

Bluford Brookins Marks

Pioneer of 1853

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Bluford Brookins Marks

b. 05 May 1812 Bardstown, Nelson County, KY

d. 04 Sep 1873 Wallowa Co, OR

m. 30 Mar 1836 Washington Co, KY

Martha Weatherford Moore

b. 04 Feb 1817 KY

d. Aug 1905 Josephine Co, OR

d/o John Moore and Catherine Barlow

1850: Washington Twp, Jackson Co, MO, August 19, 1850; Bluford B. Marks, farmer, \$1800, KY; Martha, 35, KY; John P., 12, KY; Benjamin, 10, MO; Elizabeth, 8, MO; James P., 6, MO; Alfred, 4, MO; Sarah, 2, MO; Susan Wells, 20, MO; Jacob C. Marks, 35, farmer, KY

ODLC: #4586 Linn Co; Bluford B. Marks, b. 1812 Nelson Co, KY; arr OR Sep 1853; sc 20 Jun 1854; m'd Martha W. 30 Mar 1836 Washington Co, KY. Aff: Wm. H. Marks, Jason L. Williams, Peter Powell, Benj. Marks.

1858: Linn Co, Tax Rolls, Bluford B. Marks, Provisional and Territorial Record #14122

1859: Linn Co, Tax Rolls, Bluford B. Marks, Provisional and Territorial Record #14131

1860: Lebanon PO, Linn Co, OR, August 2, 1860; Bluford Marks, 48, farmer, \$800 \$2145, KY; Martha, 44, KY; Benjamin, 20, farm laborer, MO; Elizabeth, 18, MO; James, 16, MO, Alfred, 14, MO; Sarah, 10, MO; Jane, 8, MO; Mary, 3, OR; Eliza, 1, OR

1870: East of Deschutes River, Wasco Co, OR, August 25, 1870; Bluford B. Marks, 58, farmer, KY; Martha W., 54, keeping house, KY; James P., 24, farmer, \$0 \$1425, MO; Alfred B., 22, farmer, MO; Mary A., 15, at home, OR; Eliza A., 11, at school, OR

Children of Bluford Marks and Martha Moore:

1. John P. Marks

b. 30 Jan 1838 Washington Co, KY

d. 28 Feb 1915 Yakima Co, WA [WA State Death Records]

buried Tahoma Cemetery, Yakima, Yakima Co, WA

m1. 21 Jul 1867 Linn Co, OR [OR marriages, Linn Co Book B 439]

Ellen Williams (Pioneer of 1845)

b. 1840 IL

d. 14 Sep 1891 Yakima Co, WA

buried Tahoma Cemetery, Yakima, Yakima Co, WA

d/o Charles Austin Williams and Mary Barber

m2. 1892 Yakima Co, WA

Martha H. [Unknown]

b. May 1838 Can

d.

1850: Washington Twp, Jackson Co, MO, August 19, 1850; Bluford B. Marks, farmer, \$1800, KY; Martha, 35, KY; John P., 12, KY; Benjamin, 10, MO; Elizabeth, 8, MO; James P., 6, MO; Alfred, 4, MO; Sarah, 2, MO; Susan Wells, 20, MO; Jacob C. Marks, 35, farmer, KY

1859: Linn Co, Tax Rolls, John P. Marks, Provisional and Territorial Record #14131

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1871: King Co, WA, July 25, 1871; J.P. Marks, 32, farmer, KY; E., 31, housewife, IL; N., 2, OR; B., 9/12, m, OR

1880: Ahtanum Valley, Yakima Co, WA, June 9, 1880; John Marks, 44, farmer, OH OH OH; Ellen, 40, wife, keeping house, OH OH OH; Nora, 11, dau, OR; Elmer, 10, son, OR; Charlie, 8, son, WT

1883: Yakima, Yakima Co, WA, J.P. Marks, 45, KY; Ellen Marks, 44, IL; Nora V., 14, OR; Elmer B., 11, OR; Chas. A., 8, WT

1885: Yakima, Yakima Co, WA, June 1, 1885; J.P. Marks, 47, farmer, KY; Ellen, 46, teacher, IL; Nora, 16, OR; Elmer, 13, OR

1887: Yakima, Yakima Co, WA, June 6, 1887; J.P. Marks, 49, farmer, KY; Ellen, 48, IL; N.V., 19, OR; E.B., 16, OR; C.A., 13, WT

1900: Ahtanum, Yakima Co, WA, June 18, 1900; John P. Marks, head, Jan 1838, 62, m-8yrs, KY KY KY, dairyman; Mattie H., wife, May 1838, 62, m-8yrs, 3-3, Can Unk Eng, emigrated 1845; + 3 boarders

1910: Ahtanum, Yakima Co, WA, May 17, 1910; John P. Marks, head, 72, m2-17yrs, KY KY KY, none; Martha H., wife, 72, m2-17yrs, 3-3, Can Unk Unk

Children of John Marks and Ellen Williams:

