

George Brooks

Pioneer of 1849 to California

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George Brooks

b. 29 Aug 1780 Deer Park, Suffolk Co, NY

d. c1849 on trail of cholera per information in Caleb Brooks obit

m. 09 Nov 1809 NY

Mary "Polly" Clark [did not emigrate in 1850]

b. 30 Nov 1788 Springfield, Windsor Co, VT

d. 09 Apr 1875 Nevada Co, CA

1850: Farmington, Van Buren Co, IA, September 23, 1850; Mary Brooks, 62, \$1600, VT; Julius, 21, farmer, OH; Mary, 22, OH; Anna A. Crandall, 20, OH

Children of George Brooks and Mary Clark:

1. Delia Brooks [did not emigrate west]

b. 1810 NY

d. 17 Jan 1869 Nottawa, St. Joseph, MI

m. c1833

Jonathan Engle

b. 1808 NY

d. 04 Nov 1884 Nottawa, St. Joseph, MI

1850: Nottawa, St. Joseph Co, MI, August 27, 1850; Jonathan Engle, 45, farmer, \$\$2500, NY; Delia, 40, NY; Amarillas, 16, MI; Columbia J., 13, MI; Alma Angeline, 12, MI; Polly Ann, 10, MI; Juliett, 8, MI; Gilmore Dallas, 6, MI; Bellisle, 3, MI; Rebecca, 1, MI; Julia Ann Brooks, 29, OH

1860: Nottawa, St. Joseph Co, MI, July 13, 1860; Jonathan Engle, 52, farmer, \$10,000 \$1800, NY; Delia, 50, NY; Amarilis, 25, f, MI; Columbia, 23, farmer, MI; Alma, 21, teacher, MI; Polly, 19, MI; Juliette, 17, MI; Gilmer, 15, MI; Bellile, 13, MI; Rebecca, 11, MI; Nelson Curtis, 19, (black), laborer, MI

2. George Washington Brooks

b. 27 Sep 1812 OH

d. 20 Jun 1898 Oroville, Butte Co, CA

buried Old Oroville Cemetery, Oroville, Butte Co, CA

m1.

m2.

Jane B.

b. 1802 VT

d.

1850: Butte Co, CA, no date, Geo W. Brooks, 39, miner, OH

[accompanied his father to CA in 1849/1850 probably returned east and emigrated again later per children's births in 1860 census]

1860: Bidwell, Butte Co, CA, July 13, 1860; G.W. Brooks, 48, farmer, OH; Elisha, 22, farm laborer, OH; Elijah, 20, farm laborer, OH; Justis, 18, OH; Owen, 13, OH; Jay, 6, OH; Thos, 4, CA

1870: Wyandotte, Butte Co, CA, August 6, 1870; G.W. Brooks, 57, farmer, \$1000 \$655, OH; Jane B., 66, keeping house, VT; Joseph, 14, at home, CA

1880: Bidwell, Butte Co, CA, June 7, 1880; George W. Brooks, 67, farmer, OH OH MI; Jane B., 78, wife, keeping house, VT Hanover VT; Joseph, 25, son, laborer, CA OH VT

3. Ebenezer Jessup Brooks [no further information]

b. 1814 Erie Co, OH

d.

4. Rachael Brooks

b. Oct 1816 Erie Co, OH

d. 01 Jul 1876 Nevada Co, CA

m. c1852 IA

Joseph Meek

b. 1806 VA

d. Aug 1872 Rough and Ready, Nevada Co, CA

Note: It appears that Rachael may have been a second wife for Joseph Meek due to the gap in children's ages in the 1860 census. Mary was born c1853 in IA and by 1857 they are in CA based on son, Judson's birth.

1860: Rough and Ready, Nevada Co, CA, June 14, 1860; Joseph Meeks, 49, farmer, \$1000 \$1200, VA; Rachel, 44, OH; Sarah C., 18, IA; Mary A., 7, IA; Judson C., 3, CA; Neite, 4/12, f, CA; Chas Morgan, 20, laborer, VA; A. Jones, 31, miner, PA

1870: Rough and Ready, Nevada Co, CA, July 4, 1870; Joseph Meek, 54, farmer, \$2000 \$1500, VA; Rachael, 53, keeping house, OH; Mary 17, IA; Judson, 12, CA; Alice, 9, CA

**MEEK—in Nevada county, August 17, Joseph Meek, aged
67 years, 7 months and 17 days.**

[San Francisco Bulletin, San Francisco, CA Wednesday, August 21, 1872 p.3]

5. Julia Ann Brooks

b. Jun 1819 Erie Co, OH

d. c1900 CA

m.

