

John J. Crabtree

Pioneer of 1845

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d. 28 Mar 1892 Scio, Linn County, Oregon

buried [Franklin Butte Masonic Cemetery](#), Scio, Linn County, Oregon

s/o Job Crabtree Sr. (1726-1777) and Rebecca Smythe (1775-1864)

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ODLC: #65 John I. Crabtree; Linn Co, b. 1800 Lee Co, VA; sc 12 Jul 1846; m'd Malinda 22 Feb 1825 Lee Co, VA. Aff: Horace M. Brown, Fredrick Thomas, Peter Smith

Oregon Daily Journal, Portland, Oregon, February 13, 1932 p.4 Impressions and Observations of the Journal Man; John J. Crabtree born 1800 VA; first settler in the forks of the Santiam; emigrant of 1845; first child, Job, was born in Virginia in 1820; first children born in Oregon were twins, Jasper and Newton, born at the Dalles in 1845; John was father of 15 children.

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NEARLY A HUNDRED — Mr John Crabtree, who died on the 29th of March, was a remarkable old man. He was born in Lee county, Va., on June 20th, 1800, in which state he was married on February 22nd, 1825, to the woman who survives him, at the age of 85 years. They had five children in old Virginia; from there they went to Missouri and had five more children; thence to Oregon in 1845, where they had five more children, fifteen in all. Sometimes Mr Crabtree jokingly proposed to go to California to see if the record would be continued. They stopped in Yamhill county; but moved to Linn county in 1846 and took up the donation land claim on which Mr Crabtree afterwards lived and died. Nine children besides a faithful wife, survive him. The deceased had been remarkably strong for his age until five or six months ago, when he began failing purely from old age. A long life, well spent is the record left. Mr Crabtree was buried in the Masonic cemetery near his home.

[Albany Daily Democrat, Albany, Oregon, Thursday, March 31, 1892 p.3]

Uncle Johnny Crabtree, an old pioneer of '45, died March 28th, 1892, at the home of his son, J P Crabtree. He was nearly 92 years of age. He was buried at the Masonic cemetery, near Scio. Although it was a very disagreeable day his remains were followed to their last resting place by a large concourse of friends and relatives. He leaves an aged wife and several children to mourn his loss.

[Albany Daily Democrat, Albany, Oregon, Monday, April 4, 1892 p. 3]

A Pioneer of '45

Mrs Melinda Crabtree, who died at the home of her son near Scio, on Monday, May 30, at the age of 90 years and 2 months, was one of Linn county's earliest pioneers, having come here with her husband in 1845. She was born in Kentucky in 1808, and was married to John J Crabtree in 1825, living with him until his death only a few years ago. She was the mother of fifteen children, most of whom are alive, one being Mrs A B Morris of this city. Her character was a splendid one, and her life's record one her children may well be proud of. Many will mourn her death.

[Albany Democrat, Albany, Oregon, Friday, June 10, 1898 p.1]

Obituary.

Scio, June 13th, 1898.

Mrs. Melinda Crabtree, wife of John J. Crabtree, died May 30th, 1898, and was buried on June 1st. Mrs. Crabtree was born in Kentucky, March 7, 1808; her age, therefore, 90 years, 2 months and 23 days.

Early in life her parents moved to Virginia and remained there until she was grown, married and the mother of five children. After that with her husband and family, they settled in Missouri, Jackson Co, staying there until the family increased to ten. In 1845, with her husband and family, she crossed the plains in an ox wagon to Oregon, and settled on the place where she died in 1846. Five children were born to them in Oregon.

A few months before she died she was paralyzed and never spoke after that. She died in peace. She was a staunch member of the M. E. church South over seventy years.

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[Albany Democrat, Albany, Oregon, Friday, June 17, 1898 p.2]

Children of John Crabtree and Malinda Yeary:

1. George Crabtree

b. 12 Dec 1825 Virginia

d. 22 Sep 1857 Linn County, Oregon

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

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2. Margaret Crabtree

b. 07 Jun 1827 Virginia

d. 29 Jun 1859 Linn County, Oregon

buried [Miller Cemetery](#), Scio, Linn County, Oregon

m. c1850 Linn County, Oregon

Sampson Smallman

b. 05 Mar 1820 Tennessee

d. 05 Aug 1862 Linn County, Oregon

buried [Miller Cemetery](#), Scio, Linn County, Oregon

1850: Linn County, Oregon, September 18, 1850; Sampson Smallman, 30, farmer, TN; Margt, 23, VA

3. Job Crabtree

b. 07 Mar 1829 Lee County, Virginia

d. 27 Jun 1919 Linn County, Oregon

buried [Franklin Butte Masonic Cemetery](#), Scio, Linn County, Oregon

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1880: 7th District, Custer County, Montana, June 1880; Job Crabtree, 51, farmer, VA VA VA; Isaac Crabtree, 45, brother, farmer, VA VA VA

1900: District 0202, Miles City, Custer County, Montana, Job Crabtree, head, June 1829., 70, s, MO MO MO, ranch hand [living next door Hiram Crabtree, head, Oct 1830, 69, s, MO MO MO, laborer]

1910: School District 1, District 0077, Custer County, Montana; Jobe Crabtree, head, 81, s, VA VA VA, none [next door Isaac Crabtree, 76, s, MO VA VA, farmer-homestead]

4. William Crabtree

b. 08 Dec 1830 Lee County, Virginia

d. 18 Nov 1890 Spokane County, Washington

buried [Spangle Cemetery](#), Spangle, Spokane County, Washington

m. 07 Sep 1854 Linn County, Oregon

Elizabeth Sumpter

b. 01 May 1835 Ripley County, Missouri

d. 20 Jul 1892 Spokane County, Washington

buried [Spangle Cemetery](#), Spangle, Spokane County, Washington

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1860: Lebanon PO, Linn County, Oregon, August 26, 1860; William Crabtree, 39, carpenter, \$1600 \$814, VA; Elizabeth, 25, MO; Josephine, 4, OR; Mary, 3, OR; Minnie, 4/12, OR

1880: Columbia County, Washington, June 21, 1880; William Crabtree, 50, farmer, VA VA VA; Elizabeth, 45, wife, keeping house, MO MO MO; Amanda, 15, dau, at school, OR VA MO; John, 11, son, at school, OR VA MO; Minnie, 4, dau, OR VA MO

AFFAIRS AT SPANGLE.
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Death of William Crabtree, An Old Citizen.
SPANGLE, Wash., Nov. 20.—William Crabtree, an old resident living about six miles southeast of here, died last night.

[Spokane Daily Chronicle, Spokane, Washington, Thursday, November 20, 1890 p. 8]

Mr. Crabtree, an old resident living five miles southeast of town, died of malarial fever yesterday morning. The remains were interred at this place to-day.

