

James Henderson Shortridge

Pioneer of 1851

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James Henderson Shortridge

b. 18 Jul 1831 Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, Indiana

d. 25 Oct 1916 Lane County, Oregon

buried [Taylor-Lane Cemetery](#), Cottage Grove, Lane County, Oregon

s/o Samuel Boone Shortridge and Emily Ann Hatch

m. 13 Mar 1853 Cottage Grove, Lane Co, OR

Amelia Savannah Adams [Pioneer of 1852]

b: 12 Feb 1835 in Vermillion Co, IN

d: 31 Jul 1919 in Cottage Grove, Lane County, Oregon

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1900: Cottage Grove, Lane County, Oregon, June 14, 1900; James H. Shortridge, Jul 1831, 68, m-47yrs, IN KY unk, farmer; Amelia S., wife, Feb 1835, 65, m-47yrs, 7-4, IN NC KY; Minnie G. Spon, boarder, Dec 1898, 21, s, OR IL IL, public school teacher

1910; West Cottage Grove, Lane County, Oregon, April 15, 1910, James H. Shortridge, head, 78, m1-57yrs, IN KY IN, own income; Amelia S., wife, 75, m1-57yrs, 704, IN NC KY

“JAMES H. SHORTRIDGE, who is living retired in Cottage Grove, has resided near that city since 1851 until his retirement in 1906, owning a three hundred and twenty acre farm which he filed upon as a donation claim in the year of his arrival in Oregon. He is now residing in a comfortable home in Cottage Grove. He was born in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, a son of Samuel Boone Shortridge, whose grand-uncle was Daniel Boone, the noted Indian scout. The parents were both natives of Bourbon county. Kentucky, and they were also married in that state,

where they resided for a time, later removing to Indiana. Still later Samuel Shortridge removed to Iowa, settling in Muscatine county, where he bought land and occupied it for some time. It was in that county that his wife passed away shortly after which Mr. Shortridge removed to Mercer county, Illinois, where he made his home until 1852. He then crossed the plains to Oregon, settling about six miles south of Cottage Grove, where he took up a donation claim of one hundred and sixty acres upon which he lived for several years, and then, disposing of that land, removed to Salt Lake City, where he resided for a few years. On leaving that state he returned to Lane county, Oregon, where he lived until his death, which occurred in July 1876. In his family were seven children, four of whom died in infancy, the others being: James H., of this review; Caroline D., the widow of Hiram Stewart, residing in Eugene; and William Wallis, making his home near London, Oregon.

James H. Shortridge received a common school education in Illinois and one year in advance of his parents crossed the plains to Oregon in 1851 and settled six miles south of Cottage Grove, on a donation claim which his father's farm later joined, residing upon that farm until in 1900, when he disposed of it and retired. During the long period of his occupancy of his donation claim he labored untiringly to get it under a thorough state of cultivation, building suitable improvements, and at the time he disposed of it it was one of the finest farming properties of the community. With his family he now resides in a fine home in Cottage Grove, where he is taking a well-deserved rest and spending his declining years surrounded by his family and friends. Mr. Shortridge was married March 13, 1853, to Amelia S. Adams, who was born in Vermilion county, Indiana, in 1835, a daughter of John F. and Rebecca (Hinkle) Adams. Her father and mother were both natives of Kentucky, their wedding, however, being celebrated in Indiana, where they lived for twenty years. After leaving that state they settled in Louisa county, Iowa and resided there for fifteen years, then crossed the plains by ox teams to Oregon in 1852. The eldest son died of cholera on the trip but none of the other members of the family were afflicted with it. Their first settlement in Oregon was made in Salem Hills, eight miles south of Salem, where the father took up a donation claim of three hundred and twenty acres upon which he resided until within a short time of his death, which occurred in October 1870. The mother passed away in July 1876. To them were born ten children, of whom Mrs. Shortridge, who was the seventh in order of birth, and S. Rebecca Rogers, of Turner, Oregon, are the only surviving members. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Shortridge were born seven children, as follows: Emily R., who was born in 1854 and passed away in 1858; Franklin Boone, who was born in 1850 and is a miner at Estacada, Oregon; Mary Rosetta, born in 1857, who married Dr. J. W. Harris, of Eugene; William Johnson, who was born in 1858 and died in infancy; Alice A., who was born in September, 1862, and is the wife of J. J. Weeden, of Lane county, Oregon; Lillie Jane, born in 1865, who passed away in infancy and Sarah O. C., who married Sam Lacy, of Portland, her birth occurring in 1866.

