

John Henry Milliorn

Pioneer of 1852

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John Henry Milliorn

b. 16 May 1804 Bedford County, Virginia

d. 12 Mar 1890 Junction City, Lane County, Oregon

buried [Milliorn Cemetery](#), Junction City, Lane County, Oregon

m. 11 Apr 1826 Campbell County, Virginia

Mary W. Lee

b. 20 Mar 1811 Campbell County, Virginia

d. 05 May 1889 Junction City, Lane County, Oregon

buried [Milliorn Cemetery](#), Junction City, Lane County, Oregon

1850: Blue Twp, Jackson County, Missouri, September 10, 1850; John Milliron, 46, wagon maker, \$1200, VA; Mary W., 46, VA; Ann, 18, VA; Wm H., 14, TN; John, 12, TN; James P., 10, TN; Mary S., 8, TN; Eugenia, 2, MO; Horace D. Myrtle, 25, blacksmith, KY; Sarah H., 20, VA; John, 4/12, MO

ODLC: #682 Lane Co; John Milleorn, b. 1804 Bedford County, Virginia; arrived Oregon 01 Nov 1852; settled claim 18 Feb 1853; m'd Mary W. Lee May 1825/6 Virginia. Aff: John J. Estes, John D. Hornbucket, James E. F. Crow

1860: Briees, Lane County, Oregon, August 8, 1860; John Millaron, 50, farmer, \$2500 \$1915, VA; Mary, 49, housewife, VA; John, 21, farmer, \$0 \$200, TN; James, 19, TN; Eugenia, 12, MO; Hannah, 8, MO; Kensher Felkins, 25, farmer, \$0 \$75, NY

1870: Lancaster, Lane County, Oregon, July 16, 1870; John Milliron (sic), 66, farmer, \$12,000 \$2020, VA; Mary, 59, keeping house, VA; Mary Picket, 27, keeping house, TN; Kate Picket, 3, OR; Hannah Milliron, 18, at home, MO; J.H. Mercer, 47, hostler, \$0 \$250, KY

1880: Junction City, Lane County, Oregon, June 2, 1880; John Milliorn, 78, retired farmer, VA PA PA; Mary L., 69, wife, keeping house, VA VA VA; Frankie Rhea, 22, g-dau, at hone, OR TN VA; Katy Pickett, 13, g-dau, attending school, OR unk TN

An Aged Pioneer Dead.

Another of the pioneers who laid the foundation of our state is dead. John Milliorn died at his home in Junction, Wednesday evening, March 12, at 9:30 o'clock, aged 86 years. Mr. Milliorn was born in Virginia, moved to Tennessee, thence to Missouri and emigrated to Oregon in 1852, locating on the land that now comprizes the town site of Junction. For many years, when the overland stage route ran from Portland to Sacramento, he kept the stage station on his farm, and many old travelers have cause to remember his hospitality. His wife died last May, after being his married partner for 61 years. "Uncle Johnnie" as he was familiarly called was as good a man as ever trod the soil of Lane county. Genial in his conversation and habits, friendly to his fellow men, he will be missed from the streets of Junction. He held the position of county commissioner of Lane county from 1860 to 1862. The burial took place in the family burying ground west of Junction Friday. Three sons and three daughters survive him. T. A. Milliorn and J. P. Milliorn of Junction, Wm. Milliorn, of Crook county, Mrs. Jas. Hoffman and Mrs. Henry Hoffman of Eugene and Mrs. John Powell of East Portland.

[Eugene City Guard, Eugene, Oregon March 15, 1890 image 5]

WILL PROBATED.—The will of John Milliorn was admitted to probate Monday. It was made in 1883 and after leaving \$5 each to a number of grand children, divides the balance equally among T. A., W. H. and J. P. Milliorn, Mrs. Eugenie and Helen H. Hoffman, Mrs. Mary A. Powell and Katie Pickett. The estate was appraised at \$10,115. The executors named are T. A. Milliorn and W. H. Hoffman who are to serve without funds.