1. Nora V. Marks (1869-)

2. Elmer B. Marks (1872-)

3. Charles A. Marks (1875- bef 1900)

“ELMER B. MARKS--

Among the younger successful agriculturists near Yakima is Elmer B. Marks, who has attained a foremost position among the stock raisers of his district, his activities being particularly associated with Holstein cattle. Along this line he has been very successful, having carefully studied the subject, and thereby he has not only acquired individual prosperity but has greatly furthered the status of cattle raising in his neighborhood. A western man by birth, Mr. Marks has always displayed that western spirit of enterprise so characteristic of the native sons. He was born in Linn county, Oregon, September 18, 1870, and is a son of John P. and Ellen (Williams) Marks, middle-western people, the father born in Kentucky and the mother in Illinois. John P. Marks comes of a family that has been connected with the earliest pioneer times of the west and the name of Marks has therefore been closely associated with the history of development here. He was of Scotch descent and a son of Bluford Marks, who in 1854 crossed the plains and located in Polk county, Oregon, where he ranched until his death. John P. Marks, the father, was married in that state and in 1870 removed to the Puget Sound. The year 1871 marked his arrival in what is now Yakima county, his being the second wagon to cross the Snoqualmie pass. He took up government land on the Ahtanum and was the first school superintendent of Yakima county, serving for two terms. That this office not only required an energetic man of rare foresight, tact and a thorough appreciation of the value of education but also a man of physical endurance is evident from the fact that the county at that time was one hundred and thirty miles long and that he many times had to cover it on horseback in order to inspect the schools. Upon his land he entered into the cattle business and also followed general farming, being as highly respected on account of the qualities which he displayed in his private affairs as he was in public life. All who knew him spoke of him in the highest terms and his work was indeed a force in the development and upbuilding of the county along material as well as intellectual lines. He was thoroughly acquainted with the history of development in his district from early frontier days to the present stage of development and knew many of the famous frontier characters of the early days. Both he and his wife were devoted members of the Congregational church, in the work of which they were ever helpfully interested; in fact, he was instrumental in having erected the second Congregational church in the valley. Until 1893 he followed the republican standard in politics but then joined the people's party and later became a democrat. He died in 1915, having for twenty-four years survived his wife, who passed away in 1891. She was a daughter of Charles Austin Williams, a native of Illinois, who in 1845 removed to Oregon as one of the earliest pioneers, crossing the plains in the primitive style of those days. Many were the dangers and hardships which beset him on the trip but all of these were overcome and he settled in Linn county, Oregon, where he took up a donation claim of six hundred and forty acres. When the gold discoveries occurred in California he followed the general trend and moved southward to that state, where he was engaged in mining the precious metal, later returning to his Oregon home. He went through all of the pioneer experiences of that period and thus was connected with Oregon and the west from the earliest date of the white man's history.

Elmer B. Marks was reared under the parental roof, having been brought to Yakima county when but a year old. Here he received his first lessons in life under the guidance of his good parents, acquiring his education in the schools of the neighborhood. He subsequently took a business course at Walla Walla in order to better prepare himself for life's arduous duties and then assisted his father with the ranch work until twenty-six years of age, when, in 1896, he leased land from his father and with his brother, Charles A. Marks, entered the live stock business on his own account. The latter retired from the firm in 1904, since which time he has lived retired in California. Elmer B. Marks continued in the general cattle business until 1910, in which year he established himself exclusively in the pure-bred Holstein business. Specializing along this line, he has become very successful and is today recognized as one of the foremost breeders of pure Holsteins in the state. He has over one hundred head of pure

bred cattle and at many state fairs has taken first prize, in fact in 1914 his herd took practically all state prizes at Washington and Oregon state fairs. Mr. Marks now has a valuable ranch of two hundred and eighty acres, which is the evidence of his western enterprise, energy and foresight. He has ever carefully studied soil and climatic conditions, and employing progressive methods, has made this one of the most valuable farm properties in the county. He has an excellent home, good outbuildings, silos and modern machinery and equipment, all of which denote his up-to-date ideas.

On the 3d of May, 1899, Mr. Marks was united in marriage to Miss Myrtle E. Morrison, a native of Yakima and a daughter of James W. and Mattie (Good) Morrison, natives of Illinois and Tennessee respectively. They crossed the plains in 1876 to Oregon, in which state they remained until 1880, when the parents took up their residence in Yakima county, the father successfully following ranching here, and here he subsequently passed away. His widow survives and is yet residing in Yakima. To Mr. and Mrs. Marks have been born two children, John and Gladys, both attending high school. The family are highly respected in their neighborhood and both Mr. and Mrs. Marks occupy a prominent place among the best families of their section of the state. They have qualities of character which endear them to all and many are the friends who partake of their hospitality at their pleasant farm home.

Fraternally Mr. Marks stands high in the Masonic order, being a member of Yakima Lodge No. 24, F. & A. M., and he also belongs to the Royal Arch Chapter. He is an ex-president and at present the secretary and treasurer of the Washington Holstein Breeders Association and also serves on the board of directors of the Yakima County Holstein Association. Moreover, he is a member of the National Association of Holstein Breeders and is also connected with the Washington Wool Growers Association. Through these connections he not only receives valuable information but at the meetings he also freely recounts his experiences, thus helping along one of the important industries of the country. Public-spirited in the best sense of the word, Mr. Marks is ever ready to give of his effort, time and means in order to promote enterprises undertaken on behalf of the public and has in many ways promoted prosperity and mental and moral development in his district. Through the up building of an important stock breeding as well as farming enterprise he has greatly added to the resources of the state. In his political affiliations he is a democrat but not active along party lines although he is thoroughly informed on the issues of the day. Both he and his wife are devoted members of the Congregational church, in the work of which they are deeply interested and to which they give their financial as well as spiritual support." [The History of the Yakima Valley, Washington, Comprising Yakima, Kittitas and Benton Counties, The S.J. Clarke Publishing Co., 1919, Volume II, page 837]

HOLSTEIN BREEDER DIES

Elmer B. Marks Passes Away at Home Near Yakima.

YAKIMA, Wash., Oct. 31.—(Special.)—Elmer B. Marks, widely known throughout this and neighboring states as a Holstein breeder, died Friday at his home in the Ahtanum valley. His death occurred six days after the sale of his herd, arranged by him after his physician had informed him that he could live but a short time.

Mr. Marks was 50 years old and was born in Linn county, Oregon. His father, John P. Marks, drove the second wagon train across the Snoqualmie pass in 1871 and took up government land in the Ahtanum, where he established his home. Mr. Marks married Myrtle E. Morrison in 1899, and she, with two children, survives.

