

# Gabriel Long

## Pioneer of 1852

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### Gabriel Long

b. 24 Feb 1827 Wayne County, Indiana

d. 25 Jan 1908 Kings Valley Benton County, Oregon

buried Kings Valley Cemetery, Kings Valley, Benton County, Oregon

s/o Gabriel Long (1786-1829) and Sarah Whitten (1790-1828)

m1. 03 Jun 1845 Mercer County, Illinois

Phoebe Ann Rice

b. 15 Aug 1823 Tolland County, Connecticut

d. c1860 Benton County, Oregon

m2. 1867

Mrs. Ellen Jane (Garland) Fuller

b. 1832 Pennsylvania

d. 1890 Benton County, Oregon

buried Kings Valley Cemetery, Kings Valley, Benton County, Oregon

m1. Samuel Fuller

m3. 06 Jul 1896 Benton County, Oregon [Benton County, Book 7 Page 26a]

Ellen Hayter

b. Apr 1869 Oregon

d.

m1. John Laird Nelson

m2. Gabriel Long

m3. Smith

1850: Township 14 N R3W, Mercer County, Illinois, Gabriel Long, 25, farmer, \$130, IN; Phebe, 26, CT; Mary E., 2, IL; Catherine, 0, IL

ODLC: #5166 Benton; b. 1828/30 Wayne Co, IN; arr 30 Sep 1852; sc 09 Oct 1852; m'd Phoebe Ann 03 Jun 1845 Mercer Co, IL

1854: Benton Co Census; Gabriel Long, legal voter, 1 male +21, 1 female +18, 3 females -10

1860: Kings Valley, Benton County, Oregon, July 11, 1860; Gabriel Long, 36, farmer, \$2000 \$950, IN; Phebe A., 37, CT; Mary C., 11, IL; Eva C., 10, IL; Irene M., 7, OR

1870: Corvallis PO, Benton County, Oregon, June 14, 1870; Gabriel Long, 43, farmer, \$1200 \$1000, VA; Garland, 36, keeping house, PA; A.D., 14, farm hand, OR; Pamela, 12, at home, OR; Sarah A., 2, OR; Frances J., 4/12 (Jan), OR; Rebecca Garland, 72, PA

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1900: Kings Valley, Benton County, Oregon, June 23 & 26, 1900; Gabriel Long, head, Oct 1832, 68, m-47yrs, VA VA VA, farmer; Ella, wife, Apr 1869, m-15yrs, 4-4, OR MO MO; Floy Nelson, step dau, Oct 1886, 13, s, OR MT OR, at school; Cora Nelson, step dau, Jan 1889, 11, s, OR MT OR, at school; Jesse Nelson, step son, Feb 1891, 9, s, OR MT OR, at school

"LONG, GABRIEL. Born in Virginia in 1825; came to Oregon and settled at King's Valley, where he still lives, engaged in farming. He married Ellen J. Fuller in 1867, and they have two children Arnold D., and Sarah A." [History of the Willamette Valley by Herbert Lang p. 773]

Children of Gabriel Long and Phoebe Rice:

1. Mary Asanath Long
- b. 1849 Illinois
- d. c1870 Oregon

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2. Emma Catherine Long
- b. 1850 Illinois
- d. bef 1860 Kings Valley, Benton County, Oregon
- buried Kings Valley Cemetery, Kings Valley, Benton County, Oregon

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3. Arnold D. Long
- b. 1856 Benton County, Oregon
- d. bef 1860 Benton County, Oregon

4. Irene M. Long
- b. 1857 Kings Valley, Benton County, Oregon
- d. aft 11 Jul 1860 Kings Valley, Benton County, Oregon
- buried Kings Valley Cemetery, Kings Valley, Benton County, Oregon

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5. Pamela Long
- b. 1858 Kings Valley Benton County, Oregon
- d.

