

Jacob L. Nye

Pioneer of 1847

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Jacob L. Nye

b. 1793/94 Milford, Somerset Co, PA

d. 31 May 1875 Linn Co, OR

m1. Feb 1815 Pickaway Co, OH

Margaret Graham

b. 1793/94 VA

d. 18 Sep 1872 Sweet Home, Linn Co, OR

ODLC: #2812 Linn Co, OR; Jacob Nye, b. 1793 Somerset Co, PA; arr OR prior 01 Sep 1850; sc 01 May 1851; m'd Margret Feb 1815 Pickaway Co, OH. Signed Oath of Allegiance 10 Feb 1864. Aff: Geo. W. Klum, Wm. Klum, Amos F. Thompson.

1850: Washington Co, OR, December 5, 1850; Jacob Nye, 57, cabinet maker, PA; Margt, 36, VA; Jacob, 13, OH; Henry Keeser, 18, steward, Sweden

Jacob Nye, an old Oregonian, died on Monday night, at his residence about twelve miles above Lebanon, aged about 83.

[Willamette Farmer, June 11, 1875]

Children of Jacob L. Nye and Margaret Graham:

1. Harriet A. Nye (Pioneer of 1851)

b. 1816 Pickaway Co, OH

d. aft 1880

m. 31 Dec 1833 Pike Co, OH

Charles H. Vandervort (Pioneer of 1851)

b. 1812 Ross Co, OH

d. aft 1880 KS

ODLC: #5162 Clackamas Co, OR; Charles H. Vandervort, b. 1812 Ross Co, OH; arr OR Jun 1851, sc 16 Oct 1855; m'd Harriet Dec 1833 OH. Aff: Geo W. Jackson, Geo. Coggan, Robert Willis, M.C. Athey, E. A. Parker

1860: Molalla, Clackamas Co, OR, August 15, 1860; C.H. Vandervort, 48, farmer, \$600 \$400, OH; Harriet A., 45, OH; William H., 20, OH; Jacob H. 15, IA; James L.D.. 6, OR; Edward F., 5, OR

1870: Upper Molalla, Clackamas Co, OR, July 12, 1870; C.H. Vandervort, 58, farmer, \$700 \$300, OH; Harriet, 55, keeping house, OH; William, 30, laborer, OH; Jacob, 24, laborer, IA; James, 16, at home, OR; Edward, 14, at home, OR

1880: Marquam, Clackamas Co, OR, June 12 & 14, 1880; Chas. Vandevort (sic), 68, farmer, OH WV PA; Harriet, 66, wife, keeping house, OH PA unk; William H., 40, son, farmer, OH

Children of Charles Vandervort and Harriet Nye:

i. William H. Vandervort

b. 1840 OH

d.

1860: Molalla, Clackamas Co, OR, August 15, 1860; C.H. Vandervort, 48, farmer, \$600 \$400, OH; Harriet A., 45, OH; William H., 20, OH; Jacob H. 15, IA; James L.D.. 6, OR; Edward F., 5, OR

1870: Upper Molalla, Clackamas Co, OR, July 12, 1870; C.H. Vandervort, 58, farmer, \$700 \$300, OH; Harriet, 55, keeping house, OH; William, 30, laborer, OH; Jacob, 24, laborer, IA; James, 16, at home, OR; Edward, 14, at home, OR

1880: Marquam, Clackamas Co, OR, June 12 & 14, 1880; Chas. Vandevort (sic), 68, farmer, OH WV PA; Harriet, 66, wife, keeping house, OH PA unk; William H., 40, son, farmer, OH

ii. Jacob H. Vandervort

b. 1845, IA

d.

1860: Molalla, Clackamas Co, OR, August 15, 1860; C.H. Vandervort, 48, farmer, \$600 \$400, OH; Harriet A., 45, OH; William H., 20, OH; Jacob H. 15, IA; James L.D.. 6, OR; Edward F., 5, OR

1870: Upper Molalla, Clackamas Co, OR, July 12, 1870; C.H. Vandervort, 58, farmer, \$700 \$300, OH; Harriet, 55, keeping house, OH; William, 30, laborer, OH; Jacob, 24, laborer, IA; James, 16, at home, OR; Edward, 14, at home, OR

iii. James L. D. Vandervort

b. 1854 OR

d.

1860: Molalla, Clackamas Co, OR, August 15, 1860; C.H. Vandervort, 48, farmer, \$600 \$400, OH; Harriet A., 45, OH; William H., 20, OH; Jacob H. 15, IA; James L.D.. 6, OR; Edward F., 5, OR

1870: Upper Molalla, Clackamas Co, OR, July 12, 1870; C.H. Vandervort, 58, farmer, \$700 \$300, OH; Harriet, 55, keeping house, OH; William, 30, laborer, OH; Jacob, 24, laborer, IA; James, 16, at home, OR; Edward, 14, at home, OR

iv. Edward F. Vandervort

b. 1855 OR

d.

1860: Molalla, Clackamas Co, OR, August 15, 1860; C.H. Vandervort, 48, farmer, \$600 \$400, OH; Harriet A., 45, OH; William H., 20, OH; Jacob H. 15, IA; James L.D.. 6, OR; Edward F., 5, OR

1870: Upper Molalla, Clackamas Co, OR, July 12, 1870; C.H. Vandervort, 58, farmer, \$700 \$300, OH; Harriet, 55, keeping house, OH; William, 30, laborer, OH; Jacob, 24, laborer, IA; James, 16, at home, OR; Edward, 14, at home, OR

2. George V. Nye (did not emigrate to OR)

b. 31 Jul 1817 Pickaway Co, OH

d. OH

3. Andrew J. Nye (did not emigrate to OR)

b. 04 Aug 1819 Portsmouth, Scioto Co, OH

d. 28 Dec 1892 IA

4. Elizabeth Catherine Nye (Pioneer of 1851)

b. 17 Nov 1821 Fairfield Co, OH

d. 25/26 Jul 1901 Prineville, Crook Co, OR

m1. 24 May 1840 OH

Samuel Hon (did not emigrate to OR)

b. 24 Feb 1818 Cumberland Co, NJ

d. 23 Nov 1850

1850: Grandview Twp, Louisa, IA, Oct 1850; Samuel Hon, 33, farmer, NJ; Elizabeth, 28, OH; George W., 5, IA; Adam N., 3, IA; John W., 2, IA



MY TRIBUTE

My tribute is to the many adventuresome men, women and children who came across the Oregon Trail in the mid-1800s. Their goal was the Oregon Territory, now known as Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and parts of Wyoming and Montana.

