

Alvah Churchill

Pioneer of 1853

compiled by Bob Wilson
Oregon Researcher

Alvah Churchill

b. 1804 KY

d. 08 Nov 1854 Coles Valley, Douglas County, OR

buried Coles Valley Cemetery, Coles Valley, Douglas County, Oregon
s/o George Churchill and Sarah Arnold

m. 07 Sep 1827 Shelby County, KY

Bernetta Samples

b. 07 Jun 1811 KY

d. 03 Jul 1870 Coles Valley, Douglas County, OR

buried Coles Valley Cemetery, Coles Valley, Douglas County, Oregon

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Churchill, Alvah, heirs of, Douglas Co; b. 1804 Shelby Co, Ky. Arr Ore

1 Sept 1853; m. Bernetta 7 Sept 1827 Shelby Co., Ky. 14 Apr 1856 Bernetta signed Settlers Oath for Alvah Churchill, her dec'd husband. Kenyon W. Bradley 7 Wm. Churchill gave aff of settlement of c 10 Oct 1853 to "8 Nov 1854 day of Alvah Churchill's death of lung fever, leaving heirs -Bernetta, his widow, of whom are now living -Martha Ann, Sarah, John S, David C. Charles W., Alvah, Alexander H. Fitzhenry W. & Shelby F."

20 May 1864 Bernetta Churchill signed Oath of Allegiance

24 Mar 1898 Affidavit ..."in lieu of Donation Cert #610 Alvah Churchill:" pat del to Patrick Murphy " I Patrick (X) Murphy am present owner by purchase of 240 a of land embraced in donation claim of Bernetta Churchill, widow 7 heirs at law of Alvah Churchill, dec'd ...make this aff for the purpose of obtaining the patent of said land.

Children of Alva Churchill and Bernetta Samples:

1. Martha Ann Churchill

b. 3 Dec 1827, Illinois

d. 17 Aug 1861, Linn Co., Oregon

buried Pine Grove Cemetery, Peoria, Linn County, Oregon

m. 24 Aug 1851, Des Moines Co., Iowa

Henry C. Stucker

b. 10 Apr 1829, New Albany, Floyd Co., Indiana

d.

s/o James Stucker and Sarah Magdalena (Lanah) Cronk

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Children of Henry Stucker and Martha Churchill:

i. Bernetta Jane Stucker b. 16 Jul 1852, Iowa, d. 30 Dec 1930, Harrisburg, Linn Co., Oregon, bur. Workman Cem., Harrisburg, Linn Co., Oregon; m. James Franklin Davis b. 22 Dec 1842, Boone Co., Indiana, m. 1874, d. 13 Jan 1905

ii. Sarah Stucker b. 1856, Oregon, d. 16 Oct 1932 Plumas County, California, bur Whispering Pines Cemetery, Beckworth, Plumas County, California; m. Sylvester Augustus Thomas b. 24 Jun 1841, d. 05 Jan 1915 Plumas County, California, bur Whispering Pines Cemetery, Beckworth, Plumas County, California

iii. Mary Ellen Stucker b. 4 Apr 1858, Oregon, d. 1 Sep 1914, Lincoln Co., Oregon, bur. Falls City IOOF Cem., Falls City, Polk Co., Oregon
m. Warren Wright b. 16 May 1855, California, d. 22 Dec 1928, Vancouver, Clark Co., Washington, bur. Falls City IOOF Cem., Falls City, Polk Co., Oregon

2. Sarah Churchill

b. 1830 IL

d. aft 1888

m. 17 Aug 1853 Douglas County, OR

George Leeper

b. 1816 TN

d. aft 1870

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Children of George Leeper and Sarah Churchill:

i. Francis "Frank" Leeper b. 17 Nov 1854, Douglas Co., Oregon, d. 15 May 1930, Halsey, Linn Co., Oregon, bur. Pine Grove Cem., Peoria, Linn Co., Oregon

ii. Alvah Leeper b. 22 Mar 1857, Douglas Co., Oregon, d. 23 Jul 1865, Linn Co., Oregon, bur. Pine Grove Cem., Peoria, Linn Co., Oregon

iii. Hugh Leeper b. 23 Nov 1858, Douglas Co., Oregon, d. 19 Feb 1926, Halsey, Linn Co., Oregon, bur. Pine Grove Cem., Peoria, Linn Co., Oregon

iv. Mary Leeper b. 27 Oct 1862, Oregon, d. 12 Oct 1866, Linn Co., Oregon, bur. Pine Grove Cem., Peoria, Linn Co., Oregon

v. Sydney Smith Leeper b. 28 Sep 1868, Halsey, Linn Co., Oregon, d. 5 Aug 1937, Halsey, Linn Co., Oregon, bur. Pine Grove Cem., Peoria, Linn Co., Oregon