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Children of Gabriel Long and Ellen Garland:

1. Sarah A. Long
- b. 10 May 1868 Kings Valley, Benton County, Oregon
- d. 18 Dec 1960 Benton County, Oregon

m'd 15 Oct 1890 Benton County, Oregon

Freeman David Bevans

- b. 19 Sep 1864 Polk County, Oregon
- d. 05 Jun 1957 Amity, Yamhill County, Oregon

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Mrs. Sarah Bevens  
May 1938

Mrs. Bevens was interviewed at her home on the corner of Twelfth and Polk Sts. in Corvallis. She is a woman of perhaps more than average intelligence and

the years have dealt kindly with her. She not only has a keen memory but is interested in the preservation of a knowledge of the old days. She said:

"My father, Gabriel Long, who was born in 1825, came from Iowa in 1852 and took a donation land claim in Kings Valley. The first settlers had taken all the claims along the river and father's claim was up the course of one of the creeks that come down from the hills to the east. Father had two daughters by his first wife. Two died in childhood and the other, Mrs. Cooper, died at the age of twenty-four.

"My mother, Ellen Jane Carland, was born in 1836. Grandfather Carland brought his family to Oregon in 1852, the same year in which my father came. He first took a donation land claim on Oak Creek west of Corvallis, but soon sold out his right and moved to Roseburg. Mother was married first in 1854 to Samuel Fuller, son of A. Fuller who took one of the very early claims about five miles north of Corvallis. It was on his claim that the Fuller schoolhouse was built about 1848, and in the Fuller Schoolhouse the County Court of Benton County held its first meeting when the new county was organized. At that time there was no town in the county to be the county seat.

"There are two living children of my mother's first marriage. One is Mrs. W. E. Brien who lives just north of Corvallis on the Pacific Highway, and the other is Arnold Fuller. Mother and father were both widowed. They married each other in 1866. I was the only one of my parents' children to outlive them. My name is Sarah Ann, and I was born in 1868. All the schooling I ever got was at the Kings Valley school. My first teacher was James Chambers, son of Rowland Chambers, a pioneer of 1846. It was Rowland Chambers who built the grist mill in Kings Valley. I just loved James Chambers as a teacher. He was so kind and good and such a good teacher. Other teachers were Mrs. Scrafford, John Marks, Frank Hooper, and Mr. Bristow. When we had a good teacher they used to stay several years.

"In 1890 I married Freeman Bevens. His father had been one of the early settlers near Kings Valley, but in Polk County. We lived for years on the old place my father took. Then we moved to Corvallis. Here I kept boarders while my husband worked at various kinds of work.

"When I was a girl I used to attend the dances that were held at the neighbors homes, but when I was eighteen I was converted and joined the church and stopped dancing. Members of the church at that time looked upon dancing as wicked. But the dances I attended were just neighborhood dances and everybody was well behaved. If any one came who showed he had been drinking he was not allowed to take part. I always tried to act the lady and be on my best behavior at the dances, and I do not feel that I ever was the worse for attending. Ever since I was converted I have been a member of the Evangelical Church, first at Kings Valley and then here in Corvallis. I have always tried to be faithful to its teachings and to bring my girls up to be good women.

"Our two daughters are Mrs. Elsie Mitchell, who lives in Amity, and Mrs. Hazel Wiedewitsch.

The country in Kings Valley was far better when I was a girl than is now. The farms and buildings were well kept up, and the farmers prospered. Father always made a good living for his family. Isaac King and others were well-to-do and Rowland Chambers, who owned the grist mill, was wealthy. They all made their money from the land. Now the men who are farming can't seem to make a living. The soil has been allowed to run down, the wild growth is crowding in on the fields, and the buildings are in bad repair. There are no more than two or three good houses now like the old homesteads used to be. The fine old houses are all gone except the James Watson house where Jim Price lives. That is about as it was first built in 1853. I sometimes get homesick for the old neighborhood, but when I do get to go it makes me heart-sick to see how things are run down."

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2. Frances "Fannie" J. Long

b. 1870

d. 31 May 1880

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3. Hugh L. Long

b. 1878

d. 1880

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