

Charles Craft

Pioneer of 1845

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Charles Craft

b. 10 Sep 1803 Lycoming Co, PA

d. 23 Jul 1869 Salem, Marion Co, OR

s/o William Craft and Sarah Alward (widowed mother accompanied family in 1845; b. 01 Jun 1776; d. 1850 Salem, Marion Co, OR. Husband had died 24 Jul 1818.)

m. Mar 1829 Lycoming Co, PA

Rebecca Jordan

b. 14 Mar 1809 PA

d. 04 Nov 1882 Salem, Marion Co, OR

Children of Charles Craft and Rebecca Jordan:

1. Sarah Elizabeth Craft

b. 03 Nov 1829 Sulphur Springs, Carroll Co, VA

d. 14 May 1907 Salem, Marion Co, OR

d/o Charles Craft and Rebecca Jordan (Pioneers of 1845 via Meek Cutoff]

m1. 26 Aug 1846 Salem, Marion Co, OR

Joseph Watt (Pioneer of 1845 via Meek Cutoff]

b. 04 Nov 1816 Knox Co, OH

d. 28 May 1867 Salem, Marion Co, OR

buried Salem Pioneer Cemetery, Salem, Marion Co, OR

m2. 15 Nov 1877 Salem, Marion Co, OR at house of bride to Fabritus Reynolds Smith

1845: Terrible Trail, Meek Cutoff: p.252 emigrant of 1845; took Meek Cutoff;
cabinetmaker; b. 1817 Ohio d. 1867 m. Sarah Craft 26 Aug 1846; pioneer of 1845

1850: Marion County. OR, January 4, 1850; Joseph Watt, 32. cabinet maker, \$1000, OH;
Sarah, 30, VA; Fabritus, 3, OT; Elizabeth, 2, OT; George Moore, 16, OH

1860: Salem, Marion Co, OR, July 31, 1860; J. Watt, 39, cabinet maker, \$3350 \$500, OH; S.E., 26, VA; F.E., 13, m, OR; E., 11, f, OR; C., 8, m, OR; J., 4, m, OR; F. Williams, 23, cabinet maker, Azore Islands

1867: "Marion Co Probate File #315. Joseph Watt, Testate. Died 28 May 1867. Executor and Gdn: Chas. Craft 03 Jun 1867. Gdn: Fabritus R. Smith 02 Aug 1869. Heirs: Sarah E. Watt, widow (37 in Aug 1869); only children: Fabritus A. Watt, 20; Elisabeth P. Watt, 17; Charles L. Watt, 15; James W. Watt, 13; George W.U.S. Watt, 4, all of Salem." [Marion County Probate Records by Daraleen Wade Vol 3 p. 271]

1877: Nov 15 Sarah (Craft) Watt remarries Fabritus R. Smith at house of bride

1880: South Salem, Marion Co, OR, June 14, 1880; F.R. Smith, 61, farmer, ND Mass NH; S.E., 50, wife, keeping house, VA PA PA; Hamlin, 18, son, OR ND PA; Clara, 15, dau, attending school, OR ND PA; Elizabeth Watt, 30, son (sic), boarder, OR OH PA; George Watt, 17, son, boarder, OR OH PA; Elizabeth Smith, 94, mother, Mass NH Mass

1900: Salem, Marion Co, OR, June 1, 1900; Sarah E. Smith, head, Nov 1829, 70, wd, 0-0, VA PA PA

MRS. SARAH E. SMITH IS DEAD

One of the Few Remaining Oregon Pioneer Women Passes to the Great Beyond

The reaper death has seen fit to remove from our midst another of Oregon's beloved pioneer women.

Mrs. Sarah E. Smith is no more. Death came last night at 12 o'clock after a lingering illness of a few weeks. Some time ago Mrs. Smith had an attack of grip, from which she never fully rallied. For the past week she has been very feeble, but was not thought to be in a critical condition until yesterday, when she was taken with sinking spells and gradually lost consciousness and closed her eyes in death, as if she was in natural sleep.

Mrs. Sarah Smith was born in Virginia in 1829, and crossed the plains as Miss Sarah Craft in 1845. She is one of the few who remain who came by the Meeks cut-off. After enduring many hardships the party finally arrived in the Willamette valley, and Miss Craft settled with her relatives in East Salem, in what is now known as Watt addition. She was married in 1846 to Joseph Watt who for many years conducted a furniture factory in East Salem. To the union was born the following surviving children: James Watt, of Marshfield, Or.; Charles L. Watt and Elizabeth Watt, of this city, and George Watt, now of New York City.

Her husband, Joseph Watt, died, and she married Hon. Fabritis Smith and until his death in 1898 she resided on the Smith farm in South Salem. Since this date she has resided in the Watt addition near Fourteenth and Chemeketa streets, in this city.