[Spokane Falls Review, Spokane, Washington, Friday, November 21, 1890 p.8]

5. Hiram Crabtree

b. 24 Oct 1832 Lee County, Virginia

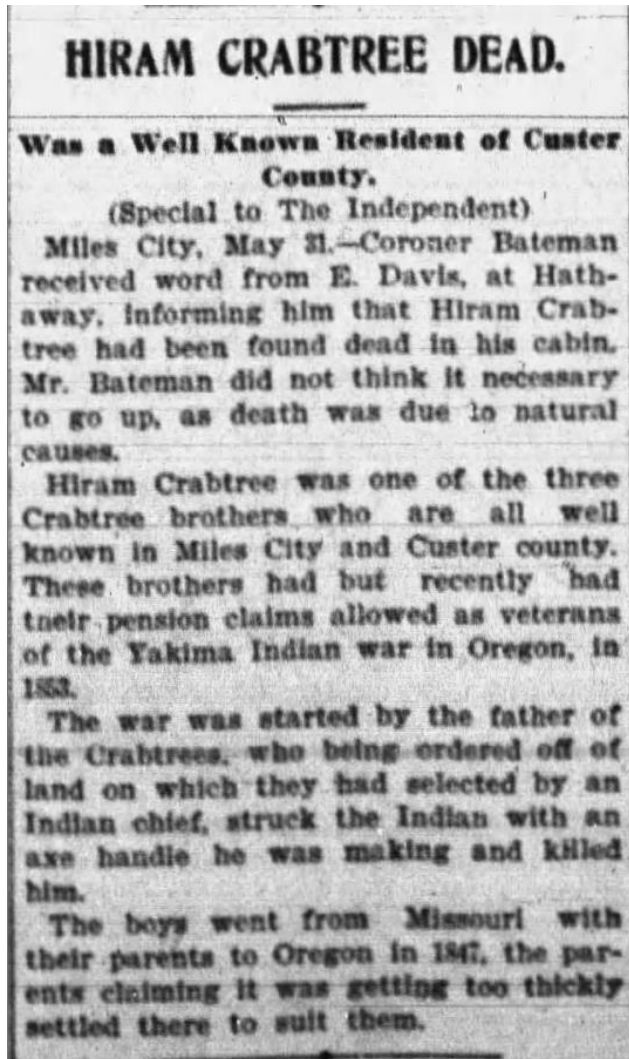
d. 28 May 1904 Custer County, Montana

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1870: Payette Mines, Boise County, Idaho, June 24, 1870; H. Crabtree, 38, placer miner, VA

1900: District 0202, Miles City, Custer County, Montana, Hiram Crabtree, head, Oct 1830, 69, s, MO MO MO, laborer



[The Independent Record, Helena, Montana, Wednesday, July 1, 1904 p.1]

VETERAN FOUND DEAD IN CABIN

HIRAM CRABTREE, OF YAKIMA
INDIAN WAR FAME, PASSES
AWAY NEAR HATHAWAY,
MONT., OF NATURAL CAUSES.

(Special Telegram.)

Miles City, Mont., May 31.—Coroner Bateman received word from E. Davis at Hathaway informing him that Hiram Crabtree had been found dead in his cabin near that place. Mr. Bateman did not think it necessary to go up, as death was due to natural causes.

Hiram Crabtree was one of the three Crabtree brothers who are all well known in Miles City and Custer county. These brothers recently had their pension claims allowed as veterans of the Yakima Indian war in Oregon in 1853. The war was started by the father of the Crabtrees, who being ordered off of land on which they had selected by an Indian chief, struck the redskin with an axhandle he was making and killed him. The boys went from Missouri with their parents to Oregon in 1847, the parents claiming it was getting too thickly settled there to suit them.

[The Butte Miner, Butte, Montana, Wednesday, June 1, 1904 p.2]

6. Isaac Crabtree

b. 28 Sep 1834 Missouri

d. 28 Apr 1913 Scio, Linn County, Oregon

buried [Franklin Butte Masonic Cemetery](#), Scio, Linn County, Oregon

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1910: School District 1, District 0077, Custer County, Montana; Isaac Crabtree, 76, s, MO VA VA, farmer-homestead

7. Polly Crabtree

b. 27 Aug 1836 Missouri

d. 14 Oct 1836 Missouri

8. James Porter "Tinker Jim" Crabtree

b. 22 Nov 1837 Missouri

d. 26 Jul 1909 Linn County, Oregon

buried [Franklin Butte Masonic Cemetery](#), Scio, Linn County, Oregon

m. 1865 Linn County, Oregon

Eliza Ellen Burtenshaw

b. 01 Apr 1849 Greenup County, Kentucky

d. 01 May 1926 Linn County, Oregon

buried [Franklin Butte Masonic Cemetery](#), Scio, Linn County, Oregon

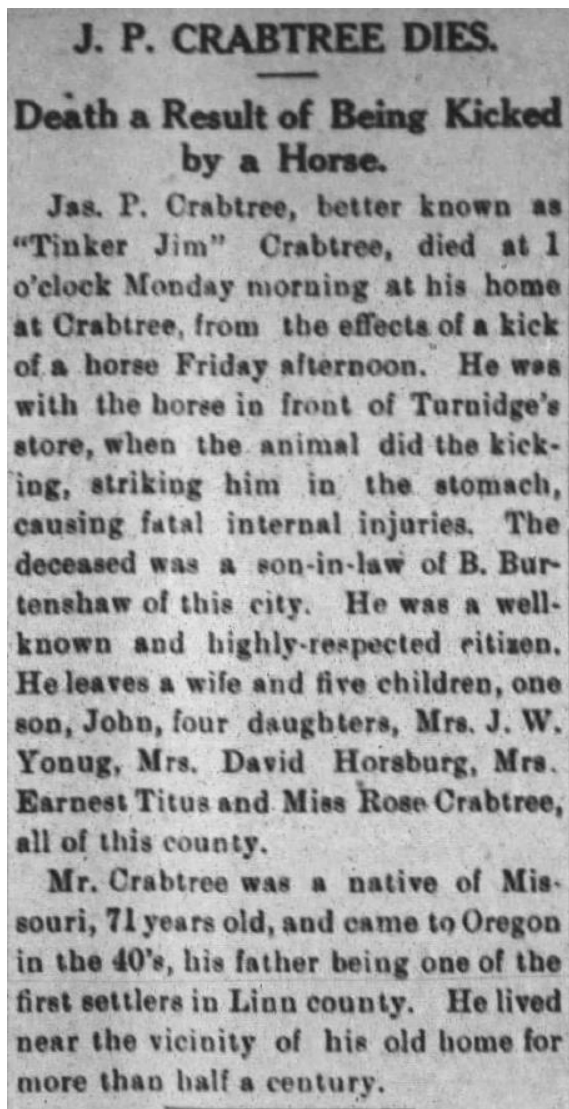
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1870: Scio PO, Rays Pct, Linn County, Oregon, September 17, 1870; James P. Crabtree, 32, farmer, \$4000 \$600, MO; Eliza E., 23, keeping house, KY; Mary M., 2, OR; Elva F., 3/12 (Feb), OR

1880: Santiam Pct, Linn County, Oregon, June 17-18, 1880; Jas P. Crabtree, 42, farmer, MO VA KY; Eliz. E., 31, wife, keeping house, KY Eng KY; Mary M., 12, dau, at school, OR MO KY; Elvy F., 10, dau, at school OR MO KY; Clara B., 7, dau, at school, OR MO KY; John B., 4, son, at school, OR MO KY

1900: South Scio, Linn County, Oregon, June 25-26, 1900; Jas P. Crabtree, head, Nov 1837, 62, m-35yrs, MO VA KY, farmer; Eliza E., wife, Apr 1844, 51, m-35yrs, 7-5, KY Eng KY; John B., son, Jul 1875, 24, s, OR MO KY, farm laborer; Lulu, dau, May 1885, 15, s, OR MO KY, at school; Rosa, dau, Jun 1890, 9, s, OR MO KY, at school



