

David Flett

Pioneer of 1841

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David Flett

b. 07 Dec 1823 Canada

d. 05 Sep 1845/12 Nov 1846 Wapato Lake, Yamhill Co, OR

baptized 7 Dec 1823 St. John's

s/o George Flett and Margaret Peggy Whitford

m'd Letitia Cook 26 Jan 1841 St. Andrew's, Manitoba, Canada

Letitia Cook

b. 1820 Selkirk Settlement, Manitoba, Canada

d. 22 Dec 1857 Dundee, Yamhill Co, OR

buried Dundee Cemetery, Dundee, Yamhill Co, OR

daughter of William Hemmings Cook and Mary Cocking

m1. David Flett

m2. Joseph Barry Rogers (1820-1855)

Letitia Cook Flett's father came from England to Manitoba in 1810 and was a factor of the Hudson's Bay Company until 1846. At the time of her marriage to Joseph Barry Rogers, she was the widow of David Flett of what is now Yamhill County, Oregon. By him she had two sons, William George Flett and John Flett. There were four children by her second marriage to Joseph. [findagrave.com]

“Letitia Flett married April 21 to J.B. Rogers” [Oregon Spectator April 29, 1847 p.3:2]

Oregon Historical Society: MSS# 335, 5pp David Flett, reminiscence; traveled with Red River Immigration Company.

Children of the Fur Trade: p.94; David Flett, emigrant to Columbia District from Red River Valley with wife and 2 children; p.236 m'd Letitia Cook; left Nisqually to settle on Tualatin Plains; p.182 Mary McKay's orphan son was taken west by his aunt and uncle, the David Fletts; p. 306 moved to Wapato Lake near his brother, John, where he died 05 Sep 1846, his widow married J.B. Rogers. When she died, one son, John B. Flett traded his inheritance for a good horse; other son, William G. Flett, became ward of his uncle John and married Lydia Dougherty d/o William Dougherty (sic-Doughty)

1845: Twality Co Census, David Flett, Provisional and Territorial Records #12193

1845: Yamhill County Estate Records #0089, David Flett

1850: Yamhill Co, OR, Nov 15, 1850; John B. Rodgers, 20, Can; Letitia, 23, OT; George (Flett), 9, OT; John (Flett), 6, OT; James [Rodgers], 2, OT; Garrison [Rodgers], 6/12, OT; Martin Lewis, 25, Canada; Alexander Cayle, 23, NY; David Jewell, 46, shoemaker, Del

Children of David Flett and Sarah Hutt:

1. William George Flett
- b. 25 Sep 1842 Washington County, Oregon
- d. 13 Nov 1923 Rock Creek, Gilliam County, Oregon
- buried [Flett Cemetery](#), Gilliam County, Oregon
- s/o David Flett and Letitia Cook [Pioneers of 1841]

m'd Lydia Emaline Doughty 18 June 1870 Yamhill Co, OR

- Lydia Emaline "Liddie" Doughty
- b. 23 Dec 1853 Wapato, Yamhill County, Oregon
 - d. 04 Jun 1903 Condon, Gilliam County, Oregon
 - buried [Flett Cemetery](#), Gilliam County, Oregon

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1871: Yamhill County, Lydia Doughty & George W. Flett, Marriage, Yamhill County File #0578

1889: "The residence and barn of W. G. Flett were burned to the ground last Saturday night, and the occupants barely escaped with their lives. Flett lives on Rock Creek, about thirty-five miles from here." [The Hood River Glacier, Hood River, Oregon, Saturday, July 20, 1889 p. 1]

1900: Rock Creek, Gilliam County, Oregon, June 22, 1900; William G. Flett, head, Sep 1842, 57, m-28 yrs, OR Can Can, farmer; Liddie E., wife, Dec 1852, 47, m-28yrs, 11-11, OR TN WY; John, son, Apr 1877, 23, s, OR OR OR; William, son, Mar 1879, 21, s, OR OR OR; Fannie, dau, Mar 1880, 20, s, OR OR OR; Maude, dau, Apr 1882, 18, s, OR OR OR; Pearle, dau, Feb 1885, 15, s, OR OR OR; Florence, dau, Oct 1887, 12, s, OR OR OR; Frank, son, May 1891, 9, s, OR OR OR; Arthur, son, June 1893, 6, s, OR OR OR