3. John S. Churchill

b. 1832 Lawrence County, Indiana

d. aft 1902

m1. 22 Jul 1854 Oakland, Umpqua County, Oregon

Ellen Thrasher

b. c 1839 MO

d. bef 1862 Douglas County, Oregon

d/o Thomas and Anna Thrasher

m2. 03 Nov 1863, The Dalles, Wasco Co., Oregon,

Catherine "Kate" Fuller

b. 5 Apr 1835, Ireland,

d. 22 May 1901, Oakland, Douglas Co., Oregon,

bur. Cedar Hill Cem., Oakland, Douglas Co., Oregon

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"John S. Churchill has sold his resi--.....and the Churchill Hotel to his brother Shelby Churchill. Mrs. Martha Evans still has charge of the hotel." [The Plaindealer Roseburg, Oregon; Mon., Sep. 30, 1901 Page 2, Column 3, Oakland Items]

The Bohemia Nugget
Cottage Grove, Oregon
Fri., Mar. 29, 1901
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DIED.

CHURCHILL.—At her home in Oakland, Oregon, March 22, 1901, Mrs. Kate Churchill, wife of John Churchill, aged about 67 years, after a lingering illness.

"Aunt Kate" as she was familiarly known, was widely known throughout this county and was generally beloved for her kindly manners, charitable deeds and many noble womanly attributes. She was a grand pioneer lady of this county and a husband and two step-sons survive her. Funeral services were held at Oakland yesterday and a large concourse of loving friends followed the remains to their final resting place.—Roseburg Plaindealer.

Children of John Churchill and Ellen Thrasher:

i. Alva Churchill b. Abt 1855, Douglas Co., Oregon, d. Dec 1879, Storey Co., Nevada

ii. Thomas F. Churchill b. 6 May 1857, Douglas Co., Oregon, d. 10 May 1924, Clackamas Co., Oregon, bur. Pleasant View Cem., Clackamas Co., Oregon; m. Mary Ann Morgan b. 6 Feb 1857, Looking Glass, Douglas Co., Oregon, d. 13 Aug 1913, Pendleton, Umatilla Co., Oregon, bur. Fossil, Wheeler Co., Oregon

Children of Thomas and Mary Morgan:

ii-1. Wallace Lemuel Churchill b. 28 Jun 1879, Douglas Co., Oregon, d. 23 Nov 1931, Portland, Multnomah Co., Oregon, bur. Pleasant View Cem., Clackamas Co., Oregon

ii-2. John Edward Churchill b. 29 Mar 1881, Douglas Co., Oregon, d. 25 Jun 1963, San Bernardino Co., California

ii-3. Anna B. Churchill b. 20 Feb 1883, Douglas Co., Oregon, d. 13 Nov 1916, Portland, Multnomah Co., Oregon, bur. 17 Nov 1916, Historic Columbian Cem., Portland, Multnomah Co., Oregon

ii-4. Julia Edna Churchill b. 2 Jun 1885, Douglas Co., Oregon, d. 3 Oct 1975, Portland, Multnomah Co., Oregon, bur. Lincoln Memorial Cem., Portland, Multnomah Co., Oregon

ii-5. Bertha Churchill b. 16 May 1889, Douglas Co., Oregon, d. 9 Apr 1969, Portland, Multnomah Co., Oregon, bur. 11 Apr 1969, River View Cem., Portland, Multnomah Co., Oregon

ii-6. Mabel Marie Churchill b. 30 Aug 1896, Douglas Co., Oregon, d. 16 Dec 1982, Prineville, Crook Co., Oregon, bur. 20 Dec 1982, Fossil IOOF Cem., Fossil, Wheeler Co., Oregon

