

Jeremiah Ralston

Pioneer of 1847

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b. 07 Feb 1798 Lebanon, Davidson County, Tennessee
d. 11 Aug 1877 Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon
buried [Lebanon Pioneer Cemetery](#), Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon
s/o Joseph Ralston and Jane Walker

m1. 26 Dec 1822 Washington County, Indiana

Margaret McKnight

b. 08 Jan 1803 Henry County, Kentucky
d. 21 Jul 1838 Des Moines County, Iowa Territory

m2. 20 Sep 1838 Des Moines County, Iowa Territory

Jemima Ashbaugh/Ashpaugh

b. 21 Sep 1819 Hamilton County Ohio
d. 25 Dec 1894 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
buried [Lebanon Pioneer Cemetery](#), Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon

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1880: Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon, June 18, 1880; J. Ralston, 59, wid, at home, OH KY Mass; C.H., 32, son, general merchandising, NE TN OH; S.C., 28, dau in law, keeps house, OR IL IL; M.L., 8, gdau, OR NE OR; Charlie, 6, g-son, OR NE OR; Frankie, 4, g-dau, OR NE OR; J.M., 1, g-dau, OR NE OR; C. Hamilton, 27, dau, OR TN OH; Minnie Hamilton, 5, g-dau, OR MO OR; Mima, 2, g-dau, OR MO OR

Sad Accident.

Sometime during the first of last week Mr. Jeremiah Ralston, of Lebanon, was hurt severely, while up in the mountains. He and his son-in-law, David S. Roland, were returning in a buggy from Lower Soda Springs, and in going down a steep hill the vehicle ran on to the horse and set him to kicking. One of the animal's feet became entangled between the single-tree and the bed of the buggy, and in his struggles to free himself he upset the vehicle, throwing both occupants out. Mr. Roland alighted on the ground safely, but Mr. Ralston was caught in some way in the running gears of the buggy and dragged quite a distance before the horse could be stopped. Mr. Ralston was brought down to his home at Lebanon, where he has been lying at the point of death for several days. No bones were broken, but as he is about 82 years old, it is hardly thought that he can recover from the shock which his nervous system has received. Mr. Roland came in last Tuesday and he tells us that he thinks the old gentleman has been injured internally, and it is simply impossible for him to survive but for a few days.

[The State Rights Democrat, Albany, Oregon, August 10, 1877]

“With a several months pregnant wife and six children—ages three to 23—it may have behooved Jeremiah Ralston to stay exactly where he was. He was, after all, a rather successful merchant and farmer in Burlington, Iowa, the town where he had spent his boyhood years. Burlington, which was considered a frontier city when Ralston lived there as a child, was now an active village with an established economic base. Ralston was fairly well to do and likely prominent in the community. But Jeremiah Ralston was a man of action. As such, he couldn't fathom sitting idly by while others grabbed 640-acre government-granted land claims in Oregon country. He was 49 at the time, quite a bit older than many of those making the same trek. The first settlers had moved on the land up to six years earlier.

One early voyager, a man named Albert Davidson, had gone out to Oregon in 1845 and returned a year later. His message to Ralston was the land was rich, the winters mild, and the freedom vast. And the best parcels were going fast.

In the spring of 1847, Ralston gathered his family together. He told his wife and younger children that when the next flock of settlers headed west in wagon train formation, the Ralston family would be along for the voyage. The opportunities, he promised were endless. To eldest sons William and Joseph who at ages 23 and 21 were men in their own right, Jeremiah offered a part of the adventure. Both men were bachelors, and would have little holding them to Burlington when their father closed the store they'd tended for seven years. For

them the journey represented a rite of passage that many young men were taking and an opportunity to stake a claim for several hundred acres each.

Elizabeth and Jeremiah Jr were in their teen years. They were likely quite a bit less excited leaving the town where they both lived since their mother, Jeremiah Ralston's first wife, Margaret McKnight, had died in 1838.

Sarah and Eliza, daughter of Jeremiah's second wife, Jemima, had known long Burlington as their home. Nonetheless, at six and three, respectively, they were in little case to complain. More over many children told great stories about their family's big plans to move west. Sarah and Eliza would be able to say confidently that their father indeed would be going. As proof, the young girls could point to the actions of their father and eldest brothers, who sold the family store, bought three prairie schooners and fifteen yoke of oxen, and collected provisions suitable for a four or five-month trip across the plains and mountains. In addition to food, arms and other basic necessities, the men loaded the wagons and supplies for a new store, which Jeremiah planned to open upon arriving in the Willamette Valley.

On March 1, the family said its final goodbyes to local friends. With Jeremiah driving the lead wagon and William and Joseph driving wagons two and three, the family set out for St. Joseph, Missouri. The 200-mile trip gave the Ralstons their first taste on the trail. Jemima, who by this time was five months pregnant, watched over the youngest children and helped tend the oxen that were not involved in the pulling schooners. The wagons were full with supplies and had little room for riders, so as best as she could manage, Jemima walked, as did Sarah and Eliza, Elizabeth and Jeremiah Jr.

Several weeks later, the family arrived at St. Joseph, where they were to meet up with a party of other settlers headed to Oregon. St. Joseph was one of the several popular "jumping off" points of the day, where groups from Ohio to Tennessee to Iowa would draw together. In addition to being a good place to cross the Missouri River, the first great obstacle for most travelers heading west, St. Joe also had room for settlers to camp while waiting for the party to gather.

During the years in which the largest migrations of settlers were moving, there would sometimes be hundreds of tents set up in makeshift cities during the spring months. The Ralstons camped for a few weeks before their party started its journey on April 1. That day 104 wagons, with supplies from some 450 settlers, set off for the west. Albert Davidson, the settler who returned to tell Jeremiah of the wonders of Oregon, was elected captain and rules were agreed upon for the march by night. The lives the settlers sought were free of many rules, but they recognized that the voyage to Oregon country could hardly run efficiently without regulations.

The pace was set by Davidson, who worked with a map reader and officers-one of which was likely Jeremiah Ralston-to maintain a steady progress over the trail. At stake was the life of every person on the train, as early settlers had learned that falling too far behind meant certain death if an early winter blew in a frigid storm before the group could cross the Cascades. Each night, camp was pitched at 4 p.m., or when wood and water were at hand. The wagons were drawn up in a circle, which served as both a fortification and a pen for the horses and cattle. At sunset the stock, which had been turned out to graze, was brought within the ring of wagons and tethered.