1910: Rock Creek, Gilliam County, Oregon, May 4, 5, 6, 1910; W.G. Flett, head, 68, wid, OR Can Can, farmer; William, son, 25, m1-3yrs, OR OR OR, farmer; Arthur, son, 17, s, OR OR OR, at home; Tutsie, dau in law, 23, m1-3yrs, 1-1, OR OR OR

1920: Gwendolen, Gilliam County, Oregon, William G. Flett, head, 77, wid, stockman, stock rancher

“W. G. FLETT, a farmer and stockman, eight miles south from Olex, was born in Washington county, Oregon, on September 25, 1842. His father, David Flett, was born in Manitoba, in 1818, and was employed by the Hudson's Bay Company. Under their direction, in 1841, being induced by the promises of Sir George Simpson, one of the formers of the company, he came with an expedition of emigrants to settle on the Pacific coast. The company consisted of eighty-two persons which left Selkirk settlement, Manitoba, on May 20, 1841. They traveled up the Saskatchewan to its head, crossed the Rockies at either Yellowhead or Arrowhead passes, thence they came through the Kootenai country to Fort Colville and from there, continued their journey through the Spokane country to Fort Wallula in time to see the fort burned by Cayuse Indians. They journeyed thence to Vancouver, some of the party going down the Columbia river and the balance fetching the horses. When they reached the Cascades, they were met by Sir George Simpson saying that he could not comply with his agreement to furnish a certain number of cows, sheep and farming implements and a year's provision but promised to furnish some things if they settled north of the Columbia river. They went to Puget sound and spent the winter of 1841-42 at Fort Nesqually. In the spring, a portion of them, including Mr. Flett, moved to Tualitan plains where he died in 1843. Mr. Flett had married Miss Letitia Cook, who was born in the Selkirk Settlement, Manitoba, in 1820. Her father, William H. Cook, was born in England and came to the Selkirk settlement in 1810 and conducted a mercantile establishment there for the Hudson's Bay Company until 1846. He was chief factor of that post. Mr. and Mrs.. Flett were married in 1840 and she died in 1857, at Newburg, Yamhill county. Our subject's father died when this lad was but three years old. The widowed mother then moved to Wapato lake where she married J. B. Rogers, in the spring of 1846. Then they moved to where Newburg is now located and bought a farm and there our subject grew up and was educated. In 1857 the mother died and our subject was made the ward of his imcle, John Flett, who apprenticed him to John W. Cullins to learn the harness maker's trade in Portland. Owing to the failure of the firm he was released and accompanied his uncle to Fort Nesqually where he worked for the Hudson's Bay Company under chief factor Huggins for a year. Then we see him in the Willamette valley working at the saddler's trade for wages until 1861, after which he came east of the Cascades and rode the range for Senator Ankeny and later purchased Indian ponies, running a pack train to Canyon City and in March, 1863, the Indians stole the entire train at Shaniko. He purchased more horses and packed for another season to Boise, then returned to the Willamette valley and engaged in the manufacture of saddles. In April, 1870, he took a preemption near where he now resides. Later he took other claims and bought more land until he is now farming nearly three sections. He has been farming and stock raising, handling cattle, until recently. Now he devotes his time to raising hogs and general farming. He has a couple of hundred head and expects to increase the number soon. Mr. Flett is well known all through the country and highly esteemed, both as a pioneer and a substantial man.

