

James Buchanan Graves
Pioneer of 1847
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James Buchanan Graves

b. 04 Sep 1796 Culpepper County, Virginia

d. 24 Mar 1882 Yamhill County, Oregon

buried [Sheridan Masonic Cemetery](#), Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

s/o Thomas Nelson Graves (1774-) and Mary Polly Mason (1771-)

m1. 24 Dec 1822 Kentucky

Diana Newton

b. 10 Dec 1804 Kentucky

d. 23 Mar 1848 in Sheridan, Yamhill Co, Oregon

buried [Graves Family Cemetery](#), Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

cemetery located on hillside north of Sheridan on private property T5S R6W S22

m2. Catherine Ellis

b. 25 Dec 1802 Augusta County, Virginia

d. 03 Apr 1867 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

buried [Pleasant Hill Pioneer Cemetery](#), Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

1850 Sheridan, Yamhill Co, OR Census October 1850, James T. (sic) Graves, 54, m, VA; Caroline (sic), 47, f, VA, George, 17, m, MO; Harrison, 11, m, MO; Theophilus Buley (Bewley), 18, m, TN; Marcay (Bewley), , m, MO; Miranda (Bewley), 18, f, TN; Harriet (Graves), 18, f, VA, "black"

1860 Willamina PO, South Fork Pct, Yamhill Co, OR Census August 14, 1860; J. B. Graves, 62, farmer, \$4000 \$400, VA; Catherine, 57, VA; James McDermott, 7, OR; John Buly (Bewley), 15, MO

1870: Etna PO, Polk County, Oregon, July 6, 1870, James B. Graves, 72, retired farmer, \$1600 \$7000, VA [enumerated in Absolem and Elizabeth Prier household]

1880: Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon, June 30, 1880, Harrison T. Graves, 39, head, farmer, MO VA VA; Esibra J (Eusebia), 25, wife, keeping house, OR NY TN; Mary J., 11/12 (Jul), dau, at home OR MO OR; James B., 83, father, retired farmer, VA VA VA

GRAVES, JAMES B.

Born in Virginia in 1797; moved to Kentucky in an early day, and was married to Diana Newton in 1823. Moved next to Missouri, and from there to Oregon in 1847. Settled near what is now Sheridan, in Yamhill County. Was a member of the Territorial Legislature one term. Had a family of nine children, of whom eight grew up. Six of these still live. Their names are—Charles B., Helen M., Thomas N., George W., Lucy, and Harrison T. Mr. Graves died in 1882.

COL. JAMES B. GRAVES. Among the Oregon pioneers of 1847 the name of Col. James B. Graves is worthy of prominent mention. His ability for public service was soon recognized, and his valuable assistance as a member of the territorial legislature gained him great prominence. He was born in Virginia in 1796, and came of English ancestry. The family was established in America by Thomas Graves, the father of James B., who came to the land of the oppressed in time to assist in making it the land of the free. He settled in Virginia, and in time owned large landed estates, his enlistment in the

Revolutionary war covering many of the important battles of that memorable time. From Virginia he removed to Kentucky, and from there to Warren county, Mo.

Before the removal of the family to Missouri James B. Graves married Diana Newton, a native of Kentucky, and she became the mother of nine children. In Missouri Mr. Graves was a member of the state militia, for meritorious service in which he gained the rank of colonel. Discontent in the middle west led to plans for removal to the far northwest, and in 1846 the oldest son and daughter joined a train across the plains, the father, mother and five children following the next year. After spending two months in the vicinity of what is now McMinnville, the father took up a donation claim, which has since been in the possession of the family, and which is located one mile west of Sheridan. As may be imagined, no country possessed fewer signs of civilization than did this very region around Sheridan, for in the territory there was

scarcely an aggregation of houses and interests worthy the name of town. Portland was in its infancy, and Oregon City owed its signs of life solely to the fact that it was the principal distributing point for the arriving emigrants. On his square mile of beautiful and fertile land Colonel Graves built the log cabin which was the home of the family for several years, and here the first wife died in March, 1848. His second marriage also occurred here, and united him with Mrs. Catherine Bewley, who died in 1867.

In 1862 Mr. Graves purchased a home in Salem, but from 1867 until his death, in 1882, at the age of eighty-five, he lived with his children. He was a man whom all delighted to honor, and his sterling integrity and interesting personality pervaded whatever he started out to accomplish. At one time he took much interest in politics, and his services in the early territorial legislature were characterized by marked ability and disinterested devotion to the best welfare of his district.

[Portrait and Biographical Record of the Willamette Valley p.262]

"I, James B. Graves of Yamhill County, State of Oregon, being of sound mind and memory and understanding do make my last will and testament in manner and form following.

First. I give devise and bequeath all my property existing of Notes and accounts, horse and buggy, Bed & Bedding etc. etc to my children to be divided equally among them, their names being as follows: Charles B. Graves, Helen Graves (now Helen Burgess), Thomas N. Graves, George W. Graves, Harrison T. Graves, Fredrick Forbes, son of my deceased daughter Emma Jane Forbes, James Faulkner and Ann Faulkner (now Ann Hussey), children of my deceased daughter Mary Faulkner, Lucy E. Graves (now Lucy Bewley).

Second. I hereby direct and ? my executor here in after named to collect any notes and accounts as soon as practicable after my decease and divide money equally among above named children and grandchildren any other property of whatever nature and kind dispose in such a manner as seems best to them and divide proceeds in the same manner as above stated.

Third. I hereby appoint my two sons, Thomas N. Graves and Harrison T. Graves executors of this my last will and testament.

I further direct that my debts if any and necessary funeral expenses shall be granted from money on hand if any and if not from first money collected from my notes and accounts.

In witness where of I James B. Graves the testator here to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal this twentieth day of May 1876.

Signed sealed public here and declared by the above-named James B. Graves as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us, who have here unto enscribed our names at his request as witnesses thereto in the presence of each testator and of each other. Werner Brosman, Isaac McCoy, Jonathan Stouffer.

March 1883 a petition was filed by Helen J. Burgess vs T.N. Graves and N.T. Graves

"....Helen J. Burgess Petitioner and Complainantalleges the following facts towit: That James B. Graves died at said county on the 24th day of March 1882 testate and the owner of property in said county of the probate value of \$12,000: that said decedent on the 20th day of May 1876 duly executed his last will and testament a copy of which is hereto attached and made a part of this petition marked as Exhibit A.; " The petition goes on to list heirs and states that Emma Jane

Forbes died prior to the execution of the will and that the estate should now be divided equally amongst 7 living heirs.

James Buchanan Graves and Diana Newton had the following children:

- 1. Charles B. Graves [emigrant of 1846]
 - b. 15 Jan 1824 Clark County, Kentucky
 - d. 23 Jan 1892 Bethel, Polk County, Oregon
 - buried [Bethel Cemetery](#), Bethel, Polk County, Oregon

- m. 1851 Polk County, Oregon
 - Mary Hardeman Burnett
 - b. 12 Oct 1835 Missouri
 - d. 1897 Polk County, Oregon
 - buried [Bethel Cemetery](#), Bethel, Polk County, Oregon

1850 Sheridan, Yamhill Co, OR Census October 22, 1850; Charles Graves, 26, TN
[living alone--next door to sister and two doors down from father]

1860 Willamina PO, South Fork Pct, Yamhill Co, OR Census August 12, 1860; Charles B. Graves, 36, farmer, \$5770 \$1250, KY; Mary, 35, MO; Emma, 8, OR; Fanny, 6, OR; Thomas, 4, OR; Gertrude, 2, OR; Glenn O., 5/12, OR

1870: Eola, Polk County, Oregon, June 20, 1870; Chas Graves, 48, farmer, \$8000 \$3345, KY; Mary, 35, MO; Thos, 14, OR; Gertrude, 12, OR, Glen, 10, OR; Annie, 6, OR; James, 5, OR; Mary, 1, OR

1880: Bethel Pct, Polk County, Oregon, June 1, 1880; Carles [Charles] B. Graves, 56, farmer, KY VA VA; Mary H., 45, wife, keeping house, MO TN TN; Helen G., 22, dau, OR; Glen O., 20, son, farm laborer, OR; Annie E., 15, dau, at school, OR; James L., 13, son, at school, OR; Mary A., 11, dau, at school, OR; Nettie, 8, dau, at school, OR; Nellie, 8, dau, at school, OR; Daisy, 6, dau, OR

GRAVES, CHARLES B.

Born in Kentucky, in January, 1824; was the son of James B. and Diana Graves; parents removed to Missouri eight years later, and in 1846 the son left that State for Oregon, crossing the plains. Settled in Yamhill, but now lives in Polk County, where he has resided since 1864. Is a farmer by occupation; was married in Polk County, in 1851, to Miss Mary H. Burnett. Their children numbered thirteen, of whom the eight following still live—Emma S., Thomas J., Glenn O., James, Mary F., Nellie, Nettie, and Daisy.

[History of the Willamette Valley by Herbert Lang p. 657]

Charles B. Graves and Mary Hardeman Burnett had the following children:

- i. Emma S. Graves
 - b. 1852 Polk County, Oregon
 - d. 11 Jun 1911 Salem, Marion County, Oregon
 - buried [City View Cemetery](#), Salem, Marion County, Oregon
 - m. Paul Kingston

ii. Francis Olivia "Fanny" Graves
b. 28 Aug 1853 Oregon
d. 10 Sep 1879 Polk County, Oregon
buried [Bethel Cemetery](#), Bethel, Polk County, Oregon
m. James Shelby Cooper

iii. Thomas J. Graves
b. 24 Oct 1855 Yamhill County, Oregon
d. 22 Jan 1944 Polk County, Oregon
buried [Bethel Cemetery](#), Bethel, Polk County, Oregon
m1. Martha Edith Shelton (1854-1881)
m2. Mary Ella (Newbill) Wilcox (1861-1924)

"Thomas J. Graves and Martha E. Shelton married 20 Oct 1878 by Rev. G.J. Burchett of McMinnville at the house of John Shelton with Edgar Popleton and W.D. Fenton as witnesses."
[Yamhill County Marriages p.9]

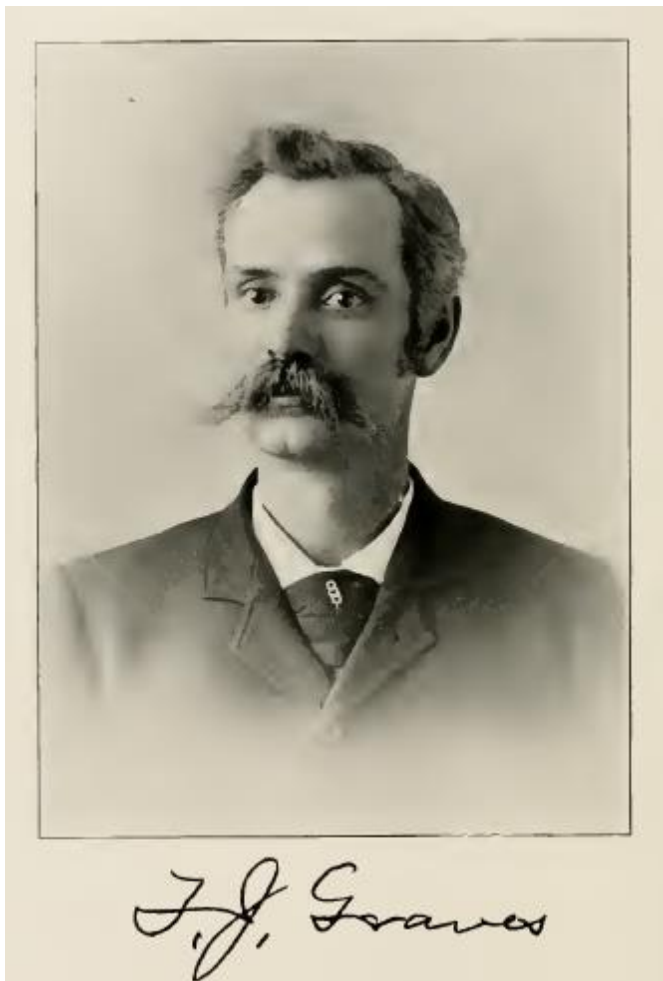


THOMAS J. GRAVES, a successful farmer and worthy citizen of Polk county, Oregon, was born in this county, October 24, 1855. The Graves family are descended from English people, who were early settlers of Virginia. Grandfather James B. Graves was a native of the Old Dominion. He came to Oregon as early as 1848, and was a prominent factor in public affairs here, serving several terms as a member of the Territorial Legislature of Oregon. He died in the seventy-eighth year of his age. Mr. Graves' father, Charles B. Graves, was born in Kentucky in 1824, and in 1846 came to Oregon and settled on a donation claim near Sheridan. Here he married in 1850. He continued to reside on his claim until 1863, when he went to California, returning after an absence of about a year. He then purchased a tract of land two miles and a half northeast of McCoy, where he resided and to which he added until he became the owner of 1,000 acres. He was a member of the Christian Church, was in politics a Republican, and his life was characterized by honesty and industry. He died January 23, 1892, in the sixty-ninth year of his age. His widow and eight children survive. The names of the children are as follows: Emma S., wife of Paul Kingston; Thomas J., Glenn O., James L.; Mary F., wife of F. F. Post; Nellie, wife of Felix Kertson; and Nettie and Daisy.

Thomas J. Graves was reared on the farm on which he was born. He is a graduate of the Monmouth College, class of 1874. October 20, 1878, he married Miss Martha E. Shelton, a native of Yam Hill county, Oregon, who died January 6, 1881, leaving a little son, Herbert Guilford. May 31, 1885, Mr. Graves wedded Mrs. Mary E. Wileox, widow of John E. Wileox. She had two children by her first marriage: Belle and Martha. Mr. and Mrs. Graves have three children: Edith, Cecil and Glenn.

Mr. Graves is a Royal Arch Mason, and a member of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Politically, he affiliates with the Repnblienn party. He was elected County Assessor in 1880, and in 1882 served as Deputy County Clerk. He has been interested in farming all his life, is a man of good business ability and general information, and may always be counted upon to support any measure which has for its object the advancement of the best interests of his county and State in which he takes a just pride.