4. Mary Churchill

b. 1834 Sangamon County, IL

d. bef 1860

m. 10 Aug 1854 Douglas County, Oregon

David Evans

b. 1830 McLean County, Illinois

d. aft 1900 Sierra County, California

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Children of David Evans and Mary Churchill:

i. James L. Evans b. 24 May 1855, Coles Valley, Douglas Co., Oregon,
d. 1 Mar 1896, Coles Valley, Douglas Co., Oregon, bur. Coles Valley Cem., Coles
Valley, Douglas Co., Oregon; m. Martha Crane m. 31 Oct 1879, Douglas Co., Oregon

Note: Early Oregonian Search identifies David Evans (apparently from DLC records) as born in McLean Co., IL in 1830. Working from that, I found in the 1860 Census in Steamboat Valley, UT a David Evans of the right age and birth state. Listed below him (rather than with the other members of the household who might be his parents), a James S. Evans, born in Oregon, age 5. I suspect that this boy is the son of David and Mary (Churchill) Evans. The fact that Mary is not there and that David has custody strongly implies that Mary has died by then; coupled with the fact that she is not listed among the surviving heirs of her father which was prepared somewhere between 1856 & 1864 (the message at OR-Roots is not well constructed).

In 1880, there is a James L. Evans, born in OR, aged 25 living at Coles Valley, married to Martha. In 1900, Martha is widowed, and I found the attached obit which states that he was born & raised locally, although I have not spotted him in 1870. I am not concerned about the difference in the middle initial; "L" & "S" often look quite similar, depending on the handwriting; my guess is that "L" is correct and that the "S" occurred when the 1860 was recopied for submission to the Feds.

It looks like David wandered back and forth between Nevada and California for the next 40 years or so, eventually remarrying another Mary (much younger).

Children of David Evans and Mary Churchill:

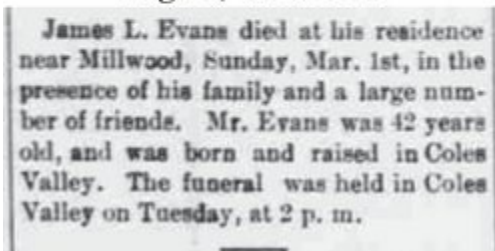
James L. Churchill

b. 1854 Coles Valley, Douglas County, Oregon

d. 01 Mar 1896 Douglas County, Oregon

buried Coles Valley Cemetery, Coles Valley, Douglas County, OR

The Plaindealer
Roseburg, Oregon
Thur. Mar. 5, 1896
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James L. Evans died at his residence near Millwood, Sunday, Mar. 1st, in the presence of his family and a large number of friends. Mr. Evans was 42 years old, and was born and raised in Coles Valley. The funeral was held in Coles Valley on Tuesday, at 2 p. m.

5. David Crockett Churchill

b. 1838 Sangamon County, IL

d. 1901 Coles Valley, Douglas County, Oregon

buried Coles Valley Cemetery, Coles Valley, Douglas County, Oregon

m. 11 Feb 1872 Douglas County, Oregon

Melvina VanOrnum

b. 03 Nov 1853 Shasta Springs, Siskiyou County, California

d. 25 Apr 1931 Elgarose, Douglas County, Oregon

buried Coles Valley Cemetery, Coles Valley, Douglas County, Oregon

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Children of David Churchill and Melvina VanOrnum:

i. Mary Etta (Marietta) Churchill b. 8 Apr 1873, Douglas Co., Oregon, d. 10 Oct 1952, Roseburg, Douglas Co., Oregon, bur. Roseburg Mem. Gardens, Roseburg, Douglas Co., Oregon; m. Terry M. Dunham b. 1871, d. 1955, bur. Roseburg Mem. Gardens, Roseburg, Douglas Co., Oregon

ii. George Henry Churchill b. Sep 1874, Douglas Co., Oregon, d. 13 Oct 1916, Roseburg, Douglas Co., Oregon, bur. Coles Valley Cem., Coles Valley, Douglas Co., Oregon