Oregonian, Portland, OR, November 1, 1920 p20

2. Benjamin Marks

b. 14 Jan 1840 VanBuren Co, MO

d. 09 Mar 1923 Wallowa Co, OR

m. 21 Jan 1866 Linn Co, OR [OR marriages, Linn Co Book B 314]

Elizabeth Druzilla Nye

b. 29 Oct 1851 IA/OR

d. 20 Dec 1915 Wallowa Co, OR [OR DC Wallowa Co #]

d/o Adam and Unity Nye (Pioneers of 1851) [Note: something here not meshing. Elizabeth states she was born in IA but if she is d/o Adam and Unity then parents were in OR and on DLC by Nov 1851]

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1880: Liberty, Linn Co, OR, June 4, 1880; Benj. Marks, 40, farmer, MO KY KY; Elisabeth, 29, keeping house, IA OH OH; Thomas O., 13, son, OR; Druzilla A., 9, dau, OR; Samuel, 7, son, OR; Lem. E., 3, son, OR; Nettie M., 1, dau, OR

1900: Parks, Wallowa Co, OR, June 1900; Benjamin Markes (sic), head, Jan 1840, 60, m-34yrs, MO KY KY, farmer; Elizabeth E., wife, Oct 1850, 44, m-34yrs, 14-11, IA OH OH; Clement L., son, Feb 1877, 23, s, OR, day laborer; Nettie, dau, Mar 1879, 21, s, OR, housework; Alfred, son, Jan 1881, 19, s, OR, farm laborer; Jacob, son Jan 1883, 17, s, OR, farm laborer; Charley, son, Aug 1886, 13, s, OR, farm laborer; Ira, son, Sep 1888, 11,s, OR, farm laborer; Minnie, dau, Mar 1887, 13, s, OR, housework; Archie, son, Jun 1889, 10, s, OR, farm worker; Roy, son, Dec 1892, 7, s, OR

1910: Park, Wallowa Co, OR, April 21, 1910; Benj Marks, head, 70, m1-44yrs, MO KY KY, stockman-cattle; Elizabeth, wife, 54, m1-44yrs, 14-11, IA OH OH; Ira, son, 21, s, OR; Archie, son, 19, s, OR, laborer-farm; Joe R., son, 17, s, laborer-farm; Minnie Schevlin, dau, 23, div, 2-2, OR; Arlie, grandson, 3, s, OR; Frieda, granddau, 2, s, OR

1920: Park, Wallowa Co, OR, January 3, 1920; Benjamin Marks, head, 79, wid, MO KY KY, farmer-farm; Roy J., son, 27, s, OR, laborer-farm

“Pioneer of Imnaha Passes to His Rest--Benjamin Marks Settled On River In 1889 and Always Loved Canyon--Died March 9, 1923, at his home on Imnaha. Benjamin Marks, aged 83 years, 1 month and 25 days.

Mr. Marks had been in fair health this winter the rather feeble and inclined to rest and sleep a great deal. Thursday he was about, as usual, eating dinner and then taking a nap. He said he did not care for supper and retired rather early. At the family bedtime he was seen to be sleeping peacefully but when they rose in the morning he was found to have passed quietly into the great beyond. There was no sign of suffering but a look of peace as tho he had slipped into another world quite without conscious struggle.

The remains were buried beside his wife who had died in December, of 1915. When Mrs. Marks died, the bereaved husband requested that burial be made on the home place that he might still be near the faithful wife of his youth. There they sleep on a hillside overlooking the home they made together and loved.

Benjamin Marks was born in Jackson county, Missouri, January 14, 1840. When a lad of thirteen he came with his parents by ox team to Lynn county where the family settled. He afterward lived in other parts of Oregon but in 1889 settled on the Imnaha where he lived until the time of his death.

On January 21, 1866, Mr. Marks married Miss Elizabeth Nye, also a pioneer of Lynn county. To this union fourteen children were born, ten of whom are living. Three died in infancy and one was drowned in Snake River.

The eldest son, Thomas Marks, resides in Joseph but the remaining members of the family all have homes on the Imnaha river. Two sons remained on the home ranch and a widowed daughter was housekeeper.

Mr. Marks raised one of the most wonderful gardens on the river and it was the pride of his life. After he became too feeble to do all the work he still spent many happy hours there. He also

had a fine orchard where many luscious fruits were grown.

Benjamin Marks was an honest upright citizen who had the respect and admiration of all who knew him. His sons were trained in those qualities which go to make up the true American and his daughters are splendid homemakers. What more can be said of a man and wife! Their children are their memorial. And to the sturdy descendants of these true Americans it is given to carry on.”

[Enterprise Record Chieftain, Enterprise, OR, March 15, 1923 p1]

Children of Benjamin Marks and Elizabeth Nye:

i. Thomas O. Marks

b. 06 Dec 1866 Linn Co, OR

d.

1880: Liberty, Linn Co, OR, June 4, 1880; Benj. Marks, 40, farmer, MO KY KY;
Elisabeth, 29, keeping house, IA OH OH; Thomas O., 13, son, OR; Druzilla A., 9, dau,
OR; Samuel, 7, son, OR; Lem. E., 3, son, OR; Nettie M., 1, dau, OR

ii. Annie Druzilla Marks

b. 02 Feb 1870 Sweet Home, Linn Co, OR

d.

1880: Liberty, Linn Co, OR, June 4, 1880; Benj. Marks, 40, farmer, MO KY KY;
Elisabeth, 29, keeping house, IA OH OH; Thomas O., 13, son, OR; Druzilla A., 9, dau,
OR; Samuel, 7, son, OR; Lem. E., 3, son, OR; Nettie M., 1, dau, OR

iii. Samuel Marks

b. 12 Jan 1872 Sweet Home, Linn Co, OR

d.