She has been a devoted Christian all her life, and at the time of her death she was the oldest living member of the First M. E. church of this city. She was a sister of Mrs. Geo. P. Litchfield, of this city.

Children of Joseph Watt and Sarah Craft:

1. Fabritus A. Watt

b. 25 May 1847 Salem, Marion Co, OR

d. 01 Feb 1870 Salem, Marion Co, OR

buried Salem Pioneer Cemetery, Salem, Marion Co, OR

1850: Marion County. OR, January 4, 1850; Joseph Watt, 32. cabinet maker, \$1000, OH; Sarah, 30, VA; Fabritus, 3, OT; Elizabeth, 2, OT; George Moore, 16, OH

1860: Salem, Marion Co, OR, July 31, 1860; J. Watt, 39, cabinet maker, \$3350 \$500, OH; S.E., 26, VA; F.E., 13, m, OR; E., 11, f, OR; C., 8, m, OR; J., 4, m, OR; F. Williams, 23, cabinet maker, Azore Islands

2. Elizabeth P. Watt

b. 1849 Salem, Marion Co, OR

d. 23 Oct 1925 Marion Co, OR

buried Salem Pioneer Cemetery, Salem, Marion Co, OR

1850: Marion County. OR, January 4, 1850; Joseph Watt, 32. cabinet maker, \$1000, OH; Sarah, 30, VA; Fabritus, 3, OT; Elizabeth, 2, OT; George Moore, 16, OH

1860: Salem, Marion Co, OR, July 31, 1860; J. Watt, 39, cabinet maker, \$3350 \$500, OH; S.E., 26, VA; F.E., 13, m, OR; E., 11, f, OR; C., 8, m, OR; J., 4, m, OR; F. Williams, 23, cabinet maker, Azore Islands

1880: South Salem, Marion Co, OR, June 14, 1880; F.R. Smith, 61, farmer, ND Mass NH; S.E., 50, wife, keeping house, VA PA PA; Hamlin, 18, son, OR ND PA; Clara, 15, dau, attending school, OR ND PA; Elizabeth Watt, 30, son (sic), boarder, OR OH PA; George Watt, 17, son, boarder, OR OH PA; Elizabeth Smith, 94, mother, Mass NH Mass

1910: Salem, Marion Co, OR, April 15, 1910; Elizabeth Watt, 59, s, OR MO MO, farmer-fruit ranch

1920: Salem, Marion Co, OR, Elizabeth Watt, head, 69, s, OR OH VA

Watt

In this city, October 23, Elizabeth Watt, age 76. She is survived by one brother, George Watt, Hoboken, N. J., and a niece, Mrs. Glen Chessman of Los Angeles. Funeral services will be held Monday, October 26, at 3 o'clock, p. m. from the Rigdon & Son mortuary. Rev. Taylor will officiate. Interment will be in the IOOF cemetery.

[Oregon Statesman, October 25, 1925 5:5]

3. Charles Leonidas Watt

b. 18 Jan 1852 Salem, Marion Co, OR

d. 07 Oct 1917 Marion Co, OR

buried Salem Pioneer Cemetery, Salem, Marion Co, OR

m. 01 Jun 1898 Salem, Marion Co, OR

Sarah Elizabeth "Ella" Milne

b. 23 Mar 1861 Lawrence Co, MO

d. 24 Feb 1942 Marion Co, OR

buried Salem Pioneer Cemetery, Salem, Marion Co, OR

d/o daughter of Robert Milne & Sarah Steen

m1. Robert Bruce Martin, 15 July 1879, Ozark County

1860: Salem, Marion Co, OR, July 31, 1860; J. Watt, 39, cabinet maker, \$3350 \$500, OH; S.E., 26, VA; F.E., 13, m, OR; E., 11, f, OR; C., 8, m, OR; J., 4, m, OR; F. Williams, 23, cabinet maker, Azore Islands

1880: Howell Prairie, Marion Co, OR, June 2, 1880; James W. Watt, 26, head, farmer, OR OH VA; Katie, 22, wife, keeping house, OR IL PA; Sarah I., dau, 5/12, OR OR OR; George W., 17, brother, farm laborer, OR OH VA; Charles L., 28, brother, farmer, OR OH VA

1900: Salem, Marion Co, OR, June 2, 1900; Charles Watt, head, Jan 1852, 48, m-2yrs, OR OH VA, real estate dealer; Ella, Mar 1861, 39, m-2yrs, 1-1, MO OH MO; Ivan Martin, stepson, Jan 1881, 19, s, MO MO MO, at school

1910: Salem, Marion Co, OR, April 27 & 28, 1910; Charles L. Watt, head, 58, m1-11yrs, OR OH VA, own income; Ella, wife, 49, m2, 1-1, MO OH OH, organizer-fraternal order; Ivan G. Martin, stepson, 29, s, MO MO MO, none