[Eugene City Guard, Eugene, Oregon March 22, 1890 image 5]

Children of John Milliorn and Mary Lee:

1. Elizabeth "Eliza" Catherine Milliorn
- b. 03 Sep 1826 Campbell County, Virginia

d. 13 Jan 1860 Lane County, Oregon
buried [Masonic Cemetery](#), Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

m. 1844

Elijah Walden Rhea

b. 27 Feb 1824 Greene County, Tennessee

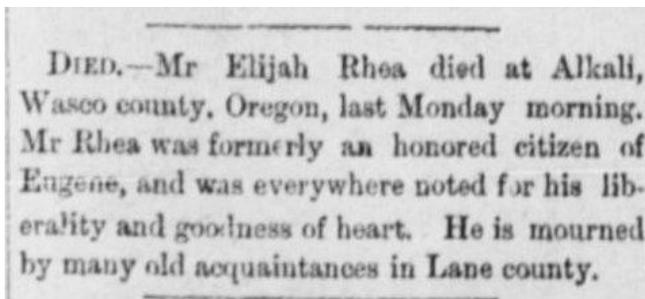
d. 07 Apr 1883 Alkali, Wasco County, Oregon

buried [Arlington Masonic Cemetery](#), Arlington, Gilliam County, Oregon

m2. Louciller Jane Baker

1850: Blue Twp, Jackson County, Missouri, September 10, 1850; Elijah Ray (sic-Rhea), 26, farmer, TN; Catherine, 22, TN; Columbus, 6, MO; John, 4, MO; Thomas, 1, MO; Catherine, 15, TN [living next to Milliorn families]

1860: Springfield Pct, Lane County, Oregon, July 30, 1860; Elijah W. Rhea, 36, blacksmith, \$1900 \$1900, TN; Columbus, 15, MO; John, 13, MO; Thomas, 11, MO; Mary E., 9, MO; James, 5, OR, Sarah F., 3, OR



DIED.—Mr Elijah Rhea died at Alkali, Wasco county, Oregon, last Monday morning. Mr Rhea was formerly an honored citizen of Eugene, and was everywhere noted for his liberality and goodness of heart. He is mourned by many old acquaintances in Lane county.

[Eugene City Guard, Eugene, Oregon, April 14, 1883 image 5]

MR. E. RHEA'S DEATH.—We take the following from a correspondence to The Dalles Times-Mountaineer from Alkali, concerning Mr. E. Rhea's death: "You have probably heard by this time all about the death of Mr. Rhea, the oldest settler of this place. The first reports were that he had committed suicide, but now the general belief is that the taking of so much laudanum might have been accidental. I believe it is sometimes used to sober persons when intoxicated. Mr. Rhea is said to have taken a small dose for that purpose, and that not having the desired effect, took more, which proved too much. It was a very unfortunate circumstance for the family, making the recovery of the money on his life insurance in the Northwest rather doubtful."

[Eugene City Guard, Eugene, Oregon, April 21, 1883 image 5]

Children of Elijah Rhea and Elizabeth Milliorn:

i. Columbus Adolphus Rhea

b. 18 May 1845 Independence, Jackson County, Missouri

d. 12 Jul 1934 Stanfield, Umatilla County, Oregon

buried [Masonic Cemetery](#), Heppner, Umatilla County, Oregon

m1. Emeline Sophronia Adkins (1848-1900)

m2. Leonora E. Unknown (1861-1903)

ii. John B. Rhea

b. 1848 Independence, Jackson County, Missouri

d. 16 Jan 1879 Lane County, Oregon

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

m. Ruby Laura Baker (1853-1910)

iii. Thomas A. Rhea

b. 07 Jul 1849 Missouri

d. 05 Feb 1937 Hillsboro, Washington County, Oregon

buried [Hillsboro Pioneer Cemetery](#), Hillsboro, Washington County, Oregon

m1. Henrietta Cecil (1851-1915)

m2. Lydia Boutwell (1856-1944)

iv. Mary Elizabeth Rhea

b. 22 Sep 1851 Missouri

d. 20 Jun 1892 Morrow County, Oregon
buried [Masonic Cemetery](#), Heppner, Morrow County, Oregon
m. Thomas Morgan (1842-1918)

