

Henrich Arend Macke

aka

Henry Arnold Mock

Pioneer of 1852

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Henry Arnold Mock

b. 05 Aug 1793 Steinfeld, [Oldenburg, Germany](#)

d. 06 Feb 1884 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

buried Historic Columbian Cemetery, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

m. May 1829 Germany

Marie Elizabeth Meyer

b. 10 May 1779 Germany

d. 27 Apr 1867 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

1833: Jun arrived in Baltimore, MD [provided by Paul H. Mock, descendant]

1840: Mechanicsburg, Cumberland County, PA, Henry Mock

1843: Jan 10; Henry A. Mock naturalized [provided by Paul H. Mock, descendant]

http://ccweb.ccpa.net/proth_nat_index/

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1860: Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, July 17, 1860; Henry Mauk (sic), 66, farmer, \$2000 \$500, Holland; Mary, 60, Holland; John, 22, PA

1870: St. Johns Pct, Multnomah County, Oregon, Henry Mack (sic), 77, invalid, Oldenburg, Germany; John, 32, wood dealer, \$2000 \$500, PA; Eng, 10, at home, PA

1880: St. Johns Pct, Multnomah County, Oregon, June 5, 1880; John Mock, 40, farmer, PA Ger Ger; Mary, 26, keeping house, OR OH OH; Elizabeth, 5, at home, OR PA OR; John, 3, at home, OR PA OR; Lillie, 11/12, at home, OR PA OR; Henry, 87, father, ?, invalid, Ger Ger Ger; + 4 hired hands

Children of Henry Mock and Marie Elizabeth Meyer:

1. John Mock

b. 04 Oct 1838 Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania

d. 08 Aug 1916 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
buried Historic Columbian Cemetery, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

m. 04 Aug 1874 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
Mary Melissa Sunderland

b. 23 May 1856 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

d. 21 Nov 1934 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

buried Historic Columbian Cemetery, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

d/o Benjamin Sunderland and Maria Elizabeth Schaeffer

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1900: Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, June 10, 1900; John Mock, head, Oct 1838, 61, divorced (??), PA Ger Ger; Mary M., partner, Mar 1856, 40, divorced (??), 4-4, OR IN PA; John B., son, Oct 1877, 22, s, OR PA OR, farm laborer; Lillie C., dau, Jan 1880, 20, s, OR PA OR, school teacher; Margaret, dau, Jan 1882, 18, s, OR PA OR; Mary E. Welsh, dau, Sep 1875, 24, widow, 0-0, OR PA OR *[note: the 1900 and 1910 census records list John and Mary as divorced which is an error. Whether it was a misreading of the state census records or an error on the part of the census taker is unknown]*

1910: Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, April 15, 1910; John Mock, head, 71, divorced (?), PA Ger Ger; Mary N. (sic-M.), wife, 53, divorced (?), 4-4, OR OH OH; Margaret, dau, 26, s, OR PA OR; + 2 hired men *[note: the 1900 and 1910 census records list John and Mary as divorced which is an error. Whether it was a misreading of the state census records or an error on the part of the census taker is unknown]*

Children of John Mock and Mary Sunderland:

- i. John Benjamin Mock
 - b. 08 Oct 1877 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
 - d. 09 Apr 1962 El Cerrito, California
- ii. Lillie Catherine Mock
 - b. 25 Jan 1880 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
 - d. May 1967 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
 - m. William F. Amos

AMOS—Lillie C., of 2430 NW Marshall; sister of Miss Margaret Mock; aunt of Mrs. George Joseph, and John, both of Portland; Norman Yeon, Arthur and Elton Mock. Services at FINLEY'S ROSE CHAPEL, SW Monigomery at 4th. Friday, 11:30 am. Private interment.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Friday, May 26, 1967 p.42]

- iii. Margaret Alice Mock
 - b. 17 Jan 1882 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
 - d. 20 Apr 1976 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

Margaret Mock

Margaret A. Mock, daughter of John Mock, an 1852 pioneer who donated the land on which the University of Portland stands, died Tuesday in a nursing home. She was 94 and resided at 2425 SW 6th Ave.

Mock's Crest and Mock's Bottom are named for the pioneer.

She lived much of her life in San Diego, returning to Portland in 1973.

Surviving are a niece, Pauline Joseph of Portland, and three nephews, John Yeon of Portland, Norman Yeon of San Francisco and Arthur Mock of Wenatchee, Wash.

Entombment will be at Portland Memorial Mausoleum.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Thursday, April 22, 1976 Sec D p.10]

- iv. Mary Elizabeth Mock
 - b. 11 Mar 1890 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
 - d. 06 Nov 1955 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

Mrs. Yeon Dies at 80

Noted Oregon Past Recalled

Mrs. John B. Yeon, 80, widow of one of Portland's early leaders and herself the daughter of pioneer parents, died Sunday at a Portland hospital.

