

James Thompson

Pioneer of 1850

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James Thompson

b. 1815 Belmont County, Ohio

d. 28 Apr 1882 Oregon

m. 15 Mar 1838 Holmes County, Ohio

Perlina Hendrickson

b. 1813 Holmes County, Ohio

d. 19 Jun 1891 Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon

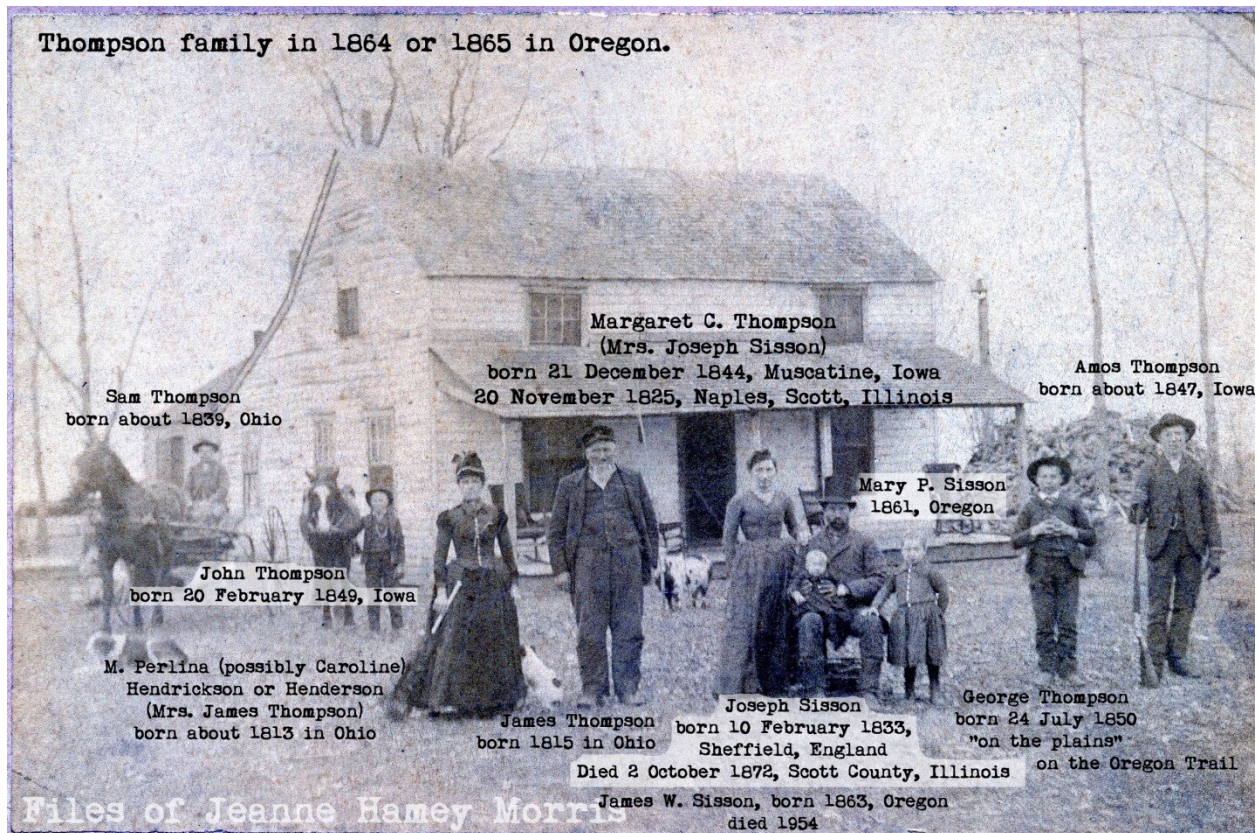
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[contributed by descendant Jeanne Hamey Morris]

Children of James Thompson and Perlina Hendrickson:

1. Samuel Thompson
 - b. 08 Dec 1838 Wright County, Iowa
 - d. 22 Oct 1901 Nehalem, Tillamook County, Oregon
 - m. 18 Jul 1863 Clackamas County, Oregon
Martha Minerva DeShields
 - b. 12 May 1846 Desha County, Arkansas
 - d. 18 Oct 1916 Nehalem, Tillamook County, Oregon