Mr. McNair

b.

d.

Note: unable to track Julia beyond 1850 census but if ancestry tree info is correct she probably accompanied siblings to CA c1854

1850: Nottawa, St. Joseph Co, MI, August 27, 1850; Jonathan Engle, 45, farmer, \$\$2500, NY; Delia, 40, NY; Amarillas, 16, MI; Columbia J., 13, MI; Alma Angeline, 12, MI; Polly Ann, 10, MI; Juliatt, 8, MI; Gilmore Dallas, 6, MI; Bellisle, 3, MI; Rebecca, 1, MI; Julia Ann Brooks, 29, OH

6. Joshua Brooks

b. 1822 OH

d. bef 1870??

1860: Linn Co, OR, August 6, 1860; Joshua Brooks, 36, stock raiser, \$2000 \$1060, OH; Frances, 32, KY; Myron, 3, OR; Maritta, 2, OR [living next door to Caleb and two households from Durin]

1870: not found

7. Caleb Brooks

b. 20 Sep 1824 Erie Co, OH

d. 22 Sep 1899 Wasco Co, OR

buried Pioneer Cemetery, The Dalles, Wasco Co, OR

m1.

Eliza Ann

b.

d.

1852: Marion Co, OR, divorce, Eliza Ann Brooks vs Caleb Brooks

m2. c1853

Sarah Susanna Peterson

b. 04 Jul 1830 Louisa Co, VA
d. 14 May 1869 Wasco Co, OR
buried Pioneer Cemetery, The Dalles, Wasco Co, OR
d/o Henry J. Peterson and Eliza Allen
m1. John W. Helm
m2. Caleb Brooks

m3. c1870
Mary Jane Sheppard
b. 1824
d. 10 May 1887 The Dalles, Wasco Co, OR
buried Pioneer Cemetery, The Dalles, Wasco Co, OR
d/o Benjamin Sheppard and Elizabeth Garrison

m4. c1890 Wasco Co, OR
Georgiana A.
b.
d.

TTMC: p. 233 Sarah Peterson (d/o Henry Peterson and Eliza Allen) b. 11 Jul 1830 Lewis Co, WV, died 14 May 1869 The Dalles, Oregon; m1. John Wesley Helm 22 Jun 1847 Linn County, OR; m2. Caleb Brooks, 30 Oct 1851 Linn Co, OR

ODLC: Marion #1886 for Edward H. Bellinger states that Caleb Brooks m'd Eliza Ann Bellinger

ODLC: #2019 Linn; b. 1825 Huron Co, OH; arr 01 Nov 1850; sc 20 Mar 1852; m'd Sarah S. 30 Oct 1851 Linn Co

OHSQ: 44-183

1852: Linn Co, Tax Roll, Caleb Brooks, Provisional and Territorial Record #14112

1854: Linn Co, Tax Roll, Caleb Brooks, Provisional and Territorial Record #14113

1856: Linn Co, Tax Roll, Caleb Brooks, Provisional and Territorial Record #14114

1857: Linn Co, Tax Roll, Caleb Brooks, Provisional and Territorial Record #14121

1858: Linn Co, Tax Roll, Caleb Brooks, Provisional and Territorial Record #14122

1859: Linn Co, Tax Roll, Caleb Brooks, Provisional and Territorial Record #14131

1860: Linn Co, OR, August 6, 1860; Caleb Brooks, 34, farmer, \$4000 \$1457, OH; Sarah, 30, VA; Mary, 7, OR; Sylvester, 6, OR; Sylvanus, 4, OR; Rolando, 1, OR

1870: East Dalles Pct, Wasco Co, OR, July 7, 1870; Caleb Brooks, 45, farmer, \$2500 \$627, OH; Mary E., 17, keeping house, OR; Sylvester R., 15, works on farm, OR; Sylvanus C., 14, works on farm, OR; Rolando G., 11, at school, OR; Lydia M., 9, at school, OR

1872: Military, Wasco Co, County Records The Dalles

1880: The Dalles, Wasco Co, OR, June 21 & 22, 1880; Caleb Brooks, 55, farmer, OH NY VT; Mary Jane, 54, wife, keeping house, NJ NJ NJ; Orlanda, 21, son, farmer, OR OH PA; Lydia Johnson, 19, dau, OR OH PA; Julia Hamilton, 12, step dau, at home, IL NY NJ

1895: Wasco Co, OR, divorce, Caleb Brooks vs Georgiana A. Brooks

1899: Wasco Co, OR, estate, Caleb Brooks, Wasco Co Record #A-651

IN MEMORY OF CALEB BROOKS

Incidents of His Life Contributed by a Friend.