1880: Liberty, Linn Co, OR, June 4, 1880; Benj. Marks, 40, farmer, MO KY KY;
Elisabeth, 29, keeping house, IA OH OH; Thomas O., 13, son, OR; Druzilla A., 9, dau,
OR; Samuel, 7, son, OR; Lem. E., 3, son, OR; Nettie M., 1, dau, OR

iv. Clement Lemuel Ezra Marks

b. 23 Feb 1877 Sweet Home, Linn Co, OR

d.

1880: Liberty, Linn Co, OR, June 4, 1880; Benj. Marks, 40, farmer, MO KY KY;
Elisabeth, 29, keeping house, IA OH OH; Thomas O., 13, son, OR; Druzilla A., 9, dau,
OR; Samuel, 7, son, OR; Lem. E., 3, son, OR; Nettie M., 1, dau, OR

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OR, farm laborer; Charley, son, Aug 1886, 13, s, OR, farm laborer; Ira, son, Sep 1888,

11,s, OR, farm laborer; Minnie, dau, Mar 1887, 13, s, OR, housework; Archie, son, Jun 1889, 10, s, OR, farm worker; Roy, son, Dec 1892, 7, s, OR

1910: Park, Wallowa Co, OR, April 21, 1910; Clem Marks, head, 33, s, OR, stockman-cattle

v. Mamie Marks

b. 23 Jan 1878 Linn Co, OR

d. bef 1880 Linn Co, OR

vi. Nettie May Marks

b. 29 Mar 1879 Linn Co, OR

d.

1880: Liberty, Linn Co, OR, June 4, 1880; Benj. Marks, 40, farmer, MO KY KY; Elisabeth, 29, keeping house, IA OH OH; Thomas O., 13, son, OR; Druzilla A., 9, dau, OR; Samuel, 7, son, OR; Lem. E., 3, son, OR; Nettie M., 1, dau, OR

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vii. Alfred Porter Marks

b. 28 Jan 1881 OR

d.

1900: Parks, Wallowa Co, OR, June 1900; Benjamin Markes (sic), head, Jan 1840, 60, m-34yrs, MO KY KY, farmer; Elizabeth E., wife, Oct 1850, 44, m-34yrs, 14-11, IA OH OH; Clement L., son, Feb 1877, 23, s, OR, day laborer; Nettie, dau, Mar 1879, 21, s, OR, housework; Alfred, son, Jan 1881, 19, s, OR, farm laborer; Jacob, son Jan 1883, 17, s, OR, farm laborer; Charley, son, Aug 1886, 13, s, OR, farm laborer; Ira, son, Sep 1888, 11,s, OR, farm laborer; Minnie, dau, Mar 1887, 13, s, OR, housework; Archie, son, Jun 1889, 10, s, OR, farm worker; Roy, son, Dec 1892, 7, s, OR

1910: Park, Wallowa Co, OR, April 21, 1910; Alfred Marks, head, 29, s, OR, stockman-cattle; Charlies, partner, 25, s, OR, stockman-cattle

viii. Jacob Bluford Marks

b. 21 Jan 1883 OR

d. 22 Mar 1977

buried Enterprise Cemetery, Wallowa Co, OR

1900: Parks, Wallowa Co, OR, June 1900; Benjamin Markes (sic), head, Jan 1840, 60, m-34yrs, MO KY KY, farmer; Elizabeth E., wife, Oct 1850, 44, m-34yrs, 14-11, IA OH OH; Clement L., son, Feb 1877, 23, s, OR, day laborer; Nettie, dau, Mar 1879, 21, s, OR, housework; Alfred, son, Jan 1881, 19, s, OR, farm laborer; Jacob, son Jan 1883, 17, s, OR, farm laborer; Charley, son, Aug 1886, 13, s, OR, farm laborer; Ira, son, Sep 1888, 11,s, OR, farm laborer; Minnie, dau, Mar 1887, 13, s, OR, housework; Archie, son, Jun 1889, 10, s, OR, farm worker; Roy, son, Dec 1892, 7, s, OR

ix. Charles Wesley Marks

b. 19 Aug 1884/5 Gilliam Co, OR

d. 02 Jan 1968

buried Enterprise Cemetery, Wallowa Co, OR

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x. Lydia Marks

b. 29 Nov 1885 OR

d.

xi. Minnie Minerva Marks

b. 25 Mar 1887 Gilliam Co, OR

d.

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xii. Ira Everett Marks

b. 24 Sep 1888 Gilliam Co, OR

d. 08 Jun 1965

buried Enterprise Cemetery, Wallowa Co, OR

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xiii. Archie Benjamin Marks

b. 16 Jan 1890 Wallowa Co, OR

d. 07 Sep 1962

buried Enterprise Cemetery, Wallowa Co, OR

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xiv. Joseph Roy Marks

b. Dec 1872 OR

d.

1900: Parks, Wallowa Co, OR, June 1900; Benjamin Markes (sic), head, Jan 1840, 60, m-34yrs, MO KY KY, farmer; Elizabeth E., wife, Oct 1850, 44, m-34yrs, 14-11, IA OH OH; Clement L., son, Feb 1877, 23, s, OR, day laborer; Nettie, dau, Mar 1879, 21, s, OR, housework; Alfred, son, Jan 1881, 19, s, OR, farm laborer; Jacob, son Jan 1883, 17, s, OR, farm laborer; Charley, son, Aug 1886, 13, s, OR, farm laborer; Ira, son, Sep 1888, 11,s, OR, farm laborer; Minnie, dau, Mar 1887, 13, s, OR, housework; Archie, son, Jun 1889, 10, s, OR, farm worker; Roy, son, Dec 1892, 7, s, OR