Mr. Shortridge in his political allegiance is a republican. He has taken considerable interest in politics, has served as deputy sheriff of his county and also for many years filled the office of supervisor. In his fraternal relations he belongs to the Cottage Grove Grange while his religious faith is that of the Christian church of which his family are also members. He is among the earlier settlers of Cottage Grove and has always been a leading and greatly respected citizen of the community. He is a man of sterling integrity, strong personality and possesses a strength of character which makes him greatly esteemed by all who know him. In his official positions he distinguished himself by the efficient service which he rendered to the community and both as a

public servant and a private citizen he has always been popular. [Centennial History of Oregon Vol 3 p.199-200]

Children of James Shortridge and Amelia Adams:

1. Emily R. Shortridge

b. 1854 Lane County, Oregon

d. 1858 Lane County, Oregon

2. Franklin Boone Shortridge

b. 1856 Lane County, Oregon

d. 25 Dec 1929 Los Angeles County, California

buried [Los Angeles National Cemetery](#), Los Angeles County, California

m. Aug 1917 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

Tulen Estelle DeWald

b. 11 Jan 1873 TN

d. 28 Mar 1927 Cottage Grove, Lane County, Oregon

buried [Fir Grove Cemetery](#), Cottage Grove, Lane County, Oregon

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1880: Ashland, Jackson County, Oregon, June 17, 1880; John F. Sargent, 31, miner, IA IN IN; Frank B. Shortridge, 24, miner, OR IN IN; Oliver P. Sargent, 21, cook, rheumatism, IA IN IN

1920: Siuslaw, Lane County, Oregon, January 7-9, 1920; Frank B. Shortridge, head, 63, OR IN IN, farmer; Tulen, wife, 46, TN TN TN

BACHELOR, 61, TAKES WIFE

F. E. Shortridge, Oldest Living Native of Cottage Grove, Is Benedict.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—When Frank Boone Shortridge and Miss Tulon E. DeWald, both of this city, were married at Eugene Saturday, there ended for Mr. Shortridge 61 years of watchful waiting for "the girl who just suited." Mr. Shortridge is the oldest living white child born in Cottage Grove and a son of well known pioneers, "Aunt" Amelia Shortridge and the late James H. Shortridge. He was a well known athlete and sprinter in his younger years and would still pass for 20 years less than his actual age. The bride is 45 years old and a native of Tennessee, although she has lived here several years. She is a daughter of the late W. V. DeWald.

The wedding was quietly solemnized at the Hotel Osburn, Rev. Davis, of the Baptist church, officiating, and Mr. and Mrs. Osburn being the only other witnesses.

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3. Mary Rosetta Shortridge

b. 22 Nov 1857 Lane County, Oregon

d. 27 Feb 1927 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

buried [Eugene Pioneer Cemetery](#), Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

m. 06 Jun 1875

John William Harris

b. 02 Mar 1854 Putnam County, Indiana

d. 06 Jun 1918 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

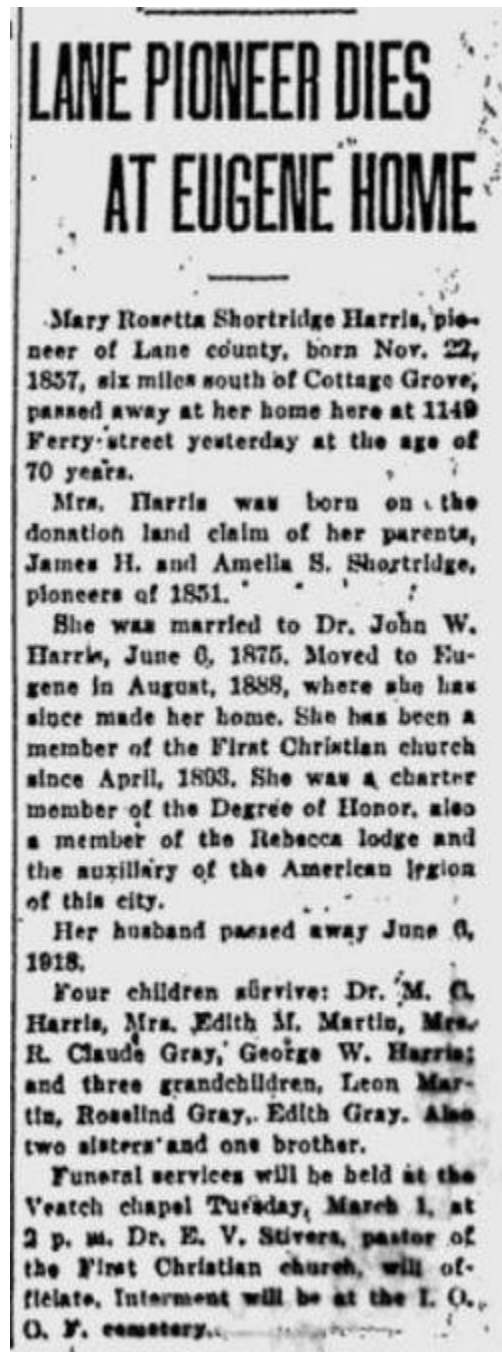
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1880: Cottage Grove, Lane County, Oregon, June 22, 1880; John W. Harris, 26, farmer, IN KY KY; Mary R., 23, wife, keeping house, OR IN IN; Madison C., 3, son, OR IN OR; Edith M., 1, dau, OR IN OR