[Lebanon Express, Lebanon, Oregon, Tuesday, July 27, 1909 p.3]

9. Elizabeth "Betsey" Crabtree

b. 17 Jul 1840 Jackson County, Missouri

d. 07 Apr 1931 Scio, Linn County, Oregon

buried [Franklin Butte Masonic Cemetery](#), Scio, Linn County, Oregon

m1. 1861 Linn County, Oregon

Isaac Newton Griffin

b. 1832 St Clair County, Illinois

d. 09 Jul 1898 Linn County, Oregon

buried [Franklin Butte Masonic Cemetery](#), Scio, Linn County, Oregon

m2. 22 Jan 1899

Samuel Washington Gaines

b. 24 Jun 1843 Andrew County, Missouri

d. 21 Aug 1934 Scio, Linn County, Oregon

buried [Providence Cemetery](#), Scio, Linn County, Oregon

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1870: Scio PO, Scio Pct, Linn County, Oregon, September 12, 1870; Isaac N. Griffin, 40, farmer, \$3000 \$1000, IL; Elizabeth, 29, keeping house, MO; Martha H., 8, OR; Jackson L., 7, OR; Elmer St Clair, 4, OR; George A., 2, OR; John C., 1, OR

1880: Jefferson, Marion County, Oregon, June 21, 1880; I. N. Griffin, 50, farmer, IL VA VA; Elizabeth, 39, wife, keeping house, MO VA VA; J. S., 16, son, OR VA VA; E.S. H., 14, son, OR VA VA; Geo A., 12, son, OR VA VA; J. D., 10, son, OR VA VA; Jane, dau, OR VA VA; J.C., 6, son, OR VA VA; Elizabeth, 2, dau, OR VA VA

1900: South Scio, Linn County, Oregon, June 22-25, 1900; Samuel W Gaines, head, June 1843, 56, m2-2yrs, MO MO MO, farmer; Elizabeth, wife, Jul 1840, m2-2yrs, 9-8, MO TN VA; Clifford Griffin, stepson, May 1877, 23, s, OR IL MO, farmer

1910: South Scio, Linn County, Oregon, April 29, 1910; Samuel W. Gaines, head, 66, m2-11yrs, MO KY KY; farmer-truck farm; Elizabeth, wife, 69, m2-11yrs, 9-8, MO VA VA; Labe Compton, boarder, 17, s, OR OR OR, laborer-truck farm; Belle Alward, stepdau, 28, div, 0-0, OR IL MO

1920: Providence, Linn County, Oregon, January 7-9, 1920; Samuel W. Gaines, head, 76, MO VA KY, farmer-general farm; Elizabeth, wife, 79, MO VA KY; Elmer Griffin, step son, 55, wid, OR IL MO, farm laborer-working out

1930: South Scio, Linn County, Oregon, April 11, 1930; Samuel Gaines, head, 97, m1-age 18, MO KY KY; Elizabeth, wife, 89, m1-age 21, MO VA VA; Bell Archer, step dau, 54, wid, OR MO MO

SCIO PIONEER WOMAN DIES AT AGE OF 90

Scio —Mrs. Elizabeth Gaines, 90, wife of Sam Gaines, died at the farm home south of here Tuesday morning. She was one of the oldest residents of the Oregon country, coming to the state with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Crabtree, in 1845, four years before Oregon became a territory.

Elizabeth Crabtree was born in Missouri July 17, 1840. Five years later the family, which included several other children, crossed the plains by ox team and spent the first year on the Tualatin plains. The next year they moved to Crabtree creek where John Crabtree took up a donation land claim. The stream and the small town of Crabtree were named after the family. There were, in all, 15 sons and daughters of John G. Crabtree and his wife. Two of them, Mrs. Rebecca (Aunt Becky) Morris of Scio, Queen Mother of Linn county pioneers, and Mrs. Phoebe Turner of Crabtree survive.

As a young woman she married Mr. Griffin, and seven children were born to the union, all of whom survive. Following the death of Mr. Griffin, she married Sam Gaines. The surviving children, in addition to her husband, include two daughters, Mrs. Belle Archer of Scio, and Mrs. Clarence Lovejoy of Salem; and five sons, George Griffin, John, Jack, and Clifford, all of Scio, and Elmer Griffin of Salem. Other distant relatives live in Wasco county near Maupin.

Mrs. Gaines was a member of the Baptist church of Scio. Funeral arrangements had not been completed Tuesday.

10. Rebecca J. Crabtree

b. 04 Sep 1842 Jackson County, Missouri

d. 17 Nov 1937 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

buried [Franklin Butte Masonic Cemetery](#), Scio, Linn County, Oregon

m1. 20 Mar 1862 [divorced c1870]

Chester Randall

b. Mar 1840 Pennsylvania

d. 06 Feb 1915 Sonoma County, California

m2. 17 Jun 1876 Linn County, Oregon

Andrew Buford Morris

b. 19 Mar 1832 Adams, Adams County, Illinois

d. 07 Apr 1902 Albany, Linn County, Oregon

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

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1880: Santiam, Linn County, Oregon, June 17-18, 1880; A. B. Morris, 48, farmer, IL KY MO; Rebeca J., 36, wife, keeping house, MO VA KY; Morris, 19, son, laborer, OR IL MO; Margret A., 18, dau, housekeeper, OR IL MO; W. Jane, 16, dau, housekeeper, OR IL MO; Ida, 14, dau, OR IL MO; Isaphen, 12, dau, OR IL MO; Georgianna, 11, dau, OR IL MO; Wm, 7, son, OR IL MO; Minnie, 4, dau, OR IL MO; Ora, 2, dau, OR IL MO; Garfield, 1/12 (Apr), son, OR IL MO

1900: Price Pct, Albany City, Linn County, Oregon, June 3, 1900, Andrew B. Morris, head, Mar 1832, 68, m-24yrs, IL KY MO, farmer; Rebecca J., wife, Jan 1843, 57, m-24yrs, 6-4, MO VA VA

1910: Albany Ward 4, Linn County, Oregon, May 11-14, 1910; Rebecca Morris, head, 67, wid, MO VA KY; Thelma Neely, grandau, 2, OR Canada OR

1920: South Scio, Linn County, Oregon, January 10, 1920; Becka Morris, head, 77, MO VA KY, retired

1930: South Scio Pct, Linn County, Oregon, April 2, 1930; Rebecca Morris, head, 89, wid, MO VA KY

Rebecca Morris, Pioneer, Passes

SCIO — Rebecca "Aunt Becky" Morris, 95, and last surviving member of the original pioneer Crabtree family, died Wednesday afternoon in Portland at the home of her son Ira.

"Aunt Becky" Morris had been queen of Linn county pioneer association since 1927, but ill health prevented her presiding in that role the past two or three years.

She came by ox team with her parents to Scio in 1846, and except for the last several years had spent her entire life near here. Besides the son, Ira, a daughter, Mrs. Eva Scott, Albany, survives.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed, but services probably will be held here.

[Statesman Journal, Salem, Oregon, Thursday, November 18, 1937 p.1]

Mrs. Rebecca Morris

Mrs. Rebecca Morris, known as "Aunt Becky," died in Portland, November 17.