v. James P. Rhea
b. 09 Feb 1855 Lane County, Oregon
d. 12 Jul 1940 Umatilla County, Oregon
buried [River View Cemetery](#), Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
m1. Emma E. Letellier (1860-1900)
m2. Susan Christina Barkley (1858-1929)
m3. Lydia E. Withrow (1855-1935)

vi. Robert Henderson Rhea
b. 31 Aug 1856 Lane County, Oregon
d. 04 Jan 1857 Lane County, Oregon
buried [Masonic Cemetery](#), Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

vii. Sarah Frances "Frankie" Rhea
b. 01 Jan 1858 Junction City, Lane County, Oregon
d. 25 Apr 1922 Heppner, Morrow County, Oregon
buried [Masonic Cemetery](#), Heppner, Morrow County, Oregon
m. James Norton Luper (1850-1938)

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retired farmer, VA PA PA; Mary L., 69, wife, keeping house, VA VA VA;
Frankie Rhea, 22, g-dau, at hone, OR TN VA; Katy Pickett, 13, g-dau, attending
school, OR unk TN

2. Thomas Austin Milliorn [Pioneer to California in 1849]
b. 18 Aug 1828 Campbell County, Virginia
d. 06 Apr 1913 Junction City, Lane County, Oregon
buried [Masonic Cemetery](#), Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

m1. 15 Jan 1863 Lane County, Oregon
Eliza K. Aubrey [Pioneer of 1850]
b. 1847 Grand River, Daviess County, Missouri
d. 1876 Lane County, Oregon
buried [Masonic Cemetery](#), Eugene, Lane County, Oregon
d/o Thomas Awbrey

m2. 1878
Mary Lucretia Hill
b. May 1860 Iowa
d.

1860: Briees, Lane County, Oregon, August 8, 1860; Thomas Milliorn, 32, farmer, \$1500 \$700, VA

1870: Lancaster Twp, Lane County, Oregon, July 19, 1870; T. A. Milliron (sic), 41, farmer, \$5000 \$3850, VA; Eliza K., 24, keeping house, MO; Nina A., 6, OR; Cora J., 3, OR; Frank B., 7/12 (Oct), OR

1880: Lancaster, Lane County, Oregon, June 3, 1880; Thomas A. Milliorn, 51, wheelwright, VA VA VA; Mary A, 21, wife, keeping house, IA unk unk; Mattie M., 22, dau, at home, OR VA MO; Nina A., 16, dau, attending school, OR VA IA [sic-MO]; Cora L., 13, dau, attending school, OR VA IA[sic-MO]; Frank B., 10, son, attending school, OR VA IA[sic-MO]; James D., 8, son, OR VA IA[sic-MO]; Effie G., 7/12 (Nov), dau, OR VA IA

1900: Junction City, Lane County, Oregon, June 12, 1900; Thomas Milliorn, head, Aug 1828, 71, m-22yrs, VA VA VA, farmer; Mary L., wife, May 1860, 40, m-22yrs, 2-2, IA IL IL; Effie Newsham, dau, Nov 1880, 19, m-1yrs, 0-0, OR VA IA; Merle H., son, Mar 1889, 11, s, at school, OR VA IA

1910: South Junction City, Lane County, Oregon, April 20, 1910; Thomas W. Milliorn, head, 81, m2-33 yrs, VA VA VA, own income; Mary L., wife, m1-33yrs, 2-2, IA US US; Merle, son, 21, m1-0yrs, OR VA IA, baker-in bakery; Katherine, dau in law, 19, m1-0yrs, 0-0, WA MI NY

THOMAS A. MILLIORN: resides in Junction City; is a farmer and wheelwright; was born in Campbell county, Virginia; came to state and county in 1852; was married January 15, 1863, to Eliza K. Awbrey. Children, Nina A., Cora L., Frank B., James B. (deceased) and Effie G. Was again married to Mary L. Hill.

[An Illustrated History of Lane County, Oregon by A. G. Walling p. 502]

“THOMAS A. MILLIORN. An unusually active and adventurous life has been that of Thomas A. Milliorn, now one of the oldest citizens of Junction City, which is built upon a part of the land which formed his donation claim, taken up in 1853, and where for many years his activities have been given for the advancement of the welfare of the city and community. An evidence of the prosperity which has followed the efforts of Mr. Milliorn since coming to Oregon lies in the property which he has accumulated, he having built the finest residence in the city, is a stockholder and director and one of the incorporators of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, owns twenty acres adjoining the town and one hundred and six included in a farm located upon the banks of the Willamette river.

