

Francis Wesley Robinson

Pioneer of 1852

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Francis Wesley Robinson

b. 21 Aug 1830 Smith Co, TN

d. 01 Aug 1893 Portland, Multnomah Co, OR

buried Lone Fir Pioneer Cemetery, Portland, Multnomah Co, OR

m. 1851 IL

Mary Cooper Moreland

b. Jan 1832 TN

d. 12 Aug 1905 Portland, Multnomah Co, OR

buried Lone Fir Pioneer Cemetery, Portland, Multnomah Co, OR

1850: Macoupin Co, IL, October 19, 1850; Jessee Moreland, 49, farmer, \$300, NC;
Susan, 41, ?; Mary, 18, TN; William, 16, TN; Samuel, 13, TN; Ann E., 12, TN;
Josephine, 10, TN; Julius, 5, TN

1860: Molalla, Clackamas Co, OR, August 24, 1860; F.W. Robertson (sic), 29, farmer,
\$600 \$300, TN; Mary, 27, TN; Edward F., 7, OR; Martha A., 4, OR; Sarah J., 1, OR;
Jesse Moreland, 58, farmer, \$0 \$300, NC

1880: Portland, Multnomah Co, OR, June 9, 1880; F.W. Robinson, 49, clerk in mill, TN
VA VA; Mary C., 48, wife, keeping house, TN NC TN; Belle, 21, dau, at home, OR;
Charles, 17, son, works in blind factory, OR; Fredrick, 15, son, clerk in store, OR; Jessie,
12, son, at school, OR; Julius Ralph, 7, at school, OR; Harvey Paulson, 21, boarder,
laborer, Scandinavia

1900: Portland, Multnomah Co, OR, June 6, 1900; Mary C. Robinson, Jan 1832, 68, wid,
8-6, TN NC TN; Sarah J. Woodard, dau, Mar 1863, 37, m-15yrs, 1-0, OR NC TN, copy
holder-newspaper; William P. Woodard, son in law, Apr 1861, 39, m-15yrs, MO NY
Can, job printer

IN MEMORIAM.

Francis Wesley Robinson was born in Smith county, Tennessee, August 21, 1830, and died in Portland, Or., August 1, 1893.

Mr. Robinson was one of that fast diminishing band of hardy pioneers who braved the hardships of the terrible journey across the plains in 1852, enduring all the privations and hardships of those brave men who have hewn out our empire from the primeval wilderness. He first settled in Clackamas county, but afterward moved to Portland, where he has lived for the last 30 years. For many years he was employed in Weidler's mill, and then for six years was on the police force. Wherever he was he performed his duty faithfully, and won the esteem and confidence of those with whom and for whom he labored. Two years ago last November, while on his beat as a policeman, he was stricken with paralysis from which he never recovered. His suffering

was at times intense, but was borne patiently and uncomplainingly. His end was peaceful.

He was married in 1851, in Carterville, Ill., to Miss Mary G. Moreland, daughter of Rev. Jesse Moreland, who died some years ago. Hon. John M. Palmer, now United States senator from Illinois, then county judge of Macoupin county, performed the wedding ceremony. Mr. Robinson's wife and six children, now grown to manhood and womanhood, mourn the loss of a kind and true father, while the community has lost an honest man.

He was a member of the Odd Fellows and the Workmen, by whom, with many sympathizing friends, he was buried on the 3d inst. at Lone Fir cemetery. Rev. Thomas Boyer delivered the funeral address. Peace to his memory. J. C. M.

The death of Mrs. Mary Cooper Robinson, which occurred yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Howard Crofts, in this city, was the passing of a woman closely identified with the pioneer life of Oregon. Mrs. Robinson was a daughter of Rev. Jesse and Susan Moreland. Born in Tennessee in 1832, married in Illinois in 1851, coming to Oregon in 1852, Mrs. Robinson was a pioneer, practically speaking, in three states widely separated. Faithful to the simple duties of life, she lived and worked and passed on, leaving behind her a record of womanly fortitude and of devotion to family and friends.

