James Madison Moore
Pioneer of 1847
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James Madison Moore
b. 23 Feb 1809 Mercer County, Pennsylvania
d. 11 Jun 1884 Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon
s/o Robert Moore [Pioneer of 1839] and Margarette Clark

m1. 25 Aug 1835 St. Clair County, Illinois
  Maria Malvina Miller
  b. 1816 Virginia
d. 15 Nov 1880 Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon

m2. 05 Oct 1882 Clackamas County
  Betsy S. Brown [to Oregon 1852 by ship]
  b. c1818 Martinsburg, New Hampshire
d. 03 Sep 1906 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon
  buried Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
  m1. Gardner Elliott 14 Jul 1849 Boston, Massachusetts
  m2. James Madison Moore 05 Oct 1882 Clackamas County, Oregon
  m3. Isaac Finch Beals

“One document in Robert Moore’s estate file was approved by James M. Moore as Justice of the Peace, signed 22 Aug. 1864. Maria M. Moore made her will on 2 Mar. 1880, identifying herself as the wife of James M. Moore of Oregon City. She left her interest in the donation land claim and in a saw mill adjacent to Oregon City to son-in-law George Pease in trust for son James L. Moore. James M. Moore was listed on the petition to probate filed 22 Nov. 1880 as age 73 residing in Oregon City. It should be noted that he gave 25 Aug. 1835 as his marriage date on land claim papers, but the database of Illinois marriages shows 1837.” [Nancy Prevost files]

“1847; an emigrant train named the "Gordan Sawyer"; left Lacon, Marshall Co, IL Mar 27, 1847; crossed near St. Joseph, MO; train made up of related families and neighbors and included Robert and Rachel (Allen) Bird and their sons John, William and Elijah and their families, James Moore, William Larkins, the Fudge family, Mark Sawyer, Jordan Sawyer, a Mr. Smith, William and Samuel Bland, the Sols, Allens, Robert Kinney, Rev. Samuel Allen, Avery, Crawford and Ward which made about 35 able bodied men plus women and children and 30 wagons” [Reflections of Oregon Pioneer Families, published by Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers 1994; p.14 Robert & Rachel Bird]

ODLC: #4253: Washington County, James M. Moore, b. 1809 Mercer County, PA; settled claim 15 Jul 1851; m’d Maria M. 25 Aug 1835 St. Clair County, Illinois. Aff: James D. Miller (knew them as h & w since Oct 1849), Moses R. Barnum.

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1868: during 1868-1872 was clerk of court in Umatilla Co; m'd Maria; s/o Robert Clark of 1839 Peoria Party” [Genealogical Forum of Oregon: Vol XIII #10 p.102]

1870: Oregon City Pct., Oregon City Post Office, Clackamas County, Oregon, June 7, 1870; James Moore, 61, milkman, $4000 $200, PA; Maria, 53, VA; James, 15, OR; Addie Crawford, 16, OR

“J.M. Moor, pioneer of 1847” [Transactions of the Oregon Pioneer Association 1877 p.90]

“James M. Moore, aged 76, an old resident of the Falls of the Willamette, died last week.” [Willamette Farmer, Salem, Oregon, June 20, 1884 p.5]

1880: Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon, June 3, 1880; James M. Moore, 72, farmer, PA PA PA; Maria M., 64, wife, keeping house, VA VA VA; Hattie A. Taylor, 17, servant, IA KY IN

1884: Clackamas County, Estate, James M. Moore, County Record #0206

MOORE, James M
see also Moore, James M, & Co; Moore, James M, vs Bush, Asahel
see nominating mtg at Multnomah Cy, 4 My 48, 3:1
signs remonstrance against Land Claim assn, 27 Jly 48, 3:5
of Linn Cy; wants 20 laborers at mills on Tual r, 4 O 49 to
MOORE, James M (cont)
24 Ja 50 (adv); built dam at head of rapids for sawmill, 20 O 53, 2:4; dam destroyed by high water, 9 D 51, 3:2; loses lumber raft near mouth of Tual r, 13 Ja 52, 2:2; wants teams for hauling lumber, 2 S to 16 S 53 (adv)
agt for sale of farm, 29 N 49 to 7 F 50 (adv)
mentioned, 7 Mr to 4 Ap 50 (adv)
Washington co cand for repr, 16 My 50, 3:1; 30 My 50, 3:2; trails opponent, 27 Je 50, 2:2
mem, Ore Bible soc, 13 Je 50, 1:3 applies for ferry license, 5 S to 10 O 50 (adv)
signs Ore Cy memorial to cong re McLoughlin land claim, 26 S 50, 2:3
son of R Moore, prop, Ore Spec; mentioned re alteration of J & Thornton's ms, 14 N 50, 2:5 suggested as cand for del to cong by "Looker-on", 27 Mr 51, 1:6
apptd rd commr, 1 My 51, 3:1
cand for Washington co repr, 15 My 51, 3:1 (adv)
waits tenant for farm near Hillsboro, 10 Jly to 9 S 51 (adv)
Ore Spec subscriber, 13 O 53, 3:3

