

OLD TIMER IN CITY

Makes First Trip Here After Being Away for Eight Years.

John Reid, who left here about eight years ago to make his home among the green fields of Virginia, arrived in the city last Friday evening to take a look at the old surroundings, and to shake the hands of his many old time friends.

Mr. Reid, as will be remembered, came to this section in the year 1886, when the conditions of this country were such that nothing but hardships could be enjoyed, but he came west to cast his lot and fully realized that it meant a lot of bumps if his purpose was accomplished.

He settled on land where Courtenay now stands, long before a railroad was ever thought of and while his friends back east were enjoying pleasures of life, he was struggling along out here in a wild country, enjoying the opposite. Every foot of the ground where the beautiful city of Courtenay now stands, has been plowed time and again by Mr. Reid, and some of the big crops which has been known to grow in this country, were raised right where we are all making our home.

Mr. Reid, without a doubt, can tell more about the early days of this country than any other living man, and it is interesting to sit and listen to him relate some of the early history. The land used by the Soo road, was purchased from him and he enjoyed the distinction for a number of years of traveling at the company's expense.

About eight years ago he disposed of most of his large holdings here and with his family, moved to near Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, where he purchased a farm, which today is one of the most comfortable farm homes to be found.

Mr. Reid is a well versed man, and it is a pleasure to have an opportunity of listening to one of his ability. He expects to start on his way home in a few days after a most pleasant time spent with his old associates, all of whom have been pleased to have a chance of talking to one who suffered hardships along with them in the early days.