In 1872, Mr. Flett married Miss Lydia Doughty, who was born in Yamhill county, Oregon, on December 23, 1853. Her father, William Doughty, was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, in 1810. He came west in the employ of the American Fur Company in 1837 and four years later journeyed on to the Willamette valley where he died in 1871. He had married Miss Mary Doughty, who was born in 1815. To Mr. and Mrs. Flett the following children have been born, Mrs. Dona Clark, Mrs. Stella Clark. Rube, John, William,

Fannie, Maude, Elda, Frank, Florence, and Arthur McKinley, all living. Mr. Flett has one' half-sister, Anna Rogers. In politics, he is a strong Republican, having held these principles all his life. He is narrowed to no particular denomination but supports them all liberally. He also labors zealously for the advancement of educational interests and is a highly esteemed citizen. Mr. Flett has done considerable work for the government officers in locating Indians on land and has won their confidence and esteem. He is a genuine westerner, generous, hospitable and brave.

It is of interest to know that when the Red River expedition was at the Cascade fort, their captain, James Sinclair, was killed by the Indians. The fort was besieged by savages and the first shot fired killed Captain Sinclair. Grant and Sheridan were there at that time.” [An Illustrated History of Central Oregon p. 588-9]

Children of William Flett and Lydia Doty:

i. Dona L. Flett

b. 01 Jan 1871/6 Oregon

d. 14 Sep 1935 Yakima, Yakima County, Washington

m. William W. Clark

1920: Yakima, Yakima County, Washington, January 2, 1920, William W. Clark, 56, MI NY NY, laborer-construction; Donna, wife, 44, OR Can OR; Blanche, dau, 19, OR MI OR, packing house-fruit [son, Rolls Clark, 22, OR MI OR, stationary engineer living next door]

ii. John Sylvester Flett

b. 10 Apr 1877/1880 Gilliam County, Oregon

d. 17 Oct 1918 Whitefish, Flathead County, Montana

buried [Conrad Memorial Cemetery](#), Kalispel, Flathead County, Montana

m. Molly Madole

1900: Rock Creek, Gilliam County, Oregon, June 22, 1900; William G. Flett, head, Sep 1842, 57, m-28 yrs, OR Can Can, farmer; Liddie E., wife, Dec 1852, 47, m-28yrs, 11-11, OR TN WY; John, son, Apr 1877, 23, s, OR OR OR; William, son, Mar 1879, 21, s, OR OR OR; Fannie, dau, Mar 1880, 20, s, OR OR OR; Maude, dau, Apr 1882, 18, s, OR OR OR; Pearle, dau, Feb 1885, 15, s, OR OR OR; Florence, dau, Oct 1887, 12, s, OR OR OR; Frank, son, May 1891, 9, s, OR OR OR; Arthur, son, June 1893, 6, s, OR OR OR

“WHITEFISH. Mont.. Oct. 28. (Special.) John Flett, age 40 years, died at Whitefish, Mont., of Spanish influenza. Besides his widow and daughter, Mr. Flett leaves his father, W. G. Flett. of Gwendolin, Or., and three sisters and four brothers, Mrs. Ellie Hurt, of Condon, Or.; Mrs. S. B. Gerrish, of Gwendolin, Or.; Mrs. W. W. Clark, of Yakima, Wash.; Rube Flett, of Hamilton, Mont, and Frank, Arthur and W. D. Flett, all of Gwendolin, Or. Burial took place at Whitefish.” [Sunday Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, October 27, 1918 p.7]

iii. William David Flett

b. 08 Mar 1879/80 Gilliam County, Oregon

d. 22 Jun 1942 Hanford, Benton County, Washington

m. Ida Anderson (1898-1986)

1900: Rock Creek, Gilliam County, Oregon, June 22, 1900; William G. Flett, head, Sep 1842, 57, m-28 yrs, OR Can Can, farmer; Liddie E., wife, Dec 1852, 47, m-28yrs, 11-11, OR TN WY; John, son, Apr 1877, 23, s, OR OR OR; William, son, Mar 1879, 21, s, OR OR OR; Fannie, dau, Mar 1880, 20, s, OR OR OR; Maude, dau, Apr 1882, 18, s, OR OR OR; Pearle, dau, Feb 1885, 15, s, OR OR OR; Florence, dau, Oct 1887, 12, s, OR OR OR; Frank, son, May 1891, 9, s, OR OR OR; Arthur, son, June 1893, 6, s, OR OR OR