1910: Park, Wallowa Co, OR, April 21, 1910; Benj Marks, head, 70, m1-44yrs, MO KY KY, stockman-cattle; Elizabeth, wife, 54, m1-44yrs, 14-11, IA OH OH; Ira, son, 21, s, OR; Archie, son, 19, s, OR, laborer-farm; Joe R., son, 17, s, laborer-farm; Minnie Schevlin, dau, 23, div, 2-2, OR; Arlie, grandson, 3, s, OR; Frieda, granddau, 2, s, OR

3. Elizabeth Frances Marks

b. 23 Feb 1842 VanBuren Co, MO

d. 26 Sep 1913 Seattle, King Co, WA

m. 10 Jan 1861 Linn Co, OR [OR marriages, Linn Co Book A]

William Sain Clark

b. 1840 IL

d. c1899 WA

1850: Washington Twp, Jackson Co, MO, August 19, 1850; Bluford B. Marks, farmer, \$1800, KY; Martha, 35, KY; John P., 12, KY; Benjamin, 10, MO; Elizabeth, 8, MO; James P., 6, MO; Alfred, 4, MO; Sarah, 2, MO; Susan Wells, 20, MO; Jacob C. Marks, 35, farmer, KY

1860: Lebanon PO, Linn Co, OR, August 2, 1860; Bluford Marks, 48, farmer, \$800 \$2145, KY; Martha, 44, KY; Benjamin, 20, farm laborer, MO; Elizabeth, 18, MO; James, 16, MO, Alfred, 14, MO; Sarah, 10, MO; Jane, 8, MO; Mary, 3, OR; Eliza, 1, OR

1870: East of Deschutes River, Wasco Co, OR, August 24, 1870; William T. Clark, 30, farmer, \$300 \$125, IL; Elizabeth, 28, keeping house, MO; Clarissa, 9, OR; Anna, 7, OR; Albert, 5, OR; Della, 3, OR; James W., 1, OR

1880: Prineville, Wasco Co, OR, June 3, 1880; W.S. Clark, 38, husband, farmer, IL KY OH; E.F., 37, wife, at home, KY KY KY; C.C., 18, dau, OR; M.C., 17, dau, OR; Idella, 15, dau, OR; A.A., 14, son, OR; J.W., 11, son, OR; M.E., 10, dau, OR; S.T., 8, dau, OR; Monrova, 6, dau, OR; Grace, 8/10 (Oct), dau, OR

1900: Seattle, King Co, WA, June 13, 1900; (Marion) Armstrong, Feb 1857, 43, m-5yrs, OR MO Ark, expressman; Clara, wife, Dec 1861, 38, m-5yrs, 3-3, OR MO IA; Lester, son, Apr 1896, 4, s, WA; Dwight D., son, May 1898, 2, s, WA; baby, son, 0/12, s, WA; Elizabeth F. Clark, mother in law, Feb 1843, 57, wid, 11-11, MO KY KY; Thomas A., brother in law, Feb 1883, 17, s, WA IA MO, dairy helper

1910: Seattle, King Co, WA, April 18, 1910; Marion E. Armstrong family; Elizabeth Clark, mother in law, 68, wid, 11-10, OR KY KY; Thomas A., brother in law, 27, s, WA IA MO, ?-newspaper

PIONEER OF COAST PASSES IN SEATTLE

**Mrs. Elizabeth Frances Clark, Aged 72,
Had Been Resident of Seattle for
Eighteen Years.**

Mrs. Elizabeth Frances Clark, a resident of this city for the past eighteen years, died Friday morning at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. I. M. Armstrong, 165 Lynn Street. Mrs. Clark, who was one of the state's pioneers, was 72 years old. All her surviving children were present when she died. They are: Mrs. O. H. Springer, Mrs. Anna Lishness, Mrs. Louis Jones, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. H. A. Cook, Mrs. William Michael and J. W. Clark of this city; Mrs. George C. Marsh of Endicott and Thomas A. Clark and Mrs. William Hurley of Vancouver, B. C.

Mrs. Clark was born near Independence, Mo. She crossed the plains with her parents in the early spring of 1853, settling at Lebanon, in the Willamette Valley. In 1860 she married William Sain Clark, later removing to Walla Walla, and coming to Seattle eighteen years ago.

She leaves, besides her children, two sisters, Mrs. Mary Freer of Drain, Ore., and Mrs. Eliza Jensen of Imnaha, Ore.; two brothers, Benjamin Marks of Imnaha, and J. P. Marks of North Yakima.

Seattle Daily Times, Seattle, WA September 28, 1913 p15

Children of William Clark and Elizabeth Marks:

- i. Clarissa C. Clark
- b. 1861 OR
- d.

1870: East of Deschutes River, Wasco Co, OR, August 24, 1870; William T. Clark, 30, farmer, \$300 \$125, IL; Elizabeth, 28, keeping house, MO; Clarissa, 9, OR; Anna, 7, OR; Albert, 5, OR; Della, 3, OR; James W., 1, OR

1880: Prineville, Wasco Co, OR, June 3, 1880; W.S. Clark, 38, husband, farmer, IL KY OH; E.F., 37, wife, at home, KY KY KY; C.C., 18, dau, OR; M.C., 17, dau, OR; Idella, 15, dau, OR; A.A., 14, son, OR; J.W., 11, son, OR; M.E., 10, dau, OR; S.T., 8, dau, OR; Monrova, 6, dau, OR; Grace, 8/10 (Oct), dau, OR

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F. Clark, mother in law, Feb 1843, 57, wid, 11-11, MO KY KY; Thomas A., brother in law, Feb 1883, 17, s, WA IA MO, dairy helper

1910: Seattle, King Co, WA, April 18, 1910; Marion E. Armstrong family; Elizabeth Clark, mother in law, 68, wid, 11-10, OR KY KY; Thomas A., brother in law, 27, s, WA IA MO, ?-newspaper

ii. Anna Clark

b. 1863 OR

d.