iii. Charles Perry Churchill b. 6 Dec 1878, Douglas Co., Oregon, d. 10 May 1949, Marion Co., Oregon, bur. Coles Valley Cem., Coles Valley, Douglas Co., Oregon; m. Charity Adelia Conn b. 10 Sep 1881, Union, Union Co., Oregon, m. 18 Oct 1905, d. 19 Feb 1939, Roseburg, Douglas Co., Oregon, bur. Coles Valley Cem., Coles Valley, Douglas Co., Oregon, s/o James William Conn and Sarah Catherine Denney

iv. Vinnie (Melvina?) L. Churchill b. May 1890, Douglas Co., Oregon, d. 13 Mar 1967, Douglas Co., Oregon, bur. Roseburg Mem. Gardens, Roseburg, Douglas Co., Oregon; m. Loyal Verni Emery b. 5 Nov 1892, Umpqua, Douglas Co., Oregon, m. 1916, Douglas Co., Oregon, d. 30 Nov 1940, Douglas Co., Oregon, bur. Coles Valley Cem., Coles Valley, Douglas Co., Oregon

Child of Loyal Emery and Vinnie Churchill:

iv-1. Georgia Emery b. Abt 1917, Douglas Co., Oregon; m. Everett L. Cooper b. 1897, Virginia, m. Abt 1926, Oregon, d. 1984, Oregon, bur. Roseburg Mem. Gardens, Roseburg, Douglas Co., Oregon

v. David Shelby Churchill b. 14 May 1894, Cleveland, Douglas Co., Oregon, d. 19 Oct 1955, Douglas Co., Oregon, bur. 21 Oct 1955, Roseburg Mem. Gardens, Roseburg, Douglas Co., Oregon; m. Margaret L. b. 30 May 1903, d. 28 Jul 1936, bur. Roseburg Mem. Gardens, Roseburg, Douglas Co., Oregon

6. Charles William Churchill

b. 05 Oct 1840 IA

d. 05 Sep 1875 Coles Valley, Douglas County, Oregon

buried Coles Valley Cemetery, Coles Valley, Douglas County, Oregon

m. 03 May 1863 Douglas County, OR

Melinda Hebbard

b. c1843 Wisconsin

d.

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"My Grandfather, Charles William Churchill, b-8-01-16, Coos Bay (Isthmis Inlet), OR; d 7-23-1982, Coquille, OR. His brother, Thomas Guy Churchill, Jr. b 4-22-1918, Bunker Hill, OR, d 4-30-1995, Portland, OR

Their father, Thomas Guy Churchill, Sr., b 9-18-1893, Yakima, OR, m Lucy Ione Bonebrake, d 7-22-1968, Coos Bay, OR, I think his brother's name was Ermol.

His father, William L. Churchill married Jennie May Blain. Sorry no dates here.

His father **Charles W. Churchill**, b 10-5-1840, wife unknown, d 9-5-1875, (Coles Valley), Umpqua, OR.

His father Alvah Churchill, b 7-13-1806, Shelby Cnty, KY, m 9-7-1827 in Shelbyville to Burnetta Samples; d 11-8-1854 in (Coles Valley) Umpqua, OR.

His father George Churchill, b 1766 in Virginia, m 2-13-1797 in Woodford Cnty, KY

to Sarah Arnold, d 1837 in Sagamon Cnty, IL."

[<http://boards.ancestry.com/thread.aspx?mv=flat&m=94&p=surnames.churchill>]

"Churchill--Mr. Churchill who was badly hurt by getting caught in the machinery of a thrasher near Roseburg a short time ago, died from the effects of his injuries last week." [The Morning Oregonian, Portland, OR, September 15, 1875] [contributed by Shauna Williams to genealogytrails.com]



Children of Charles Churchill and Melinda Hebbard:

i. Lucinda Churchill b. Abt 1866, Oregon, d. 3 Apr 1916, North Yakima, Yakima Co., Washington

ii. Lucy Ann Churchill b. Abt 1867, Oregon, d. 14 Jul 1922, Eugene, Lane Co., Oregon; m. Mr. Lovelace

iii. William Churchill b. Abt 1868, Oregon

iv. John S. Churchill b. 1870, Oregon, d. 21 Jan 1916, Port Angeles, Clallam Co., Washington, bur. 23 Jan 1916, Tahoma Cem., Yakima, Yakima Co., Washington

7. Alvah Churchill Jr.

b. 03 Mar 1843 Iowa

d. 07 Jan 1891 Portland, Multnomah County, OR

m.