One of those strong women was my Great-Great-Grandmother Elizabeth Nye Hon. Her husband, Samuel Hon, took ill as the rest of the family was preparing to leave Iowa in 1850. Elizabeth and Samuel had three little boys, ages 6, 4 and 2. With a sick husband and another baby on the way, Elizabeth had to make an important decision. By the time the rest of the family was ready to leave, Elizabeth felt pretty certain that her husband would not survive the long hazardous journey. She bid her Oregon-bound parents, brothers and sisters farewell and remained in Iowa.

Their little daughter, Drucilla, was born in August of 1850, and Samuel died three months later. Elizabeth was then a young widow, 29 years old and with four children to care for. What was left for her now in Iowa? Thankfully, one of her brothers and his family had stayed in Iowa to help Elizabeth through that ordeal. In the spring of 1851, Elizabeth packed her wagon, gathered her children and joined her brother's family to head for Oregon.

The six months required to travel from Independence, Missouri, to Oregon must have seemed like an eternity when enduring all the hardships along the way. But soon, Elizabeth would see her parents and siblings once again. Oregon would be a place to find a new life for her children.

In the early 1860s, the Santiam Trail was forged across the Cascade Mountains by Andrew Wiley, another member of my heritage family. Elizabeth's parents and siblings lived at the western end of the trail where her youngest brother, Jacob Nye, was the toll-gate-keeper. In 1874, Elizabeth, with her family and new husband, moved to the east end of the trail, and for 25 years their home was the first stopping place for east-bound travelers after crossing the mountains. Elizabeth must have been an amazing woman because when she died at age 80, her loving husband had this message inscribed on her tombstone, "Loved by all who knew her." Wish I could have known her, too.

By Betty Clute

[Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers Newsletter, January 1999]

m2. 27 Feb 1852 Linn Co, OR
Amos Fisk Thompson (Pioneer of 1847)

b. 24 Dec 1824 IN

d.

1860: Brownsville, Linn Co, OR; Amos Thompson, 35, farmer, \$4000 \$1839, IN; Elizabeth, 38, OH; George (Hon), 15, IA; Adam (Hon), 13, IA; John (Hon), 12, IA; Drusilla (Hon), 10, IA; Susanne, 7, OR; Margaret, 6, OR; William, 4, OR; Minta, 2, OR

1880: Prineville, Wasco Co, OR; A.F. Thompson, 56, farmer, IN VA VA; E.C., 59, OH PA PA; V.M., 18, dau, OR; W.R., 16, son, OR;

1900: Prineville, Wasco Co, OR; Amos F. Thompson, Dec 1823, 76, m48, OH VT VT, Capitalist; Elizabeth, wife, Oct 1821, 78, m48, 10-6, OH PA PA

Oregon Pioneer of 1851.

PRINEVILLE, July 31.—Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson died at her home in this city Friday, July 20, aged 80 years. She was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, November 17, 1821, and was married to Samuel Hon, May 21, 1840. He died November 23, 1850. In 1851 she came across the plains with her children and was married in 1852 to Amos Thompson, who survives her. With her husband she came to Eastern Oregon in 1874. She left a husband and seven children.

[Oregonian, Portland, OR, Thursday, August 1, 1901 p.4]

"AMOS FISK THOMPSON is in real truth a genuine pioneer, for he has lived on the frontier nearly all his life. He now is retired from active business and resides four miles north from Prineville. His birth occurred in Ohio, on December 24, 1824, and his father was Daniel Thompson, a native of Vermont. Our subject was brought by his parents to Indiana when quite young and remained there until 1828; then they moved to Illinois and settled about twenty miles from the present site of East Springfield. That was their home until 1831, when they journeyed to the western part of Illinois. There they remained two years, then the family made another move into Iowa. Our subject was one of the first white children in that territory and this move to Iowa was made shortly after the Black Hawk War. He remained in Iowa for some time but moved many times, so that he was always on the frontier. In 1847 he started from St. Joe, Missouri, with an ox team outfit in a train of forty-nine wagons and a carriage. They were six months in crossing the plains and he finally selected a place on the Santiam, ten miles above the present site of Lebanon. He wrought for wages until 1849, then he went to California to seek his fortune. For two years he delved in the golden sands of that territory, then he went to Yreka and mined one summer. During his journeys he was shipwrecked at the mouth of

the Rogue River but escaped with his life. Finally, Mr. Thompson returned to the Santiam and in 1852 began farming. For twenty-two years he was on that place, then he moved to Ochoco in Crook county. His house was the last one east of the mountains, as one journeys west and therefore, by virtue of the position, became a natural stopping place for travelers. For twenty-five years Mr. Thompson entertained the travel on the old Santiam road, then sold the property and moved to town. Later he sold his town property to John Luckey and then bought two houses and five lots in Prineville, which is a valuable property. He also owns a ranch on McKy creek.

In 1852, Mr. Thompson married Elizabeth Nye, who was born in Ohio, in 1821 and crossed the plains in 1851. She died July 25, 1901. Her father, Jacob Nye, was a pioneer of 1850 and a native of Pennsylvania. He also was a veteran of the War of 1812. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are Susannah, the wife of Silas Hodges; Riley; Mrs. Jane Coyle; Minta Allen, deceased; Mrs. Victoria Powell; Preston, and Frank, deceased.

In politics, Mr. Thompson chooses the man rather than the party and reserves for himself the settlement of all issues, regardless of party lines. He is a consistent member of the Methodist church and has always labored ardently for the advancement of the gospel and the betterment of educational facilities. He has been a pathfinder on the frontier all his life and has done a splendid work in this capacity. He has so conducted himself that he has won the esteem and confidence of all who know him and is one of the venerable and respected men of the county at this time. [An Illustrated History of Central Oregon." ("Embracing Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Wheeler, Crook, Lake, & Klamath Counties") Spokane, WA: Western Historical Publishing Co., 1905. p. 765]

CemL: bur Juniper Haven Cemetery, Prineville, Crook Co, OR; headstone gives death date as 26 Jul 1901

Descendant of Amos Thompson and Elizabeth Nye: Caroline Juker correspondence May 17 2010 (swiftercurrents@yahoo.com)

Children of Samuel Hon and Elizabeth Nye:

- i. George W. Hon
- b. 06 Jul 1844 Louisa Co, IA
- d. 25 Oct 1881 Portland, Multnomah Co, OR
- m. Rachel J.