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Children of Wesley Robinson and Mary Moreland:

i. Edward F. Robinson

b. 1853 OR

d. Oct 1884 Portland, Multnomah Co, OR

buried Lone Fir Pioneer Cemetery, Portland, Multnomah Co, OR

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ii. Martha A. Robinson

b. 1856 OR

d.

1860: Molalla, Clackamas Co, OR, August 24, 1860; F.W. Robertson, 29, farmer, \$600 \$300, TN; Mary, 27, TN; Edward F., 7, OR; Martha A., 4, OR; Sarah J., 1, OR; Jesse Moreland, 58, farmer, \$0 \$300, NC

iii. Sarah J. Robinson

b. 1859 OR

d.

1860: Molalla, Clackamas Co, OR, August 24, 1860; F.W. Robertson, 29, farmer, \$600 \$300, TN; Mary, 27, TN; Edward F., 7, OR; Martha A., 4, OR; Sarah J., 1, OR; Jesse Moreland, 58, farmer, \$0 \$300, NC

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iv. Belle Robinson

b. 1859 OR

d. 12 Sep 1925

1880: Portland, Multnomah Co, OR, June 9, 1880; F.W. Robinson, 49, clerk in mill, TN VA VA; Mary C., 48, wife, keeping house, TN NC TN; Belle, 21, dau, at home, OR; Charles, 17, son, works in blind factory, OR; Frederick, 15, son, clerk in store, OR; Jessie, 12, son, at school, OR; Julius Ralph, 7, at school, OR; Harvey Paulson, 21, boarder, laborer, Scandinavia

MRS. G. A. THOMAS DIES

Late Judge Moreland's Niece One
of Printers' Union Founders.

Mrs. Belle Robinson Thomas, who died September 12, was the wife of George A. Thomas, and came from pioneer stock. She was the daughter of the late Wesley and Mary C. Robinson, granddaughter of the pioneer circuit rider, Rev. Jesso Moreland, and niece of the late Judge J. C. Moreland.

Having finished her early education at the old Central school, she took up the printer's trade. When Multnomah Typographical union No. 58 was formed, she became a charter member. For a number of years she was employed by various publications in this city, including The Oregonian, where she met Mr. Thomas, and married him September 29, 1915.

Mrs. Thomas was a woman of high intellect, of a gentle, cheerful nature, and radiated optimism to all with whom she came in contact. Many friends in mourning her death mentioned her kindly spirit as a lasting memory.

One of her dominant characteristics—consideration for others—is expressed in the following excerpts from Tennyson's poem, which, at her request, was read at her funeral Monday:

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark.

Besides her husband she is survived by one sister, Mrs. Alice M. Crafts, and three brothers, C. W., J. R. and Fred A. Robinson of Portland, and numerous relatives throughout the northwest.

v. Charles W. Robinson

b. 1863 OR

d.

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vi. Frederick A. Robinson

b. 1865 OR

d.

1880: Portland, Multnomah Co, OR, June 9, 1880; F.W. Robinson, 49, clerk in mill, TN VA VA; Mary C., 48, wife, keeping house, TN NC TN; Belle, 21, dau, at home, OR; Charles, 17, son, works in blind factory, OR; Frederick, 15, son, clerk in store, OR; Jessie, 12, son, at school, OR; Julius Ralph, 7, at school, OR; Harvey Paulson, 21, boarder, laborer, Scandinavia

vii. Jessie Robinson

b. 1868 OR

d.

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viii. Julius Ralph Robinson

b. 1873 OR

d.

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clerk in store, OR; Jessie, 12, son, at school, OR; Julius Ralph, 7, at school, OR;
Harvey Paulson, 21, boarder, laborer, Scandinavia

ix. Alice M. Robinson

b.

d.