1920: Gwendolen, Gilliam County, Oregon, William G. Flett, head, 38, div, OR OR OR, farmer [living next to brothers and father]

iv. Frances S. "Fannie" Flett

b. 03 Mar 1880/1881 Gilliam County, Oregon

d. 10 Mar 1933 North Bend, Coos County, Oregon

buried [Flett Cemetery](#), Gilliam County, Oregon

m. Samuel Byron Gerrish (1866-1954)

1900: Rock Creek, Gilliam County, Oregon, June 22, 1900; William G. Flett, head, Sep 1842, 57, m-28 yrs, OR Can Can, farmer; Liddie E., wife, Dec 1852, 47, m-28yrs, 11-11, OR TN WY; John, son, Apr 1877, 23, s, OR OR OR; William, son, Mar 1879, 21, s, OR OR OR; Fannie, dau, Mar 1880, 20, s, OR OR OR; Maude, dau, Apr 1882, 18, s, OR OR OR; Pearle, dau, Feb 1885, 15, s, OR OR OR; Florence, dau, Oct 1887, 12, s, OR OR OR; Frank, son, May 1891, 9, s, OR OR OR; Arthur, son, June 1893, 6, s, OR OR OR

v. Maude Daisy Flett

b. Apr 1882 Oregon

d. 08 Nov 1935 Gilliam County, Oregon

buried [Arlington Masonic Cemetery](#), Arlington, Gilliam County, Oregon

m. Eliel Miller Hurt (1869-1946)

1900: Rock Creek, Gilliam County, Oregon, June 22, 1900; William G. Flett, head, Sep 1842, 57, m-28 yrs, OR Can Can, farmer; Liddie E., wife, Dec 1852, 47, m-28yrs, 11-11, OR TN WY; John, son, Apr 1877, 23, s, OR OR OR; William, son, Mar 1879, 21, s, OR OR OR; Fannie, dau, Mar 1880, 20, s, OR OR OR; Maude, dau, Apr 1882, 18, s, OR OR OR; Pearle, dau, Feb 1885, 15, s, OR

OR OR; Florence, dau, Oct 1887, 12, s, OR OR OR; Frank, son, May 1891, 9, s,
OR OR OR; Arthur, son, June 1893, 6, s, OR OR OR

vi. Elda Pearle Flett

b. Feb 1885

d. c1908

buried [Flett Cemetery](#), Gilliam County, Oregon

1900: Rock Creek, Gilliam County, Oregon, June 22, 1900; William G. Flett,
head, Sep 1842, 57, m-28 yrs, OR Can Can, farmer; Liddie E., wife, Dec 1852,
47, m-28yrs, 11-11, OR TN WY; John, son, Apr 1877, 23, s, OR OR OR;
William, son, Mar 1879, 21, s, OR OR OR; Fannie, dau, Mar 1880, 20, s, OR OR
OR; Maude, dau, Apr 1882, 18, s, OR OR OR; Pearle, dau, Feb 1885, 15, s, OR
OR OR; Florence, dau, Oct 1887, 12, s, OR OR OR; Frank, son, May 1891, 9, s,
OR OR OR; Arthur, son, June 1893, 6, s, OR OR OR

vii. Florence Flett

b. Oct 1887 Gilliam County, Oregon

d. c1905

1900: Rock Creek, Gilliam County, Oregon, June 22, 1900; William G. Flett,
head, Sep 1842, 57, m-28 yrs, OR Can Can, farmer; Liddie E., wife, Dec 1852,
47, m-28yrs, 11-11, OR TN WY; John, son, Apr 1877, 23, s, OR OR OR;
William, son, Mar 1879, 21, s, OR OR OR; Fannie, dau, Mar 1880, 20, s, OR OR
OR; Maude, dau, Apr 1882, 18, s, OR OR OR; Pearle, dau, Feb 1885, 15, s, OR
OR OR; Florence, dau, Oct 1887, 12, s, OR OR OR; Frank, son, May 1891, 9, s,
OR OR OR; Arthur, son, June 1893, 6, s, OR OR OR

viii. Frank Elsworth Flett

b. 10 Mar 1889/90/91 Condon, Gilliam County, Oregon

d. 16 Apr 1961 Toppenish, Yakima County, Washington

buried [Tahoma Cemetery](#), Yakima County, Washington

m. Sylvia Edna High (1894-1925)