The Ralstons ate separate from the other families, but after nightfall they met in a social setting around the fire with singing. As the fire waned, the women and children climbed over supplies to take a resting spot in the covered wagons while the men slept on the ground.

Before sunrise, all members of the party would be aroused and the cattle would be yoked for the beginning of the day's toils. Children would collect water or tend the oxen as breakfast was cooked and served. By 7 a.m., the trumpet would sound and the procession would forge steadily ahead.

At oxen speed-about two miles per hour-the train moved eight to 20 miles a day, depending on the weather, the condition of the trail and sickness and deaths among the settlers. Although the pace was strictly regimented by Davidson, the play habits of many children on the train were not. When not being assigned chores, the youngsters would explore their surroundings, within sprinting distance of the wagons. They could also play trail games, the most popular was flinging buffalo chips like modern flying discs.

William and Joseph, when not driving the wagons, could cash in on some of the adventures their father had promised as part of the journey-fording rivers, hunting and keeping an eye out for Indian attacks.

Thirty days-about 30 miles-into the trip, the train was crossing through Nebraska plains when Jemima went into labor at a place known as Ash Hollow apparently taking its name from the early ashy appearance of the

earth and was supposedly one of the most desolate places on the trail. It was not the kindest of places to be left behind, as wagon trains often did to those who-for any reason-could not keep pace.

Both Jemima and her newborn boy, Charles H. Ralston, were soon healthy enough to travel, either in time to continue moving with the train the next morning or at least to catch up with the train as it moved on. Whatever the circumstances, the Ralston family, which left Iowa with six children would arrive in Oregon country with seven.

Through June, July and August, the Ralston family traveled day after day in the wearisome routine of the trail. As the wagon train moved ever closer to the Willamette Valley, autumn storms began to show their force. The party of hundreds waned to dozens. Losing member families who broke off into other destinations.

In September, the Ralston family reached Oregon City, which at the time was the most crowded city in the immediate area, with bustling population of 600. There was little time to spare as there were still many miles to travel and a new life to build. Jeremiah bought more supplies and pointed the noses of his oxen south. The Ralston family's train finally arrived in the Willamette Valley in later September and early October.

After 1800 miles, the Ralstons had arrived. For their struggles they found a lush valley plot spotted with cedars, all about a mile west of the Santiam River."

Information for this story was gathered from the Ralston family collection compiled by Lebanon Genealogical Cemetery Book, Ralston family chronicles, the Lebanon Express, the Albany Democrat-Herald, and several works of fiction written at the time of Oregon's settlement. Story taken word for word from the Lebanon Express, issue Wednesday, August 31, 2005—Historic Lebanon—1847. A Founding family's journey—Jeremiah Ralston [Parke County Indiana Biographies - R; Please send any additions or corrections to [James D. VanDerMark](#)]

Children of Jeremiah Ralston and Margaret McKnight:

1. William McKnight Ralston

b. 24 Mar 1824 Rockville, Parke County, Indiana

d. 23/29 Jun 1906 Albany, Linn County, Oregon

buried [Lebanon Pioneer Cemetery](#), Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon

m1. 10 Mar 1853 Linn County, Oregon

Laura Ann Denny

b. 07 Aug 1835 Ohio

d. 02 Nov 1897 Albany, Linn County, Oregon

buried [Lebanon Pioneer Cemetery](#), Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon

d/o Christian Denny and Eliza Nickerson

m2. 26 May 1901 Lane County, Oregon

Mrs. Plantena (Camp) Biddle

b. Jun 1827/1830 Germany

d. 1903 Albany, Linn County, Oregon

buried [Riverside Cemetery](#), Albany, Linn County, Oregon

m1. Dr. William Biddle

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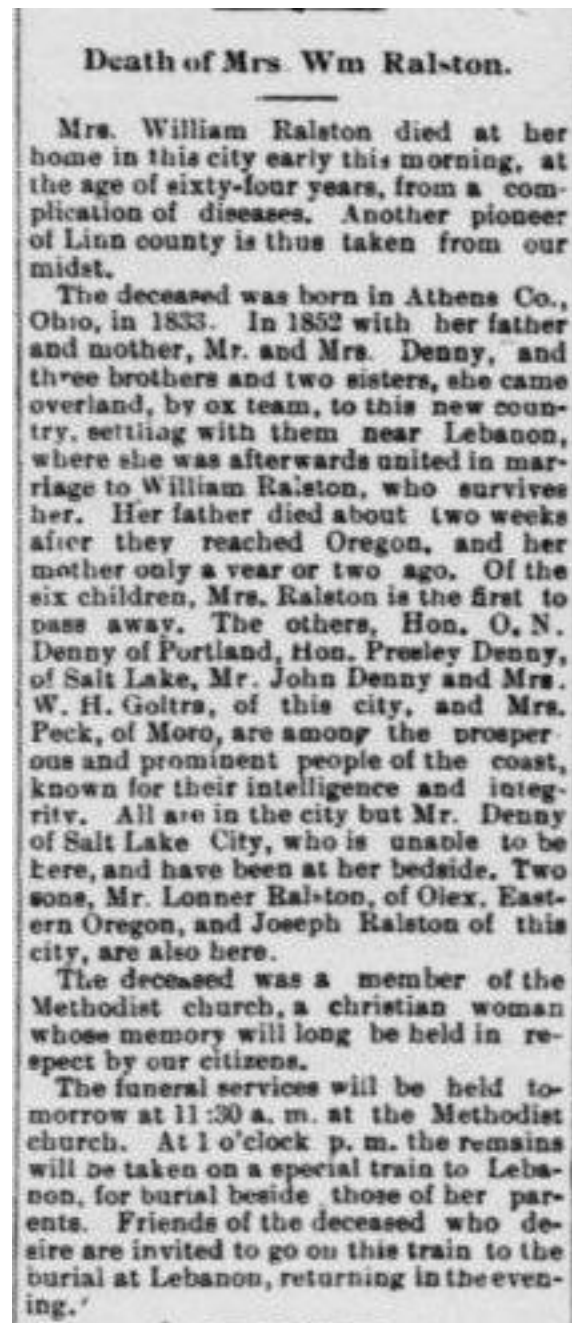
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1880: Rock Creek, Wasco County, Oregon, June 5, 1880; William Ralston, 55, farmer, IN; Laura, 44, wife, keeping house, OH PA OH; Loner, 20, son, at home, OR IN OH; Joseph, 2, son, OR IN OH
-and-

1880: Albany, Linn County, Oregon, June 17, 1880; William Ralston, 56, farmer, OH IN KY; Laura, 44, wife, keeping house, OH TN OH; Loner, 21, son, stock raiser, OR OH OH; J.H., 1, son, OR OH OH

1900: Albany, Linn County, Oregon, June 4, 1900; Wm M. Ralston, head, Mar 1824, 76, m-0yrs, IN TN IN, capitalist; Plantena, wife, Jun 1830, 69, m-0yrs, 3-2, Ger Ger Ger, emigrated 1834; Joe H., son, Dec 1878, 21, s, OR IN OH, at school; Ella M. Thacker, Nov 1880, 19, s, MO KY MO, servant



[The State Rights Democrat, Albany, Oregon, November 5, 1897 image 3]

William M. Ralston, a resident of Albany and an Oregon pioneer of 1847 was born in Rockville, Parke county, Indiana, in March 1824.