1850: Grandview Twp, Louisa, IA, Oct 1850; Samuel Hon, 33, farmer, NJ; Elizabeth, 28, OH; George W., 5, IA; Adam N., 3, IA; John W., 2, IA

1860: Brownsville, Linn Co, OR; Amos Thompson, 35, farmer, \$4000 \$1839, IN; Elizabeth, 38, OH; George (Hon), 15, IA; Adam (Hon), 13, IA; John (Hon), 12, IA; Drusilla (Hon), 10, IA; Susanne, 7, OR; Margaret, 6, OR; William, 4, OR; Minta, 2, OR

1870: Harrisburg, Linn Co, OR, George W. Hon, 26, common laborer, IA; Rachel, 27, IA, Estella M., 3, OR; Bertha S., 2/12 (Mar), OR

1880: East Portland, Multnomah Co, OR; George W. Hon, 35, carpenter, IA NJ OH; R.J., wife, 37, IA IN IN; Estella M., dau, 13, OR; Ora E., dau, 10, OR; Fred A., son, 6, OR

ii. Adam N. Hon

b. 20 Sep 1846 Louisa Co, IA

d. 11 Nov 1870

never married

1850: Grandview Twp, Louisa, IA, Oct 1850; Samuel Hon, 33, farmer, NJ; Elizabeth, 28, OH; George W., 5, IA; Adam N., 3, IA; John W., 2, IA

1860: Brownsville, Linn Co, OR; Amos Thompson, 35, farmer, \$4000 \$1839, IN; Elizabeth, 38, OH; George (Hon), 15, IA; Adam (Hon), 13, IA; John (Hon), 12, IA; Drusilla (Hon), 10, IA; Susanne, 7, OR; Margaret, 6, OR; William, 4, OR; Minta, 2, OR

1870: Jacksonville, Jackson Co, OR, John Nichols, 21, farmer, \$0 \$200, Drusilla, wife, 20, IA, Adam N. Hon, 23, laborer, IA

iii. John Wesley Hon

b. 30 Mar 1848 Louisa Co, IA

d. 03 Oct 1902 Prineville, OR

m1. 1870 Linn Co, OR to Olive E. Coyle

m2. Ida M.

1850: Grandview Twp, Louisa, IA, Oct 1850; Samuel Hon, 33, farmer, NJ; Elizabeth, 28, OH; George W., 5, IA; Adam N., 3, IA; John W., 2, IA

1860: Brownsville, Linn Co, OR; Amos Thompson, 35, farmer, \$4000 \$1839, IN; Elizabeth, 38, OH; George (Hon), 15, IA; Adam (Hon), 13, IA; John (Hon), 12, IA; Drusilla (Hon), 10, IA; Susanne, 7, OR; Margaret, 6, OR; William, 4, OR; Minta, 2, OR

1890: Crook Co Assessment; John W. Hon

1895: Crook Co Assessment; John W. Hon

1900: Ochoco Pct, Crook Co, OR, John W. Hon, Mar 1848, 52, m-22yrs, IA IA IA, farmer; Ida M., wife, Mar 1858, 42, m-22yrs, 1-1 children, OR IL IL; Nora, dau, Aug 1898, 1, OR IA OR

iv. Druzilla S. Hon

b. 09 Aug 1850 Louisa Co, IA

d. 11 May 1933 Jackson Co, OR

buried Nichols Cemetery, Eagle Point, Jackson Co, OR

m. 1868 John M. Nichols

1860: Brownsville, Linn Co, OR; Amos Thompson, 35, farmer, \$4000 \$1839, IN; Elizabeth, 38, OH; George (Hon), 15, IA; Adam (Hon), 13, IA; John (Hon), 12, IA; Drusilla (Hon), 10, IA; Susanne, 7, OR; Margaret, 6, OR; William, 4, OR; Minta, 2, OR

1870: Jacksonville, Jackson Co, OR, John Nichols, 21, farmer, \$0 \$200, Drusilla, wife, 20, IA, Adam N. Hon, 23, laborer, IA

1880: Dist 50, Little Butte, Jackson Co, OR; John M. Nichols, 31, farmer, MO _ MO; Drusilla, wife, 28, IA OH OH; Arthur, son, 8, OR; James H., son, 2, OR; Robert J. Robinson, servant, 32, works farm, IL NC NC

1900: Eagle Point, Jackson Co, OR; John N. Nichols, Oct 1848, 51, m-32yrs, MO NY MO, farmer and stock raiser; Drusila S., wife, Aug 1850, 49, m-32yrs, 3-3 children, IA OH OH; Dolly E., dau, Feb 1890, 10, OR MO IA

1910: Eagle Point, Jackson Co, OR; John M. Nichols, 61, m-42yrs, MO NY MO, own income; Druzilla S., wife, 59, m-42yrs, 3-3 children, IA OH OH

1920: Eagle Point, Jackson Co, OR; John Nichols, 72, MO NY IA; Drusilla S., wife, 69, IA OH OH

1930: Dist 65 Wood River, Klamath Co, OR, Arthur Nichols, 58, m'd age 23yrs, OR MO IA, rancher; Katherine A., wife, 57, m-age 22 yrs, CA Can Can; Druzilla, mother, 79, wid, m-age 17yrs, IA OH OH

1933: Oregon Death index; Druzella Nichols d. 11 May 1933 Jackson Co, OR

Children of Amos Thompson and Elizabeth Nye

i. Susanna C. Thompson

b. 10 Dec 1852 Linn Co, OR

d. 31 Jan 1908 Prineville, Crook Co, OR

buried Juniper Haven Cemetery, Prineville, Crook Co, OR (headstone gives death date as 01 Feb 1908)

m. 1883 Silas Hodges

1860: Brownsville, Linn Co, OR; Amos Thompson, 35, farmer, \$4000 \$1839, IN; Elizabeth, 38, OH; George (Hon), 15, IA; Adam (Hon), 13, IA; John (Hon), 12, IA; Drusilla (Hon), 10, IA; Susanne, 7, OR; Margaret, 6, OR; William, 4, OR; Minta, 2, OR

1900: Prineville, Crook Co, OR; Silas E. Hodges, Jun 1858, 41, m-14yrs, OR MO _, tavern keeper, Susan, wife, Dec 1852, 45, m-17yrs, 6-4 children, OR PA OH; Orange, son, Feb 1884, 16, OR; Fay, dau, Feb 1886, 14, OR; Gertrude, dau, Oct 1889, OR; Otto, son, Mar 1896, 4, OR

1910: Dist 56, Prineville, Crook Co, OR; Silas E. Hodges, 52, wd, OR IA IA, Gertie O., dau, 20, s, OR; Orange, son, 24, OR; Otto, son 18, OR

1920: Dist 24, Prineville, Crook Co, OR; Silas E. Hodges, head, 61, wid, OR MO US,
feed barn manager

ii. Margaret Jane Thompson

b. 23 Nov 1854 Linn Co, OR

d. 19 Jul 1940 Los Angeles, CA

buried IOOF Cemetery, Lebanon, Linn Co, OR

m. John Henry Coyle

1860: Brownsville, Linn Co, OR; Amos Thompson, 35, farmer, \$4000 \$1839, IN;
Elizabeth, 38, OH; George (Hon), 15, IA; Adam (Hon), 13, IA; John (Hon), 12, IA;
Drusilla (Hon), 10, IA; Susanne, 7, OR; Margaret, 6, OR; William, 4, OR; Minta, 2, OR