Funeral for Mrs. Yeon, who lived at 1150 S. W. King street, will be Tuesday, at 11:30 a. m., at Finley's Morninglight chapel. Private committal will follow at Portland Memorial mausoleum.

Mrs. Yeon was born Mary Elizabeth Mock on September 5, 1875. Her birthplace was on the donation land claim of her parents, John and Mary Mock. Her father, who drove a team of oxen to Portland from Missouri as a boy of 13 in 1852, later donated to Columbia university the land where Portland university now stands. Mock's crest and Mock's bottom are Portland area names traced to her father.

Husband State Pioneer

Mrs. Yeon's husband, who died in 1928, ranks as a real builder of Portland and Oregon.

He came to Portland from Canada in 1865, drove oxen, worked as a logger, then became a lumberman and realty dealer. In 1905, businessmen shook their heads when Yeon paid prices up to \$150,000 for quarter and half blocks in what is now the heart of the city. On his property were built such buildings as the Yeon building, Imperial and Benson hotels, and the telephone company buildings.

A millionaire, Yeon devoted his later life to civic affairs. From 1913 to 1917 he served as county roadmaster at \$1 a year to supervise construction of the Columbia river highway.

Mrs. Yeon is survived by two sons, John and Norman, of Portland; a daughter, Mrs. George W. Joseph Jr., Portland; two sisters, Mrs. William F. Amos, Portland, and Margaret A. Mock, San Diego, Cal.; a brother, John Mock of Oroville, Cal.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

JOHN MOCK.

The year of 1852 was memorable for suffering and hardship endured by the pioneers in their journey across the plains and over the mountains. Cholera broke out among the emigrants, and new graves were made all along the trail. It was in the spring of 1852 that Henry A. Mock started for the west with his family. Henry Mock and his wife Elizabeth were natives of Germany. After coming to America, they lived for some years in the little town of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. Here, on October 4, 1838, was born their son John, the subject of this sketch. When John was six years old the family removed to Platte county, Missouri, where the father purchased a forty-acre farm. In those days the school facilities of Missouri were limited, but limited though they were, John could not take full advantage of them for the reason that farm duties took so much of his time.

When, in 1852, the Mock family started on its westward journey, the thirteen-year-old John drove the wagon to which four yoke of oxen were hitched. Occasionally the two cows were hitched up with the oxen. The boy handled the animals so well that he succeeded in doing what very few men had accomplished—finishing the trip with the same oxen with which he started.

There were incidents of the journey which are worthy of remembrance. Mr. Mock recalls taking his turn with the men at the night watch, for there was constant danger that the Indians would steal the cattle. On one occasion, when the emigrants were fording the Platte river in Nebraska, John was swept off his feet and would have drowned but for the fact that he could swim. His father was as much astonished as he was overjoyed at his son's escape from death, for John had learned to swim a few years before that, contrary to the direct command of his father. A time came on their journey when it was found necessary to sacrifice some part of the load to relieve the travel-worn oxen. The father was unwilling to throw anything away, but John's mother came to the conclusion that the large basket of her finest china would have to be given up. So John, not wishing to let his father know, took the dishes at night and threw them into a lake.

When the family reached The Dalles, Henry Mock sold two yoke of oxen and loaded the wagon upon a scow, on which he and his wife made their way down the Columbia to the Upper Cascades. John followed the trail with the other oxen. He met his parents at the Upper Cascades, where the wagon was put to-



John Mock

gether again. They kept the trail to the Lower Cascades, where the household goods were once more loaded on a boat and John was entrusted with the oxen from the Lower Cascades to Sandy. Here he met his parents, the wagon was reloaded, and the family drove on toward Portland. They arrived at their destination in October, 1852.

They camped for three weeks at Sullivan's Gulch, where their cattle were turned loose and wandered off. In their search for the animals, they came to the present site of St. Johns. Here they met Dr. Caples who induced them to spend the winter with him. (Dr. Caples was the first physician to hang out a sign in Portland.) The Mock family occupied one of the buildings on the Doctor's place. In the spring the father took up a donation claim of three hundred and seventeen acres in the district now known as University Park, where John Mock still lives. With the aid of their neighbors they built their first log cabin, which was the family home until 1874.

After securing their claim, they cleared a small patch of land and planted it with seeds, which the mother had brought from the east. The vegetables which they raised, together with ducks and geese that were shot on the bottom land of their claim, constituted their food for the first year. The next year the father purchased a hog which was fattened on wild potatoes that grew in the vicinity. Mr. Mock says it seemed to him the finest meat he ever tasted. The cost of living in those early times was very high. Flour of an inferior quality, which had been shipped around the Horn, cost ten or twelve dollars a sack.

