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My father, Loren Pankratz, gave me this set of postcards in November, 2018. The postcards were collected by my Grandmother, Anna Otelia Lind Pankratz. Grandma was born on November 6, 1906, on a homestead near Boring, Oregon, and passed away on August 13, 2005.

The numbered cards by Wesley Andrews are a fabulous visual tour around our beloved Oregon. There is also one unique card of the Oregon State Insane Asylum. This card doesn't necessarily belong with the set but has significant meaning for our personal family history and is an important part our Oregonian roots. Therefore, I've put them all together and had my Dad write me a narrative about the Asylum. Previously unheard stories have come to light!

The Wesley Andrews photographic postcard collection, is from circa 1920-1940. Charles Wesley Andrews was born December 10, 1875 in Aurora, Ontario, Canada. He set up his first studio at Baker, Oregon in 1904. He captured many early Oregon views and was perhaps best known for his perfectly framed shots of the beautiful Oregon Coast. In the 1920s, Wesley Andrews moved his production studios to Portland. Eventually, the business was sold to Herb Goldsmith. Andrews died in Portland on December 22, 1950.

These cards have not been mailed or written on and are in very good condition. In this book, each card in an archival-quality plastic sleeve so that you can see each side and they will be protected. To me the postcards are priceless. However, a superficial survey to see their current value shows they are worth \$5 to \$10 each. Since they don't have a postmark date it is hard to know their age but many are marked as needing a one-cent stamp which was (basically-except for two short periods) the postcard rate until July, 1928. But we don't know when Grandma actually collected the cards.

Enjoy the Oregon scenery!

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