Mr. Milliorn was born in Campbell county, Va., August 18, 1828, the son of John, also a native of that state and the grandson of Henry. Henry Milliorn was born in Pennsylvania and later in life he wended his way toward the southern states, settling first in Virginia, and in 1833 locating in Philadelphia, Tenn., where he died when about ninety-six years old. John Milliorn located with his father in East Tennessee, and later located in Philadelphia, thirty miles below Knoxville, Tenn. He was a wheelwright by

trade and followed this work until 1843, when he removed to Jackson county. Mo., and located fourteen miles southwest of Independence in the neighborhood of Hart Grove. That remained his home for nine years, when he outfitted with ox teams and crossed the plains to Oregon, on his arrival locating on a donation claim of three hundred and twenty acres one mile west of Junction City, Lane county. The last days of his life were spent in the city which he saw spring into existence in the wilderness, where he lived retired until his death in March, 1891. lacking but two months of being eighty-six years old.' He was a public-spirited man and never shirked his duty, serving the public in various ways, among them being county commissioner of Lane county. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. He married Mary W. Lee, who was born near Lynchburg, Va., in 1811, and who died in Lane county. Ore., in 1886. She was the daughter of Shelley Lee, also a native of Virginia, a member of one of the branches of the honored Lee family famous in the history of the Southern Confederacy. On attaining manhood Shelley Lee removed to eastern Tennessee, later to Indiana, again to Tennessee, then to Missouri, and back again to the southern state, where his death occurred at the advanced age of ninety-nine years, having all his life been engaged in farming.

Of the four sons and six daughters born to John and Mary W. Milliorn the second child and the oldest son was Thomas A. Milliorn, and in the common schools of Missouri and an academy he received his education. At eighteen years of age he engaged at the trade of a wheelwright in Kansas City, and built the wagon in which he traveled to the mines of California in 1849, oxen being the mode of conveyance. The journey was accomplished safely, though not without the harrowing experiences which invariably accompanied the pioneers in their travels. On arriving in California Mr. Milliorn engaged first in mining and later conducted a pack train from Colusa to Trinity. This he continued for two years, and in 1852 he came to Oregon, and located the claim of his father and built the cabin for him. Following this he became the owner of the claim which constituted the land upon which Junction City was afterward laid out. He later sold ninety acres to Ben Holladay, and much of the remainder was laid out into town lots, though for some time he engaged in general farming and stock-raising. After laying out the first addition of the city he followed this with another, with C. W. Washburne to help him, now known as the Milliorn & Washburne Addition. Always public-spirited, as was his father, Mr. Milliorn has done everything possible to advance the interests of the city, giving both time and means to its upbuilding. He donated land for the mills and a half of the school block is the gift of his generosity. As a Democrat he has served his party in various offices, among them being school director for one term and notary public for six years.

During the Rogue River war Mr. Milliorn was with the quartermaster department, hauling supplies to the soldiers in the south. This was continued for four or five months, and in all this time he never met with any trouble from the Indians, it having been his happy faculty to mingle with them without having to fight them. In 1862 he went, in company with his brother-in-law, E. W. Rhea, to British Columbia with cattle, continuing from May until November, and the following year, with his brother James, took forty pack animals over the same road with provisions, a distance of fourteen hundred miles. In 1864-65 he went with another brother-in-law with a pack train to Boise Basin, Idaho, and in 1884 went with eighteen men to the Coeur d'Alene mines in a skiff. Not satisfied with his share in the dangerous expeditions in the western states he was eager to try his

fortunes in the Klondike, and was only dissuaded on account of his advancing age, which might impair his activity in that cold, northern land, though he is still a very active and energetic man, even at the age of seventy-five years.