1900: Rock Creek, Gilliam County, Oregon, June 22, 1900; William G. Flett,
head, Sep 1842, 57, m-28 yrs, OR Can Can, farmer; Liddie E., wife, Dec 1852,
47, m-28yrs, 11-11, OR TN WY; John, son, Apr 1877, 23, s, OR OR OR;
William, son, Mar 1879, 21, s, OR OR OR; Fannie, dau, Mar 1880, 20, s, OR OR
OR; Maude, dau, Apr 1882, 18, s, OR OR OR; Pearle, dau, Feb 1885, 15, s, OR
OR OR; Florence, dau, Oct 1887, 12, s, OR OR OR; Frank, son, May 1891, 9, s,
OR OR OR; Arthur, son, June 1893, 6, s, OR OR OR

1920: Gwendolen, Gilliam County, Oregon, William G. Flett, head, 28, married, OR OR OR, farmer [living next to brothers and father, listed as married but no family enumerated with him]

ix. Arthur McKinley Flett

b. 01 Jun 1893 Oregon

d. Apr 1936 Coulee City, Grant County, Washington

m. Stella L. Turner

1900: Rock Creek, Gilliam County, Oregon, June 22, 1900; William G. Flett, head, Sep 1842, 57, m-28 yrs, OR Can Can, farmer; Liddie E., wife, Dec 1852, 47, m-28yrs, 11-11, OR TN WY; John, son, Apr 1877, 23, s, OR OR OR; William, son, Mar 1879, 21, s, OR OR OR; Fannie, dau, Mar 1880, 20, s, OR OR OR; Maude, dau, Apr 1882, 18, s, OR OR OR; Pearle, dau, Feb 1885, 15, s, OR OR OR; Florence, dau, Oct 1887, 12, s, OR OR OR; Frank, son, May 1891, 9, s, OR OR OR; Arthur, son, June 1893, 6, s, OR OR OR

1920: Gwendolen, Gilliam County, Oregon, Arthur M. Flett, head, 24, OR OR OR, farmer; Stella L., wife, 20, OR OR OR [living next to brothers and father]

x. Ruben Flett

b. 1897 Oregon

d. 24 Mar 1922 Gilliam County, Oregon

buried [Flett Cemetery](#), Gilliam County, Oregon

1920: Condon, Gilliam County, Oregon, January 14, 1920; Rube Flett, 23, OR OR OR, labor-farm; Martha, wife, 27, Ark KY KY; Ruby, dau, 7, s, Ark OR Ark; Myrtle, dau, 5, OR OR Ark

2. John Benton Flett

b. 22 Dec 1844/5 Washington County, Oregon

d. 21 Oct 1895 Gaston, Washington County, OR

buried [Yamhill-Carlton Cemetery](#), Yamhill, Yamhill Co, OR headstone says 1845-1896

m'd 07 Jan 1869 Yamhill County, Oregon

Sarah F. Hutt

b. 1851

d. Feb 1927 Yamhill County, Oregon

buried [Yamhill-Carlton Cemetery](#), Yamhill, Yamhill Co, OR

1850: Yamhill Co, OR, Nov 15, 1850; John B. Rodgers, 20, Can; Letitia, 23, OT; George (Flett), 9, OT; John (Flett), 6, OT; James [Rodgers], 2, OT; Garrison [Rodgers], 6/12, OT; Martin Lewis, 25, Canada; Alexander Cayle, 23, NY; David Jewell, 46, shoemaker, Del

