

History of a Place Called Rescue

Carpenter

Merritt Aquila Hunter was born in 1819 in Scotland. "Doc" Hunter was a physician, teacher, assayer, newspaper editor, postmaster, and storekeeper. His wife was Mary (Harkness) (Carpenter) Hunter. Mary (by a previous marriage) had a son, William H. Carpenter, and at least two daughters: Myra (Carpenter) Hoyt, and Mina (Carpenter) Fox.

All we know about how the Hunter's journeyed west is that they traveled by boat via Panama.



In 1879, William Carpenter married Mary J. Turnboo. They had seven children: George, Mina, Merritt, Maurice, Hazel, Robert, and Helen. *For more information about Mary Turnboo, go to the Watkins family, page 318.*

A small building was constructed next to the old Kelley Creek Store to serve as a store, house, and hopefully the new Rescue Post Office early in the 1890s. It has been remodeled several times,



Carpenter Family Collection

William H. Carpenter in 1870, at about age 16.

Carpenter Family Tree