Amanda Sedora Goodwin

b. 07 Nov 1854 IL

d. 28 Feb 1934 Yakima, WA

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Children of Alvah Churchill and Amanda Goodwin:

i. Lewis Shelby Churchill b. Oct 1872, Washington, d. 25 May 1937, bur. Tahoma Cem., Yakima, Yakima Co., Washington

ii. Charles William Churchill b. 19 Feb 1875, Washington, d. 26 May 1929, Seattle, King Co., Washington, bur. Tahoma Cem., Yakima, Yakima Co., Washington

iii. Edward Bertram "Bert" Churchill b. 28 Mar 1876, Washington, d. 11 Feb 1948, Yakima, Yakima Co., Washington

iv. Frederick T. Churchill b. 1878, Washington, d. 12 Sep 1879, Yakima Co., Washington, bur. Tahoma Cem., Yakima, Yakima Co., Washington

v. Ladora Bernetta Churchill b. 3 Mar 1880, Washington, d. 23 Aug 1929, Seattle, King Co., Washington; m. George Davis

vi. Churchill b. 1881, Washington, d. 3 Dec 1881, Washington, bur. Tahoma Cem., Yakima, Yakima Co., Washington

vii. -Alvah Churchill b. Dec 1883, Washington, d. 5 Oct 1917, North Yakima, Yakima Co., Washington, bur. 8 Oct 1917, Tahoma Cem., Yakima, Yakima Co., Washington

viii. Gutie Churchill b. 1885, Washington, d. 3 Apr 1889, Washington

ix. Hazel M. Churchill b. Sep 1887, Washington; m. Mr. Fisher

x. Florence Alberta Vera Churchill b. 8 Dec 1890, Washington, d. 15 Dec 1955, Yakima, Yakima Co., Washington; m. Robert J. Steindorf

The Yakima Herald
N. Yakima, Washington
Thur., Jan. 8, 1891
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DEATH OF ALVA CHURCHILL. — Alva Churchill, one of the oldest and best known residents of Yakima county, died at Portland Wednesday evening, January 7th, aged 47 years, 10 months and 5 days. Mr. Churchill has long been afflicted with heart disease, complicated with dropsy, and he has been under the doctors' care for several years past. Recently it was thought he was getting better, and on the last day of 1890 he was taken to Portland by P. A. Stanton and Nelson Short, in hopes that the change of climate would prove beneficial, but he steadily grew worse until his death. Mr. Churchill leaves a wife and seven children to mourn the loss of a kind husband and an indulgent father. The body will arrive from Portland Friday afternoon. The funeral services will occur from the family residence on Second street Saturday at 11 o'clock a. m., under the auspices of the I. O. O. F., of which organization he was a prominent member. Mr. Churchill leaves his family in comfortable circumstances.

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- 8. Alexander Hamilton Churchill
- b. Dec 1846 Iowa

d. 26 Aug 1914 Salem, Marion County, Oregon
bur. Coles Valley Cem., Coles Valley, Douglas Co., Oregon

m. 06 Oct 1889 Douglas County, Oregon

Laura Ellen "Nellie" Bradford

b. 07 Oct 1869 Lassen County, California

d. 18 Sep 1973 Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon

bur. Fir Grove Cem., Cottage Grove, Lane Co., Oregon

d/o Elbert Newton Bradford and Anna Jochebed Dougherty

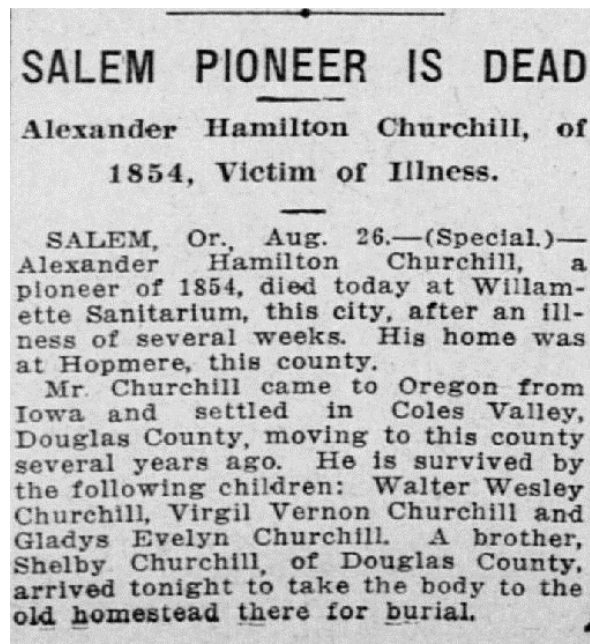
m1. Wallace S. Bogard (1862-1888)

m2. Alexander Hamilton Churchill (1846-1914)

m3. William R. Blanchard (1872-1945)