1858: Yamhill Co, Guardianship Records #0277, William G. and John Flett

1860: Labish, Marion Co, OR; 28 June 1860; Augustus Douilett, 39, farmer, \$10000 \$2700, France; M., 20, OR; Paulina, 3, OR; Bertha, 2, OR; Edward, 1/12, OR; Jn Flett, 15, laborer, \$0 \$50, OR; A. Prairie, 24, laborer, \$0 \$400, Canada; J.B. Guinard, 35, no occ listed, \$0 \$200, France (Margaret Douilett was the daughter of Thomas Flett indicating there may have been a relationship between her father and David Flett)

1869: Yamhill County Marriage Records #0457, John Flett and Sarah T. Hutt

1870: West Chehalem, Yamhill Co, OR, Sep 7, 1870; John Flet, 25, farmer, \$800 \$586, OR; Sarah, 19, OR; Cass, 6/12, m, OR

1880: West Chehalem, Yamhill Co, OR, June 1 & 2, 1880; John Flet, 35, farmer, OR Canada Scotland; Sarah F., 29, wife, keeping house, OR MO MO; Elias B., son, 8, OR; George W., 6, son, OR; Hemming C., 4, son, OR; Ollie Reed, 18, f, boarder, MO

1895: Yamhill Co, Estate Records #1591, John B. Flett

DIED.

FLETT—Near Gaston, Or., Oct. 21, 1895, John Flett, aged 44 years. Deceased was born in Washington county, Oregon; was a worthy and honorable citizen, and death was mourned by many.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Saturday, October 26, 1895 p.7]

Children of John and Sarah Hutt Flett

i. Cass Flett

b. Mar 1870 Yamhill County, Oregon

d. bef 1880 Yamhill County, Oregon

1870: West Chehalem, Yamhill Co, OR, Sep 7, 1870; John Flet, 25, farmer, \$800 \$586, OR; Sarah, 19, OR; Cass, 6/12, m, OR

ii. Elias Benton Flett

b. 03 Dec 1872 Yamhill County, OR

d. 08 Jan 1964 Yamhill County, Oregon

buried [Evergreen Memorial Park](#), McMinnville, Yamhill County, Oregon

m'd Delmia Matheny

1880: West Chehalem, Yamhill Co, OR, June 1 & 2, 1880; John Flet, 35, farmer, OR Canada Scotland; Sarah F., 29, wife, keeping house, OR MO MO; Elias B., son, 8, OR; George W., 6, son, OR; Hemming C., 4, son, OR; Ollie Reed, 18, f, boarder, MO

1900: West Chehalem, Yamhill County, Oregon, June 22, 1900; Sarah F. Flett, head, May 1851, 49, wid, 7-6, OR MO MO, farmer; Elias B., son, Dec 1871, 28, s, OR OR OR, farm laborer, George W., son, Nov 1873, 26, OR OR OR, farm laborer; Hemming C., son, May 1876, 24, OR OR OR, farm laborer, Mary E., dau, Aug 1886, OR OR OR, at school; William T., son, Feb 1890, 10, OR OR OR, at school; Lyle E., son, Dec 1893, 6, OR OR OR; at school