[An illustrated History of the State of Oregon by Rev. H. K. Hines p. 1065-6]



THOMAS J. GRAVES. To be a native son of one of the most productive counties in Oregon presupposes a more than ordinary interest in its affairs, and when the expectations are justified and maintained for many years with indefatigable industry, upright living and practical progressiveness, the community's well being may be said to rest in good hands. This is the case with Thomas J. Graves, around whom is centered a thrifty agricultural enterprise, and from whom emanates a world of good-fellowship and practical participation in the general advancement of the county. Born upon the farm upon which he now lives while his parents were on a visit to his maternal grandfather, Glenn O. Burnett, October 24, 1855, Mr. Graves is a son of Charles B. and Mary H. (Burnett) Graves, natives of Kentucky, and the former born January 28, 1824. Mr. Burnett was of Scotch descent, and was born in the state of Virginia, whence he started across the plains as early as 1845. He was a minister of the Christian Church, and after locating on the claim of six hundred and forty acres spent his days in farming and preaching, in time becoming noted for his good works throughout the entire Willamette valley. He engaged in stock-raising, as the care of the same required less time than general farming, and his laborious and well-directed career resulted in his health becoming impaired in 1861. In the hope of benefiting by the genial climate and inspiring surroundings of California he moved there, intending, however, to remain for a time only, but was so charmed with life among the sunshine and roses that he remained there until his death in 1888.

Grandfather James B. Graves was born in Kentucky and crossed the plains with his family in 1847, taking up a large claim near Sheridan, Yamhill county, Ore. He became prominent in Republican politics, and among other honors conferred upon him by his fellow-townsmen was that of legislator, which he maintained with great credit to himself and benefit to those who had placed him in power. He died on his claim near Sheridan in 1881, at the age of seventy-eight years. His son, Charles B., the father of Thomas J.,

was a young man when he moved with his family to Woodruff county, Mo., and he was one of the most enthusiastic of the party that crossed the plains in 1846. Like his father he took up a donation claim of a section near Sheridan, settled thereon, and proceeded to make it profitable and home-like. In 1849 he went over the mountains to the California mines, an expedition which had its happy side, for he returned about \$2,000 richer than when he departed. In 1851 he wedded Mary H. Burnett, and in 1864 he bought the old Burnett homestead, and lived thereon until a short time before his death in Monmouth, January 23, 1892, in the sixty-ninth year of his age.

The oldest of the three sons and ten daughters born to his parents, Thomas J. Graves, was educated in the public schools, at Bethel Academy, and at the Christian College at Monmouth, from which latter institution he was graduated in 1874 with the degree of B. S. His student life over, he returned to the old place, and has since devoted his energies to improving it. Two hundred and eighty acres of the original property belongs to his brother in Portland, but he operates the whole farm, besides renting forty acres for hop culture, which he runs independent of his brother. He is engaged in general farming and stock-raising, and his property is equipped with the modern aids which facilitate not only scientific but extensive operations. In 1878 Mr. Graves married Martha E. Shelton, who was born in Yamhill county in 1854. She was the daughter of John W. Shelton, who crossed the plains in 1846, locating on a claim near Carlton, Yamhill county, but who is now living in Sherman county, Ore. Mrs. Graves died on the farm near Bethel, July 7, 1881, the mother of one son, Herbert Garfield, who was a soldier in the Spanish-American war, serving throughout as a private in Company A, Second Oregon Volunteer Infantry, from McMinnville, and he now resides in California. In 1885 Mr. Graves married Mrs. Mary E. Wilcox, born in Polk county, June 21, 1861, and daughter of Jesse Newbill, who crossed the plains in the early days and located at Ballston. By her first marriage Mrs. Graves became the mother of two children, of whom Belle is the wife of E. E. Shields, of Perrydale, and Mattie is a teacher in the public schools of Ballston. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Graves, Edith, Cecil and Glenn.

Like his forefathers, Mr. Graves is a staunch supporter of Republicanism, and has held many positions of trust and responsibility in his neighborhood. From 1880 until 1882 he

served as assessor of Polk county and besides has officiated as justice of the peace, as school clerk for ten years, and as school director for nine years. Fraternally he is one of the most widely known men in the county, being associated with the Blue Lodge of Masons at Amity; Ainsworth Chapter No. 17, R. A. M., at Dallas; the Woodmen of the World of the same place; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and the Rebekahs of McCoy, of which he has been secretary of the subordinates for twelve years. He is a broad-minded, well-informed and more than ordinarily progressive man, in touch with general happenings beyond his immediate borders. All efforts at improvement of his locality receive his substantial support, and his opinion is sought on all important questions which arise from time to time.

[Portrait and Biographical Record of the Willamette Valley p. 563-4]

IMPRESSIONS AND OBSERVATIONS OF THE JOURNAL MAN

By Fred Lockley

10-24-33

Tom Graves lives in the Bethel hills, in Polk county.

"I was born October 24, 1855, on the donation land claim taken up by my grandfather, Glenn O. Burnett," said Mr. Graves. "My grandfather was a brother of Peter H. Burnett, who became the first American governor of California. My grandfather, Glenn O. Burnett, and his brother, James White Burnett, belonged to the Disciples church. Their sister Elizabeth was a Baptist, their brother Tom was a Southern Methodist and their brother Peter H. became a Catholic. My grandfather was a minister of the Christian church, and his brother Thomas was a minister of the Southern Methodist church. My grandfather and his brother Peter H. married sisters—the daughters of Peter Rogers of Missouri.

"My father, Charles Graves, was born in Kentucky and went with his parents to Missouri when he was a boy. My mother, Mary H. Burnett, who was a daughter of Glenn O. Burnett, was born in 1834 in Missouri. She came with her parents by ox team to the Willamette valley when she was 11 years old. That was in 1845, two years after Peter H. Burnett came to Oregon. My people came from England in early days and settled in Virginia. My paternal grandfather, James B. Graves, was born in Virginia and came across the plains to Oregon in 1848. He served in the territorial legislature of Oregon. My father was born in 1824 and came by way of the Old Oregon Trail to the Willamette valley in 1846.

"Father and Mother had an old-fashioned family—12 children. There were three boys and nine girls. Four of us are still living. My sister Mrs. Frank Post lives in California. My sister Nellie, who married Felix Kertson, lives at Los Angeles. Her husband worked in the state printing office at Salem for awhile and is now foreman of the Los Angeles Times. My brother, J. L. Graves, lives at Fargo, N. D.

"Our farm was about half a mile from the old Bethel institute. I attended Bethel institute when I was a boy. My grandfather, Glenn O. Burnett, was one of the trustees of Bethel institute and served as secretary. It was incorporated by the ter-

ritorial legislature in 1856. T. R. Harrison was the first teacher. He was succeeded in 1858 by Professor William T. Haley. In the fall of 1859 Dr. Nathaniel Hudson and Professor Levi L. Rowland were the teachers. I went to school under Professor Hudson and later under Squire G. W. Bell. Among later teachers were R. H. Tyson and Silas Jones. I graduated from the old Christian college at Monmouth in the class of 1874. T. F. Campbell was president of the college. Later, his son, Prince L. Campbell, served as president of this same college, though the name was changed to the Monmouth Normal school. There were four in the graduating class of 1874—Sol Stump, Judge A. H. Tanner, Jerome Knox and myself.

"I was married on October 20, 1878, to Mattie E. Shelton, who was born in Yamhill county. Her father, John W. Shelton, was born in Missouri in 1833 and was the son of Zebedee Shelton, who fought in the War of 1812. The Sheltons crossed the plains to Oregon in 1846. One of their children died at Independence and another while they were camped on the Platte river. My wife's father, John W. Shelton, married Mary Burford in 1853. My wife was one of their 10 children. My wife died on January 6, 1881. We had one child—Herbert G. Graves, who is a designer and decorator and lives at Los Angeles.

"On May 31, 1885, I married Mrs. Mary E. Newbill Wilcox. She had two children—Belle and Martha. By my second wife I had three children. Edith, now Mrs. Edith L. Rebham, is a widow and lives at Payne's Creek, Cal. Cecil, our next child, is farming the old donation land claim, near Bethel. Glenn was our third child.

"I was elected county assessor in 1880. Two years later I was appointed deputy county clerk. In 1918 I was elected county commissioner and served one term. I also served as justice of the peace for seven years, as school clerk 10 years, and for 24 years was school director. For many years I raised grain. From 1894 till 1916 I was in the hop business. From that time till I was elected county commissioner I ran a dairy. I retired from the farm some years ago. I am a Mason and an Odd Fellow, and I belong to the Knights of Pythias and the Chamber of Commerce."

iv. Helen Gertrude "Gertie" Graves
b. 04 Oct 1857 Oregon
d. 17 Jan 1881 Polk County, Oregon
buried [Bethel Cemetery](#), Bethel, Polk County, Oregon

v. Glenn Owen Graves
b. Mar 1860 Polk County, Oregon
d. 27 May 1927 McCoy, Polk County, Oregon
buried [Bethel Cemetery](#), Bethel, Polk County, Oregon

vi. Martha E. Graves
b. 06 Apr 1862 Polk County, Oregon
d. 11 Nov 1864 Bethel, Polk County, Oregon
buried Bethel Cemetery, Bethel, Polk County, Oregon

vii. Anna E. Graves
b. 22 Aug 1864 Polk County, Oregon
d. 27 Mar 1882 Bethel, Polk County, Oregon
buried [Bethel Cemetery](#), Bethel, Polk County, Oregon
died of measles

viii. James L. Graves
b. was born in 1867 [1865-1938 Lakewood, Pierce County, Washington??]
d.

ix. Mary F. Graves
b. was born in 1869.
d.
m. Fred F. Post

x. Nellie Graves
b. 01 Aug 1871 Polk County, Oregon
d. 27 Apr 1957 Los Angeles County, Oregon
m. Felix Grover Kertson (1867-1948)
buried [Forest Lawn Memorial Park](#), Glendale, Los Angeles County, California

xi. Daisy Maurine Graves
b. 10 Dec 1873 Bethel, Polk County, Oregon
d. 29 Oct 1908 Los Angeles County, California
buried [Santa Barbara Cemetery](#), Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County, California
m. Fred Wiley Emerson

2. Mary Ann Graves [emigrant of 1846]
b. 23 Feb 1826 Indiana
d. 26 Aug 1854 Yamhill County, Oregon
buried [Sheridan Masonic Cemetery](#), Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

m. 10 Dec 1840
Absalom Bainbridge Faulconer
b. 08 Jun 1816
d. 20 Jun 1899

buried [Sheridan Masonic Cemetery](#), Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

m2. Mary Jane Trullinger

1850: Yamhill County, Oregon, October 22, 1850; Absalom Faulkner, 33, KY; Mary 24, KY; James, 9, MO; Ann, 6, MO; Eunice, 2, OT; James Graves, 20, MO; Thos Graves, 19, TN; Julius Rice, 24, MO

1860: Spring Valley, Polk County, Oregon, June 23, 1860; A. B. Faulcomner (sic), 44, farmer, \$600 \$2980, KY; M.A., 26, f, IN; J.P. [sic-J.B], 18, m, MO; H.A., 14, f, MO; E. J., 10, OR; M., 8, f, OR; M.E., 1, OR; Emma Cutting, 9, OR; Ira Cutting, 6, OR; E.E. Wigs, 18, KY

1880: Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon, June 30, 1880; Absolem B. Faulconer, 64, farmer, MO VA KY; Mary J., 45, wife, keeping house, IN OH TN; Mary E., 22, dau, at home, OR MO IN; James P. 19, son, at home OR MO IN; Eddie, 17, son, at home, OR MO IN; Sheridan, 15, at thome, OR MO IN; Estella V., dau, at home, OR MO IN; Jennie, 7, dau, at home, OR MO IN; Hettie A., 2, at home, OR MO IN; James F. Lee, 22, servant, China China China

1887: "A.B. Faulconer and Emma C. Heath married 12 Jul 1887 by Rev. H.P. Satchwell at the house of the bride" [Yamhill County Marriages p. 46]

Absalom Bainbridge Faulconer and Mary Ann Graves had the following children:

i. James Benson Faulconer

b. 06 Apr 1842 Yamhill County, Oregon

d. 14 Nov 1942 Boise, Ada County, Idaho

buried [Morris Hill Cemetery](#), Boise, Ada County, Idaho

m. Olive Masterson.

ii. Helen Ann Faulconer

b. 25 Sep 1845 Yamhill County, Oregon

d. 11 Nov 1901 Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

buried [Sheridan Masonic Cemetery](#), Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

m. Allyn Hussey (1842-1893)

Death of Allan Hussey.

He died at Portland, May 3. He was born in Sangamon county, Ills., March 29th, 1842, and came with his parents across the plains in 1845. He was married to Helen A. Faulconer in 1865. When the west side road was finished to St. Joe he moved there with his family and had a position as mail agent on the train for a number of years. While residing there two of his children died with diphtheria inside of 48 hours. He was engaged in mercantile business in McMinnville for several years. He was appointed custom inspector during the last administration, and resigned last fall on account of failing health. Since then he has been suffering with a complication of diseases, the principal one of which was heart failure. He leaves a widow and one son, Chas. H., book-keeper in a Portland bank, and his father, now 78 years old, still resides on the old homestead near Grand Ronde. He was buried by Union lodge No. 43, A. F. & A. M., of which he was a member, May 10th, in the Masonic cemetery at Sheridan.

[Polk County Itemized, Polk County, Oregon, May 19, 1893 p.3]

iii. Emma Jane Faulconer

b. 1846

d. 1901

m. Mr. Forbes

iv. John M. Faulconer

b. 02 Jul 1852 Oregon

d. 20 Jul 1875 Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

buried [Sheridan Masonic Cemetery](#), Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

v. Mary Elizabeth Faulconer

b. 1858

d. Feb 1939 Bellingham, Washington

MRS. MARY THOMAS, PIONEER RESIDENT OF CITY, PASSES

A resident here for forty-nine years, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Thomas, 1318 Forest street, died Sunday after an illness of three weeks. She was 80 years old.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Grace Anderson, city, and Mrs. Margaret Kennedy, Route 3, city; one son, L. A. Thomas, city; three brothers, Thomas Faulconer, in Mexico, and James and Sheridan Faulconer in Oregon; one sister, Mrs. Hattie Hunt, of Hoquiam, and six grandchildren.