Postmaster
Linn Cy; pubs list of lrs at po, 9 Je 51 to 20 O 53 (adv-passim)
defends S R Thurston from mail franking charge, 27 Mr 51, 2:4; views re franking upheld by "P C", 12 Je 51, 2:5; supported by pmg re refusal to deliver certain franked mail of S R Thurston, 30 S 51, 2:4; action re Thurston endorsed by pmg; attacked by Ore Stat, 14 O 51, 2:2
denies opening mail without authority, 29 My 51, 2:4; answers charge of Ore Stat re po duties, 12 Je 51, 2:5

MOORE (Mrs), James M
daughter born Oct 18 at Linn Cy, 24 O 50, 3:4

[Oregon Spectator Newspaper Index]
Children of James Moore and Maria Miller:

1 Elizabeth Jane Moore
b. 18 Oct 1837 Illinois
d. 03 Dec 1923 Seattle, King County, Washington
buried Lakeview Cemetery, Seattle, King County, Washington

m. 02 Apr. 1852 Washington County, OR,
Ronald C. Crawford
b. 31 Jan 1827 Montour Falls, New York
d. 12 Jul 1924 Seattle, King County, Washington
buried Lakeview Cemetery, Seattle, King County, Washington
s/o Samuel Gillespie Crawford and Elizabeth Davis

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PUGET SOUND BUREAU, Seattle, Dec. 5.—One of the most direct links between the Pacific northwest of the present day, well-populated and prosperous, and those days of the earliest settlement of "the Oregon country," was broken by the death in Seattle Monday of Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Crawford, wife of Ronald Crawford. Mrs. Crawford was 87 years old. Her husband, who survives her, is ten years her senior.

Mrs. Crawford's grandfather, Robert Moore, is mentioned in the account of Captain Wilkes' expedition to the falls of the Willamette in 1841. "A hardy pioneer from the United States, Mr. Moore, had taken possession of the west side of the falls under purchase from an old Indian chief, and was speculating about the probability of the government recognizing his title, and the subject of pre-emption rights often formed the topic of conversation."

Robert Moore, Grandfather of
Woman, Mentioned, in Account of Wilkes' Expedition.

Moore Chosen on Committee.

Robert Moore had been a member of the Peoria expedition of 1840. He was one of the few men whose eagerness to establish law and order and to secure the Oregon country as United States territory, led to the meeting at Champoeg in 1843, after several years of effort and agitation. In the preliminary meeting of February 17, 1843, at the Methodist Mission in the Willamette valley, Robert Moore was one of the committee chosen to form a constitution and draft a code of laws. In the Champoeg meeting of May 2, 1843, he was chosen chairman of the legislative committee, which was ordered to report on July 5 at Champoeg, at which time the committee report was adopted as the organic law. Another participant at Champoeg was Captain Medorem Crawford, who had crossed the plains in 1842 and taken up a donation claim in the Yamhill district.
In 1847 Robert Moore was joined by his son James, who brought from Yeolia his wife and little family. On April 1, 1852, Elizabeth Jane, eldest daughter of James Moore, was married to Ronald Crawford, brother of Captain Medorem Crawford. Ronald Crawford had come west as mounted escort of the immigrants of 1847. In the course of the ensuing 22 years in Oregon 14 children were born to James Moore and his wife, Martha (Miller) Moore. During the same period seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Crawford, three of whom are still living. All members of the Moore and Crawford families took active part in the development of various portions of the Oregon country.