She was an Oregon pioneer, born in Missouri Sept. 4, 1842, and crossing the plains to the west in 1845. She lived for many years in Linn county and was pioneer queen in that section for 10 years.

Among survivors is a granddaughter, Mrs. Pearl Handy, who lives in Eugene.

[Eugene Guard, Eugene, Oregon, Sunday, November 21, 1937 p.3]

'Aunt Becky' Morris Dead; Funeral To Be Held On Sunday

Scio, Nov. 18. (Special)—Funeral services for Mrs. Rebecca Morris, 95, beloved "Aunt Becky" of this neighborhood for many years, will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Scio Christian church. Interment will be in the Franklin Butte cemetery. M. C. Lowe is in charge of arrangements. ~~Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon in Portland at the home of Mrs. Morris died yesterday after her son, Ira Morris.~~

She was the last surviving member of the pioneer Crabtree family, crossing the plains with her parents by ox cart in 1846 and settling at Scio that same year. She made her home here from then until three years ago when she went to Portland to make her home with her son. Besides her son, her only immediate survivor is a daughter, Mrs. Eva Scott of Los Angeles, formerly of Albany. Her husband, Andrew Morris, died about 30 years ago.

Since 1927 Aunt Becky has been queen of the Linn County Pioneer association's annual picnic held at Brownsville but she was not able to attend the reunions for the last several years.

She was a member of the Christian church and the Rebekah lodge.

[Albany Democrat-Herald, Albany, Oregon, Thursday, November 18, 1937 p. 1]

11. Newton Crabtree

b. 22 Oct 1845 The Dalles, Wasco County, Oregon

d. 28 Nov 1929 Scio, Linn County, Oregon

buried [Franklin Butte Masonic Cemetery](#), Scio, Linn County, Oregon

m. 01 Oct 1871

Frances Caroline Wilson

b. 15 Nov 1851 Holt County, Missouri

d. 16 Nov 1915 Scio, Linn County, Oregon

buried [Franklin Butte Masonic Cemetery](#), Scio, Linn County, Oregon

m2. 1920

Theodosia Emmaline (Higgerson) Bann

b. 31 Dec 1859 Perry County, Illinois

d. 29 Mar 1921 Aberdeen, Grays Harbor County, Washington
burial unknown

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1900: South Scio Pct, Linn County, Oregon, June 22-23, 1900; Newton Crabtree, head, Oct 1845, m-28yrs, OR VA KY, farmer; Francis C., wife, Nov 1852, 48, m-28yrs, 5-4, MO NC NC; Nellie, dau, Oct 1875, 26, s, OR OR MO; Flora, dau, Feb 1885, 15, OR OR MO, at school; May, dau, Sep 1844, 5, s, OR OR MO; Maggie Griggs, dau, May 1882, 18, wid, 1-1, OR OR MO; Merle, granddau, Dec 1848, 1, s, OR unk, OR

1910: South Scio, Linn County, Oregon, April 25, 1910; Newton Crabtree, head, 64, m1-38yrs, OR VA KY; farmer-general farm; Francis C., wife, 57, m1-38yrs, 6-4, MO Eng TN; May, dau, 15, s, OR OR MO; Merle Griggs, grandau, 11, s, OR OR OR

1920: South Scio, Linn County, Oregon, January 14, 1920; Newte Crabtree, head, 74, m, OR VA KY

NEWTON CRABTREE RECALLS INCIDENT OF LONG AGO

Aged Linn County Pioneer Hiked 16 Miles This Morning With- out Lift.

Forty-nine years ago today occurred the hanging in this city of Andrew J. Pate, a convicted murderer, before a vast multitude of early residents of this section, according to a statement made this morning by Newton Crabtree, an old pioneer of Linn county, who has reached the ripe old age of 70, and who resides six miles east of Crabtree. On this occasion, stated Mr. Crabtree, who appears hale and vigorous at his extreme age, he made his first trip to Albany, accompanied by his father and a twin brother. He said that as near as he could recollect the hanging took place on Fifth avenue in the neighborhood of Calapooia street but his remembrance appeared to be very vague relative to the incidents attendant to the case. The hanging was conducted by the state under a law which required that such punishment should take place in the territory in which the crime was committed.

Aside from the above incident of the hanging a peculiar incident happened to Mr. Crabtree this morning. Setting out from his home 16 miles from here early this morning to walk to Albany in full anticipation of a lift from a passing wagon, over a road that has about the heaviest travel of any highway out of the city and to cover the whole distance on foot without meeting a vehicle bound for the city seems hardy credible, but nevertheless it happened to Mr. Crabtree this morning, who arrived here at 9 o'clock dusty and slightly weary after his long journey but appearing to be none the worse for the wholesome exercise. An errand of business with Mr. Fred Dawson of the Owl drug store, brought Mr. Crabtree to Albany this morning. He will probably spend the night here with relatives and will return home tomorrow.

SCIO PIONEER CROSSES DIVIDE

Scio, Ore. —Newton "Uncle Newt" Crabtree, 84, pioneer resident of Crabtree creek and Scio, died here Thursday morning after an illness of nearly two years. He suffered a second paralytic stroke a few days ago which was the immediate cause of death.

Newton Crabtree was born on the Old Oregon trail skirting the Columbia river near the present site of The Dalles in 1845. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Crabtree, who were enroute from Missouri by ox-team at the time. A twin brother, Jasper, died at the age of 25 years.

The Crabtree family, upon the convalescence of the mother, pushed on to the Tualitin valley, where they spent the inter of 1845-46, and then came to the Scio district where they settled on Crabtree creek, on a donation land claim. They built the first cabin in this part of the state.

Descendants of the original Crabtree family, Andrew and his brother, are now scattered in many parts of Oregon.

Three sisters are the immediate surviving relatives of Newton Crabtree, including Mrs. Rebecca Morris, and Mrs. Sam Gaines, both of Scio, and Mrs. Phoebe Turner of Crabtree.

Funeral services were held Friday at 1:30 p. m. from the Scio Christian church. Interment was in Franklin Butte cemetery, where members of the Scio I. O. O. F. lodge held graveside services. Crabtree had been a member of the Scio lodge for the past 49 years.

EARLY SETTLER OF COUNTY PASSES AT AGE OF 84

Newton Crabtree, 84, native of Oregon, who was born on the banks of the Columbia river while his parents were en route to their pioneer home in the Tualatin valley, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Arthur Lettenmaier, at Crabtree, last Thursday of paralysis.

Mr. Crabtree was born in October, 1845. His parents came to Linn county in April, 1846, from the Tualatin country, taking up a donation land claim in the vicinity of the present town of Crabtree, which was named for the family. Newton Crabtree lived on this claim all his life. He was one of a set of twins, his twin brother, Jasper, dying when 25 years old.

Surviving are three sisters and the daughter. The sisters are Mrs. Rebecca (Aunt Becky) Morris, Scio; and Mrs. Phoebe Turner, Crabtree.

The funeral was held at the Scio Christian church Friday afternoon. Services at the grave were conducted by the Scio I. O. O. F. lodge, of which Mr. Crabtree had been a member for 49 years.

[Lebanon Express, Lebanon, Oregon, Wednesday, December 4, 1929 p.1]

NEWTON CRABTREE.