Funeral services will take place Tuesday at 2 p. m. in the Homer Mark chapel, with the Rev. James Wilson officiating. Interment will follow in the Bay View cemetery.

[Bellingham Herald, Bellingham, Washington, February 13, 1939 p.3]

vi. Thomas Faulconer

b. 1859

d.

vii. Eddy Faulconer

b. 1861

d.

viii. Sheridan Faulconer

b. 1863.1868

d. 22 Sep 1942 Marion County, Oregon

buried [Mountain View Stark Pioneer Cemetery](#), Troutdale, Multnomah County, Oregon

m. Eva V. []

ix. Estella Faulconer

b. 1866

d.

3. Helen Jane Graves [emigrated probably after husband's death]

b. 24 Nov 1827 Kentucky

d. 21 Nov 1921 Spokane County, Washington

buried [Fairmount Memorial Park](#), Spokane, Spokane County, Washington

m. 18 Aug 1844 Warren County, Missouri

Pleasant Madison Burgess

b. 07 May 1818 Pittsylvania County, Virginia

d. 30 Aug 1867 Warren County, Missouri

buried [Borges-Reynolds-Pringle Cemetery](#), Wright City, Warren County, Missouri

Did not come west with family in 1847

1850: District 99, Warren County, Missouri, September 9, 1850; P. M. Burgess, 32, farmer, \$1200, VA; Hellen, 21, KY; Charles, 4, MO; Linly M. , 2, MO

1860: Hickory Grove, Warren County, Missouri, no date; P.M. Burgess, 49, farmer, \$900 \$1395, VA; Hellen J., 42, \$5000 \$2500, VA; Charles O., 13, MO; Linly M., 11, m, MO; Lucy V., 9, MO; Hellen O., 7, MO; Annie S., 2, MO

Pleasant Madison Burgess and Helen Jane Graves had the following children:

i. Mary Woodard Burgess

b. 1845 Warren County, Missouri

d. 08 Dec 1845 Warren County, Missouri

buried [Burges-Reynolds-Pringle Cemetery](#), Wright City, Warren County, Missouri

ii. Charles Osborn Burgess

b. 03 Feb 1847 Warren County, Missouri

d. 22 Jun 1915 Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

buried [Harmony Cemetery](#), Polk County, Oregon

m. Sarah An Branson (1855-1929)

iii. Lindley Madison Burgess

b. 02 May 1848 Warren County, Missouri

d.

iv. Lucy Virginia Burgess

b. 10 Oct 1850 Warren County, Missouri

d. 06 Jun 1937 Spokane, Spokane County, Washington

buried [Fairmount Memorial Park](#), Spokane, Spokane County, Washington

m. Robert Orr

v. Helen Aurelia Burgess

b. 20 Jul 1853

d. 15 Aug 1942 Yamhill County, Oregon

m. Edward Francis Lamson

4. James Milton Graves

b. 16 Oct 1829

d. 15 Apr 1859 Yamhill County, Oregon

buried [Graves Family Cemetery](#), Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

cemetery located on hillside north of Sheridan on private property T5S R6W S22

5. Thomas Newton Graves

b. 04 Dec 1831 Warren County, Missouri

d. 16 Nov 1898 in Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

buried [Sheridan Masonic Cemetery](#), Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

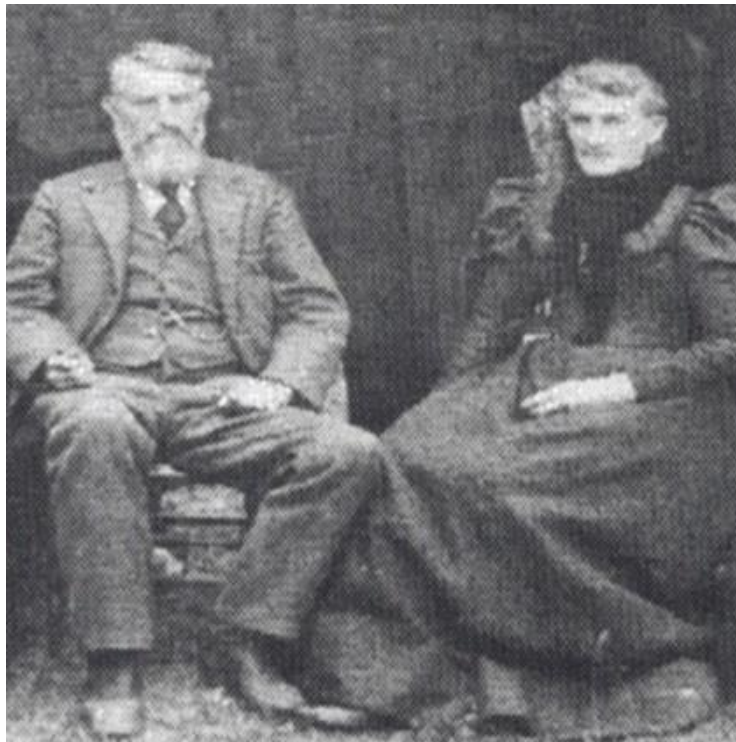
m. 01 Sep 1852 Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

Maranda Narcissa Bewley

b. 25 Feb 1832 Jefferson County, Tennessee

d. 23 Jan 1916 in Yamhill County, Oregon

buried [Sheridan Masonic Cemetery](#), Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon



“Married in Yamhill County on the 1st ult., by Elder G.O. Burnett, Mr. Thomas Graves and Miss Narcissa Miranda Bewley, daughter of Mrs. Col. Graves, all of Yamhill County.” [Oregon Statesman, October 16, 1852]

1860 Willamina PO, South Fork Pct, Yamhill County, Oregon; 12 Aug 1860; T.N. Graves, 28, farmer, \$2500 \$925, MO; Maranda, 28, TN; Henry 7, OR; Milton, 5, OR; Charles, 3, OR; Walter, 1, OR

1870 Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon; Thomas Graves, 38, farmer, \$9300 \$2945, MO; Miranda, 38, keeping house, TN; Henry, 17, farm laborer, OR; Eugene, 15, farm laborer, OR; Charles, 13, at home, OR; Walter, 12, at home, OR; Edward, 10, at home, OR; Laura, 7, at home, OR; Nellie, 5, at home, OR; Lewis, 3, at home, OR; Christenie, 2/12, at home, OR

1880: Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon, June 30, 1880; Thomas N. Graves, 48, head, farmer, MO VA KY; Manda A., 48, wife, keeping house, MO; Henry H., 26, son, clerk in store, OR MO KY; Eugene N., 25, son, student, OR MO KY; Charles N., 23, son, works on farm, OR MO KY; Walter F., 21, son, works on farm, OR MO KY; Edward B., 19, son, works on farm, OR MO KY; Lara C., 17, dau, OR MO KY; Nellie B., 14, dau, attending school, OR MO KY; Louis J., 12, son, attending school, OR MO KY; Cora [Christina] M., 10, dau, attending school, OR MO KY; Wilber J., 7, son, at home, OR MO KY; Bertha A., 3, dau, at home, OR MO KY

1900: South Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon; June 11, 1900; Louis J. Graves, head, Dec 1867, 32, s, OR MO TN, farmer; Maranda N., Feb 1832, 67, wid, 11-11, TN TN VA, housekeeper; Christina M., sister, Apr 1870, 30, s, OR MO TN, dressmaker; Bertha H., sister, Dec 1876, s, OR MO TN, seamstress

1910: South Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon; April 22 & 23, 1910; Eugene M. Graves, head, 54, s, OR MO TN, farmer; Walter F., brother, 50, s, OR MO TN, own income; Maranda M., mother, 78, wid, TN TN VA

GRAVES, THOMAS NEWTON.

Born in Missouri in 1831; came to Oregon in 1847, and settled in Yamhill County, where he still resides. Is a farmer. Married Miss Miranda N. Bewley in 1862. Children—Henry H., Eugene M., Charles, Walter F., Edward B., L. C., Nellie E., Louis J., Christine M., Wilbur and Bertha.

[History of the Willamette Valley by Herbert Lang p. 673]



THOMAS N. GRAVES, a worthy Oregon pioneer of 1847, and a prominent Yam Hill county farmer, was born in Warren county, Missouri, December 4, 1831. His ancestors came from Scotland to America long previous to the Revolutionary war, and his grandfather Graves took part in that struggle. His father, James B. Graves, was born in Virginia in 1797, and his mother, *nee* Diana Newton, was a native of Kentucky. Soon after their marriage they moved to Missouri. They became the parents of nine children. The oldest son and daughter crossed the plains to Oregon in 1840 and in 1847 the father and mother and five children followed them, landing in Yam Hill county after a journey of six months. They stopped two months at the present site of McMinnville, and in the meantime looked for a donation claim. Selecting a desirable location a mile west of where Sheridan has since sprung up, they moved to it, and this land has ever since been in the family. At that time there was no place in the whole Territory of Oregon worthy of the name of village. Even Oregon City, Milwaukee and Portland had just begun to be, the first named having a little the next start and being the principal distributing point for the Oregon emigrants. Father Graves built a log cabin on his claim—a square mile of as beautiful and fertile land as ever was settled upon in any country. The mother died in March, 1848, and the father afterward married again. In 1862 he purchased a home in Salem, and lived there until 1867, when his wife died. During the remaining

years of his life he made his home with his children. He passed away in 1882, aged eighty-five years. He was in every respect an honorable and upright man, and his many estimable traits of character won for him friends wherever he went. While in Missouri he was a member of the State Militia. In 1849 he was elected to the Territorial Legislature of Oregon, in which honorable body he served with marked ability.

Thomas N. Graves was the fifth child of this honored pioneer, and was sixteen years of age when he arrived in Oregon. He remained on his father's donation claim two years. He then selected a claim of his own and lived on it a part of the time for two years. In 1852, when in his twenty-first year, he married Miss Marinda M. Bewley, a native of Tennessee, born in 1832. Her father, John Bewley, and his family came to Oregon in 1847. After his marriage Mr. Graves at once settled on his farm. By honest industry and good management he was prospered in his undertakings, and as the years rolled by was enabled to purchase other lands. He now owns a good home and 450 acres of choice farming land.

Mr. and Mrs. Graves have eleven children and eight grandchildren. The names of the former are as follows: Henry H., a hardware merchant and the Postmaster of Sheridan; Eugene M., a student in the Michigan State University; Charles N., in central Washington; Walter F. and Edward B., Tillamook county, Oregon; Laura C., wife of Charles Whitmar, resides in East Portland; Nellie D., wife of Eugene C. Chapman, lives in Michigan; and Lewis J., Mary C., Wilbert T. and Bertha H., all at home with their parents.

Politically, Mr. Graves is a Republican. In 1874 he was elected County Commissioner, and served one term of two years. He is a man of the strictest integrity, has a large circle of friends, and enjoys the respect and esteem of all who know him. Mrs. Graves is a member of the First Congregational Church at Sheridan.

DEATH OF THOMAS N. GRAVES.



Photo by Crow.

SHERIDAN, Or., Nov. 17.—Thomas Newton Graves, a pioneer of 1847, died at his home near Sheridan early yesterday morning. Mr. Graves was born in Warren county, Missouri, in 1831. He came to Oregon with his father, James B. Graves, in 1847, and settled upon the place, where he resided ever since. He was married to Miss Miranda N. Dewley in 1852. They had 11 children, all of whom, together with the widow, survive him—Henry H., Eugene M., Charles, Walter G., Edward B., Laura C., Nellie E., Louis J., Christina M., Wilbur and Berta Graves. Charles Graves resides in Washington, and Nellie E. Graves in Michigan. For over 50 years Mr. Graves was a prominent and familiar figure in the history of Yamhill county. He took a strong interest in political matters, and was always identified with the republican party. He was county commissioner from 1870 to 1883, and almost continually represented his precinct at the county conventions and his county at state or district conventions.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, November 18, 1898 p.6]

Sheridan Pioneer Is Called in Death

**Mrs. Thomas N. Graves, Aged 83,
Crossed Plains With Family by Ox
Team in 1847.**

Sheridan, Or., Jan. 27.—Mrs. Thomas N. Graves, an early pioneer to Yamhill county, died at her home here on January 23, at the age of 83. She crossed the plains with her family in 1847, coming by ox team from Indiana. Her brother, Crockett Bewley, was killed by the Indians in the Whiteman massacre, and a sister, Lorinda Bewley, was kept a prisoner by them until rescued. She is survived by 11 children, all of whom reside in Oregon and Washington, except one daughter living in Michigan.

[Oregon Journal, January 27, 1916 p.12]

WOMAN WHO ESCAPED WHITMAN MASSACRE IS DEAD.



Mrs. Miranda Narcissus Graves.

SHERIDAN, Or., Jan. 29.—
(Special.)—Mrs. Miranda Narcissus Graves, a member of a pioneer family who came to Oregon by oxteam from Indiana in 1847, died at her home here on January 23 at the age of 84 years. While the family was on its way to Oregon the members were caught in the Whitman massacre and a brother, Crockett Bewley, fell a victim to the Indians November 29, 1847, while a sister, Lorinda Bewley, was kept a prisoner until rescued by settlers. Mrs. Graves left a few hours before the massacre.

She was married to Thomas N. Graves at Oregon City, September 14, 1852. They located on a farm near Sheridan, where she has since continuously resided. She is survived by 11 children.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, January 30, 1916 p.9]

Thomas Newton Graves and Maranda Narcissa Bewley had the following children:

- i. Henry H. Graves
- b. 13 Jun 1853 Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon
- d. 09 Jan 1925 Sheridan, Yamhill Co, OR.



