

Charles Claggett

Pioneer of 1852

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b. 13 Oct 1813 Woodford County, Kentucky

d. 07 Oct 1902 Marion County, Oregon

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s/o Thomas Claggett and Mary Mason

m. 03 Jul 1832 Tennessee

Mary South Irvine

b. 13 Oct 1813 Todd County, Kentucky

d. 23 Aug 1889 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

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ODLC: #2069 Marion; Charles Claggett b. 1813 Woodford Co, KY; arrived Oregon 13 Sep 1852; settled claim 20 Jan 1853; m'd Mary S. 03 Jul 1832/3 TN. Aff: William P. Pugh, Stephen Fisher

1860: Salem, Marion County, Oregon, July 27, 1860; C. Claggett, 47, farmer, \$1400 \$1247, KY; M., 47, KY; W.J.D., 19, farmer, MO; M. A., Spong, 37, f, PA; M.O. Claggett, 12, f, MO; J.B., 10, m, MO; W. Hughes, 21, farmer, \$0 \$230, MO

1880: Salem, Marion County, Oregon, June 5, 1880; Chs Claggett, 66, retired farmer, KY VA VA; M.S., 66, wife, keeping house, KY KY KY; S.E. McNary, 22, granddau, OR IL MO; Ella, 18, granddau, OR IL MO; John, 16, granddau (sic), OR IL MO

DIED.

CLAGGETT.—At her home in Salem, on the evening of Friday, August 23, 1889, Mrs. Charles Claggett, aged seventy-six years.

The deceased was born at Elkton, Kentucky, April 1, 1813, and made the trip across the plains to Oregon in 1852, settling upon their arrival here on the Clagget homestead, four miles north of Salem. In July, 1832, she was married to Charles Claggett, who survives her.

The funeral will be conducted tomorrow at ten a. m., from the family residence, the remains being interred in the family burying ground north of the city.

Evening Capital Journal August 24, 1889 p4

CHARLES CLAGGET—1852

(Source: Miss Nina McNary, Salem, Oregon, 1927.)

Charles Clagget was one of the most honored and respected of the early Marion county pioneers. His family were widely connected with those of other pioneers, the McNarys, Irvines, Pughs, etc. The descendants of this worthy man are legion throughout Oregon.

Charles Clagget crossed the plains by ox team in 1852, but at this time very little can be learned of this trip. After their arrival in Marion county, Mr. Clagget took up a donation land claim just north of Salem, where he and his good wife, who was a Miss Irvine, lived to an old age.

A large family of ten children came of this union, but only three daughters and one son grew to maturity. Of these were:

W. D.

Sally H., who married John Pugh.

Mary Margaret, who married Hugh L. McNary, and, according to "Pen Pictures From the Garden of the World," by Hines (page 989), he says that Charles Clagget was born in Kentucky in 1818. He was a son of Thomas Clagget, also of Kentucky, whose wife was Mary Mason, of the same state.

[Book of Remembrance by Steeves p. 258]

"The construction of the [Charlie] Claggett house was interesting. In the Southern style, it had a large entry with a small room on either side of it, the entry being as large as one of the rooms. In Claggett's time the small room on the north side of the entry had been used as a bedroom by anybody traveling the highway into Salem. A bed was always ready for a weary traveler, and, as there was only an outside door to the room, anyone could stop at any hour of the night without disturbing the family.

The main part of the house was two stories high and each floor consisted of only two very large rooms. There were back-to-back fireplaces in the north and south high-ceilinged rooms on the first floor. Upstairs the boys slept in the larger of the two rooms and the girls in the other. The only heat for the second floor came through the open stairway near the kitchen.

The shed-like addition in the back of the house was the kitchen area and had been added sometime after the original construction of the main house. On the back porch was a pitcher pump to provide water for the house.

Although it appeared solid, the house had to be replaced [c. 1906] because the foundation timbers, which were placed on large rocks, had rotted out." **Marion County Historical Society Vol 12 p.44**

1902: Marion County Probate Records File #2166. Charles Claggett. Intestate. Date of death 05 Oct 1902, age 88 years. W.D. Claggett, Adm. 09 Oct 1902. Heirs: W.D. Claggett, son, 61, Salem, Oregon; children of deceased daughter, Mrs. Mary Margaret McNary: Mary Elizabeth Bruce, 40 (husband H.T. Bruce); Ninan McNary, over 21; John H. McNary, over 30 (wife Esther H. McNary); Ella Stoltz, 28; Charles L. McNary, 25 (wife Jessie McNary) all of Salem; children of deceased daughter, Mrs. Sallie A. Pugh; Charles W. Pugh, 40, (wife Joanna Pugh) of Salem; Mrs. Agnes Pugh Bristow, 30 (husband Eugene Bristow), of Ashland; John W. Pugh, 23, single, Portland; Delman Pugh, 25, single, Texas (deceased by 1904); children of deceased daughter Mrs. Martha Savage; John Savage, 28, Fairfield, Marion County; Charles Savage, 24, Baker City, Oregon; Ennis Savage, 21, Salem, Oregon; Roy Pugh, great grandson, 16, Salem (son of Robert Pugh, deceased son of Sallie A. Pugh, deceased daughter of Charles Claggett); Ellen Claggett Welch (daughter of William D. Claggett) who cared and nursed deceased for 72 months, Marion County. [Marion County Probate Records by Daraleen Wade Vol 1 p. 42]

REST FOR AN OLD PIONEER

Uncle Charley Claggett Passed
Away on Last
Sunday

HE LEAVES A CONSIDERABLE
ESTATE IN THIS COUNTY
WHERE HE HAS RESIDED FOR
A HALF CENTURY—WAS A NA-
TIVE OF KENTUCKY.

Charley Claggett, a pioneer of 1852, and one of the most highly respected and honorable residents of Marion county, died at his farm four miles north of this city at 8:30 o'clock Sunday morning, after an illness of only a few days, of old age, aged 88 days short of 89 years.

Deceased was born in Woodford county, Kentucky, October 13, 1813, and came to Salem on October 13, 1852. On his arrival here he bought a Donation Land Claim four miles north of Salem, containing 200 acres, and on this land, now one of the most valuable farms in Marion county, he reared his homestead and raised his family. As he prospered he bought additional lands, increasing his holdings to about 320 acres, and this property is in an excellent state of cultivation. Mr. and Mrs. Claggett resided on the farm for a third of a century, raising a family of ten children, of whom only one—W. D. Claggett, of this city, is now living. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at the Claggett homestead near this city, and interment was had in the family cemetery on the farm.

Deceased was one of the most highly respected residents of the county. He was a man of sterling integrity, and his counsel was sought by many of the best people. He was not a member of any religious organization, but was a regular attendant of, and a large contributor to, the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and for a number of years—strange as it may seem—he was a member of the official governing body of the local congregation of that denomination. In politics he was originally a Democrat, but since the war between the states he affiliated with the Republican party, in the councils of which he always stood high.

Deceased leaves an estate valued at about \$15,000. He leaves one son, 22 grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren. Among the grandchildren are Attorneys John H. and C. L. McNary, both of this city. Mr. Claggett belonged to a family noted for longevity. Of the four brothers and one sister, only one, a brother, died under the age of 85—and he was instantly killed in this state a number of years ago.

Mr. Claggett was a gentleman of the highest integrity, and was one of the kindest of men. He was never heard to say an unkind word of any man, and few there are who will acknowledge to a feeling of anything but the highest respect for the deceased.

