

Henry Chapman Raymond

Pioneer of 1852

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b. 24 Aug 1825 Victor, Ontario County, New York

d. 04 Jun 1899 Gaston, Washington County, Oregon

buried [Mountain View Memorial Gardens](#), [aka Buxton Cemetery]

Forest Grove, Washington County, Oregon

s/o Ebenezer Raymond and Lydia Chapman

m. never married

1850: Wayne, DuPage County, Illinois, Oct 14, 1850; John Smith, 44, farmer, \$3000, VT; Elisabeth, 40, VT; George A., 11, IL; Mary L., 8, IL; Henry, 6, IL; Ellen, 5, IL; Albert, 3, IL; Adelbert, 1, IL; Henry Raymond, 25, laborer, NY; Cyrus Fillmore, 19, laborer, N Scotia; Eliza Orvis, 21, NY

1852: emigrated to Oregon

1853-1856 lived with A.T. Smith family, his aunt and uncle engaged in dairy business

1856-1858 engaged in nursery and orchard business

1858: in Illinois helping family prepare to move to Oregon

1859: returned to Oregon with family

1860: Hillsboro, Washington County, Oregon, July 3, 1860; A.J. Smith, 54, farmer, \$14300 \$5730, CT; H.C. Raymond, 35, \$5350 \$1050, NY; E., 71, minister; Lydia, 64, CT

1860-1862: lived with aunt and Uncle Smith

1863-1877: taught school, dealt in real estate,

1877: engaged in general merchandising at Gaston, Washington County, Oregon

1878: entered into partnership with brother to form merchandising store Raymond Brothers

1880: South Tualatin, Washington County, Oregon, June 15, 1880, Geo Brock, 66, farmer, OH VA VA; Eunice, 40, wife, keeps house, OH NJ OH; W.E., 11, son, OR; Lug Davis, 64, mother in law, boarder, OH VT VT; N. Raymond, 60, aunt, OT VT VT; H.A. [sic-C] Raymond, 54, boarder, merchant, NY CT CT; C.A. Raymond, 42, boarder, dry goods & hardware, NY CT CT; James Waggoner, 21, boarder, clerk in store, OR

RAYMOND BROTHERS, HENRY CHAPMAN AND CALVIN ARIEL, are well-known citizens and prominent business men of Gaston, Oregon, having descended from the old Puritans of Massachusetts and Connecticut. They have a continuous record that dates back to 1630, when their forefather, Richard Raymond, was found living at Salem, Massachusetts. In 1662 he removed with his family to Norwalk, Connecticut, where many of the descendants still reside. About 1770 they began to emigrate westward until nearly every State in the Union and Canada are represented, by over 500 families on record, who look back to the old pioneer ancestor Richard Raymond, with pride.

While most of the Raymonds have occupied the mediocre of life, some have occupied prominent places in society. Henry J. Raymond was first assistant editor of the New York Tribune under Horace Greeley, and later the founder of the New York Times. While filling this position he was elected to Congress, and was Lieutenant-Governor of New York. Also Miner Raymond, who was for several years president of the Evanston (Illinois) College, and a prominent writer on theology.

Ebenezer Raymond, the father of our subjects, was born in Kent, Litchfield, county, Connecticut, March 4, 1789, and when three years old left with his parents his native home and settled in Sherburne, Chenango county, New York, until 1818, when he graduated with honor at Union College and Theological Seminary of New York. On the 4th day of March, 1818, he married Miss Lydia, daughter of William Chapman, of Tolland county, Connecticut, born September 23, 1796, and at the time of her marriage living with her brother, Rev. Henry Chapman, Congregational preacher at Hartwick, New York. The union was blessed with eight children, four sons and four daughters, of whom Henry was the fourth and Calvin the eighth child. In 1859, they moved from Elgin, Illinois, to Forest Grove, and January 31, 1863, he fell asleep, and in about six months his wife followed, leaving many friends to mourn their loss.

Henry C. Raymond was born at Victor, Ontario county, New York, August 24, 1825. On the 6th day of April, 1852, he left the parental roof near Elgin, Illinois, and coursed his way in company with S. Blank and family across the plains westward, he arriving at Forest

Grove, Oregon, October 10th, 3 o'clock p. m., being six months and four days on the way.

The first three years was spent in dairy and farming upon the A. T. Smith farm, living with his uncle and aunt Smith; in the fall of 1856 he engaged in the nursery and orcharding business for two years.

He then visited his former home in Elgin, Illinois, for one year, when he made arrangements for the family to follow him to Oregon and returned, living with his uncle Smith two years; then teaching school, speculating in real estate, buying and selling on his own account.