1860 Willamina PO, South Fork Pct, Yamhill County, Oregon; 12 Aug 1860; T.N. Graves, 28, farmer, \$2500 \$925, MO; Maranda, 28, TN; Henry 7, OR; Milton, 5, OR; Charles, 3, OR; Walter, 1, OR

1870 Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon; Thomas Graves, 38, farmer, \$9300 \$2945, MO; Miranda, 38, keeping house, TN; Henry, 17, farm laborer, OR; Eugene, 15, farm laborer, OR; Charles, 13, at home, OR; Walter, 12, at home, OR; Edward, 10, at home, OR; Laura, 7, at home, OR; Nellie, 5, at home, OR; Lewis, 3, at home, OR; Christenie, 2/12, at home, OR

1880 Yamhill Co Census; Thomas N. Graves, 48, MO, farmer; Maranda N., 48, wife, MO; Henry H., 26, OR; Eugene M., 25, OR; Charles A., 23, OR; Walter F., 21, OR; Edward B., 19, OR; Laura C., 17, OR; Nellie D., 14, OR; Lewis, 12, OR; Cora M., 10, OR; Wilbur, 7, OR; Bertha H., 3, OR

1900 Yamhill County, Oregon; Henry H. Graves, Jun 1853, 45, single, OR MO TN, had a hardware store and was a Postmaster in Sheridan

1910: South Bend, Pacific County, WA; April 28, 1910; Fenton Smith, head, 43, m-16yrs, Mass Mass Mass, owner-retail hardware store; Brunana M., wife, 47, m-16yrs, 2-2, Can Can Can; Ashton A., (or Kenton F.) 13, s, WA; Merrill O., son, 12, WA; Henry Pratt, uncle, 84, wid-5yrs, Can Can Can; Henery H. Graves, lodger, 56, s, OR KY TN, clerk-hardware store

1920: Pct 30, Yamhill County, Oregon; January 15, 1920; Wilber T. Graves, head, 46, m, OR MO TN, farmer-general farm; Mabel C., wife, 31, MO Ire NH; Thomas C., son, 8, s, WA MO OR; Morris R., son, 7, OR MO OR; Henry H., brother, 66, s, OR MO TN; Eugene M., brother, 65, s, OR MO OR

ii. Eugene Milton Graves

b. 18 Jan 1855 Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

d. 11 Jun 1946 in Yamhill County, Oregon

buried in [Sheridan Masonic Cemetery](#), Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon.

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1870 Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon; Thomas Graves, 38, farmer, \$9300 \$2945, MO; Miranda, 38, keeping house, TN; Henry, 17, farm laborer, OR; Eugene, 15, farm laborer, OR; Charles, 13, at home, OR; Walter, 12, at home, OR; Edward, 10, at home, OR; Laura, 7, at home, OR; Nellie, 5, at home, OR; Lewis, 3, at home, OR; Christenie, 2/12, at home, OR

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1900: Portland Ward 9, Multnomah County, Oregon; June 8, 1900; Eugen M. Graves, head, Jan 1857, 42, s, OR MO TN, dentist

1910: South Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon; April 22 & 23, 1910; Eugene M. Graves, head, 54, s, OR MO TN, farmer; Walter F., brother, 50, s, OR MO TN, own income; Maranda M., mother, 78, wid, TN TN VA

1920: Pct 30, Yamhill County, Oregon; January 15, 1920; Wilber T. Graves, head, 46, m, OR MO TN, farmer-general farm; Mabel C., wife, 31, MO Ire NH; Thomas C., son, 8, s, WA MO OR; Morris R., son, 7, OR MO OR; Henry H., brother, 66, s, OR MO TN; Eugene M., brother, 65, s, OR MO OR 1930: Pct 30, Yamhill County, Oregon; April 21, 1930; Eugene M. Graves, head, 75, s, OR MO TN, farmer-general farm

1940: South Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon, May 10 & 11, 1940; Eugene M. Graves, head, 85, s, b. OR

"Sheridan Pioneer Succumbs At 91; Services Held--Sheridan, June 20--Funeral services for Dr. Eugene Milton Graves, son of one of Sheridan's pioneer couples, were held here Wednesday, June 12, in the Methodist church with Rev. Harvey DeVries officiating at two p.m.

Dr. Graves, son of Thomas N. and Mirandy Bewley Graves, was born Jan. 18, 1855, in a log cabin two miles southeast of Sheridan. He was the second of 11 children.

He attended Willamette university and California State Normal school at San Jose, and was then a letter carrier in Portland and Lincoln, Neb.

He also graduated from a four year dental course at the university of Michigan. He practiced in Portland and later in Sheridan, retiring after a few years.

On Jan. 28, when he became ill he went to live with his sister, Mrs. Christina Bogue, but was confined to his bed until his death.

Surviving are his brother, Wilbur T. Graves of Vernonia and two sisters: Mrs. Nellie Chapman of Sparta, Mich.; and Mrs. Bogue of Sheridan. He was 91 years of age.

At the funeral service, which was followed by cremation, Dr. G. Herbert Smith of Willamette university gave a special tribute to Dr. Graves." [The Telephone Register, McMinnville, Oregon, Thursday, June 20, 1946]

iii. Charles Newton Graves

b. 27 Dec 1856 in Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

d. 15 Oct 1936 Yamhill County, Oregon

m. Martha "Mattie" Newby, 25 Jun 1882 in Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon [divorced c1905]



“Charles N. Graves and Martha Newby married 25 June 1882 by Rev. P.R. Burnett at the house of W.T. Newby with L.A. Newby and C.A. Wallace as witnesses.” [Yamhill County Marriages p. 25]

1860 Willamina PO, South Fork Pct, Yamhill County, Oregon; 12 Aug 1860; T.N. Graves, 28, farmer, \$2500 \$925, MO; Maranda, 28, TN; Henry 7, OR; Milton, 5, OR; Charles, 3, OR; Walter, 1, OR

1870 Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon; Thomas Graves, 38, farmer, \$9300 \$2945, MO; Miranda, 38, keeping house, TN; Henry, 17, farm laborer, OR; Eugene, 15, farm laborer, OR; Charles, 13, at home, OR; Walter, 12, at home, OR; Edward, 10, at home, OR; Laura, 7, at home, OR; Nellie, 5, at home, OR; Lewis, 3, at home, OR; Christenie, 2/12, at home, OR

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1900: Centralia, Lewis County, WA; June 1, 1900; Chas N. Graves, head, Nov 1856, 43, m-18yrs, OR MO TN, laborer-shingle mill; Mattie N., wife, Nov 1861, 38, m-18yrs, 1-1, OR TN KY; Frank N., son, May 1885, 15, s, OR OR OR, at school

1910: Centralia, Lewis County, WA; April 29, 1910; Charles M. Graves, head, 53, div, OR MO IN, laborer-about premises

1930: Pct 30, Yamhill County, Oregon; April 21, 1930; Grace Graves, head, 49, div, OR OH MO, farmer-fruit farm; Charles N., boarder, 73, wd, OR MO IN, farm laborer-general farm; Albert R. Sargeant, boarder, 49, div, OR IL OR, physician-private practice; Frances M. Graves, dau, 17, s, OR OR OR

iv. Walter F. Graves

b. 14 Jan 1859 in Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

d. 19 Feb 1919 Yamhill County, Oregon



1860 Willamina PO, South Fork Pct, Yamhill County, Oregon; 12 Aug 1860; T.N. Graves, 28, farmer, \$2500 \$925, MO; Maranda, 28, TN; Henry 7, OR; Milton, 5, OR; Charles, 3, OR; Walter, 1, OR

1870 Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon; Thomas Graves, 38, farmer, \$9300 \$2945, MO; Miranda, 38, keeping house, TN; Henry, 17, farm laborer, OR; Eugene, 15, farm laborer, OR; Charles, 13, at home, OR; Walter, 12, at home, OR; Edward, 10, at home, OR; Laura, 7, at home, OR; Nellie, 5, at home, OR; Lewis, 3, at home, OR; Christenie, 2/12, at home, OR

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1900: Dolph, Tillamook County, Oregon; June 15, 1900; Walter F. Graves, head, Jan 1859, 41, s, OR MO IN, farmer [living next door to brother, Edward B. Graves]

1910: South Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon; April 22 & 23, 1910; Eugene M. Graves, head, 54, s, OR MO TN, farmer; Walter F., brother, 50, s, OR MO TN, own income; Maranda M., mother, 78, wid, TN TN VA

v. Edward Benson Graves

b. 24 Oct 1860 in Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

d. 08 Feb 1943 in Tillamook, Lincoln County, Oregon

m. Mary D. Parrish on 19 May 1883 Yamhill County, Oregon

“Edward B. Graves and Mary D. Parish married 19 May 1883 by Rev. W. T. Vanscoy of Sheridan at the house of M.D. Parish, the bride’s mother, with Charles Whitmer and Laura C. Whitmer as witnesses.” [Yamhill County Marriages p. 29]

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1900: Dolph, Tillamook County, Oregon; June 15, 1900; Edward B. Graves, head, Oct 1860, 39, m-17yrs, OR MO TN, farmer; Mary D., wife, Sep 1865, 34, m-17yrs, 5-5, OH OH VA; Guy J., son, Oct 1884, 15, s, OR OR OH; Frederick N., son, Aug 1886, 13, s, OR OR OH; Willie B., son, Aug 1889, 10, s, OR OR OH; Winfield S., son, Oct 1894, 5, s, OR OR OH; William B., son, Dec 1898, 1, s, OR OR OH

1910: Elk City, Lincoln County, Oregon; May 21, 1910; Edward B. Graves, head, 49, m1-26yrs, OR MO TN, farmer-own farm; Mary D., wife, 44, m1-26yrs, 6-5, OH OH WV; Ben B., son, 20, s, edgerman-saw mill; W. Scott, son, 15, s, OR OR OH; Willie B., son, 11, s, OR OR OH

1920: Falls, Hood River County, Oregon; January 8, 1920; Paris F. Parks, head, 42, wid, KY US US, Feeding station-fish hatchery; Edward B. Graves, boarder, 49, OR KY TN, helper-fish hatchery; Mary D. Graves, wife, 54, OH OH OH

1930: San Juan, Orange County, CA; Edward Graves, head, 69, m-age22yrs, OR KY TN, farm hand; Mary, wife, 64, m-age17yrs, OH OH OH

Impressions and Observations of The Journal Man

By Fred Lockley 6-26-36

"My maiden name was Mary D. Parrish," said Mrs. Edward B. Graves, whose home is half a mile east of Elk City, in Lincoln county. "I was born in Ohio in 1865. My father, James P. Parrish, was a farmer. My uncle, John D. Merriam, came out to Oregon after the Civil war and was employed in the customs department at Astoria. My mother's cousin, W. D. Hare, was one of the early residents of Hillsboro. After the death of my father, at Oberlin, Ohio, my mother and we seven children came out to Oregon, where a brother and a sister had preceded us.

"I was married on May 19, 1883, to Edward B. Graves. We lived on a rented place in Gopher valley, in Yamhill county, two years. We then bought a quarter-section four miles from Dolph, in Tillamook county. My husband likes to hunt and fish, so we had all the wild meat we wanted. Deer and bears were abundant in Tillamook county, and you could catch all the trout and salmon you could use. My husband now fishes every fall in the Yaquina river and catches lots of trout around 18 inches long. We put them up for the winter. We lived on our farm in Tillamook county 11 years, and then moved to Corvallis so the children could go to school.

"Our son Guy lives at Santa Ana, Cal., and is with the California Fruit company. Frederick Newton has a garage at Clatskanie. Benson E. has a farm about three miles from Albany, on the Corvallis-Albany road. Scott Winfield is in the fruit business at Santa Ana, Cal. Our youngest, William Barrett, is a wood-carver at Los Angeles. All are married. We have 17 grandchildren.

"My husband was born on his father's donation land claim near Sheridan on October 24, 1860. His father, Thomas N. Graves, was born in Missouri in 1831. My husband's grandfather, James B. Graves, was born in Virginia in 1797. The maiden name of my husband's mother was Marinda M. Bewley. She was born in Tennessee in 1832, and was a sister of Lorinda and Crockett Bewley, both of whom were in the Whitman massacre. Crockett was killed by the Indians a day or two after Dr. and Mrs. Whitman were killed. You probably have met my husband's uncle, James F. Bewley of Sheridan, and Thomas J. Graves, oldest son of my husband's uncle, Charles B. Graves."

Thomas J. Graves was born in Polk county, Oregon, October 24, 1855, at the home of his maternal grandfather, the Rev. Glenn O. Burnett. His father, Charles B. Graves, was born in Kentucky in

1824 and crossed the plains to Oregon in 1846. He took up a donation land claim near Sheridan. He sold it and bought a farm near McCoy. Thomas J. graduated from what is now Monmouth Normal college, but was then Christian college, in the class of 1874. He married, on October 20, 1878, Martha E. Shelton, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shelton, came to Oregon in 1846. Mr. Graves was elected assessor of Polk county in 1880.

Edward B. Graves' uncle, James F. Bewley, was born in Tennessee in 1828, son of John W. and Catherine Ellis Bewley, both born in Tennessee. The Bewleys stopped on their way to the Willamette valley, in 1847, at the Whitman mission, where Crockett and Lorinda, brother and sister of James F., decided to spend the winter. Lorinda was taken to the tepee of Five Crows, where she was a prisoner for some weeks, and Crockett was killed. John W., father of Crockett and Lorinda and of the 10 other children of the family, died shortly after arriving at Oregon City. Mrs. Catherine Ellis Bewley, his widow, then married Colonel J. B. Graves. James F. Bewley was married in 1852 to Lucy E. Graves. In 1882 he moved to McMinnville. He was shot by a deputy marshal at Sheridan in 1888. At that time there was smallpox at McMinnville and the town was quarantined. Bewley stopped at Sheridan to see a man on business. The deputy, recognizing him and knowing he was from McMinnville, drew a gun and told him to throw up his hands. Bewley did so, whereupon the deputy shot and killed him. The deputy claimed that he thought Bewley was armed.

Another uncle of Edward B. Graves—Harrison T. Graves—was born in Warren county, Missouri, in 1840 and was 7 years old when he crossed the plains. He bought a 300-acre farm near Sheridan in 1865, paying \$5 an acre. He was married in the fall of 1878 to Miss Euceba Chappin, who was born in Yamhill county.

Charles B. Graves, another son of James B. and Diana Newton Graves, was born in Kentucky in 1824. He crossed the plains in 1846, and in 1851 married Mary H. Burnett of Polk county. They had 13 children.