Mr. Mock tells an exciting incident of those days which he says gave him the greatest fright of his life. In the fall of 1856, he went to the home of a neighbor to spend the evening and did not start on his return until after ten o'clock. He was following the trail through a dark grove when he heard a crack in the bushes and the next instant felt against his hand the cold nose of an animal. He looked but could see nothing of the beast but its eyes, shining like two balls of fire. Having no weapon, he stooped and picked up a stick; then, for fear the stick might be rotten, took out his pocket knife, all the while keeping his gaze fastened on the fiery eyes, ready for any movement, but the creature slunk away. The next day, he learned that the beast was a panther. Some neighbors' dogs took its trail, and it was shot. The animal was a very large one, measuring nine feet from its nose to the tip of its tail.

In the early days, Mr. Mock assisted in clearing, developing and improving the home farm. He left home when about eighteen years of age and for six years engaged in mining and running a pack train. He then came to Portland to spend some years with his parents. After the death of his mother in 1867, he bought out his father, who was at that time seventy-five years old. Henry Mock then returned to Germany to visit his old friends and while there was robbed of all he possessed by a dishonest landlord. At the end of two years, John Mock sent his father money to return to America. This the old gentleman did and lived with his son until his death at the age of ninety-one.

After returning to the farm, John Mock bent his energies toward clearing and improving the place. In 1874 he built a cabin of hewn logs, seventeen by twenty-four feet. This comfortable home was destroyed by fire in 1889 with all of its contents, including family records and many articles which association had rendered of value.

Mr. Mock was married, August 4, 1874, to Miss Mary M. Sunderland, a daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth Sunderland. Mrs. Mock's people came across the plains from Iowa. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Mock are: Mary Elizabeth, the wife of J. B. Yeon; John Benjamin, who married Vietta Curtis; Lillie Catherine, the wife of Dr. William F. Amos, and Margaret Alice, who makes her home with her parents.

For years there was no road from St. Johns to Portland, and produce was carried to market by boat. Mr. Mock has lived to witness many notable changes

in this section of the country, and he has been an active and generous contributor to its growth and development. He donated the land where the Columbia University now stands. He was largely instrumental in bringing the street railway system to the peninsula. By his liberal granting of land for boulevards, the beauty of the peninsula has been much enhanced. John Mock lives now in a beautiful home at University Park. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, a member of the Mystic Shrine, and a member of the Grange. He has served faithfully in offices of public trust. The thirteen year old pioneer boy who drove his oxen across the plains to Portland can look back upon a well spent and honorable life. 1

[Portland, Its History and Builders...by S.J. Clarke p. 274-8]



The historic John Mock House (built 1892), located at 4333 North Willamette Boulevard in Portland, Oregon is listed on the US [National Register of Historic Places](https://www.nps.gov/nr/)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Mock_House_-_Portland_Oregon.jpg]

JOHN MOCK, PIONEER OF 1852, IS DEAD

End Comes Rapidly to Donor
of Columbia University
Site in Portland.

TERM SERVED IN COUNCIL

**Dr. W. F. Amos, Son-in-Law, Called
From Mazama Outing to Be at
Bedside of Early-Day Live-
stock and Mining Man.**

John Mock, 78 years old, ex-City Councilman of Portland and pioneer mining and livestock man, who crossed the plains with the memorable parties of 1852, died last night at his home on Willamette boulevard, near Columbia Park. He had been ill for almost three months.

Mr. Mock was the father of Mrs. J. B. Yeon, Mrs. William F. Amos and Miss Margaret Mock, all of Portland, and of John Mock, who is in the Okanogan country in Washington. Mr. Mock is survived by his widow also.

The Mock residence on Willamette boulevard is a part of the donation land claim which Mr. Mock took up soon after he came to Oregon.

For the last few days Mr. Mock had been sinking rapidly and yesterday a message was sent to his son-in-law, Dr. W. F. Amos, who is with the Mazamas on the Three Sisters outing, urging him to hurry home. He had not received the message last night.



Team Driven Across Plains.

Mr. Mock was born in Mechanicsburg, Pa., October 4, 1838. At the age of 6 years he moved with his parents, who were natives of Germany, to Platte County, Missouri. When the family crossed the plains in 1852 John, then 14, drove the ox team. A great deal of trouble was encountered on the westward journey with the Indians and Mr. Mock took his turn at the night watch to avoid hostile attacks.

After a journey full of hardships, the Mock family arrived at The Dalles, loaded their wagon on a scow and came in that fashion as far as the Cascades. John Mock drove his oxen from The Dalles to Sandy himself, the other members of the family taking a scow that far.