Caleb Brooks, who died at his home on Three-Mile creek Sept. 22nd, was born in Ohio Sept. 20, 1824, afterwards moving to Iowa. From there at the age of 24, in company with his father and a number of his neighboring families, he started across the plains in the year 1849. After journeying as far as the Platt river, his father was taken down with the cholera and died. Laying him to rest on the banks of the Platt and turning away from the sad scene, they journeyed on to Oregon, passing through The Dalles when it was only a small supply station for Eastern Oregon. Afterwards settling in Linn county, Oregon, they took a homestead twelve miles from Albany; but moved from there to Eastern Oregon for his wife's health in the year 1864, settling near The Dalles, from which place he passed from earth to his home on the other shore.

In early life Mr. Brooks was given power to become one of the "sons of God," and it was his earnest endeavor to know and to do the will of his Heavenly Father. As he was diligent in business, so was he fervent in spirit. He was a devout student of the bible and his life was an illustration of its precepts. Because of his gifts as an expositor of scripture his friends often urged him to enter the ministry, but his underestimate of his ability and his great reverence for the office of a minister of Jesus the Christ caused him to refuse their suggestions. He did, however, accept the opportunities at the prayer and covenant meetings to tell of the love of God as manifested in Christ,

and to offer effectual prayers for the Holy Spirit's blessing. In the neighborhood Sunday school services he was very much interested, and for many seasons was the superintendent of the school.

Mr. Brooks was a charter member of the First Baptist church of this city and a faithful and efficient deacon thereof to the day of his triumphant death.

His long illness gave opportunity to the remaining sons, Sylvester R. and Roland G. Brooks, and their families to show their filial love by their tender care; and the neighbors were not lacking in their friendly services.

By his own arrangement, the funeral service was held in the meeting house of the First Baptist church on Sunday, Sept. 24th, at 2 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. O. D. Taylor, whom he had loved so well for eighteen years, preached the sermon from First John, iii:2. Pastor Clifton of the Calvary church assisted at the services in the church.

The large concourse of pioneer neighbors and friends that attended his funeral betokened the influence of his life, and gave strong emphasis to the saying, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

A FRIEND.

[submitted by Chuck Bury from The Dalles daily chronicle. (The Dalles, Or.) 1890-1948, October 07, 1899, Image 4 Image and text provided by University of Oregon Libraries; Eugene, OR]

"Deacon Caleb Brooks Dead--For the past few weeks Deacon Caleb Brooks has been very ill of Bright's disease and other complications and his life has been despaired of.

This morning at about 10:30 the end came at the home of his son, Rolando Brooks, on Upper 3-Mile, and so we again chronicle the death of a pioneer resident of Oregon and one who has lived in and about The Dalles since the early '60s. He came here from Linn county and for years lived on the farm now occupied by Marshal Hill, on Dry Hollow, afterward moving to a place this side of the Chrisman place, where he resided for a number of years.

He was married three times, both of his former wives being buried at The Dalles; his third wife still living. Out of five children, three are living - Sylvester, whose home is on 10-Mile; Rolando, at whose home he died; and Lydia, who resides in California.

He was a deacon in the First Baptist church; one of the leading members of that denomination since his early boyhood days, and a consistent Christian.

As yet no time has been set for the funeral." [The Dalles Daily Chronicle, Friday, September 22, 1899]

Children of Caleb Brooks:

i. Mary F. Brooks

b. 1852 OR

d. 24 Nov 1874 The Dalles, Wasco Co, OR

buried Pioneer Cemetery, The Dalles, Wasco Co, OR

m. Mr. Parish

ii. Sylvester Brooks

b. 1854 OR

d.

iii. Sylvanus G. A. Brooks

b. 1856

d. 17 May 1876

buried Pioneer Cemetery, The Dalles, Wasco Co, OR

iv. Rolando Brooks

b. 1869 OR

d.

v. Lydia Brooks

b. 1871 OR

d.

8. Julius Caesar Brooks [did not emigrate in 1850]

b. 09 Sep 1826 Erie Co, OH

d. 14 Feb 1907 Lompoc, Santa Barbara Co, CA

Note: probably accompanied siblings to CA c1855

1850: Farmington, Van Buren Co, IA, September 23, 1850; Mary Brooks, 62, \$1600, VT;
Julius, 21, farmer, OH; Mary, 22, OH; Anna A. Crandall, 20, OH

1860: Nicolaus, Sutter Co, CA, July 19, 1860; J.C. Brooks, 33, farmer, \$500 \$400, OH;
Mary, 26, domestic, OH; Berry, 5, CA; Olive, 4, CA; Albert, 1, CA

1900: Twp 5, Santa Barbara Co, CA, June 20, 1900; Julius C. Brooks, head, Sep 1826,
73, m-46yrs, OH VT NY, farmer; Mariam W., wife, May 1834, 66, m-46yrs, 6-6, OH VT
CT; Asa Grant, son, Sep 1874, 25, CA OH OH, farm laborer

9. Mary Brooks

b. 1828 OH

d.