Jeremiah Ralston, his father, was born and reared in Ohio. He went to Indiana when a young man, and in 1822 was married in Washington county, to Miss Margaret McKnight. After their marriage they settled in Rockville. He engaged in farming and also in trading, running flatboats on the Wabash and Mississippi rivers down to New Orleans, where he sold both the cargoes of produce and the boats. In 1837 he removed to Burlington, Iowa, where Mr. Ralston conducted a village store and carried on farming until the spring of 1847. At that time he sold out and prepared to seek a home in the far west. He bought three wagons with prairie outfit, and fifteen yoke of cattle, and with his wife and six children started on their overland journey to Oregon. They left Burlington on the 1st of March and crossed the Missouri river at St. Joseph, Missouri on the 1st of April. A train was then organized consisting of about forty-five wagons and 150 people, Albert Davidson who had crossed the plains in 1845 being elected captain. Arriving at the Dalles, they were detained one week because of Indian trouble, crossed the Cascade mountains by the Barlow route, and then entered Oregon City, September 10, 1847.

Mr. Ralston settled on 640 acres in Linn county, the present site of Lebanon. In 1852 he laid out and founded the town of Lebanon, and established the first store in that place. He there followed farming and mercantile life until August 12, 1877, when he died, aged seventy-four years.

William M. received his education in Indiana and Iowa, and in 1847 crossed the plains to Oregon with his parents, driving an ox team the entire distance. The next year he crossed the Siskiyou mountains and at intervals passed two years in the mining districts of California, each trip being very successful. He was married in Lebanon, in 1853, to Miss Laura A. Denny, daughter of Christian Denny, a pioneer of 1852. After their marriage they settled on the donation claim, adjoining his father, he having taken this claim on first coming to the Territory. He was also engaged with his father in merchandising in Lebanon until about 1860. In 1890 he platted an addition to Lebanon and sold a number of town lots. In 1871 he rented his farm, built a comfortable home in Albany, and has since lived here, retired from active life. He still owns two hundred acres of his original claim and has 120 acres two miles from Albany, both properties being rented. Mr. Ralston is a public spirited man and is actively interested in various enterprises. He assisted in organizing and pushed to completion the Willamette Valley & Cascade Mountain Military wagon road, was a stockholder in the Albany & Santiam Canal, and is also a stockholder of the Lebanon & Santiam Canal. He has served two terms in the Columbia Council in Albany. He is one of the conservative and highly esteemed citizens of the town, being widely known and much respected. He is a Knight Templar.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralston have two children: Lonnie Owen, engaged in the stock business in eastern Oregon: and Joseph, who is now attending the Albany Collegiate Institute. They lost three in early childhood.” [An Illustrated History of the State of Oregon by H. K. Hines p. 831]

“WILLIAM RALSTON. This honored and worthy pioneer citizen of Linn county. Ore., is passing his sunset days in ease and comfort, enjoying the reward of his early industry and perseverance. He has been identified with the interests of Linn county for over half a century and has long been recognized as one of its best citizens, aiding and maintaining it in reaching its present position among the first-class communities of the state. He is a son of Jeremiah and Margaret (McKnight) Ralston and was born in Rockville, Parke county, Ind., March 24, 1824.

Jeremiah Ralston was born in Greene county, Ohio, where he stayed until he reached manhood's years, then moved to Washington county, Ind., where he was joined in wedlock with Margaret McKnight. Of the large family of children afterward reared by them, only three are now living. After residing in Indiana for a number of years they moved to Iowa and located in the city of Burlington, where he engaged in mercantile life until 1847. That year he left Iowa and traveled by ox-teams to Oregon to seek his fortune anew. The train of which he was a member had many difficulties and hardships to pass through before reaching his destination, for the Indians at The Dalles were troublesome. Upon their safe arrival, however, they located at Lebanon in Linn county and through the years of prosperity that followed he was always numbered among that city's inhabitants until his demise

twelve years ago, at an advanced age. He entered the business life of the city and worked his way to the top of the ladder, owning the leading merchandise store of the city at the time of his death. Politically, he was an aggressive supporter of the Democratic party all his life, and in religious affairs belonged to the Methodist Church. His wife, who died in Iowa in 1840, was a member of the Secular Church, now the United Presbyterian.

William Ralston was the eldest child of his parents. His education was derived from schools in Indiana, where he remained until ten years of age, and from those in Iowa, where the family later located. After his father moved to Oregon, he assisted all he could in managing the store and home place until 1848, at which time he went to the mines of California, and labored there three years. Finding this not as suitable as he had believed, he returned to Oregon and engaged with his father as a partner in the first store ever started in Lebanon. The business continued five or six years, until William severed his connection to engage in general farming and stock-raising near Lebanon. This farm consisted of a donation land claim of three hundred and twenty acres, which was improved as fully as possible by Mr. Ralston, and became his home place until 1878, the year of his retirement from active life.

In 1854 he was joined in marriage with Laura Dennev, a daughter of Christian and Eliza (Nickerson) Denney and a native of Muskingum county, Ohio. Her father was born in Virginia and went to Ohio at an early age, moving in 1853 to Oregon, where he settled in Linn county near the city of Lebanon, but lived only a short time after his arrival.

Mr. Ralston and his wife had five children, of whom only two are now living. The deceased are Franklin, who lived three years; Christian, who had attained the age of twenty years, and William, who died in infancy. The others are Loner L., a stockman of Portland, Ore., and Joseph H., residing in Albany, Ore., where he follows the business of an electrician. The mother died in 1886 at her home in Albany. Mr. Ralston was afterward joined in marriage with Plantena Biddle, the widow of Dr. William Biddie, who died in May, 1903. Both of these ladies were devoted and active members of the Methodist Church which Mr. Ralston also joined some years ago and has served many years as a trustee.

Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic Order, being a Knight Templar. He has always been a Democrat in his political views, and for three terms served as a councilman of the city of Albany. He is admired by his fellow citizens for his honesty and uprightness." [Portrait and Biographical Record of the Willamette Valley p. 256-7]



[Oregon Daily Journal, June 29, 1906 p.17]

Children of William Ralston and Laura Denny:

- i. Luther Franklin Ralston
 - b. 1854 Linn County, Oregon
 - d. 19 Aug 1857 Linn County, Oregon
 - buried [Lebanon Pioneer Cemetery](#), Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon
- ii. Christian Ralston
 - b. 1856 Linn County, Oregon
 - d.
- iii. William Ralston
 - b. 25 Aug 1858
 - d. 31 Aug 1858
 - buried [Lebanon Pioneer Cemetery](#), Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon
- iv. Lonner Owen Ralston
 - b. 15 Dec 1859 Linn County, Oregon
 - d. 14 Jun 1943 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

Lonner Owen Ralston, who during the years of his residence in Portland, covering a period since 1899, has been closely associated with its financial and banking interests and is now devoting his attention to his various investments which include valuable business and residence property, is numbered among those citizens who have firm faith in the future of Portland and are putting forth effective and far-reaching effort in its behalf.

Oregon claims him as one of her native sons, his birth having occurred in Lebanon, Linn county, on the 15th of December, 1859. His father, William M. Ralston, was born in Rockville, Parke county, Indiana, March 24, 1824, and was a son of Jeremiah and Margaret (McKnight) Ralston. The family removed about 1834 to Burlington, Iowa, where William Ralston engaged in merchandising until 1847. That year witnessed their arrival in Linn county, Oregon, and in 1848 he went to the mines of California, but three years later he returned to Lebanon, Oregon, establishing a store at that place. Subsequently he carried on farming and stock-raising near Lebanon, continuing in business until 1872, when he retired from active life. Jeremiah Ralston, the grandfather of our subject, platted and started the town of Lebanon, and donated the ground for Lebanon Academy, of which he was one of the founders. The father was the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of valuable land there, from which he derived a substantial income up to the time of his death, which occurred on the 23d of June, 1906. In 1852 he married Laura A. Denney, a daughter of Christian and Eliza (Nickerson) Denney and a sister of Judge O. N. Denney, who was one of Portland's most prominent men, serving as advisor to the king of Corea and consul to China. He is mentioned on another page of this volume. Mrs. Ralston was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, and died in Oregon, November 2, 1897, having come to this state in 1852 with her parents, who settled in Linn county. Unto William and Laura Ralston there were born five children.

Lonner Owen Ralston, the only surviving member of the family, was educated in the public schools of his native county, in the Albany (Ore.) College, and in the business college of Portland. A portion of his youth was spent upon the home farm, and from 1880 until 1898 he devoted his time and energies to stock-raising and to merchandising in eastern Oregon. He conducted stores at Arlington and at Olex, both in Gilliam county, and met with success in his operations in that part of the state, but seeking the broader field offered by the city, he disposed of his mercantile interests there in 1898 and soon afterward came to Portland. He still retains the ownership of two thousand acres of land there, however, property that is constantly rising in value as that section of the state becomes more thickly settled. For a year after leaving Gilliam county, Mr. Ralston resided in Albany and in 1899 came to Portland, where he has

since figured prominently in connection with the financial and property interests of the city. In 1904 he was one of the organizers of the Oregon Savings Bank, of which he served as president until the following year, when he sold his interest in that institution. In 1908 he accepted the presidency of the American Bank & Trust Company, but resigned the position upon selling his interest in January, 1910. Under his administration both were growing and prosperous institutions, his keen business foresight and carefully formulated plans proving elements in their success. Mr. Ralston is now president and owner of the Marietta Trust Company of Portland, a holding company for Mr. Ralston's interests. He has also been interested in various other enterprises, but now devotes his attention to his investments, owning much valuable business and residence property in Portland. In addition to his two thousand-acre tract in eastern Oregon, he has a farm of one thousand acres on the Kalama river in Washington.

On the 23d of August, 1888, Mr. Ralston was married in Portland to Miss Ada K. Johns, a daughter of J. M. Johns, an early settler who practiced law at Salem for many years. They have four children: Lonner O., Jr., born August 1, 1889; Hazel L., born July 22, 1892; Ruth A., born April 27, 1894; and William C., born March 7, 1899. The family reside at No. 608 Market street.

Mr. Ralston is inclined to the republican view in politics, yet may be termed non-partisan in that he does not hold himself bound by party ties and exercises his right of franchise as his judgment dictates. His fraternal relations are with the Knights of Pythias, and he is a member of the Grace Methodist Episcopal church. Recognition of the possibilities and keen foresight into the situation that exists has led him to invest largely in Oregon property and the growing state, with its splendid outlook, is repaying him in a substantial way for his faith in her development.

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[Portland and Its History and Builders by Gaston Vol 3 p. 366-7]

v. Joseph H. Ralston

b. 21 Jun 1878

d. 15 Sep 1933 Albany, Linn County, Oregon

buried [Riverside Cemetery](#), Albany, Linn County, Oregon

2. Joseph R. Ralston
b. 06 Mar 1826 Rockville, Parke County, Indiana
d. 1897 Olex, Gilliam County, Oregon

m. 1852 Clackamas County, Oregon
Caroline Hood
b. 1835 Ohio
d. aft 1880

1870: Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon, June 12, 1870; J. R. Ralston, 44, merchant (ret), \$2000 \$1000, IN; Caroline, 35, keeping house, OH; Ann, 13, at home, OR; John, 10, at home, OR; Harry, 8, at home, OR; Daniel, 3, at home, OR

1878: Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington, J.B. Ralston, 52, clerk, IN; Caroline, 41, housewife, OH; Maggie, 19, OR; D.H., 11, OR; Frank, 6, OR

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3. Elizabeth Jane Ralston
b. 01 Jun 1828 Rockville, Parke County, Indiana
d. 25 Mar 1915 Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon
buried [Masonic Cemetery](#), Albany, Linn County, Oregon

m. 31 Jul 1849 Linn County, Oregon
Joseph Moist
b. 1823 Pennsylvania
d. 13 Mar 1893 Oregon
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1900: Albany, Linn County, Oregon, June 1900; Elizabeth J. Moist, head, June 1828, 71, wid, IN TN KY

1910: Albany, Linn County, Oregon, July 20-22, 1910; Elizabeth J. Moist, head, 81, wid, 4-2, IN TN KY, own income

PIONEER OF 1847 PASSES

Mrs. Jane Moist, Member of Prominent Linn Family, Dies at 87.