Panther Encountered in Dark.

Mr. Mock's life in the early days of Oregon was filled with thrilling incidents, among them being encounters with the Indians on the trip out and a face-to-face encounter in the dark with a panther. One night in 1856, Mr. Mock often related when in reminiscent mood, he was returning from a neighbor's home at 10 o'clock. He was following the trail through a wood when he suddenly heard the bushes crack, and the next instant felt the cold nose of an animal against his hand. He could see nothing of the beast but its eyes, shining like two balls of fire. He was unarmed and he stooped to feel for a stick. A second thought was to use his pocket knife.

"But I outstared the panther," Mr. Mock often chuckled, as he told how he stood some minutes with his eyes riveted on the two balls of fire, until the animal slunk away. He later learned it was a panther, when some dogs took the trail. Men in the hunt eventually shot the animal, which measured nine feet.

Portland Reached in October.

Arriving in Portland in October, 1852, they camped for a few weeks in Sullivan's Gulch. Their cattle wandered off from their camping place and in search of them they arrived at the present location of St. Johns. At the invitation of Dr. Caples the Mock family spent the Winter in one of Dr. Caples' houses and the following Spring the elder Mr. Mock took up a donation claim in that vicinity.

Mr. Mock occupied a house on part of that claim at the time of his death. It is situated near University Park, occupying a slightly spot on the banks of the Willamette near Columbia University.

In the early days Mr. Mock was engaged in improving the home farm. At the age of 18 years he left home and engaged in mining and operating a pack train. Later he returned to Portland and upon the death of his mother in 1857 he bought his father's farm.

Mr. Mock's father, Henry Mock, came West at an advanced age and lived with his son for a time. In 1867 he returned to Germany for a visit with old friends, but while there was defrauded of a snug fortune which he had accumulated in a business which he sold out before starting back to his native land. Eventually he returned to Portland and died in the '80s at the age of 91.

Fire Destroys Log Home.

A log house built on the claim was destroyed by fire in 1889, with all its contents, and the present house was built not long after.

Mr. Mock, August 4, 1874, married Miss Mary M. Sunderland, a daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth Sunderland.

Mr. Mock was active in civic betterment. He donated the land upon which Columbia University now stands. He was largely instrumental in having the street railway lines extended to the Peninsula. He also gave large grants of land for road improvement. He was Councilman from the Eleventh Ward about 16 years ago.

He was a 32d-degree Mason, a member of the Mystic Shrine and of the Grange.

MOCK ESTATE \$250,000

Most of Property Left by Pioneer Is
In Notes and Mortgages.

John Mock, who died in Portland August 18, left an estate valued at \$250,000. Of this \$225,000 is in notes and mortgages, and but \$25,000 in real estate. These are the figures in the petition for probate of the will filed by John B. Yeon and John B. Mock in the County Court yesterday.

If the widow, Mrs. Mary M. Mock, does not remarry, she will receive a life estate in her home and the income from a \$50,000 trust fund, held by the executors of the estate. This would all be forfeited by marriage. The remainder of the property will be divided equitably among the four children, Elizabeth Yeon, Lily C. Amos, John B. Mock and Margaret A. Mock. The will filed for probate was signed in 1912. Mr. Yeon and Mr. Mock were named for executors in the will.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Tuesday, August 29, 1916 p. 16]

rites for daughter of pioneers set today

Funeral services for the late Mrs. Mary Melisse Mock, 78, will be held today at the family home, 4333 Willamette boulevard. Services will be private, and are to be conducted by Rev. Ray Palmer.

Interment will be in Columbia cemetery.

Mrs. Mock died at her home November 21. She was born in Oregon's pioneer days, May 23, 1856, on a donation land claim fronting on what is now Columbia boulevard. Her parents, Benjamin and Elizabeth Sunderland, crossed the plains in 1852.

John Mock, whom Mary Sunderland married in 1874, also crossed the plains along the Oregon trail in '52. He was but 13 years old, but drove a yoke of oxen throughout the long, pioneer journey. Mr. Mock died in 1918.



The young married couple moved to the site of the present home the year they were wed. In 1874 their farm fronted for a mile on Willamette boulevard, and included Mock's bottom. Part of this tract is now the Columbia university campus, which was donated by the owners years ago for the cause of higher education.

Mr. and Mrs. Mock were active in the upbuilding of Portland and Multnomah county. They gave willingly and often of their means to various causes that aided in the educational and economic growth of the city.

Mrs. Mock is survived by three daughters, Mrs. John B. Yeon, Mrs. William F. Amos and Miss Margaret Mock, all of Portland, and a son, John B. Mock of Long Beach, Wash. A granddaughter, six grandsons and a great-grandson also survive.