1880: Dist 70, Lebanon, Linn Co, OR; J.H. Coyle, 33, farmer, IL KY IN; M.J., wife, 25,
OR IL OH; Bar, son, 4, OR; F.L., son, 4/12, OR

1900: Dist 36, Moro, Sherman Co, OR; John Coyle, Feb 1847, 53, m-26yrs, IL KY OH;
Margaret J., wife, Apr 1855, 45, m-26yrs, 5-4 children, OR Unk Unk; Elmer, son, May
1881, 21, s, OR; Elva, dau, Nov 1882, 17, OR; Grace, dau, Apr 1886, 14, OR; Bankress,
son, Mar 1889, 11, OR

1910: Waterloo, Linn Co, OR, John H. Coyle, 63, m1-35yrs, IL KY OH, own income;
Margaret J., wife, 56, m1-35yrs, 6-4 children, OR IL OH; Grace, dau, 24, s, OR IL OR

1920: Dist 299, North Lebanon, Linn Co, OR, Margaret J. Coil (sic), 65, wd, OR IL OH,
owns farm; Grace, dau, 36, s, OR IL OR

iii. William Riley Thompson

b. 05 Apr 1856 Linn Co, OR

d.

1860: Brownsville, Linn Co, OR; Amos Thompson, 35, farmer, \$4000 \$1839, IN;
Elizabeth, 38, OH; George (Hon), 15, IA; Adam (Hon), 13, IA; John (Hon), 12, IA;
Drusilla (Hon), 10, IA; Susanne, 7, OR; Margaret, 6, OR; William, 4, OR; Minta, 2, OR

1880: Prineville, Wasco Co, OR; A.F. Thompson, 56, farmer, IN VA VA; E.C., 59, OH
PA PA; V.M., 18, dau, OR; W.R., 16, son, OR;

1900: Ochoco Pct, Crook Co, OR; W.R. Thompson, Apr 1856, 44, wd, farmer, OR IL IN;
Howard, son, Apr 1898, 8, OR OR OR

iv. Minta E. Thompson

b. 08 Feb 1848 Linn Co, OR

d. 24 Aug 1876 Prineville, Crook Co, OR

buried Juniper Haven Cemetery, Prineville, Crook Co, OR

never married

v. Victoria M. Thompson

b. 21 Sep 1860 Linn Co, OR

d. 1894 Crook Co, OR

buried Juniper Haven Cemetery, Prineville, Crook Co, OR

m. 1881 Wasco Co, OR to Marcus D. Powell

1880: Prineville, Wasco Co, OR; A.F. Thompson, 56, farmer, IN VA VA; E.C., 59, OH PA PA; V.M., 18, dau, OR; W.R., 16, son, OR

1900: Dist 11, McKay, Crook Co, OR; Mark D. Powell, head, Nov 1863, 46, m-5yrs, OR TN NC; Aver (Averilla), wife, 44, Sep 1855, m-5yrs (second wife of Marcus), OR MO MO; Anna Grow, step dau, Jul 1880, CA; Lizzie Powell, dau, Oct 1881, 12, OR; Lloyd, son, Apr 1890, 10, OR; Richard M., son?, Apr 1871, 24, div, OR MO MO

vi. Henry Preston Thompson

b. 21 Oct 1863 Linn Co, OR

d.

never married

1880: Prineville, Wasco Co, OR; A.F. Thompson, 56, farmer, IN VA VA; E.C., 59, OH PA PA; V.M., 18, dau, OR; W.R.(H.P.??), 16, son, OR;

vii. Franklin Thompson

b. 05 Aug 1866 Linn Co, OR

d. 29 Jun 1872 Linn Co, OR

never married

5. John S. Nye (Pioneer of 1850)

b. 19 Dec 1823 Fairfield Co, OH

d. 20 Apr 1902 Jefferson, Marion Co, OR

buried Cox Cemetery, Jefferson, Marion Co, OR

m. 17/18 Dec 1846 Louisa Co, IA

Mary Ellen Childers (Pioneer of 1850)

b. 20 Apr 1830 IA

d. 22 Jun 1923 Salem, Marion Co, OR

buried Cox Cemetery, Jefferson, Marion Co, OR

ODLC: #1660 Marion; John S. Nye b. 1823 Fairfield Co, OH; arr prior 01 Dec 1850; sc 01 Nov 1851; m'd Mary Ellen 18 Dec 1846 Louisa Co, IA. Aff Andrew A. Hayes, George C. Guerin, Isaac A. Hinkle, Amos J. Ferris

1860: Santiam, Marion Co, OR, August 16, 1860; J.S. Nye, 36, farmer, \$4000 \$1000, OH; M.E., 31, unk; E.J., f, 12, IN; M. M., 10, f, IN; F., 8, m, OR; M., 5, m, OR; I., 3, f, OR; F, 1, m. OR

1870: Jefferson, Marion Co, OR, August 24, 1870; John S. Nye, 46, farmer, \$8000 \$1200, OH; Mary, 40, keeps house, OH; Perry, 18, OR; Monroe, 16, at school, OR; Isabel, 13, at school, OR; Benj., 10, at school, OR; Allen, 8, at school, OR; Esie, 6, OR

1880: Jefferson, Marion Co, OR, June 12, 1880; John Nye, 57, farmer, OH PA KY; M.E., 50, wife, keeping house, OH OH OH; B.F., 26, son, OR; G.A., 18, son, OR; A.E., 15, dau, OR

Nye Family Has Reunion

21 Descendants Recall Story of Ox Team Trip in 1850

TALBOT — Twenty one descendants of J. S. and Mary Childers Nye met Sunday at the home of Mrs. D. E. Blinston, a great granddaughter, for their annual family reunion.

J. S. Nye was born in Ohio in 1823, and in 1847 he and Mary Childers were married. In 1850 they started for Oregon by ox team. They stopped for a while at a point which is known now as The Dalles, later going down the river in canoes, and reached the Willamette falls where they remained for the winter.

In the spring of 1851 they came to the Willamette valley and located on a donation land claim seven miles north of what is now known as Jefferson, where they lived until Nye's death in 1920. His widow then moved to Salem where she lived until her death in 1923.

Mrs. Elsie Hensley of Salem is the only survivor of 11 children.

Members of the clan enjoyed a picnic dinner under the huge maple trees on the lawn at Mrs. Blinston's home. Mrs. Irill Haley of Salem was reelected president, Mrs. Al Gurgurich was elected vice president, Mrs. D. E. Blinston was reelected secretary-treasurer, Vernon of Salem as historian, and Mrs. Elsie Hensley of Salem as chaplain.

The reunion will be held at the same place next year, the third Sunday in July.