**Couple Live in Clackamas.**

For five years after their marriage in 1852 Mr. and Mrs. Crawford lived in Clackamas county. Then came partnership in the building business with John L. Morrison, who built the first house in Portland and for whom Morrison street was named. Mr. Crawford next took part in the gold rush to Orofino, in Idaho, following which he took up a claim on Pataha creek, 50 miles east of Walla Walla, where Mrs. Crawford joined him in 1861.

The four years that followed filled Mrs. Crawford's mind with unforgettable and stirring memories. She was often entirely alone with her small children, while her husband brought freights from Fort Walla Walla to help other settlers get themselves established. On one occasion she sat by her fireside with the smallest child on her lap and others hiding their faces in her skirts, while the room filled up with taciturn Indians. She drew from its hiding place an old-fashioned pistol and held it as if showing it to the baby, but in readiness to fire if necessary. The Indians took the hint, and without a word they left.
Room Full of Indians.

At another time, as she sat in the same way with her children, Mr. Crawford, who happened to be at home, argued mildly with a roomful of Indians and tried to lessen their hostility by displaying a carbine, then new to the country. The Indians wished to see it loaded. Mr. Crawford loaded it and was showing the visitors how to cock it, when an Indian jogged his elbow and the carbine was discharged, the bullet missing the Indian chief by a hair's breadth. Mrs. Crawford thought their last moment had come, but the chief realized it was an accident and restrained his excited followers.

One day, in Mr. Crawford's absence, Mrs. Crawford hailed a friendly Indian and asked him what an old Indian had meant by breaking a clod of earth on her doorstep and departing without greeting her. The friendly Indian explained that this was a sign that their cabin was
In 1877 Mr. and Mrs. Crawford made their last move, coming to Seattle, where they had been preceded by a year by their eldest son, Samuel Leroy Crawford. A pioneer newspaper man of the northwest, Samuel L. Crawford left the employ of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer in 1888 and with Charles T. Conover opened Seattle's first real estate office. The firm continues in business to this day, though Samuel Crawford died in 1916.

71st Wedding Day Celebrated

In Seattle Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Crawford lived on Union street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, at a time when that location was completely surrounded by the forests, and the heavily wooded grounds of the old state university lay between their home and the city. Here they remained until the university had been relocated in the far northern part of the city, the old site and all the neighborhood cleared and covered with great buildings. They had then to give way and go elsewhere in the city for the quiet home that they desired.

On April 1, 1923, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford, surrounded by many members of their immediate family and its collateral branches, celebrated the 71st anniversary of their marriage,
Children of Ronald Crawford and Elizabeth Moore:

i. Addie Maria Crawford  
b. 24 Feb 1854 Oregon  
d. 13 Jun 1929 Centralia, Washington  
buried Greenwood Memorial Park, Centralia, Lewis County, Washington  
m. 23 Dec 1877 Lewis County, Washington  
Moses Edward Warren  
b. 13 Aug 1848 Michigan  
d. 29 Sep 1909 Centralia, Lewis County, Washington  
buried Greenwood Memorial Park, Centralia, Lewis County, Washington

ii. Samuel Leroy Crawford  
b. 21 Jun 1855 Oregon  
d. 11 Oct 1916 Seattle, King County, Washington  
buried Lakeview Cemetery, Seattle, King County, Washington  
[Seattle Daily Times, Seattle, Washington, Thursday, October 12, 1916 p.8]

m. Never Married

iii. Fannie Estelle Crawford  
b. 29 Dec 1856 Oregon  
d. 1922 Seattle, King County, Washington

m. 29 Aug 1898 Pierce County, Washington ????  
Lachlin McTaggert
iv. Ronald Marcus Crawford  
b. 24 Feb 1859 Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon  
d. 15 Mar 1942 Long Beach, California

v. Melvin Ketcham Crawford  
b. 20 Aug 1862 Walla Walla, Walla Walla County, Washington  
d. 24 Jul 1885 Seattle, King County, Washington  
buried Lakeview Cemetery, Seattle, King County, Washington

vi. Elizabeth M. Crawford  
b. 18 Feb 1864 Walla Walla, Walla Walla County, Washington  
d. 11 Nov 1883 Seattle, King County, Washington

vii. Nellie Moore Crawford  
b. 31 Aug 1873 Seattle, King County, Washington  
d. 30 Nov 1968 Seattle, King County, Washington  
buried Calvary Cemetery, Seattle, King County, Washington

m. 12 Apr 1893 King County, Washington  
  Laurence S. Booth  
b. 26 Mar 1861  
d. 03 Apr 1953 Palo Alto, Santa Clara County, California  
buried Calvary Cemetery, Seattle, King County, Washington