The marriage of Mr. Milliorn occurred four miles east of Eugene, Lane county, in 1863, and united him with Eliza K. Awbrey, who was born near Grand river, Daviess county. Mo., and died in January, 1877. She was the daughter of Thomas Awbrey, who, from his native place in Virginia removed to Indiana and later to Missouri, from which latter state he crossed the plains to Oregon in 1850. On his arrival he located near Eugene, Lane county, taking up a donation claim of six hundred and forty acres. His death occurred in Junction City. Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Milliorn, Nina Ann is the wife of D. C. Gore, of Springfield; one died in infancy and the remaining are Cora Lee; Frank B., and James R., deceased. Mr. Milliorn married a second time in 1878, Mary L. Hill, of Iowa, becoming his wife. She was the daughter of William Hill, who came from Iowa to California and to Oregon in 1864. He later returned to California, where his death occurred in 1885. The two children of the second marriage are Effie Gertrude and Merle H., both of whom are at home. In addition to the property before mentioned, Mr. Milliorn owns town lots, and also a timber claim of one hundred and sixty acres, located in township 15, southwest quarter, section 20, and range 6 west and containing nine million feet of lumber. In his fraternal relations he is a member of Eugene Lodge No. II, A. F. & A. M., and the Royal Arch Chapter at Corvallis, Ore.” [Portrait and Biographical Record of the Willamette Valley p. 1444-5]

“THOMAS A. MILLIORN. One of the pioneers of Lane county is Thomas A. Milliorn, who in the early '60s took up a government claim on which Junction City now stands. He was born in Virginia, the son of John and Mary W. (Lee) Milliorn, both natives of Virginia. The father was a wheel wright and mechanic by trade and devoted the principal part of his life to that vocation. The parents resided in Tennessee for ten years and then went to Missouri, where they remained for five and one-half years. In their family were ten children, of whom only five now survive: Thomas A.; William H., of Prineville, Oregon; James Polk, of Junction City; Eugenia, who is the widow of James Huffman and resides at Seattle, Washington; and Helen, who resides in Portland and is married and has one child.

In 1849 Thomas A. Milliorn crossed the plains with a party of friends, his destination being California. He had previously learned the wagonmaker's trade and the wagon in which he made the journey across the plains was of his own construction. On reaching the Golden state he worked for a time at the carpenter's trade and then in 1850 began mining near the Trinity river. He continued in this occupation for only four months, when he bought some mules and went into the business of 'packing' supplies to the mines. This proved to be a much more lucrative business than mining and during the time he was thus engaged, which was until July, 1852, his daily earnings averaged sixteen dollars. He then removed to Oregon, where he took up a government claim of three hundred and twenty acres of land near Junction City for his father, who was then living in Missouri. He took up this claim at his father's request and later on, in 1852 the father crossed the plains to Oregon, and occupied the land which had been secured for him by the subject of this review. The father continued his residence on that farm and so

successfully did he conduct his farming operations that he became the possessor of a considerable fortune. Thomas A. Milliorn had gone to the Powder river to meet his father on his arrival in Oregon and took with him three thousand dollars with which he purchased cattle and horses from the emigrants. There he was joined by the father and together they journeyed back toward the homestead. He drove the stock to Des Chutes for the purpose of watering but all died except three head, and when the son finally returned to the claim he had given his father he had only ten dollars in money. He then took up a claim of one hundred and sixty acres for himself. Now situated on the present town site of Junction City.

Mr. Milliorn has been married twice. His first union was with Eliza K. Awbrey, a daughter of Thomas N. and Amelia Ann (Grubbs) Awbrey, who were pioneers of Oregon, the date of their arrival in this state being as early as 1850. To the first marriage five children were born: Nina A., who is the widow of D.C. Gore and resides in Eugene, Oregon; Cora L. the wife of W.H. Connors, of Stanwood, Washington; Frank B., who is married and has two children; Eveline and Josie of Prineville, Oregon; and James b. and Sister, both of whom are deceased. The mother of these children passed away in 1877 and in 1879 Mr. Milliorn wedded Miss Mary L. Hill who bore him two children: Ellie Gertrude, the wife of John Blair, of Stanwood, Washington and the mother of one child, Merle; and Merle H., who resides with his father in Junction City. In November, 1910, Merle H. Milliorn married Miss Katherine M. Tower, a daughter of Andrew E. and Helen (Robertson) Tower, the former a native of Michigan and the latter of Canada. To Mr. and Mrs. Merle H. Milliorn has been born a son, Le Verne. Mr. Milliorn's second wife Mrs. Mary L. (Hill) Milliorn, is also deceased, having passed away 24th of June, 1910.

