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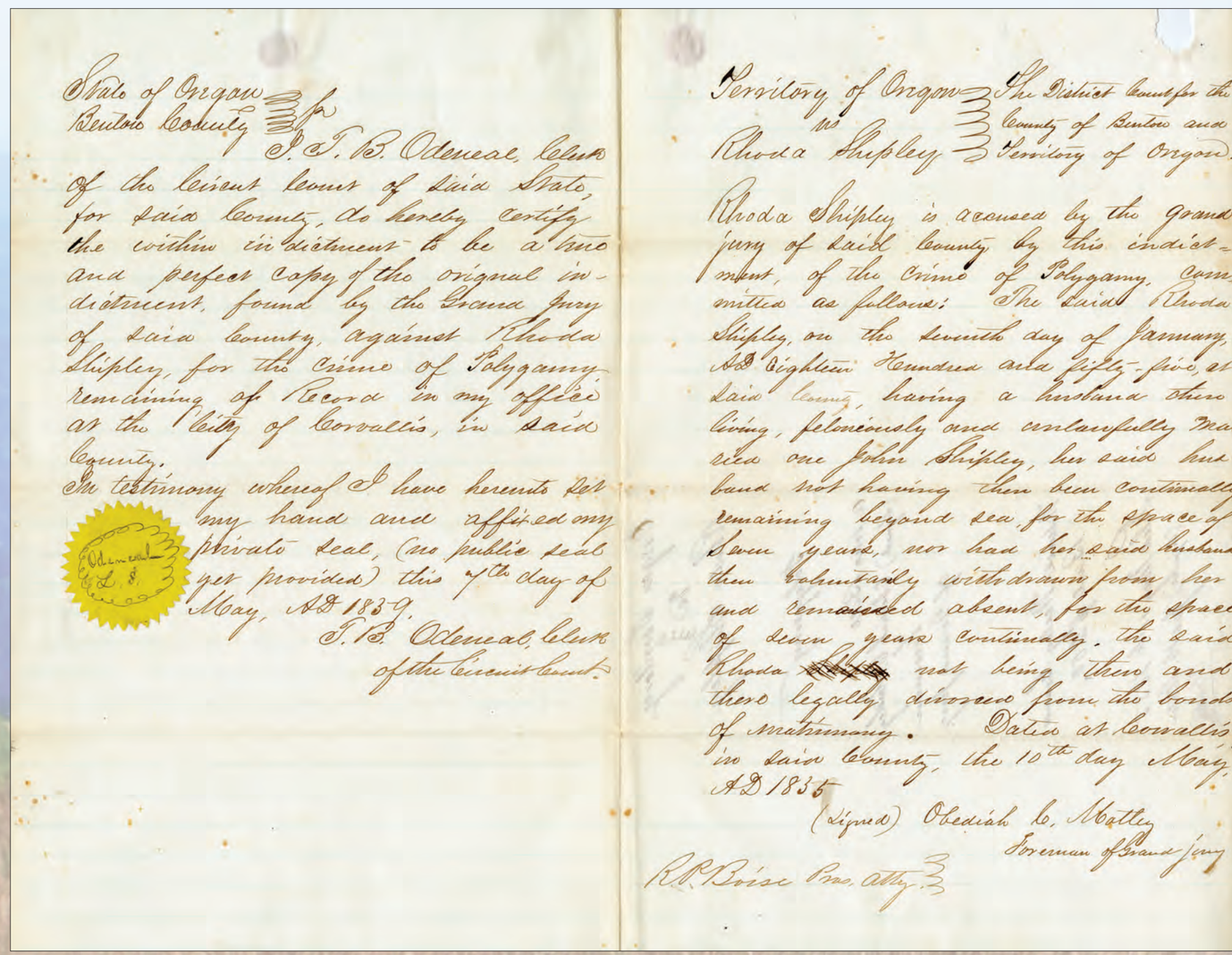
## Divorce and Polygamy charges against Rhoda Shipley



State of Oregon }
Benton County } ss

I, T. B. Odeneal, Clerk of the Circuit Court of said State, for said County, do hereby certify the within indictment to be a true and perfect copy of the original indictment, found by the Grand Jury of said County, against Rhoda Shipley, for the crime of Polygamy remaining of Record in my office at the City of Corvallis, in said County.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my private seal, (no public seal yet provided) this 7th day of May, AD 1859.

Odeneal C.C.S.

T. B. Odeneal, Clerk of the Circuit Court.

Territory of Oregon }
vs }
Rhoda Shipley }

The District Court for the County of Benton and Territory of Oregon.

Rhoda Shipley is accused by the grand jury of said County by this indictment, of the crime of Polygamy, committed as follows: The said Rhoda Shipley, on the twenty day of January, AD Eighteen Hundred and fifty-five at said County, having a husband then living, feloniously and unlawfully married one John Shipley, her said husband not having then been continually remaining beyond sea, for the space of Seven years, nor had her said husband then voluntarily withdrawn from her and remained absent, for the space of Seven years continually, the said Rhoda ~~Ship~~ not being then and there legally divorced from the bonds of matrimony. Dated at Corvallis in said County, the 10th day May, AD 1855

(Signed) Obediah C. Motley
Foreman of Grand Jury

R. P. Boise Pro. Atty.

Oregon Territory }
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Polygamy

A True Bill
(Signed) Obediah C. Motley
Foreman
of Grand Jury.

Witness:- Wesley Graves
Bail $200.

Filed May 11th 1855
(Signed) Jas. H. Slater
Clerk

Benton County Divorce Case #27, Territory of Oregon, Oregon State Archives

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