1870: East of Deschutes River, Wasco Co, OR, August 24, 1870; William T. Clark, 30, farmer, \$300 \$125, IL; Elizabeth, 28, keeping house, MO; Clarissa, 9, OR; Anna, 7, OR; Albert, 5, OR; Della, 3, OR; James W., 1, OR

1880: Prineville, Wasco Co, OR, June 3, 1880; W.S. Clark, 38, husband, farmer, IL KY OH; E.F., 37, wife, at home, KY KY KY; C.C., 18, dau, OR; M.C., 17, dau, OR; Idella, 15, dau, OR; A.A., 14, son, OR; J.W., 11, son, OR; M.E., 10, dau, OR; S.T., 8, dau, OR; Monrova, 6, dau, OR; Grace, 8/10 (Oct), dau, OR;

iii. Albert A. Clark

b. 1865 OR

d.

1870: East of Deschutes River, Wasco Co, OR, August 24, 1870; William T. Clark, 30, farmer, \$300 \$125, IL; Elizabeth, 28, keeping house, MO; Clarissa, 9, OR; Anna, 7, OR; Albert, 5, OR; Della, 3, OR; James W., 1, OR

1880: Prineville, Wasco Co, OR, June 3, 1880; W.S. Clark, 38, husband, farmer, IL KY OH; E.F., 37, wife, at home, KY KY KY; C.C., 18, dau, OR; M.C., 17, dau, OR; Idella, 15, dau, OR; A.A., 14, son, OR; J.W., 11, son, OR; M.E., 10, dau, OR; S.T., 8, dau, OR; Monrova, 6, dau, OR; Grace, 8/10 (Oct), dau, OR;

iv. Idella Clark

b. 1867 OR

d.

1870: East of Deschutes River, Wasco Co, OR, August 24, 1870; William T. Clark, 30, farmer, \$300 \$125, IL; Elizabeth, 28, keeping house, MO; Clarissa, 9, OR; Anna, 7, OR; Albert, 5, OR; Della, 3, OR; James W., 1, OR

1880: Prineville, Wasco Co, OR, June 3, 1880; W.S. Clark, 38, husband, farmer, IL KY OH; E.F., 37, wife, at home, KY KY KY; C.C., 18, dau, OR; M.C., 17, dau, OR; Idella, 15, dau, OR; A.A., 14, son, OR; J.W., 11, son, OR; M.E., 10, dau, OR; S.T., 8, dau, OR; Monrova, 6, dau, OR; Grace, 8/10 (Oct), dau, OR;

v. James W. Clark
b. 1869 OR
d.

1870: East of Deschutes River, Wasco Co, OR, August 24, 1870; William T. Clark, 30, farmer, \$300 \$125, IL; Elizabeth, 28, keeping house, MO; Clarissa, 9, OR; Anna, 7, OR; Albert, 5, OR; Della, 3, OR; James W., 1, OR

1880: Prineville, Wasco Co, OR, June 3, 1880; W.S. Clark, 38, husband, farmer, IL KY OH; E.F., 37, wife, at home, KY KY KY; C.C., 18, dau, OR; M.C., 17, dau, OR; Idella, 15, dau, OR; A.A., 14, son, OR; J.W., 11, son, OR; M.E., 10, dau, OR; S.T., 8, dau, OR; Monrova, 6, dau, OR; Grace, 8/10 (Oct), dau, OR

1900: South Brownsville, Linn Co, OR, June 7 & 8, 1900; Charles D. Clark, head, Jul 1870, 29, s (div?), OR NY MO, farmer; James W., brother, Feb 1869, 30, m-4yrs, OR NY MO, farm laborer; Martha, sister in law, Sep 1866, 37, m-4yrs, 2-2, OR MO MO; Lister, son, Apr 1898, 2, s, OR OR OR; Hazel, dau, Apr 1900, 2/12, s, OR OR OR

1920: North Lebanon, Linn Co, OR

1940: Aurora, Marion Co, OR, April 13, 1940; James W. Clark, head, 71, b. OR, farmer; Hazel, dau, 59, s, OR

vi. M.E. Clark
b. 1870 OR
d.

1880: Prineville, Wasco Co, OR, June 3, 1880; W.S. Clark, 38, husband, farmer, IL KY OH; E.F., 37, wife, at home, KY KY KY; C.C., 18, dau, OR; M.C., 17, dau, OR; Idella, 15, dau, OR; A.A., 14, son, OR; J.W., 11, son, OR; M.E., 10, dau, OR; S.T., 8, dau, OR; Monrova, 6, dau, OR; Grace, 8/10 (Oct), dau, OR;

vii. S. T. Clark
b. 1872 OR
d.

1880: Prineville, Wasco Co, OR, June 3, 1880; W.S. Clark, 38, husband, farmer, IL KY OH; E.F., 37, wife, at home, KY KY KY; C.C., 18, dau, OR; M.C., 17, dau, OR; Idella, 15, dau, OR; A.A., 14, son, OR; J.W., 11, son, OR; M.E., 10, dau, OR; S.T., 8, dau, OR; Monrova, 6, dau, OR; Grace, 8/10 (Oct), dau, OR;

viii. Monrova Clark
b. 1874 OR
d.

1880: Prineville, Wasco Co, OR, June 3, 1880; W.S. Clark, 38, husband, farmer, IL KY OH; E.F., 37, wife, at home, KY KY KY; C.C., 18, dau, OR; M.C., 17, dau, OR; Idella, 15, dau, OR; A.A., 14, son, OR; J.W., 11, son, OR; M.E., 10, dau, OR; S.T., 8, dau, OR; Monrova, 6, dau, OR; Grace, 8/10 (Oct), dau, OR;

- ix. Grace Clark
- b. Oct 1879 OR
- d.