Old-timers in Salem will remember Wesley Graves, who was born in Ohio in 1817, and in 1852 had a hotel at Corvallis. Later, he mined in the Boise Basin country, and in 1864 moved to Salem and for five years ran the Union hotel. Later, he operated the Chemeketa hotel and at one time ran the Reed hotel, at Salem. When he was operating the Chemeketa it was said that he was the oldest hotelkeeper in Oregon.

Impressions and Observations of The Journal Man

By Fred Lockley 6-8-26

"I was born in Yamhill county, three miles southeast of Sheridan," said Edward B. Graves, whose farm home is half a mile east of Elk City, on the Yaquina river, in Lincoln county. "My father, Thomas N. Graves, was born in Missouri on December 4, 1831. His grandfather served in the Revolutionary war. His father, James B. Graves, was born in Virginia in 1787, and his mother, whose maiden name was Diana Newton, was born in Kentucky. Father was one of a family of nine children. The two oldest, a son and a daughter, came to Oregon by ox team in 1846, and in 1847 my grandfather, with his wife and five children, crossed the plains to the Willamette valley. Grandfather took up a 640-acre claim about a mile west of where Sheridan was later built. Grandmother died in March, 1848. Grandfather and his second wife moved in 1852 to Salem, where his wife died in 1867. Grandfather was a member of the state militia in Missouri. In 1849 he was elected to the Oregon territorial legislature. He died in 1882 at the age of 85. My father was 16 when he crossed the plains, in 1847.

"My mother's maiden name was Miranda M. Bewley. She was born in Tennessee in 1832. She and Father were married in 1852. Mother crossed the plains with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bewley, in 1847. When they reached the Whitman mission, in the fall of 1847, Dr. Whitman said he could give my mother's brother, Crockett A. Bewley, a job for the winter. Mrs. Whitman said if my mother's sister, Lorinda, who was 19, wanted to spend the winter there she could teach in the school. Uncle Crockett and Aunt Lorinda had been at the mission but a short time when the Cayuse Indians killed Mr. and Mrs. Whitman and a number of others staying at the mission. When Mrs. Whitman was shot, Aunt Lorinda spread a blanket over her. Joe Lewis, a half-breed, and Andrew Rogers carried Mrs. Whitman on a settee outdoors to go to the mission house. Lewis, the half-breed, dropped the end of the settee just as the Indians fired, killing Frances Sager and wounding Andrew Rogers, who fell near the door. Two bullets from the volley fired by the Indians struck Mrs. Whitman, and she fell from the settee. Aunt Lorinda was taken by an Indian chief, named Five Crows, to his lodge, where she was compelled to stay for some weeks. Uncle Crockett and a young man named Amos Bates were recovering from mountain fever. They were lying in a bed a day or two

after the massacre. One of the Indians came into the room and hit Uncle Crockett on the head with his war club. They killed him and Bates and dragged their bodies into the yard. Joe Stanfield, an employe of Dr. Whitman, buried them the next day.

"Aunt Lorinda Bewley later went to Yamhill county, and in 1849 married William Chapman, who was born in New York state in 1824. He served in the Cayuse war, and in 1848 went to the mines in California. Shortly after his return to Yamhill county, in 1849, he married Aunt Lorinda. They took a donation land claim in the vicinity of where Sheridan was later built. He and Aunt Lorinda had 10 children—John, Catherine, Eusebia, Lenora, Mary, Charley, Frank, Nettie, Charles and Fred. After their first child, Charles, died, they named their ninth child for him. Fred Chapman lived near Salem. Frank lives at Sheridan, and Nettie, who married George Bybee, is a widow and lives in Portland. Mary married Ed Savage. They live in Eastern Oregon. Kate married Monroe Morgan, and the last I heard of them they lived in Portland.

"My mother, Miranda Bewley, was a younger sister of Lorinda and Crockett.

"My father took up his donation land claim three miles southeast of Sheridan. Later, he bought additional land till he owned 450 acres.

"After Crockett and Lorinda had decided to stay at the Whitman mission, the rest of the Bewley family went on to the Willamette valley and wintered at Oregon City.

"My father and mother had 11 children. My brother Henry for many years had a hardware store at Sheridan and was postmaster there. Eugene is now 81 years old and is a practicing physician at Sheridan. Charley lives at Newberg. Walter is dead. I was the next child and was born on October 24, 1860. Laura, who married Charles Whitmer, and who lived in East Portland, has passed on. Nellie D. married Eugene C. Champan, a nephew of Aunt Lorinda's husband, William Chapman. They live in Michigan. Tina married Lee Bogue of Yamhill county. They live four miles from Whiteson. Wilbert lives at Vernonia. Bertha married Jesse Morris. She has passed on.

"I attended school at Sheridan till I was 17. I was married on May 12, 1883, to Mary D. Parrish, who was born in Ohio in 1863. We were married by the Rev. Frank Van Scoy, a Methodist minister, whose father, Dr. W. T. Van Scoy, was at one time president of Willamette university."

vi. Laura C. Graves

b. May 1863 in Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

d. 11 Jan 1917 in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

m. Charles Whitmer (1859-1914), 24 Sep 1882 in Yamhill County, Oregon

“Charles Whitmer and Laura Graves married 24 Sep 1882 by Rev. F. Elliot at the house of Thomas Graves with Anna M. Parish and H.Z. Foster as witnesses.” [Yamhill County Marriages p. 25]

1870 Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon; Thomas Graves, 38, farmer, \$9300 \$2945, MO; Miranda, 38, keeping house, TN; Henry, 17, farm laborer, OR; Eugene, 15, farm laborer, OR; Charles, 13, at home, OR; Walter, 12, at home, OR; Edward, 10, at home, OR; Laura, 7, at home, OR; Nellie, 5, at home, OR; Lewis, 3, at home, OR; Christenie, 2/12, at home, OR

1880 Yamhill Co Census; Thomas N. Graves, 48, MO, farmer; Maranda N., 48, wife, MO; Henry H., 26, OR; Eugene M., 25, OR; Charles A., 23, OR; Walter F., 21, OR; Edward B., 19, OR; Laura C., 17, OR; Nellie D., 14, OR; Lewis, 12, OR; Cora M., 10, OR; Wilbur, 7, OR; Bertha H., 3, OR

1900: Portland Ward 9, Multnomah County, Oregon; June 8, 1900; Charles Whitmer, head, Jul 1858, 41, m-18yrs, IA OH IN, postal clerk-RR; Laura C., wife, May 1863, 37, m-18yrs, 5-5, OR MO TN; Thomas L., son, Aug 1863, 16, s, OR IA OR, at school; Bessie E., dau, Oct 1886, 13, s, OR IA OR, at school; Harison B., son, Sep 1888, 11, s, OR IA OR, at school; Ethel M., dau, Aug 1891, s, OR IA OR, at school; William H., son, Feb 1896, 4, s, OR IA OR

1910: Portland Ward 5, Multnomah County, Oregon; April 18 & 19, 1910; Charles Wentmer, head, 51, m1-27yrs, IA OH OH, clerk, railway; Laura C., wife, 47, m1-27yrs, 5-5, OR MO TN; Harrison, 21, s, OR IA OR; clerk-railway; Henry, son, 14, s, OR IA OR; Henry Yanckwich, son in law, 28, m1-1yrs, Rom-Ger Rom-Ger Rom-Ger, 1890 NA, lawyer-office; Ethel, dau, 19, m1-1yrs, 1-1, OR IA OR; Harriet, grand dau, 8/12, s, OR Rom-Ger, OR

VICTIM OF RIFLE DIES

**Mrs. Laura Whitmer, Shot by Son
Tuesday Night, Succumbs.**

Mrs. Laura Whitmer, 54, who was accidentally shot through the abdomen Tuesday night at her home on the Taylor's Ferry road, died at Good Samaritan Hospital at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, from internal hemorrhage. The body was taken to J. P. Finley & Son's undertaking establishment, where preparations for burial will be made.

The shooting occurred when a 22-caliber rifle, in the hands of Mrs. Whitmer's son, was discharged while being unloaded. Mrs. Whitmer was seated by a table, reading. The bullet entered her body, penetrating the liver. It was thought that she would recover.

The shooting was investigated by the Sheriff's office and the son exonerated. The Coroner will investigate.

Mrs. Whitmer was a member of the Sumner Women's Relief Corps.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, January 12, 1917 p.5]

**STROKE OF PARALYSIS ON
WAY TO VOTE PROVES
FATAL.**



Charles Whitmer.

Charles Whitmer, of 797 Colonial Place, died Tuesday night after an illness of one week, following an attack of paralysis, which Mr. Whitmer suffered while on his way to vote. Mr. Whitmer was born near Muscatine, Ia., July 23, 1858, and came to Oregon with his parents 20 years late, settling on a farm near North Yamhill. He entered the railway mail service in 1890, where he since was employed. His widow and five children, Thomas L., Benjamin H., William H., Mrs. Ethel Yanckwich and Mrs. Bessie B. Dequer, survive. Funeral services will be held at Finley's undertaking parlors, Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, November 17, 1914 p.6]

vii. Nellie Diana Graves

b. May 1865 in Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

d. 11 Apr 1960 Palm Beach County, Florida

buried in [Greenwood Cemetery](#), Sparta, Kent County, Michigan

m. Charles Eugene Chapman on 17 Feb 1886 in Yamhill County, Oregon

“C.E. Chapman and Nellie D. Graves married 17 Feb 1886 by Rev. A.C. Leavo at the house of Thomas Graves with J.M. Chapman, A.G. Leabo, friends and relatives as witnesses.” [Yamhill County Marriages p. 41]

1900: Sparta, Kent County, MI; June 1, 1900; C.E. Chatman (sic), head, May 1863, 37, m1-14yrs, MI NY MI, farmer; Millie, wife, May 1867, 33, m1-14yrs, 2-1, OR TN MO; Thomas, son, Jul 1889, 10, s, MI MI OR, at school

1910: Sparta, Kent County, MI; April 20, 1910; Eugene Chapman, head, 46, m1-24yrs, MI NY MI, farmer-general farm; Nellie D., wife, 44, m1-24yrs, 2-1, OR US US; Thomas G., son, 21, s, MI MI OR, farmer-home farm

1920: Sparta, Kent County, MI; January 10, 1920; Eugene Chapman, head, 56, m, MI NY MI, laborer on farm; Nellie, wife, 54, OR MO TN

1930: Sparta, Kent County, MI; April 8, 1930; Eugene C. Chapman, head, 66, m-age23yrs, MI NY MI, farmer-general farm; Nellie D., wife, 64, m-age21yrs, OR MO TN

"Chapman- Mrs. Nellie Graves Chapman, 94, died Monday morning, April 11, in a West Palm Beach hospital following a short illness. She was born September 30, 1865 in Sheridan, Oregon, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Graves.

She married C. Eugene Chapman Feb. 17, 1886 in Sheridan, Oregon and they settled on the Chapman homestead west of Sparta, where she had lived the greater part of her life. She had lived in Florida about seven years with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Thomas (Clara) Chapman, following the death of her husband and of a son, Thomas.

She was a member of Sparta Methodist Church and Central Circle, and a charter member of the Sparta Ladies' Literary Club.

Surviving are her daughter in law; a granddaughter, Mrs. Frederick (Mary Nell) Greiner and two great grandchildren, Barbara Diane and Thomas Frederick Greiner, all of Coco, Florida.

Services will be at Hessel Funeral Home. Rev. Lester Clough officiating with burial in Greenwood cemetery." [The Sentinel Leader (Sparta, MI) Wednesday April 13, 1960]

viii. Louis J. Graves

b. Dec 1867 in Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

d. 11 Nov 1918 in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

m. Eva Gentry on 16 Dec 1908

1900: South Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon; June 11, 1900; Louis J. Graves, head, Dec 1867, 32, s, OR MO TN, farmer; Maranda N., Feb 1832, 67, wid, 11-11, TN TN VA, housekeeper; Christina M., sister, Apr 1870, 30, s, OR MO TN, dressmaker; Bertha H., sister, Dec 1876, s, OR MO TN, seamstress

1910: Willamina, Yamhill County, Oregon; Louis J. Graves, head, 42, m1-1yr, OR OR OR, own income; Eva, wife, 32, m2-1yr, 1-1, OR KS OR; Pauline, dau (step-dau), 13, s, OR Swiss-Ger, OR

ix. Christina Maria Graves

b. 11 Apr 1870 in Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

d. 22 Feb 1958 in Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

m1. LEE BOGUE, 08 Nov 1905 (1859-c1909)

m2. OWEN BOGUE. (1869-1944)



1900: South Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon; June 11, 1900; Louis J. Graves, head, Dec 1867, 32, s, OR MO TN, farmer; Maranda N., Feb 1832, 67, wid, 11-11, TN TN VA, housekeeper; Christina M., sister, Apr 1870, 30, s, OR MO TN, dressmaker; Bertha H., sister, Dec 1876, s, OR MO TN, seamstress

1910: South Sheridan Pct, Yamhill County, Oregon; April 15, 1910; Christina M. Bogue, head, 40, wid, 0-0, OR MO TN, dressmaker

1920: Pct 31, Yamhill County, Oregon; January 8, 1920; Owen Bogue, head, 50, IL OH OH, farmer-general farm; Mary C., wife, 49, OR MO TN

1930: Pct 31, Yamhill County, Oregon; April 29, 1930; Owen Bogue, head, 60, m-age 35yrs, IL OH US, farmer-general farm; M. Christina, wife, 59, m-age 35yrs, OR MO TN

1940: Southwest McMinnville, Yamhill County, Oregon, April 5, 6, 8, 1940; Owen Bogue, head, 70, b. IL; Tena, wife, 69, b. OR

x. Wilbur Thomas Graves

b. 19 Feb 1873 in Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

d. 04 Feb 1958 in Washington County, Oregon

buried [Vernonia Memorial Cemetery](#), Vernonia, Columbia County, Oregon

m. Mabel Crawford (1888-1985) 05 Jul 1907



1910: Hoquiam, Chehalis County, WA; April 23, 1910; Wilber T. Graves, head, 37, m2-3yrs, OR MO TN, automatic ?-sawmill; Mabel C., wife, 22, m1-3yrs, MO Ire NH; Anna Crawford, sister in law, 24, s, MO Ire NH

1920: Pct 30, Yamhill County, Oregon; January 15, 1920; Wilber T. Graves, head, 46, m, OR MO TN, farmer-general farm; Mabel C., wife, 31, MO Ire NH; Thomas C., son, 8, s, WA MO OR; Morris R., son, 7, OR MO OR; Henry H., brother, 66, s, OR MO TN; Eugene M., brother, 65, s, OR MO OR

1930: Vernonia, Columbia County, Oregon; April 18, 1930; Wilbur T. Graves, head, 57, m-age34yrs, OR MO TN, laborer-lumbermill; Mabel C., wife, 41, m-age19yrs, MO Ire NH, teacher-grade school; Thomas C., son, 19, s, WA, laborer-lumbermill; Morris R., son, 17, s, OR OR MO; Hale R., son, 13, s, OR OR MO

1940: Vernonia, Columbia County, Oregon, April 22, 1940; Wilbur F. (sic) Graves, head, 67, b. OR, operator of automatic trimmer-lumber mill; Mabel, wife, 51, b. MO, school teacher-grade school; Alice Crawford, mother in law, 79, wid, b. NH

FRED LOCKLEY'S IMPRESSIONS: 5/30/52

Vernonian Remembers Early Days at Sheridan

(This is the second of two articles based on an interview with Wilbur Graves of Vernonia. Last Sunday's column erroneously gave his first name as William.)