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[Morning Oregonian, Portland, Oregon August 27, 1914 p.3]

Douglas Pioneer Dies at Salem.
SALEM, Aug. 28.—Alexander Hamilton Churchill, who crossed the plains in 1854 from Iowa and settled in Coles valley, Douglas county, died at Willamette sanitarium, Salem. He had been a resident of Marion county for several years. He is survived by Walter Wesley Churchill, Virgil Vernon Churchill and Gladys Evelyn Churchill.

[East Oregonian, Pendleton, Oregon August 28, 1914 p.3]

**ALEXANDER H. CHURCHILL—
DIES AT SANATORIUM**

Alexander Hamilton Churchill, who died at 11:45 o'clock yesterday morning at the Willamette Sanatorium from dropsy and heart failure, was taken to the sanatorium Sunday from his home at Hopmere, formerly known as Chemeketa, several miles north of this city. It was thought his chances for recovery were good, but early yesterday he took a turn for the worse and died suddenly. He had been suffering from his disease for several years, though able to be about.

His children, Walter Westley, Virgil Vernon and Gladys Evelyn, of Hopmere, were notified by Mrs. Churchill, who was with her husband to the last, and they arrived yesterday afternoon on the 4 o'clock electric. Shelby Churchill, a brother of the deceased, of Cottage Grove, arrived last night and will take charge of the remains. The body will be sent to Douglas county and the burial will take place near the old home of the deceased.

Crossing the plains in 1854 from Iowa Mr. Churchill was among the early settlers of Oregon. He made his home in Cole's valley in Douglas county, where he lived for many years. About three years ago Mr. Churchill with his wife, who was Laura Bradford Bogart before her marriage, and their children, moved to Oregon City and later to Hopmere, where he was engaged in the general merchandise business. Owing to fast failing health Mr. Churchill sold his interest in the Hopmere store but continued making his home in that place until his death.

[Daily Capital Journal Salem, Oregon, August 27, 1914 p3.]

103-year-old Lane County resident dies

Laura "Nellie" Blanchard, one of Lane County's oldest residents, died Tuesday morning at the age of 103.

Mrs. Blanchard would have celebrated her 104th birthday in 19 days.

She was born Oct. 7, 1869, in a log cabin near the California-Nevada state line west of Reno.

She died Tuesday morning at the Twilight Acres Nursing Home near Pleasant Hill, where she had lived since March 8, 1968.

Mrs. Blanchard lived in Oceanside, Calif., before coming to Oregon to live with her

sister, Clara Spangenberg, in Cottage Grove. The sisters subsequently moved together to the nursing home.

"Aunt Nellie," as she was affectionately called, outlived all her close relatives except her sister, who she called "the baby of the family." Sister Clara is 87.

In her hundred-plus years, Mrs. Blanchard told a Register-Guard reporter on the eve of her 101st birthday, "I've seen a lot of troubles; a lot of troubles. I had four children, and they all died. I had two husbands, and they died. I had one grandchild and he died

... now I'm all alone except for a sister."

At 101, Mrs. Blanchard impressed reporters and her doctors by touching her knees to her chin and challenging them to do likewise. "I don't have a stiff joint in my body," she said just before undergoing an operation to have cataracts removed from one eye.

At her 100th birthday party, Mrs. Blanchard told reporters the secret of her longevity was "hard work and no pay."

Funeral arrangements were pending Tuesday at Smith-Lund Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove.