1850: Farmington, Van Buren Co, IA, September 23, 1850; Mary Brooks, 62, \$1600, VT;
Julius, 21, farmer, OH; Mary, 22, OH; Anna A. Crandall, 20, OH

10. Vienna Alpine Brooks [did not emigrate west]

b. 1830 MI

d. 01 Dec 1850 Van Buren, Van Buren Co, IA

m.

Mr. Crandall

b.

d.

1850: Farmington, Van Buren Co, IA, September 23, 1850; Mary Brooks, 62, \$1600, VT;
Julius, 21, farmer, OH; Mary, 22, OH; Anna A. Crandall, 20, OH

11. Durin Pinkney Brooks

b. 08 Oct 1832 Nottaway, St. Joseph Co, MI

d. 24 Jan 1883 Huntsville, Columbia Co, WA

buried IOOF Cemetery, Waitsburg, Walla Walla, WA

m. 16 Mar 1854 Linn Co, OR

Amanda Caroline Hill

b. 25 Dec 1831 McMinn, TN

d. 02 Mar 1890 Waitsburg, Walla Walla Co, WA

buried IOOF Cemetery, Waitsburg, Walla Walla, WA
d/o Claiborne Hill and Mary Cates

ODLC: Linn Co #1846; Durin P. Brooks, b. 1832 St. Joseph Co, Mich; sc 15 Apr 1853;
m'd Amanda C. 16 Mar 1854 Linn Co, OT. Aff: Caleb Brooks, Asa H. Peterson, Raphael
Cheadle

1854: Linn Co, OR, Tax Roll, D.P. Brooks, Provisional and Territorial Record #14113

1858: Linn Co, OR, Tax Roll, D.P. Brooks, Provisional and Territorial Record #14122

1859: Linn Co, OR, Tax Roll, D.P. Brooks, Provisional and Territorial Record #14131

1860: Linn Co, OR, August 6, 1860; D.P. Brooks, 28, farmer, \$3560 \$850, MI; Amanda,
28, TN; Vienna, 5, OR; Seneber, 4, OR; Herschell, 1, OR

1880: Alto, Umatilla Co, OR, June 22 & 23, 1880; Durin P. Brooks, 48, farmer, MI VT
NY; Armanda C., 49, wife, keeping house, IL unk unk; Flavius, 18, son, laborer, OR MI
_, Clayburn, 10, son, at home, OR MI _

"Rev. Durin Pinkney Brooks, a pioneer Baptist and Preacher of Oregon, was born Oct 8,
1832, in St. Joseph Co, Mich; moved to Iowa in 1838; and thence to Oregon in 1850.
Baptized in 1853; he was for years an active layman and in 1868 he entered the ministry,
serving the Hepner, Meadows and Pleasant Valley churches; he assisted in organizing all
these bodies. He is a self-denying, devout, and earnest preacher, and frequently travels
40 or 50 miles to preach to the scattered members of these feeble churches in Oregon."
[The Baptist Encyclopedia, edited by William Cathcart, published 1881 p.142]

"Dalles City, OR, March 13th, 1883--For the Baptist Beacon:

Dear Brother Baker: On Wensday, (sic) the 24th of January, my youngest brother, Rev.
D.P. Brooks, died with Lung Fever, near Huntsville, Columbia Co., Washington. After
severe suffering for several days, he gave up all hope of recovery; said his work was
done, and well done; was prepared and ready to go; called around him his companion and
children to listen to a father's dying advice, and there realized the anguish of separation.
He gave directions concerning his burial; and rejoiced in view of the bright prospects
beyond the tomb.

Surely we can say, "Blessed the righteous, when he dies," We say farewell dear
brother, until He, who is the resurrection and the life, shall raise the dead; then we hope
to meet again in eternal union. We feel that the Lord is with us, that He is our strength,
and our support, that He accompanies the preaching of His word.