"My father, Thomas Newton Graves, who crossed the plains in 1847 to the Willamette valley, went to California when he was 18 years old," said Wilbur Graves of Vernonia when I interviewed him recently. "He saw a good many curious things there, among which was the trial and hanging of a man who had stolen a side of bacon from one of the miners. Sluice-box robbers also were given short shrift in those days.

"Father happened to strike a rich claim on Feather river and he brought back with him over \$2000 in gold dust. One of the miners had planted a few acres of barley in the Willamette valley, and, though he was taking out around \$1000 a day in gold dust from his claim, he worried about who would harvest his barley. So he quit his claim and pulled out for the Willamette valley to harvest his barley.

"Getting married in those days was a heap easier than it is today, with the big church weddings. My father and mother went

on horseback to where there was a minister who had a farm. He stopped his team and said, 'I hereby pronounce you man and wife. That will cost you half a dollar.' He wrote on a piece of paper a receipt for the money and a statement that he had married them. It may not have cost as much in those days to get married, but marriages lasted longer. There were mighty few divorces. My father and mother had 11 children. My mother's maiden name was Miranda N. Bewley. She was a sister of Lorinda Bewley, who had been held a prisoner by Five Crows after the Whitman massacre.

"MY FATHER was what was known in those days as a 'black Republican.' For many years he was county commissioner of Yamhill county, and, for most of his married life he served as school director. My father died when he was 68 years old, and my mother lived to be 82.

"My uncle, Ab Faulconer, married my father's sister, Mary Graves. He was born in Kentucky in 1816. From there he moved to Missouri, and in 1847 he was a member of the wagon train with my folks, and he settled not far

from where my folks took up their claim near Sheridan.

"My Aunt Mary, his first wife, died leaving four children. He then married a widow, Mrs. Mary A. Cutting, by whom he had six more children. It was my Uncle Ab who gave Sheridan its first name of Ab's Corner. He had a brother, Frank, who was appointed the first postmaster at Sheridan, which was established in 1886.

"When I was a boy, there were lots of Indians living around Sheridan and on a nearby reservation. I used to play with them. They played shinny, and they hit each other pretty near as much as they did the ball.

"When Joe Meek hung the Indians who had participated in the massacre of Dr. Whitman and the others, my mother and Lorinda Bewley were present at their execution. There were a lot of Indians on the bluff, and they kept up a wailing and yelling while the Indians were being hanged.

"MY MOTHER was only 14 when the Indians killed Dr. Whitman, his wife and the others. My aunt, Lorinda Bewley, was nursing her brother, Crockett, when the massacre occurred, and she saw an Indian kill her brother with a tomahawk.

"As I was the youngest child, I stayed on our farm till I was 27 years old. I was married on July 5, 1907, to Mabel Crawford. I put in most of my working life in the woods or in sawmills. I worked in sawmills for 45 years.

"Our son, Thomas Graves, lives at Tigard. He works for the Willamette Tug & Barge company. Our son, Morris, lives at Gold Beach. Our son, Hale, works for the Hasetine company. I kept up my work in sawmills until I was 74 years old.

"They had a big celebration when the railroad came to Sheridan in 1879.

"My wife taught school for 28 years at Vernonia. We moved to Vernonia in 1924 and are still living there. Fifty years or more ago, Sheridan would have been a happy hunting ground for you, for many of the old pioneers of the '40s and early '50s were still there. I remember you visited my folks and the Chapmans when you were traveling all over Oregon on horseback, writing up the old pioneers. That was more than 50 years ago."

[Note: this is the second installment of the interview with Wilbur. The first installment referred to him as William and it was about the Whitman Massacre. It contained quite a few inaccuracies.]

GRAVES—Wilbur, of Vernonia; husband of Mabel; father of Thomas, Morris and Hale. Services Friday, 2 pm at EUB church, Vernonia. Interment Memorial cemetery. **FULTEN'S CHAPEL IN THE HILLS,** Vernonia, Directors.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, February 6, 1958 p.18]

xi. Bertha H. Graves

b. 03 Dec 1876 in Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

d. 25 Oct 1918 in Yamhill County, Oregon

m. Jesse Lillard Morris (1868-1929) 26 Oct 1901



1900: South Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon; June 11, 1900; Louis J. Graves, head, Dec 1867, 32, s, OR MO TN, farmer; Maranda N., Feb 1832, 67, wid, 11-11, TN TN VA, housekeeper; Christina M., sister, Apr 1870, 30, s, OR MO TN, dressmaker; Bertha H., sister, Dec 1876, s, OR MO TN, seamstress

1910: Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon; May 6, 1910; J.L. Morris, head, 43, m1-9yrs, OR KY OR, keeper-confectionary store; Bertha H., wife, 33, m1-9yrs, 0-0, OR MO IN, saleslady-confectionary store

1920: Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon, January 2, 1920; Jesse L. Morris, lodger, 55, wid, OR US US, stock maker-confectionery

6. George Washington Graves

b. 23 Dec 1833 Missouri

d. 12 Apr 1913 Yamhill County, Oregon

buried [Sheridan Masonic Cemetery](#), Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

m. 18 Oct 1855 Polk County, Oregon

Ellen McCain

b. 1836

d. 21 Jan 1933 Yamhill County, Oregon

buried [Sheridan Masonic Cemetery](#), Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

1850 Sheridan, Yamhill Co, OR Census October 1850, James T. (sic) Graves, 54, m, VA; Caroline (sic), 47, f, VA, George, 17, m, MO; Harrison, 11, m, MO; Theophilus Buley (Bewley), 18, m, TN; Mar cay (Bewley), , m, MO; Miranda (Bewley), 18, f, TN; Harriet (Graves), 18, f, VA, black

1880: Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon, June 30, 1880; George W. Graves, 46, farmer, MO VA TN; Eliza, 44, wife, keeping house, IN MO IN; Walter A., 22, son, works on farm, OR MO IN; Lucy E., 21, dau, OR MO IN; James F., 19, farmer, OR MO IN; Auskin [Ezra] C., 16, son, attending school, OR MO IN; Osker J., 14, son, attending school, OR MO IN; William M., 12, son, attending school, OR MO IN; Cora B., 10, dau, OR MO IN; Carles S., 8, son, OR MO IN; Leroy, 4, OR MO IN

GRAVES, G. W.

Born in Warren County, Missouri, in 1833, the son of the succeeding. Coming to Oregon, he settled at Sheridan, near which town he still resides, occupying himself in the pursuits of agriculture. He married Miss Ellen McCane in October, 1855. Children—Walter, Lucy E., James F., Ezra C., J. O., Cora B., and C. C.

[History of the Willamette Valley by Herbert Lang p. 673]



GEORGE W. GRAVES is one of three brothers who reside side by side on three good farms, located just south of Sheridan on the Yam Hill river. These brothers are all prosperous farmers and honorable Oregon pioneers of 1847, their father, the Hon. James B. Graves, having crossed the plains with his family that year. (See the biography of Thomas N. Graves in this work.)

George W. Graves was the sixth of the family. He was born in Warren county, Missouri, December 23, 1833, and remained in his native State until he was fourteen. Of the long and tedious journey made across the plains at that time he has a vivid recollection. After remaining awhile with the brother and brother-in-law who had come to Oregon the year previous, the father selected a donation claim, and the family settled on it about Christmas time, 1847. The following March they buried the kind and loving mother. She was a devoted Christian woman, and a member of the Baptist Church. Her untimely death, just as they were starting their new home in this western country, was a sad blow to them all.

The subject of our sketch remained on the farm with his father until he was old enough to take up land for himself. James, who was next to the oldest brother, had taken a donation claim, and George W. purchased 225 acres, located six miles southeast of Sheridan. Mr. Graves was married about this time, settled on his land, and lived on it two years. He then purchased his brother's 320 acres, moved to it in 1860, and here for thirty-two years he has lived and prospered, working hard to develop and beautify his home. He has erected a nice residence and other first-class farm buildings. Since settling here he purchased 320 acres of his father's donation claim, thus increasing the value and extent of his possessions. His rich soil has amply repaid him for the labor expended upon it. At times he has raised as high as eighty bushels of oats to the acre and from thirty to forty bushels of choice wheat to the acre.

Mr. Graves was married October 18, 1855, to Miss Ellen McCain, a native of Indiana and the daughter of James McCain. Eight of their ten children are living, all occupying useful and honorable positions in life. Their first-born, Alice, a bright and interesting child, died at the age of nine years. William was a promising youth of fifteen when he died. Those living are as follows: Wallar A., who resides at Mount Tabor, near Portland; Cora Bell, wife of A. B. Chandler, is pleasantly situated near her father; and James Franklin, Lucy E., Ezra C., Oscar J., Carl C. and Leroy are with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Graves are consistent members of the Methodist Church at Sheridan, and are always found ready to help any cause that has for its object the advancement of the best interests of the town. Politically, Mr. Graves is a Republican.

[An Illustrated History of the State of Oregon by Rev. H.K. Hines p. 1065]

George Washington Graves and Ellen McCain had the following children:

i. Alice Graves

b. 30 Jul 1856

d. 28 May 1865

buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Polk County, Oregon

ii. Walter Alvan Graves

b. 30 Oct 1857 Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

d. 17 Aug 1941 McMinnville, Yamhill County, Oregon

buried [Sheridan Masonic Cemetery](#), Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

m. Minerva E. Butt (1863-1943)

iii. Lucy E. Graves
b. 1859
d. 11 Jul 1924 Yamhill County, Oregon
buried [Sheridan Masonic Cemetery](#), Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

iv. James "Frank" Graves
b. 08 Apr 1861
d. 09 Feb 1930 Yamhill County, Oregon
buried [Sheridan Masonic Cemetery](#), Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

v. Ezra Chase Graves
b. 11 Oct 1863
d. 03 Feb 1929 Yamhill County, Oregon
buried [Sheridan Masonic Cemetery](#), Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

Ezra C. Graves.

SHERIDAN, Or., Feb. 9.—(Special.)
Ezra C. Graves, 65, a native of this city, died February 3 at the home near here of his brother, Carl Graves. Funeral services were held Thursday, Rev. F. A. Feenstra, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, officiating. Interment was in Sheridan Masonic cemetery. Mr. Graves is survived by his mother, Mrs. Ellen Graves, brothers Oscar, Carl, Frank of this city, and Roy Graves of Portland, and a sister, Mrs. A. B. Chandler of Sheridan.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, February 10, 1929 p.25]

vi. John Oscar Graves
b. 13 May 1866
d. 17 Jan 1939 Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon
buried [Sheridan Masonic Cemetery](#), Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

vii. William "Willie" M. Graves
b. 17 Aug 1867
d. 24 Apr 1883 Yamhill County, Oregon
buried [Pleasant Hill Pioneer Cemetery](#), Polk County, Oregon
died of typhoid fever

GRAVES—April 24, 1883, near Sheridan, Or., of typhoid fever, Willie Graves, son of sister and brother George Graves, of our church here. He would have been sixteen years of age next August.

He suffered with great patience during an illness of two months. It was thought that he would recover, although he had taken a relapse after the third week, until within a week of his death. Although he made no special profession of religion, yet we believe that he died resting calmly in the arms of Jesus. In answer to his father's question about being prepared if he should die, he expressed himself that all would be right. He was a promising young man to the family and to the community; obedient at home and at school; quiet and inoffensive; and we can truly say, as his teacher, while he was attending the Academy, that we never had to say one word to him about behavior or study. He was not only the leader in his class in intellect but a model young man for the whole school. It is hard for us all, as relatives and friends, to give up such dear boys, but I think we are willing to say: "Oh Lord, thy will be done!" and what we can't understand in the afflictions of this life let Heaven make plain.

W. T. VANSOY.

[Pacific Christian Advocate May 31, 1883 p.5]

viii: Cora Belle Graves

b. 1869

d. 07 Apr 1941 Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

buried [Sheridan Masonic Cemetery](#), Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

m. Albert Bennett Chandler (1865-1927)

"Albert B. Chandler of Polk County and Cora B. Graves married 25 December 1889 by Fred L. Post, M.G., at the house of G.W. Graves with Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Graves as witnesses." [Yamhill County Marriages p. 60]

CHANDLER—Cora Belle, aged 71 years, April 7, late of Sheridan, Or. Mother of Earl C., Washougal, Wash.; Gladys E., Portland; Altha, Sheridan, Or.; Evadna, Grants Pass, Or.; Ruth Garrett, McMinnville, Or. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, April 9, at 1:30 P. M. at the Chapel of the Sheridan Funeral Home, Sheridan, Or. Interment Sheridan Masonic cemetery, Sheridan, Or.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, April 8, 1941 p. 14]

"Septuagenarian Resident Dies Monday in Sheridan—Sheridan, April 10 – Mrs. Cora Belle Chandler died very suddenly at her home in Sheridan Monday morning. She was 71 years old and had lived all of her life in and near Sheridan, having been born on the old Graves farm near here.