[Oregon Statesman, Salem, OR July 20, 1944 p.3]

"J. S. NYE, who died at his farm home near this city last Sunday, April 20, was born in Ohio, Dec 19, 1823. He removed to Iowa in 1837 and there married Mary E. Childers,

who survives him. They crossed the plains by ox teams in 1850, coming down the Columbia in canoes. In 1851 they settled on their donation claim near Jefferson, where they resided until his death. He was the father of nine children, seven of whom are living, two daughters having preceded the father on the journey to the great beyond. J. S. Nye was a good man, enjoying the esteem of all. His hospitable home was ever open to all and his ear never closed to the cry of the needy. Wonderful are the changes he witnessed during his long and useful life, and, full of years and honor, he willingly laid down life's burden and entered upon his well-earned rest. The funeral obsequies Tuesday were attended by a large number of people, who wished to pay a last tribute to one of Oregon's brave old pioneers." [The Jefferson Review, April 26, 1902 3:4]

"Died--At the residence, 1442 Saginaw St., Salem June 22, Mrs. J. S. Nye, age 93 years, mother of R. P. Nye, of Jefferson, B. F. and G. A. Nye and Mrs. Hensley of Salem. Funeral services were held Sunday at 11 o'clock at the Cox cemetery near Sidney." [The Jefferson Review, June 29, 1923 1:3]

Children of John Nye and Mary Childers

i. Elizabeth Jane Nye

b. 04 Nov 1847 Grandview, Louisa Co, IA

d. 16 Feb 1880 Jefferson, Marion Co, OR

m. E.J. McDonald

1860: Santiam, Marion Co, OR, August 16, 1860; J.S. Nye, 36, farmer, \$4000 \$1000, OH; M.E., 31, unk; E.J., f, 12, IN; M, M., 10, f, IN; P., 8, m, OR; M., 5, m, OR; I., 3, f, OR; F, 1, m. OR

ii. Mary M. Nye

b. 29 Apr 1850

d. 01 Feb 1911 Jefferson, Marion Co, OR

m. J.W. Bercaw

1860: Santiam, Marion Co, OR, August 16, 1860; J.S. Nye, 36, farmer, \$4000 \$1000, OH; M.E., 31, unk; E.J., f, 12, IN; M, M., 10, f, IN; P., 8, m, OR; M., 5, m, OR; I., 3, f, OR; F, 1, m. OR

iii. Resinor Perry Nye

b. 20 Oct 1852 Jefferson, Marion Co, OR

d. 25 Mar 1924 Jefferson, Marion Co, OR

buried Cox Cemetery, Jefferson, Marion Co, OR

m. Mary Jane (1857-1949)

1860: Santiam, Marion Co, OR, August 16, 1860; J.S. Nye, 36, farmer, \$4000 \$1000, OH; M.E., 31, unk; E.J., f, 12, IN; M, M., 10, f, IN; P., 8, m, OR; M., 5, m, OR; I., 3, f, OR; F, 1, m. OR

1870: Jefferson, Marion Co, OR, August 24, 1870; John S. Nye, 46, farmer, \$8000 \$1200, OH; Mary, 40, keeps house, OH; Perry, 18, OR; Monroe, 16, at school, OR; Isabel, 13, at school, OR; Benj., 10, at school, OR; Allen, 8, at school, OR; Esie, 6, OR

iv. James Monroe Nye

b. 24 Oct 1854 Jefferson, Marion Co, OR

d.

1860: Santiam, Marion Co, OR, August 16, 1860; J.S. Nye, 36, farmer, \$4000 \$1000, OH; M.E., 31, unk; E.J., f, 12, IN; M, M., 10, f, IN; P., 8, m, OR; M., 5, m, OR; I., 3, f, OR; F, 1, m. OR

1870: Jefferson, Marion Co, OR, August 24, 1870; John S. Nye, 46, farmer, \$8000 \$1200, OH; Mary, 40, keeps house, OH; Perry, 18, OR; Monroe, 16, at school, OR; Isabel, 13, at school, OR; Benj., 10, at school, OR; Allen, 8, at school, OR; Esie, 6, OR

v. Frances Isabella Nye

b. 28 Apr 1856 Jefferson, Marion Co, OR

d.

1860: Santiam, Marion Co, OR, August 16, 1860; J.S. Nye, 36, farmer, \$4000 \$1000, OH; M.E., 31, unk; E.J., f, 12, IN; M, M., 10, f, IN; P., 8, m, OR; M., 5, m, OR; I., 3, f, OR; F, 1, m. OR

1870: Jefferson, Marion Co, OR, August 24, 1870; John S. Nye, 46, farmer, \$8000 \$1200, OH; Mary, 40, keeps house, OH; Perry, 18, OR; Monroe, 16, at school, OR; Isabel, 13, at school, OR; Benj., 10, at school, OR; Allen, 8, at school, OR; Esie, 6, OR

vi. Benjamin Franklin Nye

b. 31 Jul 1859 Jefferson, Marion Co, OR

d.

1860: Santiam, Marion Co, OR, August 16, 1860; J.S. Nye, 36, farmer, \$4000 \$1000, OH; M.E., 31, unk; E.J., f, 12, IN; M, M., 10, f, IN; P., 8, m, OR; M., 5, m, OR; I., 3, f, OR; F, 1, m. OR

1870: Jefferson, Marion Co, OR, August 24, 1870; John S. Nye, 46, farmer, \$8000 \$1200, OH; Mary, 40, keeps house, OH; Perry, 18, OR; Monroe, 16, at school, OR; Isabel, 13, at school, OR; Benj., 10, at school, OR; Allen, 8, at school, OR; Esie, 6, OR

1880: Jefferson, Marion Co, OR, June 12, 1880; John Nye, 57, farmer, OH PA KY; M.E., 50, wife, keeping house, OH OH OH; B.F., 26, son, OR; G.A., 18, son, OR; A.E., 15, dau, OR

vii. George Allen Nye

b. 26 Jun 1861 Jefferson, Marion Co, OR

d.

1870: Jefferson, Marion Co, OR, August 24, 1870; John S. Nye, 46, farmer, \$8000 \$1200, OH; Mary, 40, keeps house, OH; Perry, 18, OR; Monroe, 16, at school, OR; Isabel, 13, at school, OR; Benj., 10, at school, OR; Allen, 8, at school, OR; Esie, 6, OR

1880: Jefferson, Marion Co, OR, June 12, 1880; John Nye, 57, farmer, OH PA KY; M.E., 50, wife, keeping house, OH OH OH; B.F., 26, son, OR; G.A., 18, son, OR; A.E., 15, dau, OR

viii. Elsie A. Nye

b. 01 May 1865 Jefferson, Marion Co, OR

d.

