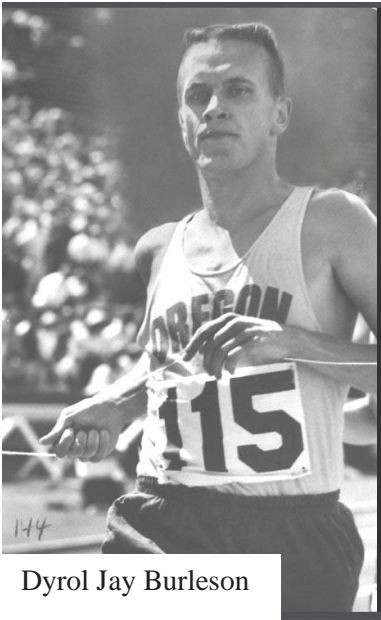


# Cousining,

## in Carlsbad, Eddy Co, NM

On an excursion designed to collect materials on Burleson kin in Eddy County, New Mexico, 28 Burleson relatives met me in Carlsbad. One of them was Betty Bass a talented genealogist and descendent of Edward David Burleson and Alice Dora Dancer. Edward David Burleson and family migrated from Lampasas, Texas to settle the "Burleson Seep" in what was then called Eddy. Following the very successful collection of Burleson materials, Betty told me that some of the decedents of this family had moved on to Oregon.



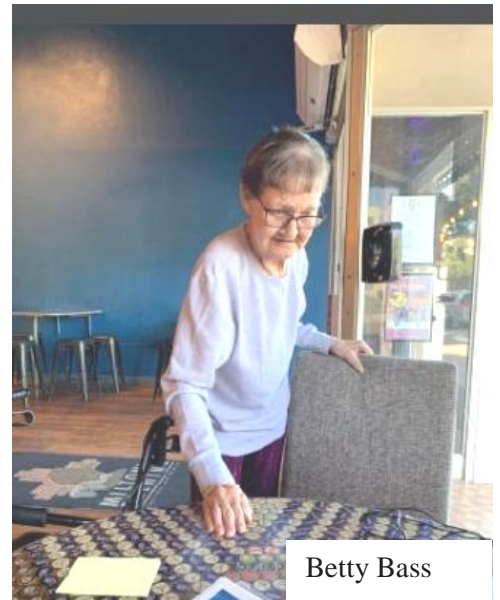
Dyrol Jay Burleson



Edward David Burleson

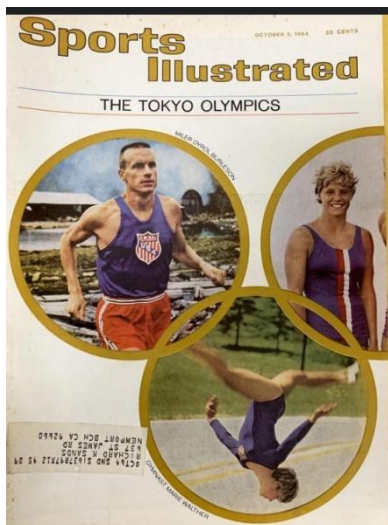


Alice Dora Dancer Burleson



Betty Bass

The most famous of these Oregon Burleson's was Dyrol Jay Burleson. Dyrol was born April 27, 1940, in Garden Grove, Oregon. He made a name for himself as a track star in that town. All of the town people would remark "now that boy sure can run". Upon graduation Dyrol won a full scholarship at the University of Oregon where he came under the direction and guidance of Americas leading track coach, Bill Bowerman.



Before entering college, Dyrol set three goals: run a sub-4minute mile, appear in the new magazine Sports Illustrated and work as a park ranger. Burleson had seen Roger Bannister on the cover of SI as the first Sportsman of the year. He said I knew that's what I wanted to do. Within





twelve years, Burleson reached all three objectives and is now happily retired tending to three sheep and two llamas on his five acres in Turner, Oregon. He lives there with his wife, Deberra.

Burleson was a twenty-year-old sophomore at Oregon when, on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1960, he became the second American to break the 4-minute barrier, running a 3-58.6. Burleson went on to an undefeated college collegiate career, helping the Ducks win the 1962 NCAA outdoor championship. Dyrol was selected to the 1960 Rome and 1964 Tokyo Olympics. He would finish his career with more than a dozen sub-4-minute miles.

In 2010, Dyrol was selected to the National Track and Field Hall of Fame.



Dyrol Burleson continues to make appearances at high schools and colleges in Oregon. His



inspirational talks of encouragement are widely acclaimed.

By Jim Burleson

## Direct Descendants of AARON BURLESON