ALBANY, Or., March 25.—(Special.)—Jane Moist, one of Linn County's earliest pioneers, died at 7 o'clock tonight at the home of her son, John Moist, two miles north of Lebanon, at the age of 87 years. She crossed the plains to Oregon in 1847.

Mrs. Moist was a member of one of Linn County's most prominent pioneer families. Her brother, William Ralston, was the founder of the City of Lebanon. Upon her marriage to Joseph Moist she settled with her husband on the farm north of Lebanon where she died tonight. After living there many years they moved to Albany, later returning to the farm. After the death of her husband 25 years ago she resided in this city until about a year ago, when she returned to the farm to reside with her son. She was a member of the United Presbyterian Church of this city.

Mrs. Moist is survived by two children, John and Frank Moist, both of Lebanon. C. H. Ralston, of Lebanon, and John M. Ralston, of Albany, are brothers.

[Morning Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, March 26, 1915 p. 11]

Children of Joseph Moist and Elizabeth Ralston:

- i. Charles Franklin Moist
 - b. 13 Jan 1851 Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon
 - d. 04 Feb 1932 Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon
 - buried [IOOF Cemetery](#), Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon
- ii. William F. "Fred" Moist
 - b. 01 Nov 1854 Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon
 - d. 17 Dec 1909 Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon
 - buried [IOOF Cemetery](#), Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon
- iii. John Horace Moist
 - b. 18 Jul 1866 Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon
 - d. 20 Dec 1932 San Diego, San Diego County, California
 - buried [Masonic Cemetery](#), Albany, Linn County, Oregon
- iv. Jeremiah Moist
 - b. 1869 Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon
 - d.

4. Nancy Ann Ralston
b. 21 Jan 1831 Rockville, Parke County, Indiana
d. bef 1847

5. Jeremiah Ralston Jr.
b. 27 May 1833 Rockville, Parke County, Indiana
d. 17 Aug 1866 Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon

m. 25 Dec 1857 Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon
Elizabeth Jane "Lizzie" Breeden
b. 1838 Illinois
d. bef 1869

1850: Linn County, Oregon, September 17, 1850; Jeremiah Ralston, 52, farmer, TN; Jessonicah, 30, OH; Wm, 24, IN; Chas, 3, MO; Jeremiah, 16, IN; Sarah, 12, IA; Eliza, 8, IA

1860: Lebanon PO, Linn County, Oregon, August 29, 1860; Jeremiah Ralston, 26, harness maker, \$0 \$1165, IN; Elizabeth, 22, IL; Margaret, 1, OR

PETITION TO SELL REAL ESTATE.
*In the County Court for the County of Linn,
State of Oregon.*
*In the matter of the Estate of Thomas J.
Breeden, deceased.*
NOW ON THIS 5TH DAY OF JANUARY,
1869, the petition of Noah Shanks, Admin-
istrator of said estate, filed in this Court on the
30th day of November, 1868, comes on to be
heard, praying for an order of sale of the follow-
ing described real estate, to pay the debts out-
standing against the deceased, and the debts, ex-
penses and charges of administration, to-wit:—
Beginning at the N. E. corner of S. W. qr. of S.
W. qr., Section 27, Tp. 13, S. R. 1 West; thence
W. 80 rods; thence S. 160 rods; thence W. 80
rods; thence S. 80 rods; thence E. 160 rods;
thence N. 140 rods to the place of beginning,
containing 160 acres, more or less. It is therefore
ordered by the Court that the heirs of said estate,
—to-wit: A. R. Breeden, aged about 38 years,
Martha Rice, aged about 30 years, residence Linn
County, Oregon; Homer Ralston, Margaret F.
Ralston and Manerva Ralston, children of Eliza-
beth J. Ralston, deceased, formerly Elizabeth J.
Breeden, whose ages and places of residence are
unknown to petitioner,—be cited to appear in this
Court, at the Court House in the city of Albany,
in said county of Linn, on
Tuesday, the 2d day of March, 1869,
being a regular term of this Court, at 10 o'clock
in the forenoon of said day, then and there to
show cause, if any exist, why an order of sale
should not be made as prayed for in said petition:
And that a copy hereof be published for four
weeks in the "State Rights Democrat," a newspa-
per printed and published in the city of Albany,
in said county of Linn.
By order of said Court. S. A. JOHNS.
Jan. 16, 1869—n22w4. County Judge.

[The States Rights Democrat, Albany, Linn County, Oregon, February 12, 1869 image 2]

Children of Jeremiah Ralston Jr and Elizabeth Breeden:

- i. Margaret Ralston
- b. 1859 Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon
- d.

6. Mary Ann Ralston

- b. 06 Dec 1836 Rockville, Parke County, Indiana
- d. bef 1847

7. Sarah Ralston

- b. 1838 Des Moines County, Iowa Territory
- d. 1838 Des Moines County, Iowa Territory

Children of Jeremiah Ralston and Jemima Ashpaugh:

1. James Ralston

- b. 12 Aug 1839 Burlington, Des Moines County, Iowa Territory
- d. 1845 Burlington, Des Moines County, Iowa Territory

2. Sarah Caroline Ralston

- b. 03 Feb 1841 Burlington, Des Moines County, Iowa
- d. 12 Aug 1862 Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon
- buried [Lebanon Pioneer Cemetery](#), Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon

m. 05 Mar 1857 Linn County, Oregon

Jacob Oliver Roland

- b. 17 Mar 1832 Vermillion County, Illinois
- d. aft 1900 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
- m2. Louisa Noff

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1860: Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon, August 8, 1860; Jacob Roland, 27, harness maker, \$1000 \$1280, IL; Sarah, 19, IA; Rebecca, 2, OR; David Roland, 25, Tinner, \$0 \$700, IL; Eliza, 16, IA; Edward, 1, OR

1870: Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon, July 27, 1870; Jacob O. Roland, 38, harness maker, \$1200 \$800, IL; Louisa, 23, keeping house, IL; Ella, 12, at school, OR; Willie, 2, OR