1870: Jefferson, Marion Co, OR, August 24, 1870; John S. Nye, 46, farmer, \$8000 \$1200, OH; Mary, 40, keeps house, OH; Perry, 18, OR; Monroe, 16, at school, OR; Isabel, 13, at school, OR; Benj., 10, at school, OR; Allen, 8, at school, OR; Esie, 6, OR

1880: Jefferson, Marion Co, OR, June 12, 1880; John Nye, 57, farmer, OH PA KY; M.E., 50, wife, keeping house, OH OH OH; B.F., 26, son, OR; G.A., 18, son, OR; A.E., 15, dau, OR

ix. Edith L. Nye

b. 30 Aug 1870 Jefferson, Marion Co, OR

d. 29 Aug 1879 Jefferson, Marion Co, OR

buried Cox Cemetery, Jefferson, Marion Co, OR

6. Frances J. Nye (Pioneer of 1847)

b. 11 Ma 1826 Fairfield Co, OH

d. 13 Sep 1880 Lake Oswego, Clackamas Co, OR

m. 18 Mar 1844 Louisa Co, IA

George Washington Walling (Pioneer of 1847)

- b. 18 Dec 1818 Meigs Co, OH
- d. 11 Jun 1891 Lake Oswego, Clackamas Co, OR

ODLC: #1270 Washington Co, OR; George W. Walling; b. 1818 Meigs Co, OH; arr 16 Nov 1847; sc 10 Mar 1850; m'd Frances 18 Mar 1844 Louisa Co, IA. Aff: Jesse Bullock, Gabriel Walling, F.A. Collard, Josiah Franklin

TOPA: 1877 p.97 George W. Walling, pioneer of 1847

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1860: Linn City, Clackamas Co, OR, June 23, 1860; George W. Walling, 42, orchardist, \$10600 \$500, OH; Frances, 33, OH; Albert, 13, on the plains, Jane, 10, OR; Archer, 8, OR; Laura, 6, OR; George, 3, OR; Adam, 1, OR

1870: Oswego Pct, Clackamas Co, OR, July 30, 1870; G.W. Walling, 52, huckster, \$10000 \$1000, OH; Frances, 48, keeping house, OH; Albert, 22, huckster, OR; Archer, 18, at home, OR; Laura, 16, OR; George, 13, OR; Adam, 11, OR; Harry, 7, OR; Minnie, 3, OR; Anna Clark, 11, black, servant, OR

1880: Oswego Pct, Clackamas Co, OR, June 1, 1880; George Walling, 62, nurseryman, OH NY NY; Francis, 54, wife, keeping house, OH PA VA; George, 24, son, laborer, OR; Harry, 17, son, at school, OR; Minnie, 12, dau, at school, OR

Children of George Walling and Frances Nye:

- i. Albert Gilmore Walling
- b. 24 Jun 1847 on trail WY
- d. 17 May 1928 Tillamook Co, OR

1850: Washington Co, OR, December 5, 1850; Geo W. Walling, 32, carpenter, PA; Frances J., 25, OH; Albert, 3, IL; Jane, 8/12, OT

1860: Linn City, Clackamas Co, OR, June 23, 1860; George W. Walling, 42, orchardist, \$10600 \$500, OH; Frances, 33, OH; Albert, 13, on the plains, Jane, 10, OR; Archer, 8, OR; Laura, 6, OR; George, 3, OR; Adam, 1, OR

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"ALBERT WALLING. In this county of ambitious agriculturists and well-conditioned homes, of thrift and continual advancement, no habitation exceeds in natural advantages or architectural appropriateness the rural home of Albert Walling, high-builed on the banks of the Willamette. With his partner, P. H.

Jarisch, Mr. Walling operates two hundred acres of land, and though previous to 1898 engaging principally in the nursery business, he has since devoted his property to the raising of grain, potatoes and hay. He is one of the progressive, scientific and very successful farmers of his neighborhood and bears an enviable reputation as man and citizen.

As far back as 1847, when pale faces were strange sights upon the plains and danger lurked in every foot of the way trodden by ambitious emigrants, a train of wagons, ox-teams, men, women and children, wound its way through wild Wyoming, its progress being later intercepted for a couple of days because of the birth of Albert Walling. June 24, 1847. George W. Walling, whose home in the west had led him to subject his little family to the hardships incident to the hazardous journey, was born in Ohio, and for many years was a Builder and contractor in Muscatine. Arriving in Oregon City, he lived there for a year and then took up a donation claim three miles below the town on the Willamette, where, in 1850, he started one of the first fruit nurseries in the state of Oregon. Also he became interested in ship building, and in getting out timber for that purpose, which he shipped to the San Francisco market. He was a well-known man around his accustomed haunts, was popular with all classes with which he had to do, and in his undertakings represented the true western spirit, tempered by eastern conservatism and sound judgment. His latter years were spent with his son, Albert, at whose home he died in 1892. To himself and wife, Frances (Nye) Walling, were born eight children, of whom five sons and one daughter are living, Albert, the Wyoming child, being the first-born.

Until his thirty-fifth year Albert Walling shared the successes of his father, and at that time bought the half interest in the property he now works. His fortunes have been materially augmented by the help and sympathy of his wife, who was formerly Mary Bagby, and whom he married in Molalla, Ore., where also her birth occurred. She is a daughter of William Bagby, who came to Oregon in 1852, settling on a claim near Molalla, where his death occurred in June, 1902. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Walling, of whom Elsie is the wife of Ernest Butler, an electrician Lester is engaged in logging in British Columbia; Charles lives with his parents; Francis is at home; as is also Walter. Mr. Walling is fraternally identified with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Grange. He is a Republican in politics, and at one time was county commissioner. The many sterling personal characteristics of Mr. Walling have been important factors in establishing his place in Clackamas county, and his breadth of mind, optimism, staunch devotion to friends and geniality find echo in the hearts of all with whom he is associated in whatever capacity." [Portrait and Biographical Record of Portland p.576-77]

ii. Martha Jane Walling

b. 16 Jun 1850 Clackamas Co, OR

d. 21 Mar 1864 Clackamas Co, OR

1850: Washington Co, OR, December 5, 1850; Geo W. Walling, 32, carpenter, PA;
Frances J., 25, OH; Albert, 3, IL; Jane, 8/12, OT

1860: Linn City, Clackamas Co, OR, June 23, 1860; George W. Walling, 42, orchardist, \$10600 \$500, OH; Frances, 33, OH; Albert, 13, on the plains, Jane, 10, OR; Archer, 8, OR; Laura, 6, OR; George, 3, OR; Adam, 1, OR

iii. Archer Walling

b. 1852

d.