DEATH OF CHARLES CLAGGETT

**Passed Away at the Age of
86 Years, Sunday**

Charles Claggett, a pioneer of 1852, died at his home north of Salem, Sunday morning, October 5, 1902. He was aged 89 years.

Deceased was born in Kentucky, October 13, 1813.

Funeral services were conducted at the late home of deceased this afternoon.

He resided in Kentucky until about 1845, when he removed to Missouri and engaged in farming in that state. In 1852 he crossed the plains to Oregon, and took the donation land claim which was his home at the time of his death. From 1879 to 1901 Mr. Claggett lived in Salem, but a year ago he insisted upon returning to the scenes of his more active life to spend the remainder of his days.

While residing in Kentucky, Mr. Claggett married Miss Mary Irvine, who died some 16 years ago. Thirteen children were born to them, of whom but one, W. D. Claggett, of Salem, is still living. The deceased leaves 22 grandchildren, among them John H. McNary, C. L. McNary, Miss Nina McNary, Mrs. T. H. Bruce and Mrs. W. T. Stolz, of this city.

[Daily Capital Journal October 6, 1902 p4]

PROMINENT PIONEER GONE.

Charles Claggett, Active in Marion County Since 1852.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 5.—(Special.)—Charles Claggett, an Oregon pioneer of 1852, died at his home five miles north of Salem this morning of old age. Deceased was born in Kentucky, October 13, 1813, and, there-

fore, was almost 89 years old when he died. He resided in Kentucky until about 1845, when he removed to Missouri and engaged in farming in that state. In 1852 he crossed the plains to Oregon, and took the donation land claim which was his home at the time of his death. From 1879 to 1901 Mr. Claggett lived in Salem, but a year ago he insisted upon returning to the scenes of his more active life to spend the remainder of his days.

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Mr. Claggett was well known to nearly all the old settlers in Western Oregon. He was recognized here as a man of great industry and of progressive ideas. While always taking an active interest in all public affairs, he was never a candidate for office. Until about six years ago he was a member of every Republican county convention held in this county, and was prominent in the councils of his party. His physical and mental activity continued until a few weeks ago, when a slight illness confined him to his room, finally resulting in his death. He left an estate valued at about \$20,000.

The funeral will be conducted from the

farm home at 2:30 P. M. tomorrow. Conveyances for all friends of the family will leave Rigdon's undertaking parlors at 1 P. M.

Mrs. Mary F. Miller, wife of E. C. Miller, prominent in labor circles in this city as an organizer, died this afternoon, aged 35 years. She was a native of Eastport, Me., and came to Salem two years ago from Boston.

Northwestern Postoffice Changes.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 1.—The postoffice at Susanville, Grant County, Or., has been moved a short distance easterly, without change of postmaster.

After October 6 a star service between Knab and Wilson, Wash., will be daily, except Sunday, an increase from three times a week.

The recent order of the Postoffice Department increasing steamboat service from Seattle, Wash., to Vancouver, B. C., to six times a week has been rescinded.

On October 31 the postoffice at York, Alaska, will be discontinued, mail thereafter going to Teller.

IT WILL MAKE YOU STRONG—

Horsford's Acid Phosphate.

It is a true constitutional Tonic, that restores health, vigor and strength by natural laws. Its benefits are lasting.

Genealogical Narrative

A History of the Claggett - Irvine Clans

by
Lois
Mrs. Edith (Kerns) Chambers



Limited Edition: Eugene, Oregon: 1940

The Woodford County Claggetts went to Missouri in two groups. Two brothers, Thomas and William, and one sister, Sarah, went directly into Missouri. Two brothers, Benjamin Mason and Charles, with the other sister Margaret, started from Todd County three years later in company with the Irvine family. Charles, now married to Mary Irvine, and Benjamin, after visiting Robert Irvine, went north to see their brothers and sister. They found the country settling up fast and that the slave question was disturbing. They decided to go to Clay County in the extreme west, where they had friends and relatives. Here Benjamin married Elizabeth Irvine, April 17, 1834.

Soon after they reached Clay County they heard of new lands to the north. They followed the trapper and hunter into Gentry County, where Mary Margaret, daughter of Charles and Mary Claggett, and the son of Benjamin and Elizabeth, had the distinction of being the first white children born in the county in the year of 1835.

From 1835 to the present year 1940 the narrative of the Claggett family is closely interwoven with that of the Irvines.

Reminiscences of Irvine Woodford Claggett

Missouri to Oregon

As told to Edith Kerns Chambers in 1927.

MY father, Benjamin Mason Claggett, enlisted twice for service in the Mexican War. He enlisted first on January 12, 1847, in Liberty, Missouri, as a private in Company H, Third Missouri Mounted Volunteers; and the second time at Athens (now Albany), county seat of Gentry County, September 22, 1847, under Captain Summers, Colonel Bonipham's regiment, commissary department. He was discharged at Fort Leavenworth.

On his return from first enlistment father sold his home in Gentry County and bought Mr. Plymate's improved farm in Harrison County. To this farm he added 80 acres bought with his soldier's rights. We were just nicely settled in this new home when we heard the folks in Gentry County were talking of going to Oregon. Father made a trip to his old home and after hearing of the wonders of that far off land returned and hastily sold our belongings and joined the rest of the family in the spring of 1852.

We stopped at Liberty, to visit an uncle, Samuel Hadley, who was a prominent man living in what seemed luxury to us. He was sheriff of his county. After this short visit we left for Saint Joseph to complete our equipment.

Our train was small. The unit was made up of the Irvine-Claggett-Berry families, all related. The most serious difficulty we encountered was crossing the Platte River. It was not only too expensive but caused delay to use the poor ferry. In fording the river we would often have to camp an extra night, for toward nightfall the river would rise and the quick-sand would make the crossing dangerous.

The Indians were friendly for the most part. Our troubles came as we neared the Blue Mountains. Frank Berry, standing guard one night,

shot an Indian who was prowling around the camp. In retaliation the Indians drove off several of our horses and cattle.

Near the Snake River, five head were bought back at \$5.00 apiece, after we had spent three days hunting for them. One time an old Indian made a dash at the children saying, "Charge George Washington".

We did not have much serious sickness. A young man, one of Uncle Robert's drivers, died soon after crossing the Platte river. Uncle Robert Irvine lost a child mid-way across the plains and his wife died after they left The Dalles.

Recollections of Elizabeth Claggett Kerns

Crossing the Plains in 1852

As Told to Edith Kerns Chambers in 1929.

WHEN the stories of the new west penetrated the little settlement in Gentry County, Missouri, Grandmother was as interested as her sons and daughters. We were living in our new home in Harrison County when we heard that the folks in Gentry County were planning to go to Oregon. We hastily disposed of our farm and surplus stock and joined them in March, 1852. Grandmother was still enthusiastic about making the trip with us.

On April first we started on that six months' journey. Robert Irvine, my uncle, served as captain of our train and was relieved by his brother Samuel and his brother-in-law, Charles Claggett. Robert Irvine and Charles Claggett had the best equipment. We had two yoke of oxen, and some loose cattle. I have often heard my mother say she walked two-thirds of the way to Oregon, often helping with the cattle. She carried through life a deep scar on her forehead from stampeding cattle.

