley

## The Problem:

In 1986, Judge George Bagley's descendants donated over 40 boxes of material. Aside from being minimally processed into folders and boxes the collection has remained untouched until they were rediscovered by current Curator, Liza Schade, in 2015 and an effort was undertaken to begin digitizing the collection. The material in the collection is from the 40 years Judge Bagley worked as a lawyer and Circuit Court Judge in Washington County, Oregon.

Judge Bagley was the company lawyer for the Oregon Condensed Milk Company which later became part of the Carnation Milk Plant. He also helped start the railroad to Tillamook, now know as the Port of Tillamook Bay Railroad.



## The Solution:

The goal is to digitize as much of collection as possible. This means scanning each item in a folder, creating an Object ID record and connecting the image to the record using PastPerfect5. Transcription is the most time consuming part of this process as the contents of each letter is included in the description of the item. Above is an example of some of the handwriting encountered, this was from an eleven page paper that all had to be transcribed into the record.



Judge George Bagley, above and in his office at right. Photo on far right is from a case.

## The Results:

This was an eye opening project. After two months, working ten to twelve hours a week, I have processed four folders containing more than 400 items. There are about 25 more folders in the first box. Curator Schade and I have agreed that next steps include searching for a grant to finish this project. I am researching having the collection scanned by an imaging company which saves time that can be used for creating Object ID records and transcription.