1860: Linn City, Clackamas Co, OR, June 23, 1860; George W. Walling, 42, orchardist, \$10600 \$500, OH; Frances, 33, OH; Albert, 13, on the plains, Jane, 10, OR; Archer, 8, OR; Laura, 6, OR; George, 3, OR; Adam, 1, OR

1870: Oswego Pct, Clackamas Co, OR, July 30, 1870; G.W. Walling, 52, huckster, \$10000 \$1000, OH; Frances, 48, keeping house, OH; Albert, 22, huckster, OR; Archer, 18, at home, OR; Laura, 16, OR; George, 13, OR; Adam, 11, OR; Harry, 7, OR; Minnie, 3, OR; Anna Clark, 11, black, servant, OR

iv. Laura Walling

b. 1854

d. 1928

m. Thomas Holcomb

1860: Linn City, Clackamas Co, OR, June 23, 1860; George W. Walling, 42, orchardist, \$10600 \$500, OH; Frances, 33, OH; Albert, 13, on the plains, Jane, 10, OR; Archer, 8, OR; Laura, 6, OR; George, 3, OR; Adam, 1, OR

1870: Oswego Pct, Clackamas Co, OR, July 30, 1870; G.W. Walling, 52, huckster, \$10000 \$1000, OH; Frances, 48, keeping house, OH; Albert, 22, huckster, OR; Archer, 18, at home, OR; Laura, 16, OR; George, 13, OR; Adam, 11, OR; Harry, 7, OR; Minnie, 3, OR; Anna Clark, 11, black, servant, OR

v. George Walling

b. Dec 1856 OR

d. 09 Dec 1928 Marion Co, OR

m. Margaret E.

1860: Linn City, Clackamas Co, OR, June 23, 1860; George W. Walling, 42, orchardist, \$10600 \$500, OH; Frances, 33, OH; Albert, 13, on the plains, Jane, 10, OR; Archer, 8, OR; Laura, 6, OR; George, 3, OR; Adam, 1, OR

1870: Oswego Pct, Clackamas Co, OR, July 30, 1870; G.W. Walling, 52, huckster, \$10000 \$1000, OH; Frances, 48, keeping house, OH; Albert, 22, huckster, OR; Archer,

18, at home, OR; Laura, 16, OR; George, 13, OR; Adam, 11, OR; Harry, 7, OR; Minnie, 3, OR; Anna Clark, 11, black, servant, OR

1880: Oswego Pct, Clackamas Co, OR, June 1, 1880; George Walling, 62, nurseryman, OH NY NY; Francis, 54, wife, keeping house, OH PA VA; George, 24, son, laborer, OR; Harry, 17, son, at school, OR; Minnie, 12, dau, at school, OR

vi. Adam L. Walling

b. Jan 1859 OR

d. 31 Aug 1922 Clackamas Co, OR

m. Lizzie E. Libbey

1860: Linn City, Clackamas Co, OR, June 23, 1860; George W. Walling, 42, orchardist, \$10600 \$500, OH; Frances, 33, OH; Albert, 13, on the plains, Jane, 10, OR; Archer, 8, OR; Laura, 6, OR; George, 3, OR; Adam, 1, OR

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vii. Harry M. Walling

b. May 1863 OR

d. 10 Dec 1919 Marion Co, OR

m. Grace G. Wooley

1870: Oswego Pct, Clackamas Co, OR, July 30, 1870; G.W. Walling, 52, huckster, \$10000 \$1000, OH; Frances, 48, keeping house, OH; Albert, 22, huckster, OR; Archer, 18, at home, OR; Laura, 16, OR; George, 13, OR; Adam, 11, OR; Harry, 7, OR; Minnie, 3, OR; Anna Clark, 11, black, servant, OR

1880: Oswego Pct, Clackamas Co, OR, June 1, 1880; George Walling, 62, nurseryman, OH NY NY; Francis, 54, wife, keeping house, OH PA VA; George, 24, son, laborer, OR; Harry, 17, son, at school, OR; Minnie, 12, dau, at school, OR

viii. Minnie Walling

b. Jul 1867 OR

d.

m. Samuel D. McCugin

1870: Oswego Pct, Clackamas Co, OR, July 30, 1870; G.W. Walling, 52, huckster, \$10000 \$1000, OH; Frances, 48, keeping house, OH; Albert, 22, huckster, OR; Archer, 18, at home, OR; Laura, 16, OR; George, 13, OR; Adam, 11, OR; Harry, 7, OR; Minnie, 3, OR; Anna Clark, 11, black, servant, OR

1880: Oswego Pct, Clackamas Co, OR, June 1, 1880; George Walling, 62, nurseryman, OH NY NY; Francis, 54, wife, keeping house, OH PA VA; George, 24, son, laborer, OR; Harry, 17, son, at school, OR; Minie, 12, dau, at school, OR

7. Adam P. Nye (Pioneer of 1851)

b. 1828 Clear Creek Twp, Fairfield, Fairfield Co, OH

d. 17 Nov 1890/18 Dec 1890 Linn Co, OR

m. 09 Apr 1848 Louisa Co, IA

Unity M. Vulgemore

b. Dec 1824 OH

d.

ODLC: #2814 Linn Co, OR; Adam P. Nye, b. 1828 Fairfield Co, OH; arr OR 03 Sep 1851; sc 30 Nov 1851; m. Amity 09 Apr 1848 Louisa Co, IA. Signed Oath of Allegiance 10 Feb 1864. Aff: Jacob Nye, A.T. Thompson

Children of Adam Nye and Unity Vulgemore:

i. Henry Gilmore Nye

b. Feb 1849 Grandview, Louisa Co, IA

d.

ii. Elizabeth Druzilla Nye

b. 29 Oct 1851 Grandview, Louisa Co, IA

d. 20 Dec 1915 Wallowa Co, OR

iii. Jesse W. Nye

b. 29 Nov 1853 Sweet Home, Linn Co, OR

d. 28 Jul 1903

iv. Samuel R. Thurston Nye

b. 09 Feb 1856 Sweet Home, Linn Co, OR

d. 29 Sep 1880 Linn Co, OR

v. Jeannette Margaret Nye

b. 1861 Sweet Home, Linn Co, OR

d.

vi. Columbus V. Clement Nye

b. c1862 Sweet Home, Linn Co, OR

d.

vii. Julia Anne Nye

b. 1865 Sweet Home, Linn Co, OR

d.

8. Catherine Jane Nye (Pioneer of 1847)
b. 13 Jul 1830 Rushville, Rush Co, IN
d. 12 Apr 1906 Linn Co, OR

- m. 25 May 1847 Louisa Co, IA
George W. Klum (Pioneer of 1847)
b. 08 May 1824 Rushville, Rush Co, IN
d.

ODLC: #3336 Linn Co, OR; Geo. W. Klum, b. 1825 IN; arr OR fall of 1847; sc 13 May 1850/01
Mar 1852; m'd Catharine Jane 26 Mar 1847 Louisa Co, IA. Aff: Wm. Klum, Joseph B.
Saltmarsh, David Miller, Amos T. Thompson

Children of George Klum and Catherine Nye:

- i. Hiram G. Klum
b. 05 Dec 1850
d.