Mrs. Chandler was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Graves who were among the earliest

settlers in this part of the county. Mr. Chandler passed away about 14 years ago. Surviving Mrs. Chandler are five children, Earl C., Washougal, Wn.; Gladys E., Portland; Altha, Sheridan; Evadna, Grants Pass; Mrs. Ruth Garrett, McMinnville. There are also three living brothers, Waller, Carl S., and Roy Graves, all of Sheridan. Funeral services will be held at the Sheridan Funeral home Wednesday, April 19, at 1:30 p.m., and interment will be at Sheridan Masonic cemetery.” [The Telephone Register, McMinnville, Oregon, Thursday, April 10, 1941]

ix. Carl J. Graves

b.

d.

x. Leroy “Roy” Graves

b. 1876

d. 15 Mar 1947 Yamhill County, Oregon

buried [Sheridan Masonic Cemetery](#), Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

m. Elva Anita (Martin) Clark

7. Caroline N. Graves

b. 27 May 1836 Missouri

d. 03 Jun 1837 Missouri

8. Lucy Elizabeth Graves

b. 06 Apr 1838 Warren County, Missouri

d. 16 Dec 1903 Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

buried [Masonic Cemetery](#), McMinnville, Yamhill County, Oregon

m1. 12 Sep 1852 Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

James Fenton Bewley

b. 09 Apr 1828 in Grainger County, Tennessee

d. 26 Sep 1888 in Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

buried [Masonic Cemetery](#), McMinnville, Yamhill County, Oregon

s/o John William Bewley and Catherine Ellis

m2. 24 Aug 1893 in Yamhill Co, OR.

John W. Cows

b. 03 Nov 1823 New York

d. 24 Nov 1896 in Yamhill County, Oregon

buried [Masonic Cemetery](#), McMinnville, Yamhill County, Oregon

1870 Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon Census; James Bewley, 42, head, farmer, \$25000 \$12500, TN; Lucy, wife, 32, keeping house, MO; Roswell, 5, at home, OR; James McDermot, 17, farm laborer, OR; Green Hale, 23, farm laborer, IL; Albert Hodge, 33, farm laborer, \$150, KY; Theophilus Pugh, 44, farm laborer, \$780, TN

1880 Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon Census; James F. Bewley, 52, head, TN TN TN, farmer; Lucy E., 42, wife, MO VA KY; Roswell, son, 15, OR; Minnie Young, 15, cousin, TN VA TN

"James F. BEWLEY, deceased, was an Oregon pioneer of 1847, and a highly respected and enterprising citizen. He was born in Tennessee, April 9, 1828, the son of John W. and Catherine (Ellis) BEWLEY, both of whom were natives of Tennessee. Of their twelve children, five are still living. Mr. BEWLEY, the third child in the above family, removed to the Indiana, and afterward to Missouri, and finally, in 1847, the family made the long journey to this State with ox teams. They first stopped at Whitman's Mission.....

In the spring of 1852, Mr. BEWLEY, our subject, took up his donation claim near Sheridan, a half section of

land. The following September he was married, and he moved upon his land, occupying a small and cheap frame house. In 1860 he sold out and moved to his wife's father's donation claim, 320 acres, which he purchased and proceeded to improve and cultivate, making it a valuable piece of property. In 1882 he retired from the farm, and resided ten months at Forest Grove, and then came to McMinnville and purchased a five acre block, and erected upon it a nice residence, now in the corporate limits; it is a very picturesque location. In this pleasant home they resided, at the same time carrying on the farm until 1888, when Mr. BEWLEY was recklessly shot by a young marshal at Sheridan. This sad event was brought about in this way: There was small-pox at McMinnville, and the place was quarantined. Mr. BEWLEY went to his farm, and stopped to see a man at Sheridan, when the officer met him and a colloquy occurred, in which Mr. BEWLEY was ordered to throw up his hands. He had no sooner done so than he was shot and killed. His son attempted to shoot the murderer, but failed. Mr. BEWLEY was in his sixtieth year. He was a successful, enterprising, and reliable citizen. In his political principles he was a Republican; was a strong supporter of U.S. Grant. September 12, 1852, is the date of Mr. BEWLEY's marriage to Miss Lucy E. GRAVES, a native of Missouri, and the daughter of Colonel GRAVES, his stepfather: The GRAVES family were also pioneers of 1847. Mr. and Mrs. BEWLEY's first son born in Oregon, was named Crocket A., to commemorate Mr. BEWLEY's brother, who was killed by the Indians. This son was born July 31, 1853, but he died while yet a boy. The second and only other child, Roswell L., was born December 24, 1864. Mrs. BEWLEY resides at the home in McMinnville.... [Illustrated History of the State of Oregon 1893, p.884-884.]

"Worthy of ranking among the chief developers of the state of Oregon was James F. BEWLEY, a pioneer of 47 and for many years an agriculturist of Yamhill County. A native of Tennessee, Mr. BEWLEY was born April 9, 1828, the third oldest of the twelve children of John W. and Catherine (ELLIS) BEWLEY, natives also of Tennessee. From their ancestral home in Tennessee the BEWLEY family removed to Indiana, and from there to Missouri, in which the latter state they developed an ambition to go west, and, accordingly, outfitted for the dangerous and adventurous journey.....

James F. BEWLEY became an independent land owner in Oregon in the spring of 1852, when he took a half section of land near Sheridan. September 12, 1852, he married Lucy E. GRAVES, a native of Missouri, and daughter of his step-father, Colonel GRAVES. For some time afterward he lived in a rudely constructed frame house, and in 1860 disposed of his property and purchased the 320 acre farm of his father-in-law. This property was his special pride for many years, and his most intelligent and broad-minded efforts were expended in making of it a model agricultural enterprise.

Somewhat weary of arduous labor, Mr. BEWLEY took up his residence in Forest Grove, after ten months removing to McMinnville. The five acres of land purchased for his home is now within the corporate limits, and the home erected thereon reflected his ideas of comfort and refinement. At the same time he managed his finely improved farm, up to the tragic event which occasioned his death in 1888. Owing to a small-pox epidemic, Sheridan was quarantined, but notwithstanding this fact, Mr. BEWLEY went to his farm and stopped to see a man at Sheridan. Being met by an officer, a colloquy followed regarding his attitude in the matter, and such proportions did the argument assume that Mr. BEWLEY was ordered to throw up his hands and was instantly shot. His son, who was present, was also shot at, and in turn shot at the murderer, but the ball fell short of the mark. This sad event threw disorder and sadness into the happening of McMinnville and vicinity for Mr. BEWLEY was a man most highly honored by all who knew him, and his sixty years of worthy living deserved a less ignominious termination.

In memory of the brother so ruthlessly killed by the Indians in 1847, Mr. and Mrs. BEWLEY names their first son Crocket A., and this birth occurred July 31, 1853. He died while yet a bright-eyed boy, but his brother, Roswell L., born December 24, 1864, still lives and owns the old homestead. In October, 1888, he was united in marriage with Anna R. YOUNG, a native of New York state. Mrs. BEWLEY, who afterward married J.W. COWLS, also deceased, is one of the highly-honored and popular women of McMinnville and in her interests displays broad-mindedness and capability. She is foremost in all efforts of the women of her locality to improve their social and intellectual surroundings, and is especially prominent in the Christian Church, the Ladies' Aid Society and the Woman's Relief Corps of Custer Post No. 5, G.A.R., of which latter organization she was for one term junior vice-president. [Portrait and Biographical Record of the Willamette Valley p.267-268]

"A Fatal Quarantine--James Bewley, A Yamhill Pioneer, Shot At Sheridan--His Son Is Also Fired Upon--And In Turn Empties His Revolver At The Slayer Of His Father--McMinnville, Or, Sent 26. James Bewley, one of the wealthiest citizens of this County, and a pioneer of 1846, was shot in the streets of Sheridan last evening about 5 o'clock by W. McCune, a young man on the Sheridan quarantine

force, and died early this morning. Bewley lives in McMinnville, and McCune notified him to leave Sheridan, as they were afraid of smallpox. While parleying about leaving or being arrested McCune drew a pistol and fired into Bewley's face. The ball entered the right cheek and lodged in the brain. Bewley fell backward out of his buggy.

McCune then turned and fired several shots at Roswell Bewley, a son of James Bewley. Roswell ran into a livery stable near by and procured his pistol and ran out firing at McCune, who ran down the street. Young Bewley pursued him some distance. Meeting McCune's father, who had undertaken to stop him by throwing stones at him, young Bewley turned on the elder McCune, but having exhausted his pistol picked up a stone and struck McCune on the forehead, knocking him down, and he remained insensible for some time.

The wildest excitement prevailed at Sheridan all night. Between the quarantine and the tragedy there was no sleep. Sheriff Harris went up during the night and arrested McCune, and he was taken before Justice Landon of Willamina precinct for examination today." [Oregonian Sep 27, 1888 p.2:1]

THE SHERIDAN HOMICIDE--Particulars of the Three Day Examination of Willard McCune--

Some surprise has been expressed that the result of the preliminary examination of Willard McCune, charged with the murder of James Bewley, should have been the discharge of the prisoner. The following account of the examination will furnish the reasons for Justice Leonard's action.

The examination began Thursday and continued during Friday and Saturday. A great amount of testimony was introduced, the general drift of which appeared to be that McCune was justified in killing Bewley. The story of the homicide was about the same as has been heretofore related, except as regards that which took place immediately preceding the shooting. It appears that McCune had ordered Bewley to leave town. A quarrel ensued, in which the words "don't draw your revolver" uttered by McCune were clearly heard. Both then made a movement to draw their weapons, but the deputy marshal was the quicker and got his bullet home first. Bewley's pistol dropped to the ground at the same time he did. Testimony as to whether or not two shots had been fired from it was conflicting, one respectable citizen declaring that when he picked it up two shots were missing. But afterwards the weapon was found fully loaded.

It appeared on the examination that Bewley had sent word that he was going through town if he had to shoot his way through. It was also stated that during the fracas Andy Bewley, a nephew stood some distance off and fired several shots at McCune.

Old man McCune, who was hit in the back of the head with a rock thrown by Roswell Bewley, has been lying in a precarious state ever since, and was yesterday given up by his physicians.

It was stated in these columns that McCune was bound over for murder in the first degree. The information was obtained from a resident of Yamhill, who claimed to have positive knowledge. It is difficult to see how he could have been mistaken.

The examination of McCune was attended by almost the whole population of Sheridan. When he was discharged he was escorted home by a great crowd, who enlivened the way with noisy demonstrations of rejoicing." [Oregonian October 3, 1888 p. 3:2]

"Yesterday's Proceedings--The Testimony Turns More In McCune's Favor--McMinnville, Or, March 28--All of the front seats were taken principally by ladies half an hour before court was called to order at 9 o'clock. The acoustics of the room are not good and speaking is unintelligible in the remote parts. Cross examination of witnesses is slow and tedious and many of the answers unimportant.

Hiram Hurnet (?) testified that he was working for Bewley the day of the shooting and saw Bewley take a pistol with him when he started to Sheridan, a large pistol.

Henry Gee met Bewley going to his farm the day of the shooting and saw a pistol in the buggy seat by his right thigh. It looked like a Colt 8 navy(?).

Sheriff Harris brought in that ugly young arsenal of pistols again, with their long shining barrels and bullets bulging for several chambers. He had examined deceased's pistol since last evening by direction of the court and found no powder in one chamber investigated, investigated but one chamber. The gun was given him by Coleman.

G.W. Sappingfield saw deceased, Roswell and T.R. Bewley together in deceased's field on the day of the shooting.

Warren, a merchant of North Yamhill, was at Sheridan on the day of the shooting and saw deceased in a cart. Roswell and T.R. Bewley were in Bewley's livery stable about 3 o'clock. When deceased was requested to leave town by the older McCune he said I will leave town but I won't be forced out.

Roswell said there were not enough men in town to put father out.

The older McCune said we will see about it.

Apprehending trouble wives left town before the shooting.

William R (unreadable?) lived at Sheridan, met deceased at Bellevue the day of the shooting. Bewley said he was going around Sheridan. Some school children were near during the conversation.

John Bones was in Sheridan on the day of the shooting, saw the gestures and heard the shot when looking in another direction, looked around and saw McCune's pistol in line with Bewley's face, and it was immediately discharged and Bewley fell from his cart. Then McCune and Roswell exchanged two shots apiece nearly simultaneously. Then McCune fired one shot into the livery stable as there appeared to be three men firing at him from that place. Witness caught Bewley's horse. Fifteen or twenty shots were fired altogether. McCune fired a fifth shot as he ran toward his home.

Cross-examination--Was sitting near the end of the bridge and heard voices but could not distinguish the words, saw the emphatic gestures before the shooting but saw no pistol in deceased's hands, heard Walter Graves, commanding officer of the Sheridan cavalry declare the town under martial law and demand all the arms of parties not members of his command.

Witness father having died suddenly last evening he was excused from further attendance.

D. C. Coleman, postmaster at Sheridan saw part of the difficulty and heard the wrangle. The first two pistol shots were nearly simultaneous. The third followed instantly, which witness believed was the fatal shot, when Bewley fell from the cart. Witness thinks Bewley and McCune fired the first two shots. He picked up Bewley's pistol (unreadable?), where it fell by him, two caps were missing from the (unreadable?), he thought that two chambers of Bewley's pistol had been discharged. Walter Graves delivered four more pistols to witness for safe keeping and he delivered the pistols to the sheriff. T.R. Bewley examined the pistol at the time of the handing to the sheriff who called witness attention to the fact that all the chambers of deceased's pistol contained bullets.

Cross-examination--He helped carry Bewley to Dr. Smith's office, thinks pistol was underneath deceased's person when he fell in the street.

Ida Kingsbury 11 years old lived near Bellevue was going to school and heard Raleigh tell Bewley that he couldn't go through. Bewley said "I'll shoot my way through!" Witness was cross examined at length with no material change. The spectators spent but a few minutes away at noon and returned with food in their hands still eating. The crowd seems to increase.