2. Mildred A. Moore  
b. 22 Oct 1842 Illinois  
d. 22 Oct 1879 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon  
buried Mountain View Cemetery, Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon

m. 26 Dec 1857 Linn City, Clackamas County  
  Capt. George A. Pease  
b. 30 Sep 1830 Columbia County, New York  
d. 22 Jan 1919 Multnomah County, Oregon  
buried Mountain View Cemetery, Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon  
s/o Norman and Harriet (McAllister) Pease

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1879: “A List of Person Who Have Died in Multnomah County in 1879—22 Oct 1879, Mrs. Mildred A. Peas, aged 37 years.” [Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Thursday, January 1, 1880 p.1]
CAPTAIN PEASE, 88, DIES

PILOT PROMINENT IN COAST MARINE CIRCLES.

Flatboat Line to Oregon City Begun in 1850; Active Work Done in Channel Deepening.

Captain George A. Pease, for many years a prominent figure in Pacific Coast marine circles, died yesterday at the age of 88 years. Death came at the family home, 784 Pettigrove street.

Born in New York in 1838, Captain Pease, at the age of 19, left for California gold fields with 51 other young men. He came to Portland by way of Astoria in 1859. In December he started a flatboat line to Oregon City and for many years developed river navigation.

In the 90s, as pilot on several Government dredges, he was active in the work of deepening the river channel from Astoria to Portland. He was connected with the Oregon-Washington Navigation Company.

Captain Pease was a member of the Oregon State Pilots' Association. He ran boats on the Columbia and Willamette rivers from Astoria to Corvallis, owning several of the boats.

In the flood of 1861 Captain Pease ran his boat up and down the river, rescuing persons from the tops of trees and floating houses.

Surviving are two children—Captain A. L. Pease, of Portland, and Mrs. Hattie M. Colbert, of San Francisco; two sisters—Mrs. M. A. Warner and Mrs. H. E. Pope; two grandchildren—Dr. G. N. Pease and Captain A. L. Pease, Jr.

Funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock Friday morning from the Scottish Rite Cathedral. Interment will be in the family plot in the Oregon City Cemetery.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Thursday, January 23, 1919 p.11]

Children of George Pease and Mildred Moore:
i. Archibald Leon Pease
   b. 26 Sep 1858 Oregon City, Clackamas Co., Oregon
   d. 31 Aug 1919 Multnomah Co., Oregon
   buried Riverview Abbey and Mausoleum, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

ii. Hattie M. Pease
   b. 1861
   d. 06 Feb. 1948 Berkeley, Alameda Co., California
buried Mountain View Cemetery, Oregon City, Oregon
m. 1) c1880, J. E. TIBBETS
m. 2) Thomas J. COLBERT

3. Clarence L. Moore
b. 1845 Illinois
d. not found after 1850

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4. Robert C. Moore
b. 1848 Oregon
d. bef 1884

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5. Maria Ardine Moore
b. 18 Oct 1850 Oregon
d. 22 Mar 1861 Linn City, Clackamas County, Oregon

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[The Oregon Argus, Oregon City, Oregon, March March 23, 1861 p.3]
6. James L. Moore  
b. 1855 OR  
d. 29 Mar 1901 Multnomah County, Oregon  
buried Mountain View Cemetery, Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon  
m. 27 Apr 1876 Clackamas County, Oregon  
Kate G. Beason  
b.  
d.  

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7. Francis A. Moore  
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d. 10 Feb 1862  

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1862: “age 9 yrs. 2 mos of typhoid fever, Linn City, OR” [The Oregon Argus of Feb. 15, 1862]  

8. William Edward Moore  
b. May 1856 Oregon  
d. 19 Jul 1856 Oregon  

[The Oregon Argus, Oregon City, Oregon August 9, 1856 p.3]  

9. Richard E. Moore  
b. May 1860 Oregon  
d.  

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Note: one source says birth of Richard E. Moore is May 1860 but if census is correct he may be a twin of William Edward Moore

Note: John F. Moore (1861-1942) is not believed to be a son of James and Maria Miller. He is the son of James Edward Moore and Mary Miller and was born in Ohio