- ii. Emma Jane Klum
b. 23 Feb 1853
d.

- iii. Eliza A. Klum
b. 03 Mar 1856
d.

- iv. Mary I. Klum
b. 05 Mar 1858
d.

- v. Henry Dennis Klum
b. 15 Feb 1860
d.

- vi. Sarah A. Klum
b.
d.

- vii. Nora Hypathia Klum
b. 13 Dec 1864 Sodaville, Linn Co, OR
d.

- viii. Charles L. Klum
b. 18 Jun 1867
d.

ix. Joseph A. Klum
b. 14 Nov 1869
d.

x. Andrew J. Klum
b. 13 Jun 1873
d.

xi. Lillie Maude Klum
b. 24 Oct 1876
d.

9. Druzilla M. Nye (Pioneer of 1847)
b. 1832
d. 1916

m. 24 Jun 1852 Linn Co, OR
Henry B. Polley (Pioneer of 1845)
b. 1822 Galila Co, OH
d.

Spec: July 8, 1847; H.B. Polley signed a petition to ban the sale of alcohol in Clatsop Co

ODLC: #2163 Linn; Henry B. Polley b. 1822 Galila Co, OH; arr Oct 1845; sc 24 Oct 1853; m'd
Drusilla M. 24 Jun 1852 Linn Co, OR. Aff: John S. Nye, Adam P. Nye, Jacob L. Nye

10. Jacob L. Nye (Pioneer of 1847)
b. 13 Dec 1837 OH
d. 21 Aug 1910 Linn Co, OR

m. 1859
Henrietta Settle
b. 23 Oct 1843 Des Moines, IA
d. 19 Dec 1926 Sweet Home, Linn Co, OR

1850: Washington Co, OR, December 5, 1850; Jacob Nye, 57, cabinet maker, PA; Margt, 36,
VA; Jacob, 13, OH; Henry Keeser, 18, steward, Sweden

Children of Jacob Nye and Henrietta Settle:

i. Manford D. Nye
b. 1863 Linn Co, OR
d.

ii. John William Nye
b. 18 Mar 1866
d. 13 Aug 1924 Linn Co, OR

iii. Granville Henry Nye
b. Jan 1868 OR
d. 16 Feb 1962 Baker Co, OR
m. Viola May Connett

iv. Marvin Jacob Nye
b. 1874 Linn Co, OR
d. 01 Jan 1945

v. Infant Nye
b. 25 Dec 1877 Linn Co, OR
d. 25 Dec 1877 Linn Co, OR

vi. Bert C. Nye
b. 12 Feb 1880 Albany, Linn Co, OR
d. 30 Nov 1914 Linn Co, OR
m. Emma Iona Pickens

"Between 1880 and 1891, John McKee served as the western gate keeper. J.L. Nye replaced McKee in 1891. While the road hosted a steady stream of travelers since its opening, it was during Nye's tenure that traveler volume dramatically increased. As Nye notes, "hundreds of wagons with four and six-horse teams were hauling wool from eastern Oregon ranches to the woolen mills at Waterloo and Brownsville. On their return trips, they would haul fruit and vegetables and other supplies not grown or easily available in eastern Oregon at the time." The cost of transporting goods and livestock over the road dramatically decreased in the 1880s from their original rates. This was likely a result of the increased volume of customers. Where cattle had once cost 37 ½ cents per head, this price was reduced to ten cents per head and the price for four-horse teams was cut in half from six dollars to three dollars. In 1898, the toll gate was again moved to the east side of Canyon Creek. Nye served as gate keeper until 1908

50Marvin. J. Nye, "The Santiam Pass," The New Era, Sweet Home, OR, 1933, 2. This story ran in The New Era, a Sweet Home publication which ran a story about the SWR from June 15 through August 3, 1933.

While there had been several attempts throughout the 1840s and 1850s to locate the Indian route across the Cascades from the heart of the Willamette Valley, it was not until the late summer of 1859 that Andrew Wiley rediscovered the pass. According to M.J. Nye, the SWR's western toll gate keeper from 1908-1921, Wiley had previously guided immigrants from Missouri to Oregon along the Oregon Trail and, in 1852, settled on a homestead near Wiley Creek (named for the man) just west of what is today Foster Reservoir in Sweet Home.²³ Wiley's apparent leadership and navigational skills would prove useful during his search for passage over the Cascades

23 Nye, "The Santiam Pass," 1-2; John T. Russell, "Andrew Wiley Pioneer Road

Builder,” *The New Era*, August 31, 1939. The article was also reproduced and featured in the *Linn County Historical Society Newsletter & Journal* in January, 2002 and edited by Glenn Harrison, 26.

The race began on May 8, 1905 with Dwight B. Huss and mechanic, Milford Wigle, operating Old Scout, and Percy Megargel and mechanic, Bart Stanchfield, operating Old Steady. After leaving Missouri, the two cars made their way across the Oregon Trail for much of their journey. Interestingly, both drivers encountered wagon trains heading to Oregon all along the Trail. Anticipating the drivers’ course, the Good Roads Association supplied gas, oil, and tires, which were shipped by railroad to “various locations along the route.” It was preplanned that both cars would enter the valley via the SWR. In fact, for overland travel, the SWR remained the superior passage across the Cascades. However, both drivers would later recall that the trip down the SWR was the most harrowing leg of the whole journey. As Harrison notes, “going downhill on the west side of the Cascades was a challenge. Old Scout had to be pulled back onto the road with a block and tackle. Old Steady started to skid. Later, Percy Megargel commented, ‘you who have experienced some skidding on smooth asphalt pavements have no idea of the sensation of a skid down fifty percent grade in the Cascade Mountains.’” In this instance, Megargel and Stanchfield were thrown from their car. “The car finally came to rest hanging over a precipice.” Ironically, a passing covered wagon pulled it back onto the road.” As Huss attempted to descend Seven Mile Hill, Old Scout’s brakes failed and he was forced to drag a tree behind the car to slow it down. Wigle rode atop the tree trunk for additional braking. As Nye explains, when his father, J.L. Nye saw the “contraption of iron and tin approaching, which came swiftly and had an ugly snort to it,” the long-time gate keeper, who had presumably seen all there was to see coming over the SWR, was taken aback. When the vehicle rolled up and Huss offered to pay the toll, Nye told him that “he would have to class his outfit as a ‘road hog’ and since such animals [automobiles] were not mentioned, on his toll sheet, he would have to pass him through the same as other hogs at the 3 cent rate.” After reaching the Willamette Valley, both cars had an easy drive north to Portland and the Exposition. Huss and Wigle arrived on June 11, a full eleven days before Megargel and Stanchfield. The trip from New York City had taken 44 days " [National Register of Historic Places--
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