Newton Crabtree, an honored pioneer of Oregon and a representative of one of its oldest families, his parents having arrived in this state in 1845, is now engaged in cultivating a tract of fifty acres of rich and arable land three miles south of Scio. He was born near The Dalles, Oregon, October 22, 1845, and is a son of John J. and Melinda (Yeary) Crabtree, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Kentucky. At an early day the father went to Missouri, where he resided for about five years, and in 1845 he started from Independence, that state, for Oregon, traveling with ox teams and wagons. The party set out on their journey in May and it was not until November that they arrived in Vancouver, Washington. Upon their arrival at The Dalles they constructed a raft, upon which they placed their seven wagons, and in that manner proceeded down the Columbia river to Vancouver. They spent the winter in Yamhill county, Oregon, and in the following spring made their way to Linn county, where the father took up a donation land claim. He at once set about the arduous task of clearing and developing his land and after many years of persistent and unrelenting labor he succeeded in bringing his farm to a high state of productivity, becoming the owner of a most valuable property. He was one of the real builders of the west, who bravely endured all the hardships and privations of frontier life and aided in laying broad and deep the foundation upon which has been built the present progress and prosperity of the country. He became a man of prominence in his community and it was in his honor that the town of Crabtree was subsequently named. He reared a family of fifteen children, five of whom were born in Virginia, five in Missouri and five in Oregon, and six of his sons participated in the Washington and Rogue River Indian wars. The twin brother of the subject of this review was Jasper Crabtree, who died about 1890. The father passed away on the 28th of March, 1892, at the venerable age of ninety-two years, while the mother survived him for six years, her demise occurring in 1898, when she had reached the advanced age of ninety years. They were truly cast in heroic mold. Braving the dangers of the unknown west they courageously faced the hardships and privations of that long and arduous journey, devoting their lives to the redemption of the Pacific coast region and counting no sacrifice too great that was made for the benefit of their home locality.

Newton Crabtree was reared and educated in Linn county and has here spent his life. He attended district school, the schoolhouse being a log cabin, for the country was then wild and undeveloped and the Indians far outnumbered the white settlers. On reaching mature years he took up the occupation of farming, cultivating a tract of land which his father had given him. This he further improved and developed and subsequently purchased additional land, but later disposed of the greater portion of his holdings, retaining fifty acres, which he is now operating. He has ever followed the most progressive methods in the cultivation of the soil and his unabating energy and well directed efforts have won for him a substantial measure of success. His land is rich and productive and its value is much enhanced by a small stream which runs through the farm and which was named Crabtree creek in honor of his father.

In October, 1871, Mr. Crabtree was united in marriage to Miss Frances Wilson and they became the parents of five children: Fred, who died November 26, 1894; Nellie, whose demise occurred on the 4th of March, 1906; Maggie, who is the wife of Frank Sommer, a farmer of Linn county; Flo, who married C. C. Smith and resides in Portland, Oregon; and May, the wife of Arthur Lettenmaier of Oregon City. The wife and mother died November 16, 1915, after an illness of six months, and on the 9th of February, 1920, Mr. Crabtree was married to Emma Bann.

In his political views Mr. Crabtree is a democrat and he has taken an active part in public affairs of his community, serving for many years as a member of the school board, while for a quarter of a century he acted as clerk of that body. Fraternally

he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, which order he joined on the 3d of November, 1880, and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a member of the Oregon Pioneers Society and is one of the oldest residents of the state, having spent the entire period of his life, covering seventy-five years, within its borders. 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 he has watched changing events and in considerable measure has contributed to the development of the community, his aid and influence being ever on the side of progress and improvement. He has led a busy, active and useful life and is widely known and universally honored.

[History of Oregon by Charles Henry Carey 1922 Vol 2 p. 203-4]

12. Jasper Crabtree

b. 22 Oct 1845 The Dalles, Wasco County, Oregon

d. 23 Jul 1891 Linn County, Oregon

buried [Franklin Butte Masonic Cemetery](#), Scio, Linn County, Oregon

m. 1869

Ruth Harriet Prior

b. 1851

d. 08 Nov 1913 Yakima, Yakima County, Washington

buried [Yahoma Cemetery](#), Yakima, Yakima County, Washington

1850: Linn County, Oregon, September 21, 1850; John S. (sic-J) Crabtree, 50, farmer, VA; Melinda, 42, KY; George, 24, VA; Job, 21, VA; William, 19, VA; Hiram, 17, VA; Isaac, 15, MO; James, 13, MO; Jasper, 5, OT; Newton, 5, OT; Eliz, 10, MO; Rebecca, 8, MO; Phebe, 2, OT; Virginia, 6/12, OT; Newton Curl, 14, MO

1860: Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon, September 4, 1860; J.J. Crabtree, 60, farmer, \$5120 \$2830, VA; Malinda, 52, KY; Elizabeth, 20, MO; Rebecca, 17, MO; Jasper, 14, OR; Newton, 14, OR; Pheby, 12, OR, Virginia, 10, OR; Martha, 7, OR; James, 22, day laborer, \$0 \$425, MO

1870: Scio PO, Franklin Butte Pct, Linn County, Oregon, September 21, 1870; John J. Crabtree, 70, farmer, \$3000 \$800, VA; Malinda, 63, keeping house, KY; Newton, 24, works on farm, OR; Jasper, 26 (sic-24), farmer, \$400 \$300, OR; John Indman (?), 18, works on far, \$3000 \$200, OR; James Yoder, 40, works on farm \$0 \$500, NC

1880: Franklin Butte, Linn County, Oregon, June 3-4, 1880; Jasper Crabtree, head, farming, OR VA KY; Rutha H, 29, wife, keeping house, IL TN TN; Edward N., 9, son, OR OR IL; Ida Belle, 8, dau, OR OR IL; Lillie May, 5, dau, OR OR IL; Carrie C., 3, OR OR IL; Manda M., 10/12 (July), OR OR IL

DIED.

CRABTREE.—On July 23, 1891, at his home near Scio, Mr Jasper Crabtree, aged 45 years. The case was a very sad one. At the time of his death six other members of the family were ill with fever, and owing to his illness his hay crop had not been harvested. Brother Odd Fellows attended to the latter and relatives and neighbors to the former. Mr Crabtree, a pioneer resident of the county, was a man highly respected by all, and leaves many to mourn his death.

Mr. Crabtree was born in November, 1845, about four miles south of The Dalles, while his parents were on their way to Linn county, hence was a native Oregonian.