Last Sabbath we felt that we were blessed in partaking of the broken body, and the blood of the blessed redeemer. C. Brooks" [The Baptist Beacon - April 1883]

Children of Durin Brooks and Amanda Hill:

i. Vienna L. Brooks

b. 25 Nov 1854 Linn Co, OR

d. 21 Mar 1875

ii. Seneber S. Brooks

b. 17 Aug 1856 Linn Co, OR

d. 22 Dec 1939 Hazelton, Jerome Co, ID

m. 08 Nov 1885/6 Lewiston, Nez Perce Co, IL

Alwilda Victoria Forgey

b. 28 Sep 1866 Linn Co, OR

d. 08 Oct 1936 Hazelton, Jerome Co, ID

Children of Seneber Brooks and Alwilda Forgey:

1. Blanche Beatrice Brooks

b. 11 Jan 1886 Huntsville, Columbia Co, WA

d. 14 Jul 1971 Falls City, Jerome Co, ID

2. Mabel Edna Brooks

b. 12 Jul 1888 Farmington, Whitman Co, WA

d. 08 Jul 1977 Seattle, King Co, WA

3. Florence Elivra Brooks

b. 02 Feb 1892 Walla Walla Co, WA

d. 24 Jan 1973 Falls City, Jerome Co, ID

4. Clark Floyd Brooks

b. 16 Mar 1894 Farmington, Whitman Co, WA

d. 08 Apr 1969 Hazelton, Jerome Co, ID

5. Cecil Claude Brooks

b. 20 Apr 1896 Asotin, Asotin Co, WA

d. 29 Oct 1984 Sitka, Alaska

6. Caestine Prudence Brooks

b. 06 Aug 1898 Craigmont, Lewis Co, ID

d. 16 Sep 1997 Tracy, San Joaquin Co, CA

7. Ledalla Brooks

b. 1899 ID

d.

8. Francis Royal Brooks

b. 11 May 1901 Nez Perce, Nez Perce Co, ID

d. 06 Dec 1967 Hazelton, Jerome Co, ID

9. Lorilla Victoria Brooks

b. 29 May 1903 Nez Perce Co, ID

d. 27 Nov 1971

10. Dwight Brooks

b. 18 Oct 1906 Hazelton, Jerome Co, ID

d. Oct 1969 Hazelton, Jerome Co, ID

11. Dellett Brooks

b. 1907 ID

d.

iii. Herschel Brooks

b. 20 Oct 1858 Linn Co, OR

d. 21 Jun 1946 Grangeville, ID

iv. Flavius Brooks

b. 15 Jul 1861 Linn Co, OR

d. 07 Feb 1955 Wembley, Alberta, Canada

v. Mary Amanda Brooks

b. 08 Mar 1866 Albany, Linn Co, OR

d. 25 Oct 1867 Linn Co, OR

buried Pleasant Butte Baptist Cemetery, Brownsville, Linn Co, OR

vi. Clayborn Durin Brooks

b. 10 Jun 1870 Pilot Rock, Umatilla Co, OR

d. 24 Apr 1966 Grand Prairie, Alberta, Canada

buried IOOF Cemetery, Waitsburg, Walla Walla Co, WA [unmarked grave]

m.

Lulu Belle Raley

b.

d. 27 Jun 1897 Farmington, Whitman Co, WA

buried IOOF Cemetery, Waitsburg, Walla Walla Co, WA [unmarked grave]

"Died near Farmington, Wash., June 27th, 1897, Mrs. Lulu Brooks, daughter of Mrs. Raley, of Huntsville. Mrs. Brooks was 23 years old and had been married about five years and leaves two children and a husband and a host of friends to mourn her loss. Her remains were brought to Huntsville where the funeral was preached by Rev. Lee A. Johnson and was then taken to Waitsburg cemetery for interment." [Columbia Chronicle, July 10, 1897]

"Umatilla County Native, Age 95, Dies in Canada--WAITSBURG - Clayborn Durin Brooks, 95, native of Pilot Rock, Ore., and former Huntsville resident, died April 24 at Grand Prairie, Alta., where he had been living in a home for the elderly. He was the last of a family of six, the youngest son of Durin P., and Amanda Brooks. He was born June 10, 1870.

The family moved to Huntsville when he was 10. Oct. 11, 1891 he married Lula Bell Raley, also of a pioneer family. In 1895, the couple moved to Farmington where Mrs. Brooks died June 27, 1897. Brooks returned to Huntsville and in 1906, when southern Alberta opened up land to settlers, he homesteaded near Champion. In 1930, he disposed of this property and went further north to a farm near Wembly, Alta., where he lived until his retirement some years ago.

One daughter, Mrs. Randolph Webber of Waitsburg, survives as do eight grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral is to be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Ray's chapel here, with the Rev. Earl Cooper of the Methodist Church officiating and interment in the IOOF cemetery." [Walla Walla Union Bulletin, April 27, 1966, p. 5]