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When a practical road and connecting trail from Lewiston to Orofino City and Pierce emerged in 1861, a Clearwater ferry was needed near present Greer bridge. Jake Shultz was an early (and presumably initial operator). Then it was known as Reed's ferry after Schultz sold out. Shortly after 1870, D. W. C. Dunwell bought Reed's ferry, and retained it until 1877 when it was cut loose and burned in July as part of O. O. Howard's Nez Perce campaign. (Nez Perce bands destroyed it in order to impede Howard's pursuit to Weippe Prairie.) At that stage, John Greer installed a new ferry there that continued service until a twentieth-century bridge replaced it.

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