4. James W. Watt
b. Apr 1854 Salem, Marion Co, OR
d. 14 Jun 1923 Coos Co, OR [D/C Coos Co #123]

m. 1878
Flora K. (unknown)
b. Jan 1858 OR
d. aft 1934

1860: Salem, Marion Co, OR, July 31, 1860; J. Watt, 39, cabinet maker, \$3350 \$500, OH; S.E., 26, VA; F.E., 13, m, OR; E., 11, f, OR; C., 8, m, OR; J., 4, m, OR; F. Williams, 23, cabinet maker, Azore Islands

1870: Grand Ronde, Polk Co, OR, July 7, 1870; Geo Litchfield, head, 30, dry goods merchant, \$5400 \$2730, CT; Mary, 23, keeping house, OR; Chas., 2, OR; Alma, 6/12 (Jan), OR; Rebecca Craft, 61, \$3000 \$2600, PA; James W. Watt, 16, at school, OR

1880: Howell Prairie, Marion Co, OR, June 2, 1880; James W. Watt, 26, head, farmer, OR OH VA; Katie, 22, wife, keeping house, OR IL PA; Sarah I., dau, 5/12, OR OR OR; George W., 17, brother, farm laborer, OR OH VA; Charles L., 28, brother, farmer, OR OH VA

1900: Salem, Marion Co, OR, June 2, 1900; James W. Watt, head, Apr 1854, 46-m-22yrs, OR OH VA, farmer; Flora K., wife, Jan 1858, 42, 5-2, OR Mass PA; Elbert P., son, Dec 1883, 16, s, OR OR OR, at school; Alma A., dau, Mar 1890, 10, s, OR OR OR, at school

1910: South Marshfield, Coos Co, OR, May 1910; James W. Watt, head, 55, m1-35yrs, OR OH VA, agent-real estate

1920: Coquille, Coos Co, OR, January 8 & 9, 1920; James W. Watt, head, 65, m, OR OH VA

1934: Salem City Directory, Flora K. Watt (wid James W. Watt) h 1470 Chemeketa

Children of James Watt and Flora (unknown):

i. Elbert P. Watt
b. Dec 1883 Salem, Marion Co, OR
d. Feb 1905 Salem, Marion Co, OR
buried Salem Pioneer Cemetery, Salem, Marion Co, OR

- ii. Alma A. Watt
- b. Mar 1890 Salem, Marion Co, OR
- d.

- 5. George W. Watt
- b. May 1863 Salem, Marion Co, OR
- d.

- m. c1888
- Lena E. [unknown]
- b. c1864 OH
- d.

Listed twice in 1880 Census:

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1880: South Salem, Marion Co, OR, June 14, 1880; F.R. Smith, 61, farmer, ND Mass NH; S.E., 50, wife, keeping house, VA PA PA; Hamlin, 18, son, OR ND PA; Clara, 15, dau, attending school, OR ND PA; Elizabeth Watt, 30, son (sic), boarder, OR OH PA; George Watt, 17, son, boarder, OR OH PA; Elizabeth Smith, 94, mother, Mass NH Mass

1900: South Salem, Marion Co, OR, June 5, 1900; Geo W. Watt, head, May 1863, 37, m-12yrs, OR OH VT, Real estate and broker; Lydia E., wife, Jul 1864, 35, m-12yrs, 2-2, OH OH OH; Joseph L., son, Dec 1888, 11, s, OR OR OH, attending school; Fabritus, son, Mar 1890, 10, s, OR OR OH, attending school

1910: Portland, Multnomah Co, OR, April 23 & 25, 1910; George W. Watt, head, m1-22yrs, OR OH VA, salesman-real estate; Lydia E., wife, 46, m1-22yrs, 2-2, OH OH OH

1930: Portland, Multnomah Co, OR, George W. Watt, roomer, 66, m-age 24yrs, OR OH WV, salesman

Children of George Watt and Lena (unknown):

- 1. Joseph L. Watt
- b. 05 Dec 1888 Salem, Marion Co, OR
- d. 26 Feb 1982 Palm Beach, Palm Beach Co, FL
- 1910: living in Manhattan, New York Co, NY

- 2. George Fabritus Watt
- b. 06 Mar 1890 Salem, Marion Co, OR
- d. Mar 1966 Miami, Dade Co, FL

1910: living in Manhattan, New York Co, NY

2. William Amos Craft

b. 1832 VA

d. 1914 Seattle, King Co, WA

m.

Amanda Vanice

b.

d.

3. Emaline Malinda Craft

b. 1835 VA

d, Prineville, OR

m. 27 Jul 1854 Marion Co, OR

Octavius Pringle

b.

d.

4. Virginia Craft

b. 1843 Iron Co, MO

d. 1863 Salem, Marion Co, OR