In 1877 he engaged in general merchandising at Gaston, and in 1878 entered into partnership with his brother Calvin, which still continues. They own their dwelling, store building, warehouse, and two farms of 435 acres, and are doing a large and prosperous business.

Henry C. Raymond holds a membership with the Patrons of Husbandry, having passed the Master's chair, and now is Deputy Master of Washington county; also an Odd Fellow, having connected himself on the 12th day of September, 1872, passing the Noble Grand's chair, in 1875, was appointed District Deputy, and is now Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Oregon; also a member of the Congregational Church since he was fifteen years old, and is now Deacon of the church to which he belongs. He is an active worker in Sunday-schools, and is now President of the Washington County Union Sunday-school Association.

Calvin A. Raymond, the junior member of the firm of Raymond Brothers, was born in Erie county, New York, February 22, 1838; was reared to manhood in New York and Illinois; and was sent regularly to the common schools, but is largely a self-made man. He came to Oregon in 1861, and was married at Forest Grove, Oregon, in 1863, to Miss Susan L. Tanner, a native of Illinois, and a daughter of Elisha Tanner, an Oregon pioneer. There was born to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond, one son, Fred E., now a resident of Forest Grove. This wife died in 1868, and Mr. Raymond was again married, in 1885, to Miss Ida J. McMonies, who has given her husband two children,—Willis Glenn and Clyde Chapman. In the early part of his career Mr. Raymond was engaged in cabinet-making, but upon the death of his first wife he traveled for some time; but in 1877 he came to Gaston, and became a partner in business with his brother, Henry C. Raymond, and has

been with him ever since. Calvin A. and his wife are Congregationalists, and are deeply interested in its prosperity. He, like his brother, is a Republican, and very expressed in his opinions, but being a man of broad gage, he does not think the less of a man because he chances to differ with him. The brothers are excellent business men, accommodating, just and upright in their dealings, and enjoy the entire confidence of the business community.

[An Illustrated History of the State of Oregon by H.K. Hines p.469-70]

“RAYMOND, H. C.

Born in New York in 1825; his first residence in Oregon was at Forest Grove; now lives at Gaston and is a merchant by occupation and is unmarried.” [History of the Willamette Valley by Lang p. 783]

NORTHWEST DEAD.

Henry C. Raymond.

FOREST GROVE, June 5.—Henry C. Raymond, who was stricken with paralysis in Odd Fellows' hall at Gaston, Saturday night, never regained consciousness, and died the following night, aged 73 years, 9 months and 10 days. Mr. Raymond was born at Victoria, Ontario county, N. Y., August 24, 1825. He left Elgin, Ill., in company with Stephen Blank and family, of Forest Grove, for Oregon in 1853, arriving at Forest Grove October 10 of that year, and had been a continuous resident of Washington county ever since. For 22 years he and his brother, C. A. Raymond, were engaged in the merchandise business at Gaston. For 60 years he had been a member of the Congregational church, and took great interest in church work. He had been a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge 27 years, passing the noble grand's chair in 1876, was appointed district deputy, and had been grand chaplain of the grand lodge of Oregon. He had also held a membership with the Patrons of Husbandry, having passed the master's chair, and had been deputy master of Washington county. He was a staunch republican, and took an active part in the political and social affairs of the county. He was a notary public, and did the legal writing for the entire community. Deceased's cousin, Henry J. Raymond, was first assistant editor of the New York Tribune under Horace Greeley, and later founder of the New York Times. While filling this position he was elected to congress, and was lieutenant-governor of New York. Miner Raymond, another cousin, was for several years president of the Evanston (Ill.) college, and a prominent writer on theology. Henry C. Raymond's survivors are two brothers, C. A. and William Raymond, and a sister, Mrs. Annette Carter, of Gaston. The funeral services will be conducted under the auspices of the I. O. O. F., and the interment will be in the Buxton cemetery tomorrow.

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Funeral of Henry C. Raymond.

FOREST GROVE, Or., June 6.—The funeral of Henry C. Raymond took place from the Congregational church at Gaston this morning. The services were conducted by Rev. Daniel Staver, assisted by C. F. Clapp. The funeral was under the auspices of Wapato lodge, No. 40, I. O. O. F., of which Mr. Raymond had been a member for 27 years. Delegations were present from Montezuma lodge, of Hillsboro, and Washington lodge, of Forest Grove. The pallbearers were: E. H. Jeter, Frank Rajston, John Briggs, Isaac Larsen, George Spence and I. L. Barrett. Interment was in Buxton cemetery,

Mr. Raymond was a descendant of Richard Raymond, who lived in Salem, Mass., in 1630. His father was Rev. Ebenezer Raymond, who was for 40 years a prominent Congregational minister in New York and Illinois.

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