Overview of the Collection

**Title**
Oregon Central Military Road Map

**Dates**
1865 (inclusive)
1865

**Quantity**
0.01 cubic foot, (1 oversize box)

**Collection Number**
MAPS MilitaryRoad

**Summary**
The Oregon Central Military Road Map depicts a portion of the Oregon Central Military Road as surveyed in July-September, 1865. The Oregon Central Military Road was constructed and maintained by the Oregon Central Military Wagon Road Company that was incorporated in Eugene, Oregon, in 1864.

**Repository**
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**Access Restrictions**
Collection is open for research.

**Languages**
English

Historical Note
The Oregon Central Military Wagon Road was built by a private corporation, the Oregon Central Military Road Company (Eugene, Oregon) through federal land grants to the State of Oregon for the purpose of constructing a military wagon road from Eugene, Oregon, to Boise, Idaho. Initial surveying and construction began in 1864, however, most of the surveying for the road was conducted in the summer of 1865.

Content Description
The Oregon Central Military Road Map depicts a portion of the Oregon Central Military Road as surveyed in July-September 1865. The hand-drawn manuscript map depicts the daily progress of the survey party, which was accompanied by a U.S. Army cavalry escort. Major geographic and natural features along the route are shown on the map, including the Middle Fork of the Willamette, Deschutes, and Williamson Rivers; Klamath Marsh, Fort Klamath, Klamath Lake, and Lower Klamath Lake; the Lakes Basin including Goose, Summer, and Abert Lakes; and Diamond Peak, Beatys Butte, and Steens Mountain. The route of the wagon road crossed through the Klamath Reservation. The map
has an approximate scale of 1 inch = 15 miles or about 1:1,000,000. The map is approximately 17 x 22 inches and is backed with linen.

The creator of the map is not identified.

Use of the Collection

Preferred Citation

Oregon Central Military Road Map (MAPS MilitaryRoad), Oregon State University Special Collections & Archives Research Center, Corvallis, Oregon.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This map was transferred from the Oregon State University Libraries’ map collection to the Special Collections & Archives Research Center in 2014.

Related Materials

The Oregon State University Libraries’ microfilm collections include a Report of the Recent Surveys and Progress of Construction of the Oregon Central Military Road, which includes a day-by-day report of the 1865 survey. An historical overview of the road, Oregon Central Military Wagon Road, A History and Reconnaissance, was prepared by Stephen Dow Beckham for the Willamette National Forest. The Oregon Central Military Road Company Records are available at the Oregon Historical Society. Survey plat maps for this region of Oregon are part of the Central and Eastern Oregon Township Plats in the OSU Special Collections & Archives Research Center.

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms:
Military roads--Oregon.
Roads--Oregon.

Corporate Names:
Oregon Central Military Road Company (Eugene, Or.)

Geographical Names:
Klamath Basin (Or.)--Maps.
Klamath Indian Reservation (Or.)--Maps.
Oregon Central Military Wagon Road.

Form or Genre Terms:
Manuscript maps.
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