We stopped near Liberty, Missouri, where we saw others making preparations for the westward journey. Our grandmother had a brother, Samuel Hadley, living in Clay County. He was a prominent man in his

community and lived in luxury with many slaves. We enjoyed our stay there and considered it a "lark" to sleep in high poster beds.

The first exciting event of the trip was one of the crossings of the Platte River. After two or three trips were made across with trusty oxen we would have to find another crossing because of quicksand. Toward evening the river came up, and as we were the last ones to cross we nearly lost our goods. I shall never forget how my mother worked that evening drying our bedding and clothes. She seemed much distressed that the Bible was so soaked that the leaves were in danger of being lost.

Somewhere, perhaps half way across the plains, Uncle Charles Claggett's team ran into ours and broke the rear wheels. We traveled a great distance in the two-wheeled cart constructed from our four-wheeled wagon. Our wagons carried, besides the children, our food, beds, clothing, and camp equipment. In our wagon the food boxes, covered with quilts, were used as seats. Two Dutch ovens swung under the wagon, and two split bottom chairs were fastened to the back.

In the beginning of our trip we could buy dried apples, salmon, and flour at the trading posts and from the Indians. The Indians would say "Swap salmon for powder". As we neared the end of the journey we were two days without bread. My mother often told how she stayed away from us children so as not to hear us ask for bread.

Our train was small when we started out, but from time to time a wagon would join us. The wagons formed a circle at night and each family built its own fire and prepared its own food. Beds were made on the ground with the aid of ticks filled with feathers, but after the loss of the two wheels and one yoke of oxen it was necessary to discard feather beds; and when we lost our third ox, more articles were abandoned.

The only time there might have been serious trouble with the Indians occurred near the end of the journey. The train descended from the plateau into the valley of the Snake River. The wagons were taking their places in the circle and ours was the last to draw up. Father had gone to confer with the men as to who should stand guard. Mother was starting a fire when two Indian chiefs in all their paint came galloping

up to our wagon. I was so fascinated with their colorful approach that they were at the end of the wagon before I realized my danger. With one loud whoop the rider nearest the wagon made a grab for me. I darted to the front only to find that the rider had whirled and was there to make his second attempt. Just at this time Father observed what was taking place and ran with his black-snake in his hand. I am sure that the Indian and I never forgot the sound of that whip as it struck the flank of the horse. Fortunately for us a long train appeared over the hill and the Indians did not dare to attack us. It was later estimated that several hundred Indians were on the war path. As it was, the two trains lost several head of cattle and horses that night.

At The Dalles came the first break in our train. The men who were not needed to take the stock and wagons overland remained at the post a few days. They constructed rafts and floated down the Columbia to the Cascade Falls. Here were stationed men who were hired to take them around the Falls. They took passage on a large scow. After four days of travel they were joined by the rest of the train at the mouth of the Sandy.

It was a sad parting at The Dalles. Father and Mother were compelled to remain for sometime at the post to earn enough money to go on. I shall never forget the tears shed by my mother as she said goodbye to her mother. This was the last time we ever saw Grandmother Hadley. Margaret Hadley Irvine died the night the family arrived at their destination, Salem, Oregon. At last, after that long journey of six months, she rested in the Mission Cemetery, the first one buried there.

Charles Claggett

CHARLES CLAGGETT, youngest son of Thomas and Mary Mason Claggett, was born October 15, 1813, in Woodford County, Kentucky. When a young man he visited his sister Margaret and her husband, John D. Claggett in Todd County, Kentucky. John D. and Margaret in 1828 had purchased the Irvine plantation from Jess Irvine and it was easy for Charles to become acquainted with their elder daughter, Mary South Irvine. Elizabeth, Mary's sister, told how this dashing young man persisted in his attention to her sister. When Mary would see him coming on his jet black horse, she would bribe Elizabeth to tell him that she was not at home. Persistence finally won and they were married in the Irvine brick house in Elkton, Kentucky.

Charles and Polly accompanied the Irvine family to Missouri and settled in Gentry County. Charles was a successful farmer and was well equipped to make the trip to Oregon in 1852. In Oregon, Charles bought land five miles north of Salem. He imported the first goats brought to Marion County, Oregon. It is told of him that he loved to sit on a log and let the goats climb all around him, feeding them sugar and bits of turnip. In the next decade Charles and Polly added many tracts of land to their home-place. Charles always gave credit to his wife for their success. He often said she handled their farm produce so successfully that all current expenses were met by returns from cows, geese and chickens. As his daughters married he gave to each a tract of land, and before long they were his neighbors, the McNarys, the Pughs, the Savages and his son, William Claggett.

Satisfied, now that their children were established, Charles and Polly bought a cozy home on Commercial street in Salem. Here they lived with two grandchildren, Ellen and Annie, until Polly died in 1889. As long as Charles lived in town he took great pleasure in hitching up old Brownie to his buggy and spending the day on the farm. In the evening he would chat and play croquet with his neighbors. He had

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many friends in town and in the country. He was always generous, dividing his fruit and vegetables with his friends.

The last few years were spent on the farm with his granddaughter, Ellen, and her husband, Frank Welch. He was active and in good health up to his death in 1902. He lies beside his wife, Mary, in the Claggett Cemetery on the home-place.

—Mrs. Bess Bruce, Portland, Oregon.

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"Charles Claggett, a worthy pioneer of Oregon, is a native of Woodford county, Kentucky, born October 13, 1818, a son of Thomas Claggett, who was also a native of the Blue Grass State, and lived and died there; the paternal grandfather was a Virginian and an early settler of Kentucky. Thomas Claggett married Miss Mary Mason, a native of Virginia, and to them were born seven children, only two of whom survive, William and Charles. The latter is the subject of this biographical notice. He passed an uneventful youth on his father's farm, and attended the common schools. When he came of age, in 1834, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Irving, of Kentucky, and they then removed to Missouri, where they resided twelve years. In 1852 they crossed the plains with ox teams, being seven months en route, and arrived at Salem, October 18, 1852. They went into the country, and Mr. Claggett took a Government ranch of 200 acres; he built a house, improved the land, and as he prospered from year to year he made additional purchases of land, as his neighbors were willing to sell, until he now has 600 acres; this land is under excellent cultivation, and is well improved with good, substantial farm buildings.

Mr. and Mrs. Claggett are the parents of ten children, only two of whom are living: W. D., a son; and Sally A., the widow of Mr. Pugh. They have reared two granddaughters, whose mother died during their infancy; one married and the other is keeping house for her grandfather; the death of the grandmother occurred August 13, 1889; she was a true and faithful wife, and for fifty-five years bore her share of the burdens of life, and lightened those of others.

Mr. Claggett divided his farm among his children, retained 220 acres, and in 1880 he retired from active pursuits. He bought a pleasant residence in Salem, where he is surrounded with all the comforts of life, and is held in the highest respect by all who know him. He has led a life of industry, has attended strictly to his own affairs, and has met with the prosperity which such conduct of life deserves, he has always been straightforward in all his business dealings, and has the utmost confidence of his fellow men.