Children of Alexander Churchill and Laura Bradford:

- i. Walter Wesley Churchill b. 6 Nov 1890, Roseburg, Douglas Co., Oregon, d. 24 Mar 1961, Portland, Multnomah Co., Oregon, bur. Lincoln Mem. Cem., Portland, Multnomah Co., Oregon
- ii. Virgil Vernon Churchill b. 16 Jul 1896, Roseburg, Douglas Co., Oregon, d. 22 Nov 1918, Walla Walla, Walla Walla Co., Washington, bur. Mountain View Cem., Walla Walla, Walla Walla Co., Washington
- iii. Gladys Evelyn Churchill b. Mar 1900, Coles Valley, Douglas Co., Oregon; m. Lyle Bluford Thornton b. 19 Nov 1896, Walla Walla, Walla Walla Co., Washington, m. 23 Apr 1917, Pomeroy, Garfield Co., Washington, d. 6 Aug 1994

Child of Lyle Thornton and Gladys Churchill:

- iii-1. Clifford Roy Thornton b. 28 Mar 1918, Pomeroy, Garfield Co., Washington, d. 3 Oct 1967, San Diego Co., California, bur. Pataha Flat Cem., Pomeroy, Garfield Co., Washington

9. Fitzhenry "Henry" W. Churchill
b. 1849 Des Moines County, Iowa

d. 20 Feb 1916 Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California
bur. 27 Feb 1916, Fir Grove Cem., Cottage Grove, Lane Co., Oregon

m. 16 Jan 1870, Douglas Co., Oregon
Hannah Elizabeth Cathcart
b. 21 Dec 1849, French Lick, Orange Co., Indiana,
d/o William Cathcart and Margaret Simmons

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IN LOS ANGELES.



Henry W. Churchill.

Henry W. Churchill, who died February 26 in Los Angeles, was an Oregon pioneer of 1853, and had passed nearly all his life in this state. He was born in Iowa 66 years ago, and crossed the plains with his parents. They settled in Coles Valley, 15 miles west of Roseburg.

Mr. Churchill was a logging contractor. He was a veteran of the Indian wars, and was a prominent member of the Oddfellows. He was buried in the Oddfellows' Cemetery at Cottage Grove on February 27, the service being conducted by Oddfellow lodges of both Drain and Cottage Grove.

Mr. Churchill died suddenly of heart failure in Los Angeles while visiting his daughters. He is survived by four daughters and one brother, as follows: Mrs. Eva Pickard, Mrs. Allene Baker, Portland; Mrs. Pearle Burnfield, Mrs. Grace Wagner, Los Angeles, and Shelby Churchill, Cottage Grove.

Children of Henry Churchill and Hannah Cathcart:

- i. Eva Dell Churchill b. 5 Apr 1871, Douglas Co., Oregon, d. 3 May 1938, Portland, Multnomah Co., Oregon; m. Harry W. Pickard b. 6 May 1880, Illinois, d. 18 Jul 1920, Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., California, s/o Birtrum Pickard; m2. Robert E. Allison b. Abt 1868, m. 8 Sep 1922, Portland, Multnomah Co., Oregon
- ii. Margaret Nettie Churchill b. Nov 1872, Oregon, d. 19 May 1915 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, bur Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon; m. c 1888 Ulysses G. Garred b. Abt 1864, Benton Co., Oregon, d. 19 Jun 1940, Portland, Multnomah Co., Oregon; m2. 29 Jul 1909 Multnomah County, Oregon Phillip Harrison Bristow
- iii. Nellie Pearle Churchill b. 30 Sep 1874, Douglas Co., Oregon, d. 24 Jun 1955, Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., California; m. Forest Dell Burnfield b. 9 Jan 1871, Tennessee, d. 14 Jun 1959, Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., California
- iv. Winifred Grace Churchill b. 1880, Douglas Co., Oregon, d. 8 Nov 1928, Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., California; m. Henry M. Wagner b. Jun 1876, Douglas Co., Oregon
- v. Lucy Alice Churchill b. Abt 1882, Oregon, d. 5 Jul 1951, Portland, Multnomah Co., Oregon, bur. Fir Grove Cem., Cottage Grove, Lane Co., Oregon; m. Clair Baxter Baker b. 25 Jul 1877, Oregon, d. 27 Jul 1939, Portland, Multnomah Co., Oregon, bur. Fir Grove Cem., Cottage Grove, Lane Co., Oregon, s/o John Wesley Baker and Lucretia Ann Martin

Child of Clair Baker and Lucy Churchill:

- v.-1 Clarice Baker b. 10 Jan 1909, Cottage Grove, Lane Co., Oregon

- vi. Blanche Churchill b. 27 May 1884, Oregon, d. 12 Aug 1898

10. Shelby Franklin Churchill

- b. 12 Nov 1853, Coles Valley, Douglas Co., Oregon,
- d. 24 Apr 1937, Cottage Grove, Lane Co., Oregon
- bur. 27 Apr 1937, Fir Grove Cem., Cottage Grove, Lane Co., Oregon

m. 17 Mar 1876 Looking Glass, Douglas County, Oregon

Martha Ellen Brown

- b. 27 Aug 1857, Sonoma Co., California
- d. 5 May 1923, Cottage Grove, Lane Co., Oregon
- bur. Fir Grove Cem., Cottage Grove, Lane Co., Oregon

Children of Shelby Churchill and Martha Brown:

- i. Chesley Luther Churchill b. 27 Nov 1878, Lookingglass, Douglas Co., Oregon, d. 7 Mar 1948, San Francisco, San Francisco Co., California, bur. 11 Mar 1948, West Lawn Cem., Eugene, Lane Co., Oregon; m. Elva V. Lowery b. 2 Jun 1891, Amity, Yamhill Co.,

Oregon, d. Nov 1954, Lane Co., Oregon, d/o Robert Finley Lowery and Sarah Jane Newby

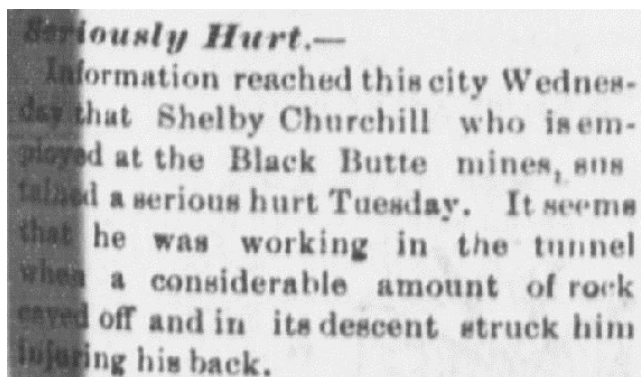
ii. Annah Caroline Churchill b. 7 Nov 1880, Oregon, d. 13 Dec 1971, Portland, Multnomah Co., Oregon, bur. Fir Grove Cem., Cottage Grove, Lane Co., Oregon; m. Mr. Sutherland m. Abt 1900; m2. Walter Scott Threlkeld b. 1 Nov 1874, Powers, Coos Co., Oregon, m. 25 Nov 1908, Linn Co., Oregon, d. 3 Aug 1969, Multnomah Co., Oregon, bur. Fir Grove Cem., Cottage Grove, Lane Co., Oregon, s/o Redding Threlkeld and Lucinda Davidson

iii. Laura E. Churchill b. 13 Jan 1883, Elkhead, Douglas Co., Oregon, d. 24 May 1961, Eugene, Lane Co., Oregon, bur. Fir Grove Cem., Cottage Grove, Lane Co., Oregon; m. William Kirtley b. 1871, d. 1941, bur. Fir Grove Cem., Cottage Grove, Lane Co., Oregon

iv. Floyd Alvin Churchill b. 2 Feb 1893, Douglas Co., Oregon, d. 27 Mar 1972, Lane Co., Oregon; m. Viola [Unknown] b. 23 Feb 1902, Pennsylvania, d. 16 Nov 1983, Lane Co., Oregon

1860: Cawley Valley, Douglas County, OR, July 12, 1860; Betsy Churchwell (sic), 48, \$1200 \$471, KY; Charles, 20, laborer, IA; Alvia, 17, IA; Hamilton, 13, IA; Henry, 11, IA; Shelby, 6, OR; Alva, 4, OR; Thomas, 3, OR

1870: Coles Valley, Douglas County, OR, July 26, 1870; Charles Churchill, 30, farmer, \$800 \$504, IA; Melinda, 26, keeping house, WI; Lucinda, 4, OR; Lucy, 2, OR; William, 2, OR; Sarah Stricher, 14, at school, OR; Mary Stricher, 12, at school, OR; Shelby Churchill, 16, at school, OR; Alexander Churchill, 21, farmer, IA



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