1900: Eugene, Lane County, Oregon, June 5, 1900; John W. Harris, head, Mar 1856, 44, m-25yrs, IN IN IN, physician; Mary R., wife, Nov 1857, 42, m-25yrs, 4-4, OR IN IA; M. Curtis, son, Jan 1877, 23, S, OR IN OR, teacher; Edna O., dau, Apr 1886, 14, S, OR IN IA, at school; George, son, May 197, 3, OR IN IA



4. William Johnson Shortridge
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- d. bet 1860-1870 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

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5. Alice Amelia Shortridge

b. 13 Sep 1862 Cottage Grove, Lane County, Oregon

d. 21 May 1950 Los Angeles County, California

buried [Rose Hills Memorial Park](#), Whittier, Los Angeles County, California

m1. 21 Jul 1885 Lane County, Oregon

James Phillip Langdon

b. 29 Oct 1856 Indiana

d. 01 Sep 1896 Oregon

buried [Taylor-Lane Cemetery](#), Cottage Grove, Lane County, Oregon

m2. 30 Aug 1900 Lane County, Oregon

John J. Weeden

b. 30 Sep 1875 Nebraska

d. 18 Sep 1936 Cottage Grove, Oregon

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1900: Cottage Grove, Lane County, Oregon, June 14, 1900; Alice E. Langdon, Sep 1862, 37, wid, 5-5, OR IN IN, farmer; Lester J.W., Oct 1885, 14, s, OR IL OR, at school; M. Agnes, dau, May 1888, 12, s, WA IL OR, at school; Clyde L., Jul 1890, 9, s, OR IL OR, at school; Audrey B., Oct 1892, 7, s, OR IL OR, at school; Aretha E., dau, Sep 1895, 4, s, OR IL OR; John J. Weeden, employee, Sep 1875, 24, s, NE Eng PA, farmer

1910: West Cottage Grove, Lane County, Oregon, May 4, 1910; John J. Weeden, head, 34, m1-4yrs, NE NY US, logger-lumber camp; Alice A., wife, 47, m2-4yrs, 9-9, OR IN IN; Audrey Langdon, step-dau, 11, s, OR IN OR; A. Arroll, step dau, 14, s, OR IN OR; Evert Weeden, son 8, OR NE OR; Eva, Dau, 8, s, OR NE OR; Dale, son, 5, s, OR NE OR; Gordon, son, 1 1/12, s OR NE OR

1920: Coalinga, Fresno County, California, February 4, 1920, John J. Weeden, head, 44, NE Eng USA, construction; Alice A., wife, 57, OR IN IN; Evert H., son, 18, s, OR NE OR; H. Dale, son, 14, s, OR NE OR; Gordon A., son, 11, s, OR NE OR

1930: Montebello, Los Angeles County, California, April 8, 1930; John J. Weeden, head, 54, married first age 25, NE Eng PA, teamster-independent; Alice A., wife, 67, married first age 20, OR IN IN; Henry E., son, 28, s, OR NE OR, driller-oil field

- 6. Lillie Jane Shortridge
- b. 1865 Lane County, Oregon
- d. 1867 Lane County, Oregon

- 7. Olive Sarah Katherine Shortridge
- b. 19 Dec 1865 Cottage Grove, Lane County, Oregon
- d. 26 Sep 1948 Cottage Grove, Lane County, Oregon
- buried [Mount Calvary Cemetery](#), Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

- m. 1885 [divorced by 1910]
- Samuel Lacey
- b.
- d. 27 Dec 1942

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1900: Portland Ward 10, Multnomah County, Oregon, June 8, 1900; Sam'l Lacey, head, Oct 1863, 37, m-15yrs, PA IL CA, butcher, Olive S., wife, Aug 1866, 33, m-15yrs, 2-2, CA IA CA, housewife; Elane B., dau, Apr 1886, 14, s, CA CA Ger, at school; Francis B., dau, May 1888, 12, CA CA Ger, at school

1910: Portland, Ward 2, Multnomah County, Oregon, April 18 & 19, 1910; Olive S. Lacey, head, 39, wid, OR IL IA, dress maker

1920: Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, January 14, 1920; Sarah O. Lacey, head, 54, divorced, OR IN IA, keeping-rooming house; +numerous lodgers

1930: Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, April 3, 1930; Olive Lacy, head, 54, wid, OR IL IA, seamstress-hemstitching shop; + numerous borders