Previous to the late civil war he adhered to the principles of the Democratic party, but since that time he has cast his vote with the Republicans." [An Illustrated History of Oregon by Rev. H. K. Hines p. 989]

Children of Charles Claggett and Mary Irvine:

1. Mary Margaret Claggett

b. 16 Nov 1835 Clinton County, Missouri

d. 1879 Marion County, Oregon

buried Claggett Cemetery, Keizer, Marion County, Oregon

m. 21 Dec 1854 Marion County, Oregon

Hugh Linza McNary

b. 30 Aug 1829 Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois

d. 18 Jul 1883 Marion County, Oregon

buried Claggett Cemetery, Keizer, Marion County, Oregon

1850: Athens, Gentry County, Missouri, October 2, 1850; Charles Claggett, 36, farmer, \$750, KY; Mary S., 36, KY; Mary M., 14, MO; Salley A., 12, MO; William D., 9, MO; Eliza A., 6, MO; Martha, 4, MO; John B., 2/12, MO; Benjamin H. Irvin, 21, farmer, KY

1854: Dec 21 Marion County, Marriages File #136 p.31; H.L. McNary and Mary M. Claggett; H.A. Johnson, J.P. Witnesses: E. Fox and William Cole. [Marion County, Oregon Marriage Records by Wade and Custer Vol 1 p.8]

1860: Lebanon PO, Linn County, Oregon, September 13, 1860; H.L. McNary, 30, farmer, \$1600 \$1094, IL; Mary, 24, MO; Mary, 4, OR; Sarah, 3, OR; Martha, 8/12, OR

1879: July 24 Marion County, Oregon Marriages: Mr. H.L. McNary, over 21 and Miss Julia A. Johnson, over 18 at house of Mrs. S.C. Hatch. J.W. Spanswick, M.G. Witnesses: Mrs. S.C. Hatch and J.W. Murphy. Aff. Ed N. Edes. File #2327 p. 609 [Marion County Oregon Marriage Records by Custer and Wade Vol III p.51]

1880: North Salem, Marion County, Oregon, June 16, 1880; Hugh L. McNary, 50, farmer, IL KY KY; Julia A., 41, wife, IA MO NJ; Sarah E., dau, 23, dressmaker, OR IL IA; Martha, 20, dau, at home, OR IL IA; Nancy E., 18, dau, OR IL IA; Hugh L., 13, son, OR IL IA; Ella, 10, dau, OR IL IA; Charles H., 7, son, OR IL IA; Julia M., 4, dau, OR IL IA

1883: July 27; Marion County Probate Records File #873. H.L. McNary. Intestate. Adm: Widow, 27 July 1883. Heirs: Julia A., widow, 44; Mary E. Bruce, daughter, 27, (wife of Thomas Bruce); Sarah E. McNary, daughter, 26; Martha A. McNary, daughter, 24; Nancy Eliza McNary, 30, Salem; Angelo P. McNary, 28, Harrisburg, Oregon; Lawrence A. McNary, 25, Portland, Oregon; Hugh P. McNary, 23, Salem; Wilson D. McNary, 18, Salem. Refers to farms in Linn and Polk Counties and house and lots in Salem.

1884: April 12; Marion County Probate Records File #912 p.165 McNary Minors. Guardianship of minor heirs of H.L. McNary. Guardian: Charles Claggett, grandfather, 12 April 1884. Charles L. McNary, John H. McNary, Ella McNary. Sisters of the three minors: Sarah E. McNary, Eliza McNary, Mattie McNary. [Marion County, Oregon Probate Records by Daraleen Wade Vol 2 p.165]

Children of Hugh McNary and Sallie Claggett:

i. Mary Elizabeth McNary

b. 08 Aug 1857 Marion County, Oregon

d. 27 Feb 1932 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

1877: Nov 11 Marion County, Oregon, Marriage: Thomas Bruce, over 21 and Mary E. McNary, over 18 at house of bride's father. J.C. Baker, M.G. Wit: W.D. Claggett and Herman Waterman. Aff: Charles Pugh. File #2093 p.377 [Marion County Oregon Marriage Records by Custer and Wade Vol III p.32]

ii. Sarah E. "Nina" McNary

b. 08 Aug 1857 Marion County, Oregon

d. 27 Feb 1932 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

iii. Martha McNary
b. 1860 Linn County, Oregon
d. 1898

iv. Eliza N. McNary
b. 14 May 1862
d. 04 Aug 1887
buried Claggett Cemetery, Keizer, Marion County, Oregon

v. Harriett R. McNary
b. 10 Sep 1864
d. 07 Jun 1879
buried Claggett Cemetery, Keizer, Marion County, Oregon

vi. John Hugh McNary
b. 31 Jan 1867 Salem, Marion County, Oregon
d. 25 Oct 1936 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon



"JOHN H. McNARY. Residence, 385 Sumner street; office, United States National Bank building, Salem. Born in 1869 in Marion County, Oregon. Son of Hugh L. and Margaret (Claggett) McNary. Married January 29, 1893, to Esther Hall. Attended public schools of Marion County, the Willamette University and later, the State University of Oregon at Eugene. Read law in the office of Judge George H. Burnett. Admitted to the bar at Salem in June, 1894, and the United States District and Circuit Courts July 17, 1901. Commenced the practice of his profession with S. L. Hayden, under the firm name of Hayden & McNary, which partnership continued until 1900, when it was dissolved and a partnership formed with Charles L. McNary, which continues to date. In 1890 was elected Recorder of Marion County. Deputy District Attorney 1893-1904, when he was elected District Attorney and re-elected in 1908. President of Marion County Bar Association and member of the American Bar Association and Oregon Bar Association. Member of Masonic, I. O. O. P. and B. P. O. E. fraternities. Member of Illihee Club of Salem. Republican." [History of the Bench and Bar in Oregon p.180]

vii. Ella McNary
b. 29 Aug 1870 Marion County, Oregon
d. 28 Dec 1951 Marion County, Oregon

viii. James McNary

b. 03 Apr 1872

d. 23 Apr 1872

buried Claggett Cemetery, Keizer, Marion County, Oregon

ix. [Charles Linza McNary](#)

b. 12 Jun 1874 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

d. 25 Feb 1944 Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida

buried Belcrest Memorial Park, Salem, Marion County, Oregon



"CHARLES L. McNARY. Residence, 643 Court street; office, United States National building, Salem. Born June 12, 1874, in Marion County, Oregon. Son of Hugh L. and Margaret (Claggett) McNary. Married November 19, 1902, to Jessie Breyman. Attended public and high schools at Salem and the Stanford University, California. Read law in the office of Samuel L. Hayden and John H. McNary. Admitted to the bar at Salem in 1898, and became associated with John H. McNary, which continues to date. President Salem % Taft Club. Dean Willamette College of Law. Member of Masonic, B. P. O. E and I. O. O. F. fraternities and Illihee Club, of Salem. Republican." [History of the Bench and Bar in Oregon p.180]

x. Julia M. McNary

b. 1876

d. 07 Dec 1880 Marion County, Oregon
buried Claggett Cemetery, Keizer, Marion County, Oregon

2. Sarah "Sallie" Ann Claggett

b. 03 Jul 1838 Clinton County, Missouri

d. 29 Nov 1895 Marion County, Oregon

buried Claggett Cemetery, Keizer, Marion County, Oregon

m1. 31 Aug 1854 Marion County, Oregon

John M. Pugh [Pioneer of 1845]

b. 01 Mar 1820 Sullivan County, Indiana

d. 15 May 1880 Marion County, Oregon

buried Claggett Cemetery, Keizer, Marion County, Oregon

s/o William Pugh and Jeanette Donaldson

1850: Athens, Gentry County, Missouri, October 2, 1850; Charles Claggett, 36, farmer, \$750, KY; Mary S., 36, KY; Mary M., 14, MO; Salley A., 12, MO; William D., 9, MO; Eliza A., 6, MO; Martha, 4, MO; John B., 2/12, MO; Benjamin H. Irvin, 21, farmer, KY