Children of Jacob Roland and Sarah Ralston:

- i. Rebecca Ella Roland
- b. 1858 Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon
- d.

ii. Mary C. Roland

- b. 18 Jul 1860 Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon
- d. 02 Sep 1863 age 3y1m15d
- buried [Lebanon Pioneer Cemetery](#), Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon

3. Eliza Ralston

- b. 07 Dec 1843 Burlington, Des Moines County, Iowa

d. 16 Jan 1917 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
buried [Lone Fir Pioneer Cemetery](#), Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

m. 27 May 1858 Linn County, Oregon
David Sylvester Roland
b. 14 Jul 1834 Danville, Vermillion County, Illinois
d. 25 Sep 1890 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
buried [Lone Fir Pioneer Cemetery](#), Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

1850: Linn County, Oregon, September 17, 1850; Jeremiah Ralston, 52, farmer, TN; Jessoniah, 30, OH; Wm, 24, IN; Chas, 3, MO; Jeremiah, 16, IN; Sarah, 12, IA; Eliza, 8, IA

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1870: San Jose, Santa Clara County, California, David S. Roland, 36, IL; Eliza, 27, IA; Charles E., 11, OR; John B., 9, WA; Robert R., 2, CA

1880: Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, David S. Roland, 43, IL KY IL, tinner; Eliza, 36, keeping house, IA IA IA; Charles Edward, 20, OR IL IA, printer; John B., 18, WT IL IA, cabin boy; Robert R., 12, CA IL IA; David D., 9, CA IL IA; Jerry, 7, OR IL IA

1900: Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, Eliza Roland, Dec 1843, 56, wid, 8-5, IA KY OH; Jerry, son, Dec 1872, 27, m-3yrs, OR IL IA; Pearl, dau in law, Jan 1880, 20, 2-2, OR CT IA; Olive, Jun 1898, 1, g-dau, OR OR OR; David A., Oct 1899, 7/12, g-son, OR OR OR

1910: Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, Eliza Roland, head, 66, IA TN OH; David, son, 40, CA IL IA, foreman-box factory; Albert, g-son, 15, OR CA CA; Gladis, g-dau, 13, OR CA CA

“At his residence, the corner of Hooker and Fourth sts, Sept 17, David S. Roland, aged 56 years 2 months and 12 days. Funeral services at Odd Fellows Hall at 2 P.M. Sunday, Friends of the family are invited to be present.” [Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Sunday, September 28, 1890 p.4]

ROLAND—The funeral services of Mrs. Eliza Roland will be held at the conservatory chapel of F. S. Dunning, Inc., East Side Funeral Directors, 414 East Alder st., today (Thursday), Jan. 18, under the auspices of Acme Rebekah Lodge No. 32, of which she was a member. Sister Rebekahs, Oddfellows, and friends invited to attend. Interment in Lone Fir Cemetery.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Thursday, January 18, 1917 p.15]

Children of David Roland and Eliza Ralston:

i. Charles Edward Roland
b. 09 Jun 1859 Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon
d. 11 Jul 1927 Seattle, King County, Washington

ii. John Bruce Roland
b. 1861 Washington
d. 1936 San Francisco, California

iii. Frank Allison Roland

b. 22 Mar 1865 Oregon

d. 08 Jan 1867

iv. Robert Ralston Roland

b. 29 Mar 1868 California

d. 21 Mar 1930 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

v. David Deloss Roland

b. 12 Dec 1870 San Jose, California

d. 11 Jan 1919 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

vi. Jeremiah "Jerry" Roland

b. 10 Dec 1872 The Dalles, Wasco County, Oregon

d. 13 Jun 1944 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

vii. Bertha Roland

b. 26 Sep 1881 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

d. 17 Oct 1885 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

buried [Lone Fir Pioneer Cemetery](#), Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

4. George Ralston

b. 07 Nov 1845 Des Moines County, Iowa Territory

d. shortly after birth

5. Charles Henry Ralston

b. 01 Jun 1847 on Oregon trail in Nebraska/Wyoming

d. 01 Aug 1929 Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon

buried [IOOF Cemetery](#), Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon

m. 12 Oct 1870 Linn County, Oregon

Sarah Katherine Griggs

b. 12 Feb 1852 Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon

d. 14 Jun 1933 Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon

buried [IOOF Cemetery](#), Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon

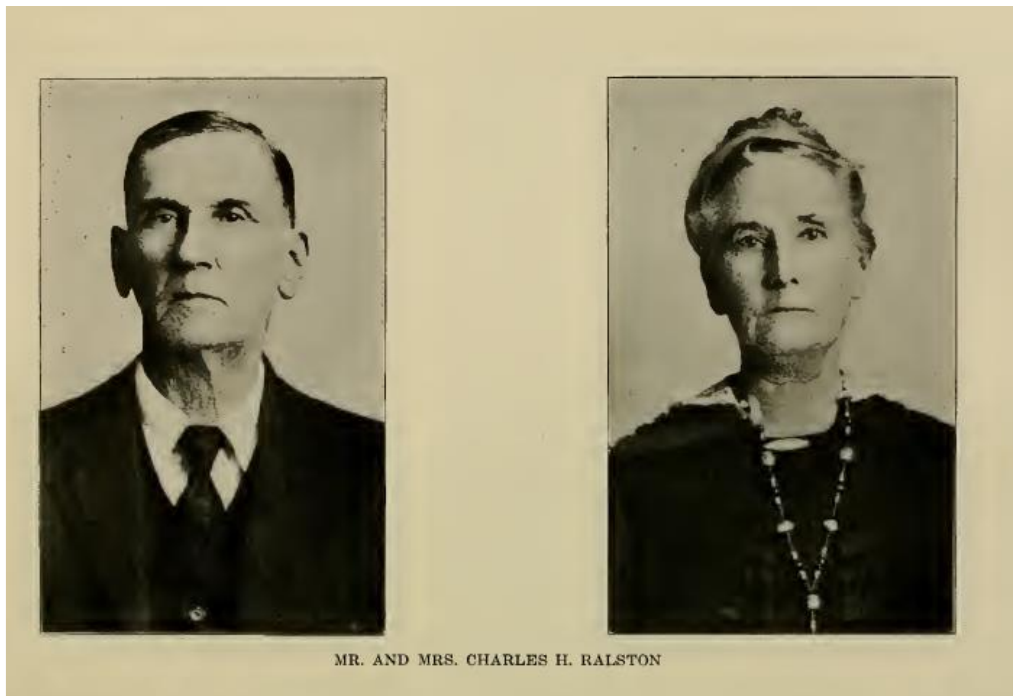
d/o Aley B. Griggs and Sarah Jane Morris