1880: Prineville, Wasco Co, OR, June 3, 1880; W.S. Clark, 38, husband, farmer, IL KY OH; E.F., 37, wife, at home, KY KY KY; C.C., 18, dau, OR; M.C., 17, dau, OR; Idella, 15, dau, OR; A.A., 14, son, OR; J.W., 11, son, OR; M.E., 10, dau, OR; S.T., 8, dau, OR; Monrova, 6, dau, OR; Grace, 8/10 (Oct), dau, OR;

- x. Thomas Alfred Clark
- b. 17 Feb 1883 Walla Walla Co, WA
- d.

1900: Seattle, King Co, WA, June 13, 1900; Armstrong, Feb 1857, 43, m-5yrs, OR MO Ark, expressman; Clara, wife, Dec 1861, 38, m-5yrs, 3-3, OR MO IA; Lester, son, Apr 1896, 4, s, WA; Dwight D., son, May 1898, 2, s, WA; baby, son, 0/12, s, WA; Elizabeth F. Clark, mother in law, Feb 1843, 57, wid, 11-11, MO KY KY; Thomas A., brother in law, Feb 1883, 17, s, WA IA MO, dairy helper

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- 4. James P. Marks
- b. 02 Dec 1845 VanBuren Co, MO
- d.

m1. 03 Nov 1873

Charity Ann Noble

b. 23 Jan 1856

d. 18 Oct 1875 Linn Co, OR

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1870: East of Deschutes River, Wasco Co, OR, August 25, 1870; Bluford B. Marks, 58, farmer, KY; Martha W., 54, keeping house, KY; James P., 24, farmer, \$0 \$1425, MO; Alfred B., 22, farmer, MO; Mary A., 15, at home, OR; Eliza A., 11, at school, OR

m2. c1878

Margaret Hedgpeth

b.

d.

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THE GRAVE AT FISH LAKE

By Patricia Hainline

On a hot summer day in August 1980 the gravesite is peaceful and beautiful. An old rock wall supports the downhill part of the plot, while a newer, rustic-looking log fence surrounds the grave.

A chestnut tree of undetermined age grows on the grave, in startling contrast to the old-growth Douglas and white firs growing everywhere. Somehow, the bright plastic flowers someone placed there do not seem tacky and garish.

Downhill you can see Fish Lake, which in August appears bright green because of the lush grass growing in its swampy bottom. If, from your viewpoint near the grave, you glance up from the green, grassy lake, you will spot one of the Three Sisters looming in the distance.

Fish Lake appears quiet and peaceful in August 1980, but 105 years ago, in October 1875, it was the scene of a raging early snowstorm that halted a group of travelers trying to cross Oregon's Cascade Mountains where Highway 20 runs today.

One of the travelers was James P. Marks, son of Bluford Marks, who had settled on a ridge north of Sweet Home, across the Santiam River. The area's Marks Ridge is named after this family and William Marks, who also settled on the ridge.

With James was his wife. He had married Charity Ann Noble two years earlier, and they were expecting a child.

No one knows exactly what happened. Possibly the group hurried, trying to outrun the storm. Maybe the baby was due and would

have arrived on this date anyway. The wagon road at its best was rough and bumpy, but that section near Fish Lake was especially bad because of the lava field it crossed.

Whatever the reason, Charity went into labor, and the rest of the story consists only of a few basic facts.

The facts are that the family was camped at Fish Lake on Oct. 18, 1875, during a snowstorm, and that they buried 19-year-old Charity Ann and her newborn baby here before they left.

For years the lonely grave remained unattended and unmarked, remembered only in legend, until, in 1939, Marvin J. Nye of the Forest Service, a prominent Sweet Home man who participated in much of the Forest Service's early east Linn County development, wrote a letter to Charity's brother, Andrew Noble, of Prineville, asking for her name and details of her death.

Unfortunately, Mr. Noble had died five years earlier but his wife, who had since married a man named Frank Austin, answered with Charity's birthdate -- Jan. 23, 1856 -- and the date of her death -- Oct. 18, 1875.

A month later, Ranger R.C. Burgess wrote Mrs. Austin requesting confirmation of the snowstorm story and other information. She replied with the Marks' marriage date -- Nov. 30, 1873 -- and confirmed the fact of the snowstorm.

Subsequently the Forest Service erected a historical marker giving the facts of the burial. It stands near the grave today.

But the Fish Lake of today is

far different from the Fish Lake of early years, and to put Charity Ann Marks' story in better perspective, it helps to know more about this place.

To get to Fish Lake from Sweet Home, drive 45 miles east on Highway 20 to the Clear Lake junction, and turn right onto Highway 126. Follow the signs a few miles farther to Fish Lake campground, where you can also see traces of the old wagon road.

Since Andrew Wiley and his party skirted the lake during their journey of discovery in 1859, people have found Fish Lake a convenient and restful stopping place in their travels over the Cascade Mountains. Even today the Forest Service maintains a campground there.

By 1867 the Willamette Valley and Cascade Mountain Wagon Road had been completed as far as Fish Lake, and the next year it was extended to Ontario, Oregon. From then on, the road was busy with freighters, sheepmen and cattlemen regularly crossing the mountains, along with families moving to Oregon, other families moving from the Willamette Valley to central Oregon, and many other travelers with various purposes. People even hiked over the mountains.

In contrast to the quiet Fish Lake of August 1980, the Fish Lake of the late 1800s and early 1900s was a busy place, filled with people, wagons, horses, stock. Since it was impossible to cross the mountains in a few hours, as we do today, roadhouses sprang up along the route to accommodate overnight travelers; and, although the Wagon

Road company owned the roadhouse at Fish Lake, a genial man named Henry Burmister managed it.

Travelers considered this the best roadhouse on the route. Hundreds of wagons often camped here at night, where large sheds provided shelter for both wagons and travelers; and a hotel catered to those who wished a bed for the night. Prices were 25c for a meal, 25c for a bed, and 25c for hay for each horse.