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Anson Munser was working with Bewley on Bewley's place near Sheridan. Deceased, Roswell and T.R. Bewley met at Bewley's place the day of the shooting. Roswell advised his father not to go through Sheridan, deceased said he would go through if he had to shoot his way through. T.R. Bewley said I'll see you through, they started. Witness and Roswell putting horses in the barn, (?) harnessed, saddled others and followed at once. Witness stopped by field but Roswell followed on at a gallop.

Edward Deacon 13 heard the (?) Bewley added If you touch me I will kill you and made a motion to draw a pistol when McCune drew a pistol and fired first. McCune was on guard below town and said he was going home to get supper. Witness went to town with him, saw a pistol in Roswell's pocket just before the shooting began.

Sam Evans testified that deceased told the elder McCune that there were not enough men in town to put him out, saw deceased make a move to draw a pistol as McCune drew his pistol and fired. Other testimony was corroborative of Bones and Coleman. After McCune went home and got a large pistol he was returning to the scene of the difficulty with a belt containing several cartridges and was arrested and disarmed by the Sheridan militia.

The remainder of the afternoon was consumed in the examination of witnesses most of the time being

consumed by the prosecution. The testimony was chiefly corroborative and cumulative. The crowd was frequently pressed back by the bailiffs.

Willard McCune will go on the stand and tell his own story at 7. Court adjourned at 6 for one hour. [Oregonian Mar 29, 1889 p.3]

"The acquittal of McCune at McMinnville is the conclusion of a very sad and stupid bit of business. The first act in this stupid drama was the ignorant panic of the people of Sheridan over the smallpox—a disease that does not compare in destructiveness with diphtheria that annually scourges the country from Maine to Oregon. The next stupid thing was the absurd and illegal action of declaring the town "under quarantine" and appointing a young, ignorant; inexperienced fellow; like McCune as part of the military police. If the town resolved to have a police and to clothe it with peremptory powers of arrest and exclusion, nobody but men of maturity and reputation for common, sense and cool, discreet temper should have been allowed a place upon it.

Bewley was intelligent enough to know that these proceedings of the hamlet of Sheridan had no legality, and being an old pioneer and a pugnacious man, he was not disposed to yield without protest against the absurd action of the authorities of Sheridan. There was no evidence that Bewley had drawn a pistol, although he was armed, as too many are in this country: but if Bewley had drawn his pistol, made a fight, and in resisting arrest had killed McCune, it is quite likely he would have escaped punishment, for McCune had 'no legal authority to exclude Bewley from Sheridan or to arrest him. What saved McCune was the rough border justice which says that the man who carries a sword shall perish by the sword. Bewley carried a pistol, and was a pugnacious old pioneer, and while we do not believe that Bewley ever intended to use his pistol, except in self-defense, still McCune, knowing his reputation as a combative man who usually carried a "gun", could make a plausible defense for killing him. The young man is not half so responsible for his folly as his town, that clothed the young fellow with his illegal powers of life and death; and yet this young man will always carry with him when he is older in painful memory of having robbed a fellow creature of his life, an excellent woman of her husband and the community of a man who, though passionate, was in the main a good and valuable citizen. Bewley would be alive to-day; McCune would be free from what will always be a painful memory for a decent man to recall, if the authorities of Sheridan had not acted like terror-stricken fools in the start. It was their business to have found out what their powers were under the law, and not exceeded them; and next it was their business to appoint no boys on their police force, clothed with powers of life and death.

A cool, middle-aged man in McCune's place would have had no serious difficulty with Bewley, who was not a man with the reputation of a ruffian or a desperado. The original smallpox panic was absurd; the placing of Sheridan under martial law was illegal, and the appointment of a young inexperienced man to a place on this "military police" was most thoughtless and unfortunate. Towns ought to find out what their rightful powers are, and execute them through men of discretion. [Oregonian April 2, 1889 p. 2:2]

"Of course, young McCune, who killed James Bewley, goes free. To kill a man is no crime if he happens to speak independently to someone. While no one supposes that the young man wanted to kill Bewley or intended to do so, yet he did so and the consequences are known to the world. Guns and pistols were not necessary for the protection of the place, and the fact that a man was set to guard a highway did not empower him to kill everybody that passed that way. The killing of Bewley was the logical outcome of the wild scare created over the smallpox terror. Excitement feeds off such fears, and become demonized, pistols are drawn and good citizens are killed." [Oregonian April 4, 1889 p.4:2]

James F. Bewley d. 26 Sep 1888 testate. Adm: Lucy Bewley. Heirs: Lucy Elizabeth Bewley, widow, 50, McMinnville; Roswell Lampson Bewley, son, 28, McMinnville. [Yamhill Timber Trails Vol 9-4 p.84]

1900 Yamhill County, Oregon; Lucy E. Cowls, Apr 1838, 62, widow, m-40yrs, 2-1, MO VA VA, capitalist; Mary Graves, niece, Jul 1879, 20, single, OR MO OR, student

“Lucy is adm for estate of James F. Bewley who d. 26 Sep 1888” [Yamhill Timber Trail Vol 9-4 p.84]

James F. Bewley and Lucy Elizabeth Graves had the following children:

i. Crockett Anderson Bewley

b. 31 Jul 1853 in McMinnville, Yamhill County, Oregon

d. 31 Aug 1853 in McMinnville, Yamhill County, Oregon

buried [Masonic Cemetery](#), McMinnville, Yamhill County, Oregon

ii. Roswell Lamson Bewley

b. 24 Dec 1864 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

d. 02 Feb 1945 in McMinnville, Yamhill County, Oregon

buried [Evergreen Memorial Park](#), McMinnville, Yamhill County, Oregon

m. Anna R. Young (1863-1938), 07 Oct 1888 in Yamhill County, Oregon

9. Harrison Taylor Graves

b. 03 Aug 1840 Warren County, Missouri

d. 12 Dec 1915 Yamhill County, Oregon

buried [Sheridan Masonic Cemetery](#), Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

m. 29 Sep 1879 Yamhill County, Oregon

Eusebia Jane Chapman

b. 20 Oct 1854 Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

d. 28 Mar 1884 Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon [headstone says 1854-1880]

buried [Sheridan Masonic Cemetery](#), Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

d/o William Chapman and Esther Lorinda Bewley

1850 Sheridan, Yamhill Co, OR Census October 1850, James T. (sic) Graves, 54, m, VA; Caroline (sic), 47, f, VA, George, 17, m, MO; Harrison, 11, m, MO; Theophilus Buley (Bewley), 18, m, TN; Mar cay (Bewley), , m, MO; Miranda (Bewley), 18, f, TN; Harriet (Graves), 18, f, VA, black

1880: Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon, June 30, 1880, Harrison T. Graves, 39, head, farmer, MO VA VA; Esibra J (Eusebia), 25, wife, keeping house, OR NY TN; Mary J., 11/12 (Jul), dau, at home OR MO OR; James B., 83, father, retired farmer, VA VA VA



HARRISON T. GRAVES, a well-known farmer of Yam Hill county, and another one of Oregon's honorable pioneers, who crossed the plains to this coast as early as 1847, was born in Warren county, Missouri, August 3, 1840. He is a son of James B. Graves, and a brother of T. N. and George W. Graves, mention of whom is made elsewhere in this book.

Harrison T. was seven years old at the time the family came to Oregon, and from that date up to the present, his life has been spent in the vicinity of Sheridan, where he now lives. There were few schools in Oregon then, and his educational advantages were, of course, limited. When he was eighteen he left his father's farm, and began life on his own account. One year he farmed with his brother, T. N., and after that rented land of C. B. Graves. In the fall of 1865 he purchased 300 acres of land, at \$5 per acre, paying \$800 down and going in debt

for the rest. He afterward sold 80 acres, again purchased, and is now the owner of 315 acres, located about a mile southeast of Sheridan. This is a rich and fertile tract of land, and has been rendered more valuable by the improvements which his years of well-directed labor have put upon it.

September 29, 1878, Mr. Graves married Miss Eunice Chappin, a native of Yam Hill county. Her father, William Chappin, was an early pioneer and a neighbor of the Graves family. They had three children, namely: Mary, born July 18, 1879; Ladrue, born January 31, 1881, died January 23, 1884; and Ethel, born January 15, 1883. After six years of happy married life, Mrs Graves was called to her last home March 20, 1884. Hers was a beautiful character—a devoted wife, a loving mother, and a Christian woman.

Mr. Graves is a man of strict integrity and high moral character and is a member of the Christian Church. He aided in building their house of worship at Sheridan. Politically, he is a dyed-in-the-wool Republican: has served the public as Clerk of his school district since 1881.

[An Illustrated History of the State of Oregon by Rev. H.K. Hines p. 823-4]

"Uncle Tip" Graves A Prominent Pioneer, Resident Of Sheridan, Is Called After A Long And Useful Life--H.T. Graves, a Pioneer of 1847, Died Suddenly at His Home in Sheridan Sunday Morning.

The death of "Uncle Tip" Graves on Sunday morning came as a sudden shock to his many friends and

acquaintances who had met his cheery greetings on the street only a few short hours before. Of unusual strength and health no intimation had been given of illness, and only on Sunday morning did he complain of feeling unwell. A physician was called but he passed away while the physician was still with him.

Harrison Tyler Graves was born in Warren County, Missouri, August 3, 1840, and died in Sheridan, Oregon, December 12, 1915, at the age of 75 years, 4 months and 9 days. At the age of seven years he came to Oregon with his parents across the plains and during all of the intervening time has resided continuously in and near Sheridan. The family consists of five brothers and three sisters, the brothers being T.N., Geo. W., C.B., H.T. and James. The latter died many years ago and three remaining four brothers located on land in an almost solid body, a portion of it being that part of Sheridan lying on the south side of the Yamhill river, and all were prominent in the making of the early history of Sheridan and of Yamhill county. The sisters were Mrs. Helen J. Burgess, the only surviving member of the family and now living near Willamina; Mrs. Mary Faulconer, wife of "Uncle Ab" Faulconer, also a pioneer who settled on the north side of the river; Mrs. Lucy Bewley, wife of James Bewley, who was also a maker of history.

On September 29, 1878, "Uncle Tip" was married to Euseba Chapman, daughter of William Chapman, an early pioneer and a neighbor of the Graves family, whose mother was one of the survivors of the cruel Whitman massacre. To this marriage were born one son, Ladrue, who died in infancy, and two daughters, Ethel, and Mary, now Mrs. C.A. Miller, both residing in Portland. He is survived by three grandchildren, Francis E., Mary Elizabeth and Dorothy Elton Miller. His wife died March 20, 1884. He was known familiarly as "Uncle Tip" and was a friend to everyone and ever had a welcome greeting to friend and stranger alike. Most of his life was spent on his farm southeast of town, but a few years ago he came to Sheridan where he lived alone. Many years ago he became a member of the Christian church and died consistent in that faith.

He was a man of strict integrity and character and his charity was unbounded, and even the stranger remembered his kindly acts and deeds. He belonged to that hardy class of pioneers who braved the wilderness and endured the privations of the early days to win a home in the Oregon country.

The funeral services were held at the Christian church on Tuesday forenoon at 11 o'clock, being conducted by Rev. Dark of the Methodist church, and interment was made in the Masonic cemetery." [The Telephone Register, McMinnville, Yamhill County, Oregon, Friday, Dec. 17, 1915]

**PIONEER OF 1847 LAID TO
REST AT SHERIDAN.**



Harrison T. Graves.

SHERIDAN, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Harrison T. Graves, a Yamhill County pioneer of 1847, died suddenly at his home in Sheridan December 12 at the age of 75 years. He was born in Warren County, Missouri, and was of Revolutionary stock, his great-grandfather having come from Scotland. On September 29, 1878, he was married to Euseba Chapman, whose mother was one of the survivors of the Whitman massacre, and is survived by two daughters. Mr. Graves was one of the stockholders in the railroad first built to Sheridan, now a part of the Southern Pacific system.

[Sunday Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, December 26, 1915 p.8]

Harrison Taylor Graves and Eusebia Jane Chapman had the following children:

i. Mary G. Graves

b. 18 Jul 1879 Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

- d. 24 Jul 1967 Battle Ground, Washington
- m. Chester Arthur Miller (1882-1941)

MILLER—May 16, Chester Arthur, late of 2805 SE Yamhill, husband of Mary, father of Mrs. Elizabeth Mason, Mrs. Dorothy Williams, Francis James and Arthur Miller Jr. Friends invited to attend funeral services Monday, 2:30 P. M., in the Drawing Room Chapel of Holman & Lutz Colonial Mortuary, NE 14th and Sandy, under the auspices of Sunnyside lodge No. 163, A. F. and A. M. Interment Lincoln Memorial Park.

[Sunday Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, May 18, 1941 p.3]

MARY G. MILLER

Funeral for Mary Graves Miller, formerly of 2805 SE Yamhill St., will be Wednesday, at 3 p.m. at Holman's Funeral Service. She died Monday at a nursing home in Battle Ground, Wash.

Mrs. Miller was born July 18, 1879 in Sheridan, and has been a Portland resident for 60 years, prior to her illness.

Mrs. Miller was a member of Central Christian Church, Sunnyside Chapter No. 128 OES, and Goodwill Women's Aux. She was also a member of WCTU and the Oregon Historical Society.

Survivors include three sons, Francis, Seattle, Wash., James T. and Arthur, both of Portland; one daughter, Dorothy Williams, Vancouver, Wash.; one sister, Ethel G. Ballantyne, Vancouver, Wash.; one sister, Ethel G. and five great - grandchildren.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Wednesday, July 26, 1967 p.3]

ii. Ladrue Graves

- b. 31 Jan 1881 Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

- d. 23 Jan 1884 in Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon [headstone says 1880-1882 which is an error]
buried [Sheridan Masonic Cemetery](#), Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

iii. Ethel Graves

- b. 12 Jan 1883 in Oregon

- d. 21 Sep 1975 Vancouver, Clark County, Washington

- buried [Acacia Memorial Park and Funeral Home](#), Lake Forest Park, King County, Washington
- m. c1933 David Jennings Ballantyne (1886-1940)