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1880: Pass Creek, Douglas County, Oregon, June 7, 1880; Saml Thompson, 44, farmer, IA OH OH; Minerva, 36, wife, keeps house, Ark SC TN; James, 16, son, wood chopper, OR; Lina, 14, dau, school, OR; Jane, 13, dau, school, OR; Susan, 11, dau, school, OR; Herbert, 8, son, school, OR; Ada, 6, school, OR; Martha, 4/12 (Feb), dau, OR

1900: Nehalem City, Tillamook County, Oregon, June 1, 1900; Sam Thompson, Dec 1838, 61- m-36yrs, IA OH OH, carpenter; Martha M., wife, May 1845, 54, m-36yrs, 13 children-12 living; Ark SC TN; Alvin D., son, July 1886, 13, OR; Ray V., son, Mar 1888, 12, s, OR

Children of Samuel Thompson and Minerva DeShields:

i. James Thompson

b. 1864 Oregon

d.

ii. Lina Thompson

b. 1866 Oregon

d.

iii. Jane Thompson

b. 1867 Oregon

d.

iv. Susan Thompson

b. 1869 Oregon

d.

v. Herbert Thompson

b. 1872 Oregon

d.

vi. Ada Thompson

b. 1874 Oregon

d.

vii. Unknown Thompson

b. c1876 Oregon

d.

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viii. Unknown Thompson

b. c1878 Oregon

d.

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ix. Martha Thompson

b. Feb 1880 Oregon

d.

x. Unknown Thompson

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xi. Unknown Thompson

b. c 1884 Oregon

d.

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xii. Alvin D. Thompson

b. Jul 1886 Oregon

d.

xiii. Ray V. Thompson

b. Mar 1888 Oregon

d.

2. Margaret Thompson

b. 21 Dec 1844 Muscatine County, Iowa

d. 20 Nov 1925 Naples, Scott County, Illinois

m. 1859

Joseph Sisson

b. c1833 England

d. 02 Oct 1872 Scott County, Illinois

m2. 1874

Thomas Sisson

b. c 1830 England

d. 10 Aug 1880

m3. 28 Feb 1883

Martin Snow

b. 11 Jan 1840 Illinois

d. 16 Sep 1923 Naples, Scott County, Illinois

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1870: Scott County, Illinois, July 30, 1870; Joseph Sisson, 37, farmer, \$1200 \$800, Eng; Margaret, 25, keeping house, IA; Mary, 9, OR; James, 7, OR; George, 6, OR; Ida, 3, IL; Adeline, 9/12 (Aug), IL

1880: Naples, Scott County, Illinois, June 5th & 8th, 1880; Thomas Sisson, 50, farmer, Eng; Margaret C., 35, wife, IA; Mary R, 19, dau, OR; Jas W., 17, son, OR; Geo W., 15, son, OR; Ida, 13, dau, IL; Adeline, 10, dau, WY; Margaret, 9/12, dau, IL

1900: Flint, Pike County, Illinois, July 4, 1900; Martin V. Snow, head, Jan 1840, 60, m-17yrs, IL KY KY, farmer; Margaret C., wife, Dec 1844, 55, m-17yrs, 8 children-6 living; IA OH OH; Samuel W., son, Jun 1876, 23, s, IL IL IL

"Mrs. Margaret Snow Crossed Plains Three Times in the Covered Wagon--Mrs. Margaret Snow, of Naples, on Sunday, Dec. 21, celebrated her 80th birthday anniversary. Although in poor health for the past several weeks she still takes a keen interest in the affairs of the day, and talks readily of her recollections of a long, useful and active life.

Mrs. Snow was born in Muscatine, Ia., on Dec. 21, 1844, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, who immigrated to Oregon in 1850, at which time Mrs. Snow was only six years of age, and of this journey through the wild and unbroken west she retains vivid memories of the trials and hardships encountered on that journey which was made in a covered wagon drawn mostly with oxen, in company with many other wagons of a similar nature, with their band of sturdy pioneers seeking the far flung boundary of the frontier, with a determination to carve a home out of the wilderness -- the real empire builders of the great west.

Mrs. Snow was keenly interested in the film which was shown at the Photoplay theater in Bluffs during the past week, "the Covered Wagon," and when it was shown in Jacksonville some weeks ago, she made a trip to that city to see the picture. She says it is true to life in every detail, and that many of the incidents depicted on the screen, she encountered in real life. Especially the scene where it shows the prairie schooners crossing the River Platte, is one that she remembers distinctly and remarked how true to life it was.