[Albany Democrat, Albany, Oregon, Friday, July 31, 1891 p.3]

13. Phoebe Ann Crabtree

b. 01 Nov 1847 Scio, Linn County, Oregon

d. 21 Jul 1935 Crabtree, Linn County, Oregon

buried [Franklin Butte Masonic Cemetery](#), Scio, Linn County, Oregon

m. 31 Oct 1869

Talton Terrance Turner

b. Jun 1839 Missouri

d. 07 Apr 1907 Linn County, Oregon

buried [Franklin Butte Masonic Cemetery](#), Scio, Linn County, Oregon

1850: Linn County, Oregon, September 21, 1850; John S. (sic-J) Crabtree, 50, farmer, VA; Melinda, 42, KY; George, 24, VA; Job, 21, VA; William, 19, VA; Hiram, 17, VA; Isaac, 15, MO; James, 13, MO; Jasper, 5, OT; Newton, 5, OT; Eliz, 10, MO, Rebecca, 8, MO, Phebe, 2, OT; Virginia, 6/12, OT; Newton Curl, 14, MO

1860: Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon, September 4, 1860; J.J. Crabtree, 60, farmer, \$5120 \$2830, VA; Malinda, 52, KY; Elizabeth, 20, MO; Rebecca, 17, MO; Jasper, 14, OR; Newton, 14, OR; Pheby, 12, OR, Virginia, 10, OR; Martha, 7, OR; James, 22, day laborer, \$0 \$425, MO

1870: Scio, Scio Pct, Linn County, Oregon, September 13, 1870; Calton (sic) Turner, 30, harness maker, \$1000 \$600, MO; Phebe, 22, keeping house, OR; married in Oct 1869

1880: Franklin Butte, Linn County, Oregon, June 3-4, 1880; Talton Turner, 39, head, farmer, MO; Phoebe A., 32, wife, keeping house, OR VA KY; John N., 9, son, OR MO OR; Sarah M., 7, dau, OR MO OR; Vesta Lenora, 3, dau, OR MO OR; Lulu Frances, 6/12 (Jan), OR MO OR

1900: South Scio, Linn County, Oregon, June 22-25, 1900; Talton Turner, head, June 1839, 60, m-30yrs, MO MO MO, farmer; Phoebe, wife, Nov 1827, 52, m-30yrs, 9-7, OR VA KY; Della P., dau, Oct 1881, 18, s, OR MO OR, at school; Flora B., dau, Oct 1883, 16, s, OR MO OR, at school; Dean, son, Mar 1887, 13, s, OR MO OR, at school; Alex, son, Nov 1840, 9, s, OR MO OR, at school

1910: South Scio, Linn County, Oregon, April 25, 1910; Phebe A., head, 62, wid, 8-7, OR VA KY; farmer-general farm; Scott R., son, 18, s, OR MO OR, farm laborer-working out

1920: Santiam Pct, Linn County, Oregon, January 13, 1920; Phoebe A. Turner, head, 72, wid, OR VA KY

1930: Santiam Pct, Linn County, Oregon, April 22, 1930; Phoebe Turner, head, 82, wid, OR VA KY

TURNER—CRABTREE.—On Oct. 31st inst., at the residence of J. S. Morris, Esq., in Scio, by Rev. J. Ostrander, Mr. Talton Turner and Miss Phoebe A. Crabtree—all of Linn county.

The newly married couple remembered the printer, and what more auspicious event can attend a wedding day?

[Albany Democrat, Albany, Oregon, Saturday, November 6, 1869 p.3]

CRABTREE PIONEER DIED SUNDAY

CRABTREE, July 25, (Special)—Mrs. Phoebe Turner died at her home Sunday, July 21 after a lingering illness. Mrs. Turner better known as Aunt Phoebe Turner, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Crabtree, early pioneers.

Aunt Phoebe was born November 10, 1847, on the donation claim of her parents near Scio, where she spent most of her life. On October 31, 1869 she was married to Carlton Turner. They had nine children, 6 of whom were with her at the time of her death.

Mr. Turner died in 1907. Later Mrs. Turner moved to Crabtree where she has since made her home. The surviving children are John Turner of Harper; Dean Turner of Portland; Mrs. Vesta Glass of Willamina; Mrs. Lola Milligan. Mrs. Della Miller, and Mrs. Flora Baker, all of Crabtree.

Funeral services were held at the Christian Church at Scio Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. The burial took place at the Franklin Butte cemetery.

[Greater Oregon, Albany, Oregon, Friday, July 26, 1935 p.2]

Mrs. Phoebe Turner, Early Day Native, Dies Sunday Night

Scio, July 22. (Special)—Mrs. Phoebe Turner, 87, one of the oldest natives of Oregon, died at her home near Crabtree Sunday

Mrs. Turner was born November 10, 1847, on the donation land claim of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Crabtree, early Oregon pioneers, three miles south of Scio. She had spent all of her life in Linn county, residing in the Forks of the Santiam district practically all of the time. She was married to Carlton Turner October 31, 1869. They had nine children, of whom six are living.

Mr. Turner died in 1907.

Surviving are two sons and four daughters. The daughters are Mrs. Lula Milligan, Mrs. Della Miller and Mrs. Clara Baker, all of Crabtree, and Mrs. Vesta Glass, Willamina. The sons are J. N. Turner, Harper, Or., and Jean Turner, Portland.

A sister, Mrs. Rebecca Morris, lives at Portland. Surviving also are 23 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at the Scio Christian church at 10 a. m. Tuesday. Burial will be in the Franklin Butte cemetery.

[Albany Democrat-Herald, Albany, Oregon, Monday, July 22, 1935 p.1]

14. Virginia Crabtree

b. 05 Apr 1850 Linn County, Oregon

d. 1871 Linn County, Oregon

buried [Franklin Butte Masonic Cemetery](#), Scio, Linn County, Oregon

m. 09 Apr 1870 Linn County, Oregon

Thomas Jefferson Rose [emigrated 1855]

b. Feb 1849 Lafayette County, Missouri

d. Nov 1913 Spokane County, Washington

buried [Milan Cemetery](#), Milan Spokane County, Washington

1850: Linn County, Oregon, September 21, 1850; John S. (sic-J) Crabtree, 50, farmer, VA; Melinda, 42, KY; George, 24, VA; Job, 21, VA; William, 19, VA; Hiram, 17, VA; Isaac, 15, MO; James, 13, MO;

Jasper, 5, OT; Newton, 5, OT; Eliz, 10, MO, Rebecca, 8, MO, Phebe, 2, OT; Virginia, 6/12, OT; Newton Curl, 14, MO

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1870: Albany PO, Albany Pct, Linn County, Oregon, July 16, 1870; Thomas J. Rose, 21, works on farm, TX; Virginia, 20, keeping house, OR

15. Martha Crabtree

b. 23 Oct 1852 Linn County, Oregon

d. 01 Jan 1925 Linn County, Oregon

buried [Franklin Butte Masonic Cemetery](#), Scio, Linn County, Oregon

m. 28 May 1869 Clark County, Washington

William Samuel Smith

b. 27 Nov 1842 Morgan County, Missouri

d. 08 Mar 1923 Linn County, Oregon

buried [Franklin Butte Masonic Cemetery](#), Scio, Linn County, Oregon

1860: Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon, September 4, 1860; J.J. Crabtree, 60, farmer, \$5120 \$2830, VA; Malinda, 52, KY; Elizabeth, 20, MO; Rebecca, 17, MO; Jasper, 14, OR; Newton, 14, OR; Pheby, 12, OR, Virginia, 10, OR; Martha, 7, OR; James, 22, day laborer, \$0 \$425, MO

1880: Santiam Pct, Linn County, Oregon, June 14, 1880; W. S. Smith, 37, farmer, OR MO VA; Martha, 29, wife, keeping house, OR VA VA; Frank, 10, son, at school, OR MO OR; Walter, 6, son, at school, OR MO OR; Inia, 1, dau, OR MO OR

1900: Ferdinand Pct, Idaho County, Idaho, June 19-20, 1900; William Smith, head, Nov 1842, 57, m-31yrs, MO MO VA, farm laborer; Martha, wife, Oct 1852, 47, m-31yrs, 9-7, OR OR VA; Ina, dau, Mar 1879, 21, s, OR MO OR; Emery G., son, Jun 1881, 18, s, OR MO OR; Myrtle M., dau, Mar 1885, 15, s, OR MO OR; Ella, dau, Jan 1894, 6, s, OR MO OR; Bertha, dau, Aug 1896, 3, s, OR MO OR