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1870: Lebanon Pct, Linn County, Oregon, July 26, 1870; Charles Ralston, 23, farmer, NE

1880: Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon, June 18, 1880; J. Ralston, 59, wid, at home, OH KY Mass; C.H., 32, son, general merchandising, NE TN OH; S.C., 28, dau in law, keeps house, OR IL IL; M.L., 8, gdau, OR NE OR; Charlie, 6, g-son, OR NE OR; Frankie, 4, g-dau, OR NE OR; J.M., 1, g-dau, OR NE OR; C. Hamilton, 27, dau, OR TN OH; Minnie Hamilton, 5, g-dau, OR MO OR; Mima, 2, g-dau, OR MO OR



CHARLES H. RALSTON-- Charles H. Ralston, now living retired at Lebanon, is one of the honored pioneers of Oregon, having spent his life within its borders, and is familiar with the entire history of its development and upbuilding, his memory forming a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present. Mr. Ralston was born on the plains of Wyoming, while his parents were enroute from Iowa to Oregon, on the 1st of June, 1847, and is a son of Jeremiah and Jemima (Ashpaugh) Ralston, the former born near Nashville, Tennessee, and the latter a native of Hamilton county, Ohio. The father had learned the trade of a carpenter in Cincinnati, to which city his parents had removed when he was eleven years of age. He later became a resident of Indiana and in 1837 went to Iowa, engaging in general merchandising in Burlington, that state, until 1847, when he started across the plains to Oregon with three wagons and twenty yoke of oxen, reaching his destination in September of that year after a long and hazardous trip. He was one of the earliest pioneers of Oregon and to the work of development and improvement he contributed in substantial measure. He took up a donation claim in Linn county and by tireless energy and undaunted perseverance gradually brought his land under a high state of cultivation. About 1856 or 1857 he laid out the town of Lebanon and there opened a store, which was the first in the town and the county. This he conducted for about eight years and then turned his attention to the supervision of his land and stock interests, continuing a resident of Lebanon throughout the remainder of his life. Mr. and Mrs. Ralston were members of the Methodist church and were actively interested in its work, contributing liberally to its support. He met an accidental death in August, 1877, at the age of eighty years, while the mother passed away December 25, 1894, when seventy-seven years of age. They were numbered among the honored pioneers of the state and were widely known and held in the highest esteem by all who knew them. They had become the parents of nine children and two of their sons saw service in the Indian wars.

Charles H. Ralston was the youngest in the family that crossed the plains. He was reared and educated in Lebanon and after pursuing a course in the public schools attended Santiam Academy at Lebanon. After completing his studies he assisted his brothers in the conduct of a store at Oregon City for about three years and then operated his father's farm until 1876, when he once more entered mercantile circles, becoming identified with the conduct of a grocery store at Lebanon, thus continuing for several years. He next became interested in financial affairs, acting as cashier and manager of the Lebanon Bank until the financial panic of 1893 compelled it to close its doors. He then accepted the position of weigher and ganger in the customs house at Portland and served in that capacity for a period of thirteen years, since which time he has lived practically retired.

In 1870 Mr. Ralston was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Katherine Griggs, a daughter of A. B. and Sarah Jane (Morris) Griggs, who were born in the vicinity of Quincy, Illinois. In 1848 her parents came west to Oregon and settled in Linn county, six miles east of Lebanon, where the father took up a donation land claim, which he developed and improved, continuing its operation for a number of years. Subsequently he engaged in the feed business in Albany where he resided the remainder of his life, his death occurring in April, 1904. The mother had long preceded him to the Home beyond, her demise occurring in September, 1862. Mr. and Mrs. Ralston became the parents of four children: Maude, now the wife of Hugh Kirkpatrick, who is serving as postmaster of Lebanon and has also been identified with newspaper interests here; Charles H., Jr., at home; Jessie, who married Sigurd Landstrom, a prominent jeweler of Lebanon; and Frankie, who was the third in order of birth and is now deceased, her death occurring in September, 1885. when she was nine years of age.

Mr. Ralston gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and has taken a prominent part in public affairs of his locality. He was one of the first councilmen of Lebanon, being appointed by the state legislature, and at various times has served in that capacity, while for two terms he was mayor of Lebanon, giving to the city a most business-like and progressive administration. Mrs. Ralston is a member of the Presbyterian church and to its teachings she steadfastly adheres. Mr. Ralston is a man of high personal standing, whose sterling worth of character is recognized by all with whom he has been associated. For seventy-four years he has been a resident of this state and great changes have occurred during this period. He remembers when the country was wild and undeveloped with only a few scattered dwellings to show that the seeds of civilization had been planted. The passing years have brought their influx of settlers and with interest Mr. Ralston has watched changing events and in considerable measure has contributed to the development of his community, his aid and influence being ever on the side of progress and improvement." [History of Oregon by Carey Vol 2 p. 562-5]

"Charles H. Ralston, cashier of the Bank of Lebanon, was born on the plains enroute to Oregon, in 1847. His father, Jeremiah Ralston, was a native of Ohio, and reared to agricultural pursuits, but subsequently developed business talents, and became quite active in business affairs. He was married in 1832 to Margaret McKnight, whom death subsequently claimed, and in 1837 he was married to Jemima Ashpagh, a native of Ohio. (For extended sketch of Jeremiah Ralston, the reader is referred to the biography of William M. Ralston, which elsewhere appears.) Mr. Ralston died at Lebanon, August 12, 1877, but his widow survives and is still active, and is a worthy type of the heroic pioneer.

Charles H. lived until manhood with his parents, pursuing his education at Lebanon, and when out of school, looking after the interests of the stock that his father raised, and superintending the farm. In 1872 he entered business life as a clerk in the general merchandise business of J. L. Cowan, and his brother John Ralston. In 1876 he purchased an interest, and the firm was organized as Cowan, Ralston & Co., and it was continued until 1879, when the subject sold his interest and engaged in the hardware business, which he followed until 1881. He then started a grocery, and carried it on until 1886, when he sold out and entered the Bank of Lebanon as bookkeeper and assistant cashier, and in 1890 was appointed cashier and manager, which positions he has continued to fill.