ODLC: #25 Marion Co; John M. Pugh; b. 1820 Sullivan Co, IN; sc 01 Nov 1847. Aff: John Force, James S. Ross

1854: Aug 31; Marion County, Marriages File #120 p.26; John M. Pugh and Sarah Ann Claggett 31 Aug 1854. S.A. Burnett, M.G. [Marion County, Oregon Marriage Records by Wade and Custer p.7]

1860 Salem, Marion Co, OR; J.M. Pugh, 40, farmer, \$3400 \$1314, IA; S.A., 22, MO; C.W., 4, m, OR; M.J., 8/12, f, OR; Josephine, 10/12, f, (brother's daughter), OR

1870 Salem, Marion Co, OR; J.M. Pugh, 40, farmer, \$34600 \$500, IN; Sally A., 34, MO; C.W., 14, m, OR; Robt A., 8, m, OR; Ella, 6, f, OR; Agnes, 4, f, OR; John, 1, m, OR

1880 Dist 81, North Salem, Marion Co, OR; Silas (sic-Sally) A. Pugh, 40, mother, MO; Robert A., 18, son, farmer, OR; Ella A., 16, dau, OR; Agness, 14, dau, OR; John, 10, son, OR; Delman, 8, son, OR; Martha, 6, dau, OR

John M. Pugh and Sarah Ann Claggett had the following children:

i. Charles W. Pugh

b. Nov 1856 Oregon

d. 17 Dec 1931 Marion County, Oregon [D/C #916]

buried Claggett Cemetery, Keizer, Marion County, Oregon

ii. Mary J. Pugh

b. Nov 1859 Oregon

d. 05 Sep 1860

buried Claggett Cemetery, Keizer, Marion County, Oregon

iii. Robert A. Pugh

b. 1862 Oregon

d.

iv. Ella A. Pugh

b. 18 Dec 1863 Oregon

d. 28 May 1887 Oregon

buried Claggett Cemetery, Keizer, Marion Co, Oregon

v. Agnes Pugh

b. 1866 Oregon

d.

vi. John Pugh

b. 1870 Oregon

d.

vii. Delman Pugh

b. 1872 Oregon

d. 07 Jul 1904

buried Claggett Cemetery, Keizer, Marion Co, Oregon

viii. Martha Elva Pugh

b. 20 Oct 1873 Oregon

d. 29 Oct 1894 Oregon

buried Claggett Cemetery, Keizer, Marion Co, Oregon

3. William D. Claggett

b. 28 Nov 1840 Albany, Gentry County, Missouri

d. 19 Dec 1911 Salem, Marion Co, OR [D/C #3851]

m1.

Ella Hennis

b.

d.

1850: Athens, Gentry County, Missouri, October 2, 1850; Charles Claggett, 36, farmer, \$750, KY; Mary S., 36, KY; Mary M., 14, MO; Salley A., 12, MO; William D., 9, MO; Eliza A., 6, MO; Martha, 4, MO; John B., 2/12, MO; Benjamin H. Irvin, 21, farmer, KY

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1880: Salem, Marion County, Oregon, June 15, 1880; William Claggett, 39, farmer, MO MO IL; Eiza J., 27, wife, keeping house, IL _ IN; Anna May, 13, dau, OR MO IL; Iva Ellen, 11, dau, OR MO IL; Mary P., 7, dau, OR MO IL; Charles W., 6, son, OR MO IL; George, 3, son, OR MO IL

1900: Salem, Marion County, Oregon, June 4, 1900; William D. Claggett, head, Nov 1836, 63, wid, MO MO MO, farmer; Clyde, son, Mar 1880, 17, s, OR MO MO, at school; Benjamin, son, Sep 1886, 13, s, OR MO MO, at school; Margaret, dau, Apr 1892, 8, s, OR MO MO, at school; Harriett, dau, Dec 1897, 2, s, OR MO MO; Ora Smith, servant, Oct 1858, 44, wid, 5-4, MN NY NY, servant-housekeeper

Children of William Claggett and Ella Hennis:

i. Anna May Claggett

b. 1867

d. 07 Feb 1945 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon [D/C #541]

m. 27 May 1891 Charles Cosper

m. Holmes

buried Lone Fir Pioneer Cemetery, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

COSPER-CLAGGETT.—In this city, May 27, 1891, Mr. Charles C. Cosper and Miss Anna M. Claggett.

The above event took place at the residence of Mr. Charles Claggett, the bride's grandfather, at 8 o'clock last evening. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. F. H. Gwynne, of the Presbyterian church, in the presence of relatives and a few intimate friends of the happy young couple.

The parlors were beautifully decorated with the choicest roses, while the bride wore a white nun's veiling dress, which set off to perfection her natural charms. The smiling faces of the assembled friends, with the young couple standing there taking upon themselves the solemn vows made a very pretty and impressive scene. Miss Claggett is well known and universally esteemed in Salem. Mr. Cosper is one of our business young men who has won the respect of all. He is with the firm of Fishburn & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Cosper were the recipients of numerous presents. After the ceremony all repaired to the residence of Mrs. A. B. Cosper, where a wedding supper had been prepared. The Mandolin club of which Mr. Cosper is a member, had planned a pleasant surprise by going to the house and rendering a few of their choice selections.

They will reside at the newly erected residence of Mr. Cosper on Marion street, which will be completed in a few weeks. The JOURNAL joins with their numerous friends in congratulations.

ii. Iva Ellen Claggett

b. 1869 OR

d.

m. Frank Welch (d. 22 Oct 1933 Marion County, Oregon)

m2. 03 Dec 1871 Marion County, Oregon

Eliza J. Parrish

b. 1854 Illinois

d. 08 Nov 1899 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

buried Claggett Cemetery, Keizer, Marion County, Oregon

Elizabeth J. Claggett

MRS. W. D. CLAGGETT'S DEMISE

Passed Away at an Early Hour Yesterday—Funeral Will Be Held This Morning.

At 3:30 o'clock yesterday morning, Mrs. Elizabeth J. Claggett, wife of Wm. D. Claggett, passed away at the family home at No. 465 Commercial street, after a lingering illness of nearly two years; she was aged 45 years, 4 months and 2 days.

Deceased was born in Illinois, and came to Oregon with her parents in 1864, settling at Grande Ronde. The following year the family removed to Clackamas county, where Mrs. Claggett was married in 1871 to the husband who is now mourning her untimely demise. Since that time the family has lived in Salem. Mrs. Claggett was the mother of nine children, three daughters and six sons, of whom one—a son—died when but four years old. The surviving children and the husband were at the bedside when Mrs. Claggett breathed her last. Mrs. P. Parrish, mother of the deceased, was also present.

The funeral will be held at the family residence, No. 465 Commercial street, at 10 o'clock this morning, Rev. J. J. Evans, of the First Christian church, officiating. Interment will be had at the Claggett cemetery, about four miles north of Salem, where brief services will be conducted.

OS Nov 9, 1899 8:4

Children of William Claggett and Eliza Parrish:

- i. Florence Amelia Claggett
- b. 1873 Marion County, Oregon

d. 31 Dec 1913 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

m. Charles D. McCoy

ii. Charles William Claggett

b. 23 Mar 1874 Marion County, Oregon

d. 21 Sep 1912 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

buried Claggett Cemetery, Keizer, Marion County, Oregon

OBITUARY.