1910: Stayton, Marion County, Oregon, May 5-9, 1910; William Smith, head, 67, m1-40yrs, MO MO VA,, farmer; Martha, wife, 57, m1-40yrs, 9-6, OR VA VA; Ellen, dau, 17, s, OR MO OR, student; Bertha, dau, 14, s, OR MO OR, student

1920: South Scio, Linn County, Oregon, January 2, 1920; Martha Smith, head (sic-wife), 67, OR VA KS; William, wife (sic-head), 77, MO MO VA

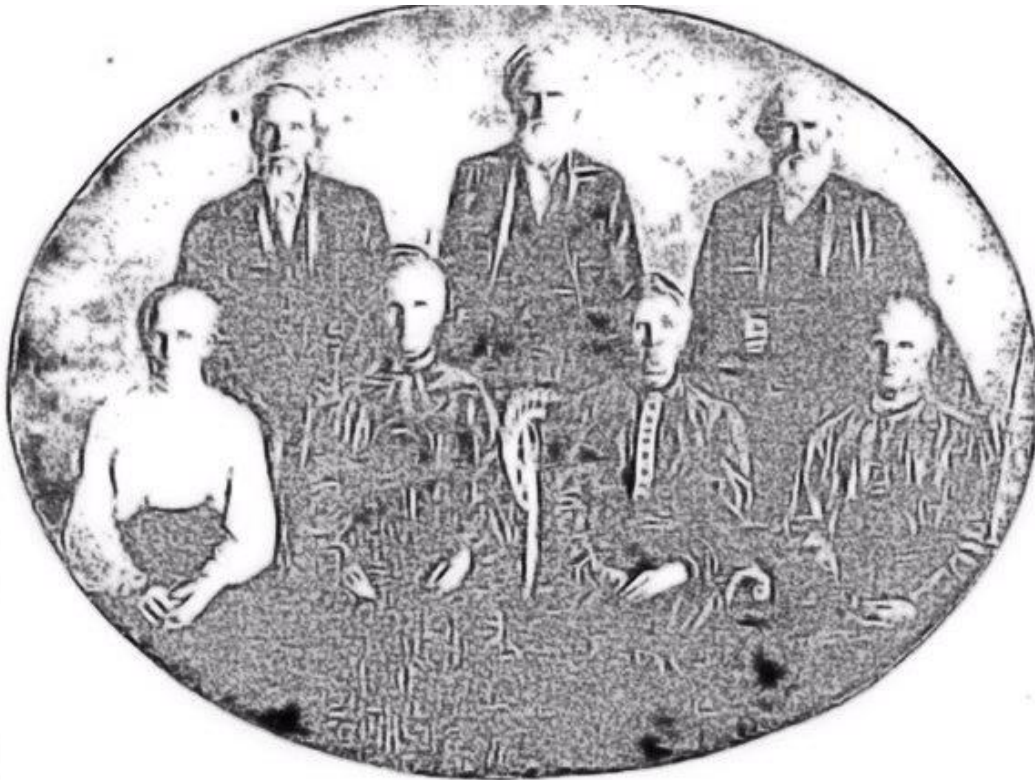
LINN NATIVE DIES AT RESIDENCE OF SON NEAR LACOMB

LEBANON, Jan. 2. (Special)—Mrs. Martha Smith, a native of Linn county, aged 72 years, died yesterday morning at 9 o'clock at the home of her son, Frank Smith, living between Lebanon and Lacombe.

Mrs. Smith was born at Scio, Oregon, and had lived in this state all of her life excepting a short time spent in Idaho and Washington. She is survived by six children as follows: Mrs. Ina Preffer, Lebanon; Mrs. Myrtle McCoy, Lebanon; Mrs. Bertha Doren, Chicago; Walter Smith, who lives in Washington and Frank Smith. Mrs. Smith had been ill for three weeks.

[Albany Daily Democrat, Albany, Oregon, Friday, January 2, 1925 p. 2]

**SEVEN SURVIVING MEMBERS OF PIONEER LINN COUNTY FAMILY GATHER IN HISTORIC
REUNION.**



Reading From Left to Right, Standing—Newton Crabtree, Job Crabtree, Isaac Crabtree. Seated—Rebecca Morris, Martha Smith, Phebe Turner, Elizabeth Gaines. All of Them Reside Near Scio Except Mrs. Morris, Who Resides in Albany.

ALBANY, Or., Nov. 10.—(Special.)—For the first time in 49 years the seven surviving members of Linn County's oldest pioneer family were all together while attending the Linn County Fair at Scio recently.

The last time all of these brothers and sisters were together prior to this meeting was at Mrs. Morris' wedding in 1862. All now live comparatively close together, but until shortly prior to this reunion Job Crabtree and Isaac Crabtree have lived in Montana for 44 years and had not been in Oregon during all of that time.

All are children of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Crabtree, who settled in Linn County in 1845, after crossing the plains to Oregon from Missouri. Their family, while not the first to settle within the boundaries of Linn County, came here earlier than any other family which established a permanent residence in this county, and has the additional distinction of having lived for many years in the first house ever built in Linn County. This house was erected in 1844 by John Packwood, three miles south of the present town of Scio. Packwood stopped in the house only a short time and Crabtree took up the original donation land claim on which the house was situated. This old house stood until only a few years ago.

There were 15 children in this historic pioneer family. Five of them were born in Virginia, five in Missouri and five in Oregon. Of those now living, Newton Crabtree, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Turner were born in this state, and the former is one of Linn County's oldest living native sons. Mrs. Morris was the youngest of the children born in Missouri and was a baby when the family crossed the plains.

John J. Crabtree was born in the year 1900 in Lee county Virginia, when John J. was 25 years of age he commenced farming for himself. In 1825 he married Miss Milinda Yeary.

After marriage Mr. Crabtree went to work with a will to get a home and he succeeded well. He remained for 8 years on this farm, when he sold out and moved to Missouri.

After remaining 8 years in Missouri, owing to sickness and other unfavorable circumstances, his progress was slow.

He became convinced that better chances were awaiting him on the Pacific slope. He started for Oregon in 1845, his outfit consisting of ox teams. The trip was of course at this early date a very difficult one, there being no beaten road to travel. After many hardships he arrived at The Dalles in October, where he built a raft in which to descend the Columbia.

While building the raft Mr. Crabtree's family was increased by the advent of twin boys, probably the first event of that kind among the white settlers of Oregon. They were named Jasper and Newton.

Without fear and with great courage he embarked on the river voyage.

Mr. Crabtree wintered in the Tualatin plains. In the spring of 1846 he started to locate a home. While traveling up the valley he found a man living in a log cabin, by the name of John Packwood, who had built his cabin in 1844 on a stream of water now known as the Crabtree river in Linn county.

It was traded to John J. Crabtree in 1846. It still stands on its original foundation of oak blocks which are in a remarkable state of preservation.

This cabin was used by Mr. Crabtree for many years as a home and is now used for a hay barn.

Fifteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Crabtree. Five in Virginia, five in Missouri, five in Oregon. Nine of these children are still living.

[Albany Democrat, Albany, Oregon, Friday, February 1, 1907 p.4]

PIONEERS HAVE REUNION

Crabtree Family Meets at Home of Oldest Native Son.

