

James C. Gilbreath

Pioneer of 1852

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James Craig Gilbreath

b. 20 Sep 1829 Washington County, Arkansas

d. 1882 Goldendale, Klickitat County, Washington

s/o Cyrus Granger Gilbreath and Sarah Jane Craig (1811-1848)

m1. 03 Aug 1849 West Fork, Washington County, Arkansas

Sarah Ann Tigard

b. 16 Aug 1829

d. 19 Feb 1865

d/o Hugh and Frances Keziah "Fanny"(McClendon) Tigard

buried Gilbreath-Moeck Grave, Rainier, Columbia County, Oregon

m2. Jane []

b. 1820 VA

d.

1850: West Fork Twp, Washington County, Arkansas, December 3, 1850; Jas C Gilbriath, 21, Ark; Sarah, 19, MO (sic)

ODLC: Columbia Co #4133 James C. Gilbreath, b. 1829 Ark; arr OR Sep/Oct/Nov 1852; sc 01 Oct 1853; m'd Sarah Ann 03 Aug 1849 Ark. Aff: Daniel B. Gable, John J. Jones, Samuel A. Miles

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1880: Goldendale, Klickitat County, Oregon, June 5, 1880; J.C. Gilbreath, 50, boarding, sick with cancer, Ark KY KY

Children of James Gilbreath and Sarah Tigard:

1. William Pollock Gilbreath

b. 09 Aug 1850 Fayetteville, Arkansas

d. 01 Sep 1921 Aberdeen, Washington

m. 1883

Bertha Adolfina Johansdotter

b.

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William P. Gilbreath.

**RAINIER, Or., Sept. 11.—(Special.)
—News of the death of William P.
Gilbreath at Aberdeen, Wash., has
been received in this city. Gilbreath
was an old-time resident of Rainier.
He was 71 years of age. He settled
in the Hudson neighborhood in the
early '60s and removed to Aberdeen
20 years ago.**

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Monday, September 12, 1921 p.9]

2. Margaret Jane Gilbreath

b. 1853

d. 10 Jul 1927 Columbia County, Oregon

buried Knights of Pythias Cemetery, Rainier, Columbia County, Oregon

George Frederick Moeck

b. 1837

d. 21 Dec 1917 Columbia County, Oregon

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Mrs. George Moeck

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Sunday, February 5, 1911 Section 5 p.2]

AGED MERCHANT IS DEAD

George Frederick Moeck Came to
Oregon in Year 1871.

RAINIER, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—George Frederick Moeck, pioneer of this county, died at 11:30 this morning.

Mr. Moeck was born in Willmendingen, Wurtemberg, Germany, March 25, 1837. He came to America in April, 1854, and in October, 1871, located at Rainier, where he opened a general merchandise store. He was married to Margaret Jane Gilbreath on October 23, 1873.

Mr. Moeck is survived by his wife and six children: Elizabeth, George F., Jr., and Grace A. Reid, of this city; Mrs. Anna K. Hedges, of The Dalles; Mable and Gretchen Moeck, of Shelby, Mont. John E. Moeck, a brother, resides at Hudson, Ohio.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Saturday, December 22, 1917 p.2]

Margaret Jane Moeck.

LONGVIEW, Wash., July 12.—(Special.)—Mrs. Margaret Moeck, 74, died at her home near Rainier, Or., Sunday following an illness of three years. Funeral services were held today, with burial in Knights of Pythias cemetery at Rainier.

Surviving are five daughters, Elizabeth, Mabel and Grace Reid of Rainier; Anna K. Hedges of The Dalles, Gretchen F. Crout of Portland; one son, George, of Reedsport, Or.; a granddaughter, Margaret Jane Hedges of The Dalles; a brother, Cyrus H. Gilbreath of Aberdeen, Wash.; a sister, Mrs. E. A. Bourne of Rainier.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Wednesday, July 13, 1927 p.16]



NEW USE — The home built by George F. Moeck in Rainier is being converted to commercial use.

1888 House holds 1977 shops

RAINIER — An old Victorian style home overlooking the Columbia River and built by George F. Moeck in 1888 for his family of seven children is taking on a fresh look.

Blackberry vines have been cut away to make room for a parking lot. New paint has been applied as the house is being restored to hold shops and a restaurant.

James Rouse, a Portlander, now owns the 1888 House, as the structure is called, and is doing the restoring.

Moeck, one-time mayor of Rainier, operated a sawmill and flumed the lumber to boats waiting on the river.

Called "Captain" by the townspeople, Moeck and his wife, who is believed to be the first white woman born in Columbia County, often opened their home to riverboat captains for overnight stays.

"The Rose Tree," a shop of paintings and fine objects by artists from Seattle to Portland, opened last month. It is located in the former kitchen and parlor.

In the room with the view of the river where the Moecks and their children once dined, a restaurant will open in about two weeks.

Plans for other shops include a ladies' boutique, a candy shop, a specialty toy shop in an upstairs bedroom, and a wine and cheese shop in the cellar.

[Sunday Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Sunday, October 2, 1977 p.H7]



Geo F. Moeck

“GEORGE F. MOECK. No name in Rainier carries with it greater influence than does that of George F. Moeck, one of the most substantial and reliable of the German-Americans who have settled in this part of Columbia county. Mr. Moeck was born in that fertile and historical part of the empire of Germany known as Wurtemberg, March 25, 1837, his ancestors having lived in that principality for many years.