Charles William Claggett, who died at the Salem hospital yesterday morning at 8 o'clock, was born on the Claggett homestead about five miles north of Salem, March 23, 1874, and was the oldest son of the late W. D. Claggett. Mr. Claggett was married March 26, 1902, to Delia Goodrich, daughter of William Goodrich, of this city. Mr. Claggett is survived by his widow, a daughter, Reta Eliza, 9 years old, a son, Chas. William, Jr., 3 years old, and a son, Lloyd Alvin, 16 months, besides four brothers and five sisters.

While engaged assisting in baling hops on the 15th inst. on the McNary and Stair farm, Mr. Claggett met with an accident resulting in injuries causing his death yesterday morning. He was driving the horse used to supply the power, through a capstan, for compressing the hops in the baler when the sweep or lever to which it was hitched gave way, flew back and struck him, shattering one of his legs below the knee and otherwise injuring him. He was picked up in an unconscious condition and taken to the hospital, where he passed away without regaining consciousness. Charley, as he was familiarly known, was widely known and most highly esteemed as a citizen, friend and neighbor. He was a member of the Modern Brotherhood of America and Modern Woodmen. Funeral services will be held at the residence of William Goodrich, 482 South High street, Tuesday next at 10 a. m. and interment in the Claggett cemetery five miles north of Salem.

DOS Sep 22, 1912 3: ?

- iii. Archibald Claggett
- b.
- d.

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by
Mrs. Edith (Kerns) Chambers



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Archibald Claggett

WHEN WILLIAM CLAGGETT died in Marion County, Oregon, in 1900 he left hundreds of acres to his children. To a portion of this land his son, Archibald Claggett, has attracted the attention of farmers and seedmen in particular, and the public in general by his success in raising seed. For several years Archibald has raised onion, turnip and beet seed, but his most profitable venture has been with dandelion seed.

In 1939 the *American Magazine* published an interesting account by Theodore Adams of how this is done. The technique of raising dandelion seed is quite different than that used with other seed. One must be prepared to harvest the dandelion crop quickly. The workers must come when the climatic conditions are favorable. It takes him from two to three weeks with fifteen workers, to pick and store the heads. Then the work goes more leisurely. The fluff is threshed, the seed is cleaned, put into containers, and shipped East. So superior in quality is this crop that it rates almost one hundred per cent. The seed is sold through seed houses, some to produce seed and the rest to grow plants for food, drink, and medicine.

Almost a century has passed from angora goats to dandelion seed. The Claggetts have always remained close to the land from the Patunket River in Maryland to the Willamette Valley in Oregon.

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iv. Thomas Claggett

- b.
- d.

living in Washington

v. Clyde Cook Claggett

- b.
- d.

buried Claggett Cemetery, Keizer, Marion County, Oregon

living in Portland

vi. Benjamin Lloyd Claggett

b. 04 Sep 1886 Marion County, Oregon

d. 17 Jul 1957 Marion County, Oregon

buried Mount Crest Abbey Mausoleum, Salem, Marion County, Oregon

1901: June 29, Marion County File #1999 1/2 Bennie Claggett. An incorrigible youth. Age 14 years. W.D. Claggett, father, petitioned court to commit him to reform school, 29 Jun 1901. [Marion County Probate Records by Daraleen Wade Vol 1 p. 42]

vii. Margaret Claggett

b.

d.

viii. Harriet Claggett

b.

d.

ix. Georgie D. Claggett

b. 24 Jul 1875 Marion County, Oregon

d. 04 Jul 1881 Marion County, Oregon

buried Claggett Cemetery, Keizer, Marion County, Oregon

m3. 1905

Elizabeth "Lizzie" Jacobs McFarland [divorced]

b.

d.

1911: Marion County Death Certificate #3851 William D. Claggett, white, male, age 71yrs, widower, bur 21 Dec 1911 Claggett Cem

"WILLIAM D. CLAGGETT, whose fifty-one years of residence in Oregon covers almost the entire period of development and improvements here, was for many years extensively engaged in farming and stock-raising and still supervises his interests in those directions from his home in Salem, where he has resided since 1880.

A native of Missouri, William D. Claggett was born near Albany, Gentry county, November 28, 1840, a son of Charles Claggett, who was born in Woodford county, Ky., October 13, 1813. The latter's father died in Kentucky when Charles Claggett was an infant. Charles Claggett was reared in that state, and after attaining his majority began farming on his own account in Gentry county. In 1852 he left the Mississippi valley for the coast, making the long and tedious journey across the sands and through the mountain passes until he reached Marion county. He settled four miles north of Salem, where he secured about three hundred and twenty acres of land covered with a heavy growth of timber. He at once began to improve the property, and in those early days he burned charcoal. His pits were long enough to take in logs of seventy-five feet, and would contain two thousand bushels of charcoal. Each pit would be left to burn for three months, before the product was considered ready for the market. In this Mr. Claggett was quite successful, although the early years of residence here were a period of hardship to the family. The father had but a single dollar at the time of his arrival, and the first home of the family was a log cabin, 16x16 feet, and without a floor of any kind, or a stove or a fireplace. Through many years, however, Charles Claggett successfully engaged in the raising of stock and grain, and

added to his original purchase the adjoining farm. His death occurred October 7, 1902, and thus passed away one of the honored pioneer settlers. He had a brother, Mason Claggett, who was a soldier in the Mexican war.

The mother of William D., Mrs. Mary (Irvine) Claggett, was a native of Kentucky and a daughter of Jesse Irvine, who removed to Missouri, where he engaged in farming until his death in 1842. Mrs. Claggett passed away in Salem in 1891. In the family were ten children, of whom only four reached adult age : Mrs. Margaret McNary, who died near Salem; Mrs. Sallie A. Pugh, who also died near Salem; William D., and Mrs. Martha Savage, who was accidentally killed in Marion county.

When but eleven years of age William D. Claggett came with his parents to Oregon. They left their Missouri home on the 1st of April, with two wagons drawn by oxen, and some loose cattle. The boy William drove an ox-team of four yoke, and in the lead had a pair of three-year-old oxen which he had broken from calves, and had made so tractable that he could stand on the wagon tongue and guide them simply by speaking to them. The party crossed the Platte river where it was three miles wide. Mr. Claggett had his three-year-olds in the lead of seven yoke of cattle, and had they stopped swimming the wagons would have sunk. This yoke of oxen crossed the Platte seven times in one day, leading the other big teams. At length they reached the old Oregon trail and proceeded slowly until they arrived at Fort Hall, when they quickened their pace and passed every team which they overtook upon the road. On July 4 they reached the North pass and came on toward Oregon, arriving at The Dalles, September 13, and proceeding down the Columbia on a flatboat, while the cattle were brought by the trail.

Mr. Claggett arrived at Salem October 13, 1852, and proceeded to make himself useful on the home farm. In the winter months, when his services were not needed at home, he attended the district schools, and between the years 1852 and 1862 he was a student in the Willamette University. For some time he continued with his father, assisting in the operation of the home farm. Soon after reaching maturity he bought one hundred acres, to which he added another hundred, then three hundred and forty and subsequently other tracts, until he now owns over nine hundred acres in Marion county. His farm is devoted principally to the production of grain and the raising of stock. He has made a specialty of fine Angora goats and now has a large and valuable herd. He is one of the pioneers in this industry in Oregon, and has the largest herd, and has taken many prizes with his goats at the state fairs. He has also owned many fine horses, including registered Clydesdales and some fine trotting stock, on which he has also won first premiums, and has raised fine sheep. Mr. Claggett has always been a lover of high grade stock and has ever kept on hand animals of superior excellence. One of his horses, Homdell, has a race record of 2:18, and has a halfmile time record of 1:08.