ALBANY, Or., June 12.-(Special.)-Three sisters and a brother, all more than 80 years old, were present Sunday at a family reunion held at the Newton Crabtree farm near Scio. Present were 100 descendants of John J. Crabtree, father of the four who featured the reunion, and a pioneer of 1845.

Newton Crabtree was born when his parents arrived on the banks of

the Columbia river on their way to Linn county, and is said to be now the oldest native son living in Oregon. He and his three living sisters are the surviving members of a family of 15 children. The sisters are Mrs. S. W. Gaines, 87, living near Scio; Mrs. Rebecca Morris, 85, Scio, and Mrs. Phoebe Turner, Crabtree.

The present Crabtree farm is part of the claim which the father of the four received from the government in 1846. The two older women were born in Missouri.

At the reunion were residents of Portland, The Dalles, Maupin, Marshfield, Independence, Salem and the Scio community.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Wednesday, June 13, 1928 p.6]

Reunion of Crabtree Claim Held on Historic Ground

Descendants of John J. Crabtree who took the first donation land claim in Linn county, from all parts of Oregon, gathered at the historic place three miles south and west of Scio Sunday for their annual reunion. From Portland to Coos Bay and from all parts of western and central Oregon they flocked to visit the spot of such vital interest to themselves and to pay tribute to the memory of the sturdy pioneer who left Missouri in 1845, reached the Columbia early the next year and later in the year filed on the claim near Scio.

A bountiful basket dinner was served on the place at noon, after which Senator Willard L. Marks of Albany delivered the address of the day, in which he revered the memory of Mr. Crabtree and called attention to the many virtues and achievements of his descendants. Frank L. Smith, Lebanon, was the chairman of the day.

Great interest centered around four living children of John J. Crabtree, all of whom are living on or not far from the claim and all of whom are past 80 years of age. These were Mrs. S. W. Gaines, 88, of Scio; Mrs. Rebecca Morris, 86, Scio; Newton Crabtree, 83, who resides on the original donation claim, and Mrs. Phoebe Turner, 81, Crabtree. Mrs. Gaines and Mrs. Morris were born in Missouri but Newton Crabtree was born on the Columbia river as the family approached its destination. Mrs. Turner was born on the claim.

Timbers that were squared to build the original house are still in existence, being now a part of an outbuilding on the farm. Many of the visitors viewed them with great interest.

One of the interesting disclosures was the statement that Linn county's first Fourth of July celebration was held near the Crabtree claim. The date of the fete was 1850. Mrs. Gaines and Mrs. Morris remembered it well and their testimony was corroborated by Haman Shelton, of Lyons, who is 90 years old and was present at the celebration. Mr. Shelton is connected with the Crabtree family by marriage.

Mrs. Turner, who was born on the claim in 1848, is the oldest living native daughter of Linn county, now living in the county, and Newton Crabtree, who was born on the Columbia river while the family was en route to Oregon, is the oldest native-born Oregonian in Linn county.

Marion Crabtree, now deceased, a brother of the four octogenarians, was the first native-born son of Linn county.

Crabtree creek and the present town of Crabtree are named after the family.—Democrat-Herald.

[The Lebanon Express, Lebanon, Oregon, Wednesday, June 12, 1929 p.8]

By JOSEPHINE SOMMER
Statesman Correspondent

SCIO—A family Bible—once the prized possession of John J. and Malinda Crabtree—the first permanent settlers in the forks of the Santiam rivers, will soon rest in a glass enclosed case at the Scio City Hall.

George Griffen, 97, a grandson of the couple, gave the treasure to the city late last year while Robert Sommer, a great-grandson of the Crabtrees was still mayor of Scio. It will be taken to its final resting place when the Scio Garden Club's contribution—the specially built case—is completed.

Griffen, one of Oregon's Centennial Farmers, loves to show the yellowed pages containing the family's birth and death records to visitors. On the fly-leaf, the following comment has been written by a descendent:

"Uncle Ira Morris read a chapter a day after he retired from work. He died June 15, 1863."

Before Revolutionary War

The family records include the birth dates of all 15 of Johnny and Malinda's children as well as their own. His forefathers came to America before the Revolutionary War, settling in Lee County, Virginia where Johnny was born on June 20, 1820.

His wife Malinda Yeary was born on March 7, 1808. They were married, according to the old Bible, in 1825—farming in Virginia for eight years before moving to Missouri where they lived until 1845.

That was the year they began the long trek to Oregon with their ten children. At the Dalles, Oregon, twins, Newton and Jasper, were added to the family while en route to the valley. Robert Sommer is the great-grandson of Newton.

"When my grandparents came here and bought the squatter's rights of a man named John Packwood," Griffen said, "this country's only inhabitants were Indians, rattlesnakes, horn lizards, lizards and wolves. I have plowed up many an arrowhead as well as mortars and pestles used by the Indian squaws to grind their meal. Their wigwams were set up all along Crabtree and Thomas creeks."

One Living Member

Griffen is the only living member of a family of nine children born to I. N. and Elizabeth Crabtree Griffen. Born Aug. 31, 1867 on Smallman creek west

of Scio, he purchased 47 acres of his grandfather's original donation land (claim located south of town) after he was grown. He still owns this land though he and his wife Roxie now live in Scio.

One of Griffen's favorite stor-

ies about his grandparents pertains to a conversation between the couple upon Johnny's return home from Scio one day—after they had added five Oregon born babies to the five born in Virginia and five in Missouri.

"Lindy, I met an old friend

in Scio today," Johnny said. "He told me all about his claim in California and wants us to move down there and stake out a claim."

"No! No! Johnny," was Melinda's vehement answer. "I don't want any more children."

Other Descendants

These descendants and some of their neighbors still own pieces of the original Crabtree cabin, beds, trunks, scrapbooks etc. Mementoes of the pioneer couple who helped settle and then bring churches and schools to the area.

Perhaps sometime in the future some of these collectors items will join the old family Bible in the Scio City Hall—along with other early pioneer families' prized possessions.

CRABTREE DESCENDANTS

Among other descendants of the Crabtrees still living in Clatsop County are Mrs. Clara Horsburg, daughter of "Tinker Jim" Crabtree, and her daughters, Gladys, Lottie and Grace; Mrs. Della Miller and Mrs. Lulu Milligan, Crabtree, daughters of Phoebe Crabtree Turner and Robert Sommer, Scio grandson of Isaac Crabtree.

Most of the Crabtrees' 15 children settled in the valley and some other third generation descendants are still in Scio—offspring of George, born Dec. 12, 1825; Margaret, June 7, 1824; Job, March 7, 1829; William, Dec. 8, 1830; Hiram, Oct. 24, 1832—the five Virginia born babies; Isaac, Sept. 28, 1834; Polly, Aug. 27, 1836; James P., Nov. 22, 1837; Elizabeth, July 17, 1840 and Rebecca, Sept. 4, 1842—the Missouri born members of the family; Jasper and Newton, Oct. 22, 1845; Phoebe Ann, Nov. 1, 1847; Virginia, April 5, 1850; and Martha, Oct. 23, 1852—the Oregonians of the clan.

Other Crabtree heirlooms are owned by relatives and friends—pieces of the cabin, beds, trunks, scrapbooks, etc. Perhaps sometime in the future some of these will join the family Bible in the Scio City Hall collection of antiques.