He was married in Lebanon, in 1870, to Miss Sarah C. Griggs, of Oregon, and a daughter of A.B. Griggs, a pioneer of 1847. This union has been blessed by three children: Maude, wife of H. Y. Mand; Kirkpatrick, proprietor of the Lebanon Weekly Express; Charles and Jessie.

Mr. Ralston is a member of the I. O. O. F. He has served two terms as President of the City Council, and several times as Councilman. He has valuable property in Lebanon and is one of the foremost men of the city." [An Illustrated History of Oregon by Hines p. 1195-6]

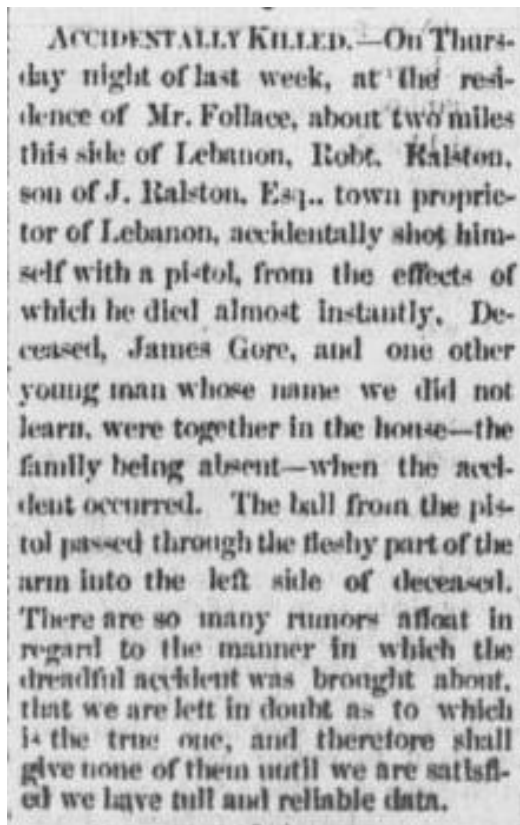
6. Robert Bruce Ralston

b. 12 Feb 1851 Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon

d. 15 Aug 1872 Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon

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ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.—On Thursday night of last week, at the residence of Mr. Follace, about two miles this side of Lebanon, Robt. Ralston, son of J. Ralston, Esq., town proprietor of Lebanon, accidentally shot himself with a pistol, from the effects of which he died almost instantly. Deceased, James Gore, and one other young man whose name we did not learn, were together in the house—the family being absent—when the accident occurred. The ball from the pistol passed through the fleshy part of the arm into the left side of deceased. There are so many rumors afloat in regard to the manner in which the dreadful accident was brought about, that we are left in doubt as to which is the true one, and therefore shall give none of them until we are satisfied we have full and reliable data.

[The Albany Register, Albany, Oregon, August 23, 1872 image 6]

7. Caroline “Callie” Ralston

b. 12 Apr 1853 Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon

d. 23 Apr 1906 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

m. 09 Apr 1874 Linn County, Oregon

John N. Hamilton

b. 15 Apr 1847 Ohio

d. 06 May 1895 Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon

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1900: Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, June 8, 1900; Caroline Hamilton, head, Apr 1853, 47, wid, 8-4, OR TN NY, lodging housekeeper; Mime, dau, Aug 1878, 21, s, OR MO OR, telephone girl

Children of John Hamilton and Caroline Ralston:

i. Minnie Hamilton

b. 1875 Oregon

d.

ii. Mima Hamilton [probably Jemima after grandmother]

b. Aug 1878 Oregon

d.

8. John Meredith Ralston

b. 07 Oct 1856 Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon

d. 12 Nov 1930 Albany, Linn County, Oregon

buried [Riverside Cemetery](#), Albany, Linn County, Oregon

m1. 30 Oct 1876 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

Lottie A. Behrens

b. 08 Mar 1856 Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon

d. 13 Jul 1908 Albany, Linn County, Oregon

buried [Riverside Cemetery](#), Albany, Linn County, Oregon

d/o Louis Behrens and Anna Charlotte Storm

m2. c1910 Albany, Linn County, Oregon

Edith V. Preston

b. c1876

d. aft 1940 probably California

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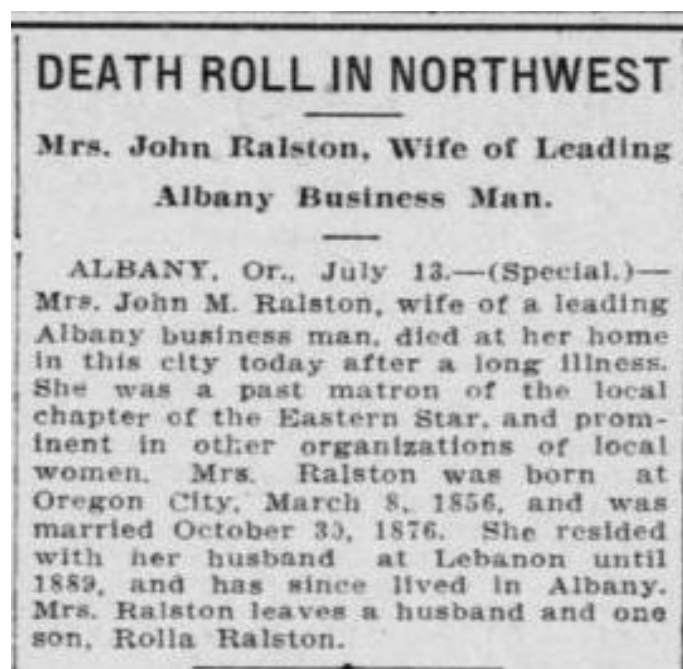
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1900: Albany, Linn County, Oregon, June 1900; John Ralston, head, Oct 1856, 43, m-24yrs, OR VA IN, insurance brokerage; Lotte A., wife, Mar 1856, 44, m-24yrs, 3-1, OR Ger Sweden; Rolla B., son, Mar 1892, 8, s, OR OR OR, at school

1920: Albany, Linn County, Oregon, January 5, 1920; John M. Ralston, 62, OR IN US, auto dealer-own warehouse; Edith P., wife, 45, ME US US

1930: Albany, Linn County, Oregon, April 2, 1930; John M. Ralston, head, 68, m-age 22yrs, OR IA IA; Edith, wife, m-age 32yrs, NE Eng IN; Sylvia Wesley, servant, 19, s, OR WI KS, servant-residence

1940: Edith (Preston) Ralston is living with sister in Sacramento, California



[Morning Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, July 14, 1908 p.5]