1919: Yamhill County Divorce Records #6355; E.B. Flett vs Delma Flett

“ELLIS B. FLETT, who has been successfully engaged in the practice of dentistry for the past six years, is now serving as mayor of Yamhill, having been elected to that office on the 4th of April 1911. His birth occurred in Yamhill county. Oregon, on the 3d of December 1872, his parents being John B. and Sarah F. (Hutt) Flett, who were likewise born in that county. The father's birth occurred in 1844, while the mother's natal year was 1851. John B. Flett followed general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career and shortly after his marriage, which occurred in January, 1869, he took up a homestead one mile east of Wapato Station, where he resided until called to his final rest in 1897. His brother, T. W. George Flett of Olex, Gilliam county, Oregon, was born near Newberg, Oregon, in 1842 and is one of the oldest native-born sons of this state. The mother of our subject is still living on the old homestead place and has attained the age of sixty years. She had seven children, Ellis B. being the second in order of birth. The others are as follows: George W. and Hemming C, both of whom reside on the old homestead; Ethel May, who is the wife of Bud Rolston and also lives on a portion of the home place; William T., who likewise resides on a part of the homestead property; one who died unnamed; and Lyle E., who passed away at the age of fourteen years. When but a lad of eight years Ellis B. Flett became a jockey and continued to ride race horses until sixteen years of age, when he was no longer able to keep his weight down to the prescribed number of pounds. He first rode for Jerome Porter, of Forest Grove, and with a horse called Laura D. he got a start of almost a quarter of a mile in a mile race at Walla Walla, Washington, which is claimed as the World's record. For one season Mr. Flett also rode for J. B. Haggin, of California, at that time one of the most prominent owners of race horses in the world. During the 3 year in which he rode for James

Bybee he won all races in which he started throughout the season. For two seasons he acted as a jockey for Baker & Kuykendall of Montana, where he rode horses with world records. His earliest experiences included a few match races for Thomas Tongue, of Hillsboro, Oregon. When nineteen years of age he entered the Oregon State Agricultural College at Corvallis, there pursuing his studies for one year. Subsequently he continued his education in the State Normal School at Monmouth, being graduated from that institution in 1893. During the next two years he followed the profession of teaching, imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he had acquired. He then operated his father's farm for three years and on the expiration of that period entered the North Pacific College of Dentistry at Portland, from which he was graduated in 1905. Opening an office at Yamhill, he has there practiced his profession continuously since and has enjoyed an extensive and gratifying patronage. He still owns an interest in the old homestead property, has a fine home in Yamhill and also has a fifth interest in property in Gilliam county, Oregon.

On the 10th of December 1906, Mr. Flett was united in marriage to Miss Delma Matheny, who was born near Salem, Oregon, her parents being Samuel and Eva Matheny, natives of Missouri and Maryland respectively. The parents of Mrs. Matheny were among the pioneer settlers of this state, being passengers on the first boat that went around Cape Horn. The parents of Mrs. Flett were married in Oregon and here continued to reside throughout the remainder of their lives, Samuel Matheny passing away at the age of seventy-seven and his wife at the age of forty-four years. The former participated actively in the war against the Indians. Mrs. Flett was one of a family of five children, the others being as follows: Catherine, who is deceased; Mamie, a resident of California; Samuel, who makes his home at Silverton, Oregon; and Estella, the wife of P. P. Allen, of Lone Tree, Washington.

Mr. Flett is a republican in politics and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to several positions of public trust. For two terms he held the office of road supervisor and at the same time acted as deputy assessor of his township. For three terms he served as city recorder and during one term acted as councilman. He was elected mayor of Yamhill on the 4th of April, 1911, and his administration has been characterized by many measures of reform and improvement. Fraternaly he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in 1894 joining Wapato Lodge No. 40, in which he has passed through all the chairs, while in 1897 he attended the grand lodge. He is a charter member of Yamhill Lodge, No. 98, K. P., in which he has filled all of the chairs, while in 1909 and 1910 he was a representative to the grand lodge. The lodge of the Yeomen at Yamhill also numbers him among its valued members. A strong minded, generous-spirited man, he stands as a high type of American manhood and an embodiment of that progress which in the last half century has drawn to this country the admiring gaze of all nations. [Centennial History of Oregon by Gaston Vol 3 p171-172]

iii. George Wilson Flett

b. Nov 1873 OR

d. 07 Dec 1953, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
buried [Greenwood Hills Cemetery](#), Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

1880: West Chehalem, Yamhill Co, OR, June 1 & 2, 1880; John Flet, 35, farmer, OR Canada Scotland; Sarah F., 29, wife, keeping house, OR MO MO; Elias B., son, 8, OR; George W., 6, son, OR; Hemming C., 4, son, OR; Ollie Reed, 18, f, boarder, MO