The lake teemed with fish. Grass was plentiful, and the host, Mr. Burmister, enjoyed a reputation for very fine singing. He often woke the camp up with his early morning songs. On Sundays, open air church services were often conducted. It was indeed a pleasant place to camp during the rough journey over the mountains.

By the early 1900s the Wagon Road company, concerned with fire protection, chose M.J. Nye to guard the company's timber lands and keep the road open. In addition to two men he stationed at Fish Lake, Nye also maintained fire lookouts on nearby peaks. This was the first forest protection known in Oregon. Before long, telephone lines radiated from the Fish Lake headquarters to lookout stations on the surrounding mountain peaks.

Each spring, in early May, Nye took a wagon and crew of six or eight men on a "cleanout" trip from Sweet Home to Fish Lake. They cut fallen timber out of the road, filled in washouts and mudholes and repaired bridges.

L.C. "Buss" Morehead, of a well-known Sweet Home family, drove wagon on these "cleanouts" and freighted supplies to the Fish Lake station. He also helped when the wild mountain meadow hay was ready to harvest, at Fish Lake and nearby Lava Lake.

A favorite saying, since the earliest days of the wagon road, was that Fish Lake was a lake in winter and early spring, a meadow in summer, and a hay field in the fall.

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was established in 1905, Fish Lake became the summer headquarters of the forest supervisor. Pack horses were kept here for many years, with the Fish Lake Remount Station supplying animals for fire and trail work, packing supplies in to lookouts, survey crews and timber crews. Pack horses were sent from this station to forest fires all over Oregon and Washington.

The Forest Service continues to maintain the station today, and there are still a few horses and a resident packer at the station. Several old forest service buildings remain. A runway fenced with lava rocks, leading from field to corral looks as efficient as it must have the day it was built, over 50 years ago.

A portion of the old wagon road is easily spotted in the lava rock, and one can imagine the Marks family struggling over this rough lane, trying to minimize the jouncing. Poor Charity Ann.

Her grave is up the slope, apart from the Ranger buildings, and west of the old hotel site.

It is difficult to imagine that more than 100 years ago Fish Lake was not a lonely ghost town, but a busy mountain community, and Charity Ann Marks was an active young woman still in her teens, anticipating the birth of her child.

A Forest Service volunteer is gathering material to nominate the Fish Lake site to the National Register of Historic Places. We hope the area does receive this designation, and that somewhere mention will be made of the unfortunate Charity Ann Noble Marks and her newborn infant.

--"Past Times," The Brownsville (Ore.) Times, August 14, 1980 NWP

Children of James P. Marks and Charity Noble:

1. Infant Noble

- b. 18 Oct 1875 Linn Co, OR
- d. 18 Oct 1875 Linn Co, OR

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5. Alfred B. Marks

- b. 04 Aug 1847 VanBuren Co, MO
- d. aft 1900

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1872: Wasco Co, A.B. Marks, military, county records Ochoco

1900: Beaver Creek, Grant Co, OR, June 11, 1900; A.B. Marks, 31, stock herder, MO KY KY [enumerated in T.J. Powell residence]

6. Sarah K. Marks

- b. 07 Jan 1849 Jackson Co, MO
- d. c1899 OR

m. 21 Dec 1865 Linn Co, OR

Thomas B. James

- b. Mar 1838 MO
- d. c1903 OR

1850: Washington Twp, Jackson Co, MO, August 19, 1850; Bluford B. Marks, farmer, \$1800, KY; Martha, 35, KY; John P., 12, KY; Benjamin, 10, MO; Elizabeth, 8, MO; James P., 6, MO; Alfred, 4, MO; Sarah, 2, MO; Susan Wells, 20, MO; Jacob C. Marks, 35, farmer, KY

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1880: Prineville, Wasco Co, OR, June 5, 1880; T.B. James, 43, husband, farmer, MO KY KY; S.K., 28, wife, at home, MO KY KY; Anna, 12, dau, OR; Mary, 9, dau, OR; George, 6, son, OR; Ollie, 2, dau, OR

1900: Harney, Harney Co, OR, June 4 & 5, 1900; Thomas B. James, head, Mar 1838, 62, wid, MO TN KY, farmer

7. Martha Jane Marks

b. 15 May 1852 Jackson Co, MO

d.

1860: Lebanon PO, Linn Co, OR, August 2, 1860; Bluford Marks, 48, farmer, \$800 \$2145, KY; Martha, 44, KY; Benjamin, 20, farm laborer, MO; Elizabeth, 18, MO; James, 16, MO, Alfred, 14, MO; Sarah, 10, MO; Jane, 8, MO; Mary, 3, OR; Eliza, 1, OR

8. Mary A. Marks

b. 15 Oct 1855 Lebanon, Linn Co, OR

d.

m. c1873 OR

Mr. Freer

b.

d.

1860: Lebanon PO, Linn Co, OR, August 2, 1860; Bluford Marks, 48, farmer, \$800 \$2145, KY; Martha, 44, KY; Benjamin, 20, farm laborer, MO; Elizabeth, 18, MO; James, 16, MO, Alfred, 14, MO; Sarah, 10, MO; Jane, 8, MO; Mary, 3, OR; Eliza, 1, OR

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9. Eliza A. Marks

b. 17 Sep 1858 Lebanon, Linn Co, OR

d.

m. c1878 OR

Mr. Jensen

b.

d.

1860: Lebanon PO, Linn Co, OR, August 2, 1860; Bluford Marks, 48, farmer, \$800 \$2145, KY; Martha, 44, KY; Benjamin, 20, farm laborer, MO; Elizabeth, 18, MO; James, 16, MO, Alfred, 14, MO; Sarah, 10, MO; Jane, 8, MO; Mary, 3, OR; Eliza, 1, OR

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