Equipped with a farm training and common school education, Mr. Moeck came to America when seventeen years of age, or in 1854, settling in Summit county, Ohio, where he found employment at divers occupations for four years. He then removed to Missouri and worked at coopering for two and a half years, and during the Pike's Peak excitement became interested in mining in that region. Not entirely realizing his mining expectations he went to Montana in 1864, remaining in that state and mining with ups and downs of success and failure until 1871. After removing to Oregon he settled in Rainier, and in order to get a start and identify himself with the community worked in a

sawmill for about a year. From that time until 1898 he was interested in a general merchandise business, after which he took up a homestead, added to it, and now owns four hundred and fifty acres of land adjoining Rainier. He is engaged in general farming and dairying, has made many fine improvements on his place, and at present has about forty-five acres under cultivation.

In 1892 Mr. Moeck laid out what is known as Moeck's addition, and which comprises an important adjunct to the town. He has one of the finest and largest rural homes of this part of the county, and his home and farm have all of the advantages of the town and country, a truly unrivalled location. In 1873 Mr. Moeck was united in marriage with Margaret J. Gilbreath, who was born and reared in this county. She is the daughter of James C. and Sarah A. (Tigard) Gilbreath, natives of Washington county. Ark. After coming to Columbia county in 1852 they lived on their claim at Reuben on the Columbia.

They [James Gilbreath] have six children : William P., of Aberdeen, Wash.; Margaret J.; Cyrus H., in Alaska ; Milton I., of Rainier ; Emily A , wife of J. K. Bourne of Columbia county; and John C, of Rainier.

Mr. and Mrs. Moeck have six children: Elizabeth E., of Portland; Grace A., at home; George F., also at home; Anna K.; Mabel B.; and Marion C. Ever since his first voting days Mr. Moeck has taken an active interest in politics. and has never swerved from his allegiance to the Democratic party. He is active also fraternally, and has passed all of the chairs of the Masonic order. He is liberal in all of his tendencies, and is an enthusiastic advocate of the many opportunities for business and homemaking in this part of the great northwest. Mr. Moeck is held in high esteem by all who are privileged to associate with him in any capacity whatsoever" [Portrait and Biographical Record of Portland p. 719-20]

Children of George Moeck and Margaret Gilbreath:

- i. Elizabeth Margatha Moeck (1874-)
- ii. Grace Annette Moeck (1879-1970)
- iii. George Frederick Moeck (1882-)
- iv. Barbara Louise Moeck (1887-1887)
- v. Anna Katherine Moeck (1888-1935)
- vi. Bertha Mabel Moeck (1891-)
- vii. Gretchen Moeck (1895-)

3. Cyrus Hugh Gilbreath

b. 1855 Oregon

d. 10 Jan 1932 Steilacoom, Pierce County, Washington

buried Western State Hospital Memorial Cemetery, Steilacoom, Pierce County, Washington

m.

Olive Arizona Belieu

b. 1861 Douglas County, Oregon

d. 1920

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Children of Cyrus Gilbreath and Olive Belieu:

i. Pearl Grace Gilbreath (1882-1925)

4. Isaac Milton Gilbreath

b. 05 Jul 1857 Rainier, Columbia County, Oregon

d. Mar 1906 Rainier, Columbia County, Oregon

buried Knights of Pythias Cemetery, Rainier, Columbia County, Oregon

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5. Emily Annette Gilbreath

b. 16 Apr 1860 Rainier, Columbia County, Oregon

d. 26 Aug 1941 Rainier, Columbia County, Oregon

buried Woodbine Cemetery, Rainier, Columbia County, Oregon

m. 1885 Columbia County, Oregon

James Kenyon Bourne

b. Apr 1855 England

d.

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1900: Rainier, Columbia County, Oregon, June 5, 1900; James K. Bourne, head, Apr 1855, 45, m-15yrs, Eng Eng Eng, immigrated 1883, farmer; Emily A., wife, Apr 1860, 40, m-15yrs, 0-0, OR MO Ark

1910: Rainier, Columbia County, Oregon, May 19, 1910, James Kenyon Bourne, 54, m1-25yrs, farmer-general farm; Nattie, wife, 52, m1-25yrs, 0-0, OR WI Ark

1920: Rainier, Columbia County, Oregon, January 2, 1920, Emily Annette Bourne, head, 59, wid, OR MO Ark, no occupation

1930: Rainier, Columbia County, Oregon, April 8, 1930 Emily A. Bourne, head, 69, div, OR MO Ark, laundress-laundry

6. John Craig Gilbreath

b. 14 Jul 1863 Rainier, Columbia County, Oregon

d. 08 Jul 1924 Rainier, Columbia County, Oregon

buried Knights of Pythias Cemetery, Rainier, Columbia County, Oregon

m. 1891

Alice Ann Hooker

b. 20 Dec 1868 Airlie, Polk County, Oregon

d. 25 Jul 1951 Rainier, Columbia County, Oregon

buried Knights of Pythias Cemetery, Rainier, Columbia County, Oregon

d/o Demetrius Dionitius Hooker and Annie Margaret Lewis

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Children of John Gilbreath and Alice Hooker:

i. Gladys Verneli Gilbreath (1895-1954)

ii. Manfred Craig Gilbreath (1896-1953)

iii. Hazen Hooker Gilbreath (1900-1969)

iv. John Reginald Lewis Gilbreath (1903-1908)

v. Dorothy Grace Gilbreath (1904-1964)

vi: Alice Maxine Gilbreath (1911-1988)