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FLETT—December 8, George W., of 1034 SE Woodward. Beloved father of Mrs. Sylvia McDowell, Salem, and Neil O. Flett, Portland. Funeral services Friday, December 11, at 3 pm, at the Chapel of MILLER & TRACEY, SW 20th pl. and Morrison. Interment Greenwood Hill cemetery. BR 2691.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Thursday, December 10, 1953 p.34]

iv. Hemming C. Flett

b. 15 May 1876 OR

d. 20 Aug 1915 Newberg, Yamhill County, Oregon

buried [Yamhill-Carlton Memorial Park](#), Yamhill, Yamhill Co, OR

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**NATIVE OREGONIAN AND SON
OF PIONEER FAMILY DIES
AT NEWBERG.**



Hemming C. Flett.

Hemming C. Flett, aged 39, native Oregonian and son of a pioneer family, died at Newberg, Or., Friday. He was well known in Yamhill County, and up till about three months before his death he lived on the old Flett farm near Wapato. He was a son of John B. and Sarah F. Flett, who were pioneers of 1814 and 1852 respectively and was born May 15, 1877, in Yamhill County. Mr. Flett is survived by his mother, a sister, Mrs. W. F. Ralston, of Gaston, and three brothers, George W. and William J. Flett, of Gaston, and Dr. E. B. Flett, of Yamhill. He was a member of the School Board and also of the Knights of Pythias of Gaston. Interment will be in the North Yamhill Cemetery today at 10:30 A. M.

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v. Ethel May Flett

b. 02 Aug 1886 Gaston, Washington County, Oregon

d. 25 Sep 1955 Hillsboro, Washington County, Oregon

buried [Yamhill-Carlton Memorial Park](#), Yamhill, Yamhill Co, OR

m'd William Franklin "Bud" Ralston 23 Feb 1910 Yamhill Co, OR

1900: West Chehalem, Yamhill County, Oregon, June 22, 1900; Sarah F. Flett, head, May 1851, 49, wid, 7-6, OR MO MO, farmer; Elias B., son, Dec 1871, 28, s, OR OR OR, farm laborer, George W., son, Nov 1873, 26, OR OR OR, farm laborer; Hemming C., son, May 1876, 24, OR OR OR, farm laborer, Mary E., dau, Aug 1886, OR OR OR, at school; William T., son, Feb 1890, 10, OR OR OR, at school; Lyle E., son, Dec 1893, 6, OR OR OR; at school

1910: Yamhill County Marriage Record #593 Ethel Flett and W.F. Ralston Feb 23, 1910

vi. William Thomas Flett

b. 21 Feb 1890 Gaston, Washington County, Oregon

d. 29 Jul 1961 Gaston, Washington County, Oregon

buried [Hills Cemetery](#), Gaston, Washington County, Oregon

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FLETT — William T., Gaston, Ore.:
father of Eldon, John, William,
Elvena Sticka, Wanda Madison,
Marylyn Degeti; brother of Elias.
Funeral service Tuesday, 1 pm in
FULTON'S MORTUARY CHAPEL,
Forest Grove. Interment Hill
Cemetery, Gaston, Ore.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Monday July 31, 1961 p.18]

vii. Lyle E. Flett

b. Dec 1895 Gaston, Washington County, Oregon

d. 1905

buried [Yamhill-Carlton Memorial Park](#), Yamhill, Yamhill Co, OR
aged 14 years

1900: West Chehalem, Yamhill County, Oregon, June 22, 1900; Sarah F. Flett, head, May 1851, 49, wid, 7-6, OR MO MO, farmer; Elias B., son, Dec 1871, 28, s, OR OR OR, farm laborer, George W., son, Nov 1873, 26, OR OR OR, farm laborer; Hemming C., son, May 1876, 24, OR OR OR, farm laborer, Mary E., dau, Aug 1886, OR OR OR, at school; William T., son, Feb 1890, 10, OR OR OR, at school; Lyle E., son, Dec 1893, 6, OR OR OR; at school