Mr. Claggett married Miss Ella Hennis, who was born in Iowa and died in Marion county, Ore., leaving two children: Mrs. Annie Cosper, of Salem: and Mrs. Ellen Welch, who is living on the old homestead. For his second wife Mr. Claggett chose Miss Eliza Parrish, who was born in Iowa and died in Oregon. There were eight children of that union: Amelia, of New York; Charles W. of Salem; Archie, who is on one of the father's farms: Thomas of Washington; Clyde, who is also on one of his father's farm; Benjamin, Margaret and Harriet at home. Mr. Claggett's third marriage was to Miss Lizzie Jacobs, who was born in Marion county, her father having been one of the first settlers of that state, arriving here in the earliest pioneer days.

Since 1880 Mr. Claggett has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has held office in the lodge and encampment. In politics he is an active Republican, As the years have passed, through the careful conduct of his business interests, through judicious investment and unflagging industry, he has prospered, and is today one of the substantial citizens of Salem, having extensive and valuable property holdings in Marion county. Soon after his arrival in the county he was ill for a short time with mountain fever, but has since enjoyed remarkable health, for the past fifty years never missing a meal a single day. He is familiar with pioneer history, and has witnessed the development of the county, as early conditions have been replaced by those of an advanced civilization, making Oregon one of the most promising commonwealths in this great country." [Portrait and Biographical Record of the Willamette Valley p. 893]

"William D. Claggett, a prosperous agriculturist of Marion county, has been a resident of the State since 1852. He was born in Missouri, November 28, 1840, and at the age of twelve years crossed the plains to Oregon with his father, Charles Claggett, whose history will be found on another page of this volume. William D. was sent to the public school, and later finished his education at the Willamette University under Prof. Hoyt, who was the president of the institution at that time. He left college in 1862, and engaged in farming on leased land. After two years, however, he purchased 100 acres of choice land, on which he built a home; later he added another 100 acres, and devoted himself industriously to its cultivation, meeting with gratifying results. In 1880 he bought 500 acres adjoining his ranch, and continued the management of the same until 1880, since which time he has leased the whole. He now occupies a pleasant home which he bought in Salem.

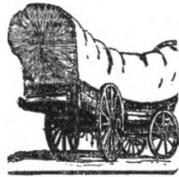
Mr. Claggett was united in marriage in 1865 to Miss Ellen Hennis, a native of Iowa, and a daughter of Thomas Hennis, who came to Oregon in 1852. Two children were born of this union: Annie, wife of Charles Casper, and Eva E., who resides in Salem with her grandfather Claggett. Mrs. Claggett died in 1870. Two years later Mr. Claggett was married a second time, being united to Miss Eliza E. Parrish, a daughter of George W. Parrish, of Clackamas county, Oregon. They had born to them eight children: George died at the age of six years from injuries received from one of the horses in the barn; Amelia is the wife of Charles Cook, who is in the postal telegraph service in Portland; Charles W. is farming on the old homestead; Archie, Thomas, Mary M., Dockie C. and Hennie I., are at home.

Politically, Mr. Claggett adheres to the principles of the Republican party. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and takes an active interest in the fraternity. He has led a life of industry and devotion to one purpose, and his efforts have been rewarded with success, He has never gambled and has been strictly temperate in all his habits, thereby winning the deepest respect and entire confidence of the community." [An Illustrated History of Oregon by Rev H.K. Hines p. 265-6]

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The Claggetts arrived in Salem October 13, 1852, and after finding a temporary home, began to look for land. Charles Claggett was fortunate in finding a tract five miles north of Salem which he purchased for a reasonable price.

William attended the district schools and Willamette University until

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CLAGGETT SUED FOR DIVORCE

AND PARTITION OF PROPERTY

W. D. Claggett's recent series of legal embroglios came to a climax this morning when his third wife, who was formerly Mrs. Elizabeth McFarland of Tazewell, filed a suit for divorce in the circuit court Thursday.

The complaint alleges that Claggett entered upon the present matrimonial venture at Turner on September 22, 1892, and that since that time he has treated his wife in a manner justifying divorce. Mrs. Claggett claims that her husband is of a sullen and morose disposition and he is parsimonious to such an extent that he has refused to provide decent clothing for his wife and family and that he has offered Mrs. Claggett refuse meat for her food.

Moreover, the complaint alleges, Claggett has used blasphemous language to his wife whenever she has mentioned to him the present state of affairs. According to Mrs. Claggett, he not only refuses to buy food and clothing for his family, but he will not even buy himself respectable clothing. One time, the complaint sets forth, when Bill was in sore need of a new shirt, Mrs. Claggett bought one and presented it to him. Whereupon Claggett went into a fit of rage, telling his wife that it was none of her damned business whether he wore a shirt or not, and calling her names too vile to be set down in print.

For three weeks, the complaint states Mrs. Claggett has been on the verge of starvation. This, she says, the defendant knew, and although he was possessed of ample property, he refused to provide for the plaintiff the common necessities of life. And all this time, the paper further states, Bill was boarding around at the various restaurants in the city and at the houses of his relatives. He also took his two daughters to the restaurants that they might obtain a square meal while his wife remained at home starving.

But according to the complaint, Bill was not satisfied that his wife should remain at home in the empty pantry. He wanted her to vacate the place absolutely. To this end he removed all the furniture to one of his farms. He even took with him the kitchen range. This action was the more lamentable when the plaintiff reminds us that she bought the furniture with her own money.

Through three pages of fine print the bad side of Bill's character is set forth in detail. Then follows five pages and a half telling how rich Claggett is, about a dozen different farms or other pieces of property being designated, and the document concludes with the prayer that when the marriage bonds are dissolved one-third of these lands shall go to the plaintiff.

Carson and Brown are the attorneys for the plaintiff.

WIFE PROMISED DIVORCE

**Mrs. Claggett to Secure Decree, but
No Money for Children.**

SALEM, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—At the conclusion of the trial of the famous Claggett divorce case this evening, Judge William Galloway announced that he will grant a divorce in favor of plaintiff, Mrs. Elizabeth McFarland-Claggett, who charged her husband, W. D. Claggett, with cruel

and inhuman treatment. The Judge suggested that the parties get together and agree upon their property interests, but if they cannot agree, he will make such a decree as will provide for Mrs. Claggett during the rest of her life without permitting her children to reap the benefit of the decree.

Claggett is a well-known pioneer farmer. He was a widower when he married Mrs. McFarland in 1905, three years after she had secured a divorce from her husband. Trouble began when her grown children became frequent visitors at the Claggett home and after much quarreling the wife brought suit for divorce, alleging that Claggett was too penurious to provide her sufficient food. In answer Claggett charged extravagance on the part of his wife and her children.

Mrs. Claggett alleged that her husband was worth \$50,000 and he admitted it, but in his oral decision this evening Judge Galloway expressed the opinion that he is worth \$100,000. He also said that his own experience in maintaining a family of three convinces him that in maintaining a family of six on \$850 a year, Mr. Claggett did not properly provide for his family.