But Mrs. Snow has made the trip across the western plains three times by covered wagon, and is therefore better qualified than most people now living to tell accurately of

their experiences on this trip, which has now been woven into romance and beauty through the art of motion pictures. Mrs. Snow and her parents, in company with a large number of covered wagons or prairie schooners, left Muscatine, Ia., in 1850, for their new home in Oregon, as was the custom in those days, the wagons traveled in trains as a protection against Indians who were quite troublesome in those days. The company of pioneers had many thrilling experiences with the Indians and wild animals, being on the trail six months in which time they met no other settlers. They arrived in Portland, Oregon, about the middle of December, 1850.

At that time, Portland was a typical western village, boasting about 18 buildings. Her parents moved into the first large dwelling house built in Portland, and here her father bought a claim of 640 acres on which the city of Portland now stands.

Her father engaged in the dairy business, and became quite prosperous, delivering milk to ocean vessels, for which he often received as high as \$2.50 per gallon. At this time the population of Portland was not large, and it was the custom for the white settlers to gather as closely together as possible in order to be able to repel Indian attacks at any time.

In 1859 romance entered the life of Miss Margaret Thompson and she became the bride of Joseph Sisson. they continued to reside in Oregon until 1865, when they came to New York by way of vessel, and then by rail from New York to the farthest point west which was at that time reached by rail, and located on a farm three and a half miles from Naples, known as the Sisson ridge.

They were of hardy pioneer stock and soon were seized with a longing for the west and its lure of wealth and promise of great happiness, and in 1868 they sold their holdings at Naples and returned to Oregon by covered wagon once more. this time the trip was made in about four months, and they spent the winter in Portland with her parents. Then in 1869 they made the trip across the plains again by way of covered wagon, and bought their old home place at Naples back.

Joseph Sisson died, Oct. 2, 1872, and two years later she was married to Thomas Sisson, who died on Aug. 10, 1880.

She was again married on Feb. 28, 1883, to Martin Snow, a Civil War veteran, who died Sept. 16, 1923, leaving her a widow at the age of 79.

Mrs. Snow visited her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Vaughn, of Jacksonville, and saw the picture "The Covered Wagon," and was delighted with it, saying that it took her back to her girlhood days.

Few are privileged to witness within the span of a lifetime the marvelous changes and development of an empire that have passed before the keen old eyes of Mrs. Snow, and what a feeling of satisfaction it must be to her to know that she had no inconsiderable part in the taming and developing the great Golden West. [The Bluffs Weekly, Bluffs, Illinois, Friday, December 26, 1924; contributed by descendant: Jeanne Hamey Morris]

Children of Joseph Sisson and Margaret Thompson:

i. Mary P. Sisson

b. Aug 1860 Oregon
d. 1929 Naples, Scott County, Illinois

ii. James William Sisson
b. 1862 Oregon
d.

iii. George Washington Sisson
b. May 1864 Oregon
d.

iv. Ida Bell Sisson
b. 30 Oct 1866 Naples, Scott County, Illinois
d. 14 Apr 1930 Scott County, Illinois

v. Adeline Sisson
b. 1869
d.

vi. Unknown Sisson??
b. c 1870
d.

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Children of Thomas Sisson and Margaret Thompson:

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b. c1876
d.

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ii. Margaret Catherine Sisson
b. 02 Sep 1879 Illinois
d.

3. Amos Thompson
b. Feb 1846 Iowa
d.

[note: 1900 census says birth was 1845 but sister was born in Dec 1844 so believe correct year may be 1846]

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1880: Mosier, Wasco County, Oregon, June 19 & 21, 1880; Amos Thompsen, 33, farmer, OH; Matilda, 20, wife, Ireland

1900: Astoria, Clatsop County, Oregon, June 6, 1900; Amos Thompson, head, Feb 1855 (sic), 45, m-20yrs, IA IA IA, painter; Matilda, wife, Apr 1863, 57, m-20yrs, 3 children, Mass Ire Can; Mary, dau, Mar 1882, 18, s, OR; James, son, Jun 1883, 16, s OR; Cyrus, son, Jun 1840, 9, s, OR

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1900: Sand Lake, Tillamook County, Oregon, John Thompson, boarder, Jan 1856 (sic), 44, wid, IA NY IA, farm laborer [in Tillamook County along with siblings if this is the correct John Thompson)

- 5. George Thompson
- b. 24 Jul 1850 on plains in Nebraska
- d.

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