The details of the decree of the divorce will not be announced until next month.

**WILLIAM CLAGGETT
ATTACKED BY PNEUMONIA**

About 8 o'clock yesterday morning, William Claggett, one of Salem's oldest pioneers, was suddenly seized with a severe attack of pneumonia, while at his home on North Commercial street. Dr. Byrd was immediately called and relatives of the elderly man were informed of his serious condition. Mrs. Frank Welch, daughter of the pioneer was with her father all of last night and the services of a trained nurse have also been resorted to. Dr. Byrd stated that the age of the patient, 76 years, was a serious matter to consider in a case of pneumonia, but everything possible is being done and it is thought that the patient has an even chance for recovery.

Mr. Claggett is a well known resident of this city and has considerable property interests here. He also owns a beautiful farm out near Chemawa. His many friends and the Journal hope that he will soon be convalescent.

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- 4. Eliza A. Claggett
- b. 1844 Gentry County, Missouri
- d. 28 Aug 1858 Marion County, Oregon

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"Eliza A. daughter of Charles and Mary Claggett dies near Salem 31 Aug 1858." [Oregon Statesman August 31, 1858 p.2:7]

5. Martha Orena Claggett

b. 28 Feb 1848 Clay County, Missouri

d. 11 Aug 1884 Clackamas County, Oregon

buried Claggett Cemetery, Keizer, Marion Co, Oregon

m. 21 Aug 1870 Marion County, Oregon

Henry Hill Savage

b. 22 Jan 1841

d. 11 Aug 1915

buried Claggett Cemetery, Keizer, Marion Co, Oregon

m2. 21 Jul 1887 Marion County, Oregon Miss Myra A. Einbeck

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1870: Aug 21 Marion County, Marriages File #1265-d p.501: H.H. Savage and Miss Martha Claggett at house of Charles Claggett. W.Y. Lawrence, M.G. Witnesses: John Pugh and Josephine Irvine [Marion County, Oregon Marriage Records by Wade and Custer p.84]

1900: Salem, Marion County, Oregon, June 1, 1900; Henry H. Savage, Jan 1841, 59, m-29yrs, MO KY KY; Myra, wife, Sep 1859, 40, m-13yrs, 2-2, NY Ger Ger; Ennis H., son, Feb 1881, 19, s, OR MO MO, at school; Winona L., dau, Mar 1889, 11, s, OR MO Ger; Harry H. son, Aug 1890, 9, s, OR MO Ger

Mrs. H. H. Savage, south of Salem, a daughter of Mr. Charles Claggett, of this city, was thrown from a horse on Monday evening and killed almost instantly. She had been to a neighbors to obtain help for the harvest field and was returning when the accident occurred. Her neck was dislocated near the base of the skull.

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Salem, Oregon
Tue., Aug. 17, 1915
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SAVAGE — At the family residence, 1255 North Front street, at 1:15 o'clock this afternoon, Henry W. Savage, at the age of 73 years, surviving him, besides his widow, are five children: John S. Savage, a merchant of Wacoona; Mrs. Vergil Lloyd, of Portland; Harvey Savage, of this city; Eunis Savage and Charles Savage, living in the Hawaiian islands. The brothers surviving are J. S. Savage, of Wacoona; W. M. Savage and A. D. Savage. The surviving sisters are Mrs. Martin Byrd, of this city; Mrs. Louisa Pitman, of Amity; Mrs. Ketchum, of Independence; Mrs. Beebe, of Woodland, Cal., and Miss Sarah Savage, of Woodland, Cal.

As yet no funeral arrangements have been made.

contributed by Bob Wilson

Children of Henry Savage and Martha Claggett:

i. Mary Eugenia Savage

b. 01 Jun 1871

d. 15 Nov 1878

buried Claggett Cemetery, Keizer, Marion Co, Oregon

ii. John Claggett Savage

b. 13 Apr 1873 Marion County, Oregon

d. 21 Nov 1962 Gervais, Marion County, Oregon

buried Belcrest Memorial Park, Salem, Marion County, Oregon

1902: John Savage, 28, Fairfield, Marion County, Oregon; heir in Charles Claggett will; (age may be wrong in will)

John C. Savage

John Claggett Savage, 89, Gervais native and early day merchant at Waconda, died last week Wednesday night at a Salem nursing home. Funeral services were held Saturday morning in Salem, followed by interment at Belcrest Memorial Park.

Mr. Savage was born in 1873 at Gervais, the son of Henry H. Savage and Martha Claggett Savage who crossed the plains to Oregon in 1850. His father was an early Willamette valley educator.

For many years Mr. Savage operated a general merchandise store at Waconda, station on the old Oregon Electric railroad southwest of Gervais. In recent years he had resided in Salem.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Mary Whelan Savage of Salem; a daughter, Mrs. Ellen Goodenough of Salem; four sons, Walter Savage of Santa Maria, Cal., Francis and Ralph Savage of Portland, and Carlton Savage of Washington, D. C.; a brother, Harry Savage of Yankton, S. D.; eight grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

iii. Leon Crawford Savage

b. 06 May 1875

d. 09 Nov 1878

buried Claggett Cemetery, Keizer, Marion Co, Oregon

iv. Ennis Henry Savage

b. Feb 1881 Oregon

d.

1900: Salem, Marion County, Oregon

1902: Ennis Savage, 21, Salem, Marion County, Oregon; heir in Charles Claggett will; (age may be wrong in will)

1915: Hawaiian Islands

1940: Honolulu, Honolulu, Hawaii

v. Charles Savage

b. 1883 Oregon

d.

1902: Charles Savage, 24, Baker City, Baker County, Oregon; heir in Charles Claggett will (age may be wrong in will)

1915: Hawaiian Islands

6. John Benjamin Claggett

b. Aug 1850 Missouri

d. 01 Jan 1864 Marion County, Oregon

1850: Athens, Gentry County, Missouri, October 2, 1850; Charles Claggett, 36, farmer, \$750, KY; Mary S., 36, KY; Mary M., 14, MO; Salley A., 12, MO; William D., 9, MO; Eliza A., 6, MO; Martha, 4, MO; John B., 2/12, MO; Benjamin H. Irvin, 21, farmer, KY

1860: Salem, Marion County, Oregon, July 27, 1860; C. Claggett, 47, farmer, \$1400 \$1247, KY; M., 47, KY; W.J.D., 19, farmer, MO; M. A., Spong, 37, f, PA; M.O. Claggett, 12, f, MO; J.B., 10, m, MO; W. Hughes, 21, farmer, \$0 \$230, MO

"A lad named John Claggett, about 14 years of age, shot and killed himself near Salem on New Year's day while out hunting." [Pacific Christian Advocate January 2 (or 9), 1864]

7. Amanda Jane Claggett

b. 1854 Marion County, Oregon

d. 06 Jan 1859 Marion County, Oregon

buried Claggett Cemetery, Keizer, Marion County, Oregon

"Amanda Jane Claggett, dau of Charles and Mary Claggett dies near Salem 02 Jan 1859, age 6 years." [Oregon Statesman, January 11, 1859 p. 3:3]

8. Permelia Ellen Claggett

b. 1856 Marion County, Oregon

d. 06 Jan 1859 Marion County, Oregon

"Pamela (sic) Ellen Claggett, dau of Charles and Mary Claggett dies near Salem 02 Jan 1859, age 3 years." [Oregon Statesman, January 11, 1859 p. 3:3]