Mr. Milliorn has witnessed the development of Lane county from the wilderness, having been a resident of the county before either Eugene or Junction City were founded. he took dinner with Charnell Mulligan on the day that the town of Eugene was located, he being one of the commissioners appointed for the purpose of designating the town site. He has always been a staunch democrat and although a prominent citizen and deeply interested in political matters he has never aspired to political positions although he served as a delegate to the St. louis national democratic convention which nominated Tilden and Hendricks in 1877. He was offered the nomination to the legislature from Lane county but refused to accept it. In his fraternal relations he has been for fifty years a member of the Masonic order, being commander of Eugene Lodge No 11 F.& A.M. He now owns one hundred and sixty acres of land and a comfortable home in Junction City. On this land is standing about ten million feet of fir and cedar which is extremely valuable and Mr. Milliorn is one of the heavy taxpayers of the county. This honored and influential citizen who has now arrived at an advanced age has been and faithfully served the state of Oregon and particularly the city and county of which he is now a citizen. he is known throughout Lane county as his important public career has given him an extensive acquaintance and by all who know him he is held in the highest esteem.” [Centennial History of Oregon by Gaston Vol II p. 561]

“T. A. MILLIORN, one of the representative citizens of Junction City, was born in Campbell county, Virginia, in August, 1828, a son of John and Mary W. (Lee) Milliorn, who were also Virginians by birth. The father was a wagon-maker by trade, and also paid some attention to agriculture; in 1833 he removed to Monroe county,

Tennessee, where he lived until 1843, removing then to Jackson county. Missouri. He crossed the plains in 1852, and arriving in Oregon he located a donation claim one mile west of Junction City, and engaged in farming.

Our subject remained with his parents until he had attained his majority; he had learned the wagon-maker's trade, and manufactured the vehicle in which he and three companions crossed the plains to California, in the summer of 1849. The trip was fraught with the usual hardships and dangers; on Feather river they were caught in a snowstorm, and preserved the lives of their oxen by feeding them bread and bacon cooked together. They pushed ahead, and reaching Lawson's they sold their cattle, and digging out canoes, went down the river to Sacramento City. Here they built a skiff, and went up the Sacramento river to Marysville, where Mr. Milliorn went to work at carpentering at \$12 per day; for three months he followed this occupation, and then went to the mines on Trinity river, where he passed the summer, making from \$15 to \$18 per day. In the fall of 1850, he bought a pack-train of sixteen animals, and until 1852 packed from Colusa to Trinity and Yreka mines. July 12, 1852, he arrived in the Willamette valley, and took up a claim west of Junction, on which his father settled later in the year; he then made another claim of 100 acres, which became the site of Junction City, and later added 140 acres by purchase. In 1870 he sold ninety acres to Ben Holladay for railroad purposes, and afterward laid out several additions to the town, until the original claim and purchase are reduced to forty acres. He owns 136 acres, three miles southeast of the town, where he has been engaged in agriculture; he has also followed his trade at Junction City. In 1888 he rented his land, and retired from the arduous labors, which for so many years had consumed his time and energies.

Mr. Milliorn was married in Lane county in 1863 to Miss Eliza K. Aubrey, a daughter of T. N. Aubrey, a pioneer of 1850. Mrs. Milliorn died in 1877, leaving four children: Nina A., wife of D. C. Gore; Core Lee, wife of William Burt, Frank B., an extensive stock-dealer in eastern Oregon; and James B., who died when nearly seven years old. In 1878 Mr. Milliorn married Miss Mary L Hill, a native of Iowa, and the result of this union is two children: Effie Gertrude and Merle. Politically, Mr. Milliorn affiliates with the Democratic party, but he has always confined his energies to private affairs. He is a member of the Masonic order, and in both business and social circles he is highly respected by the entire community." [An Illustrated History of Oregon by Hines p. 456-7]

Children of Thomas Milliorn and Eliza Awbrey:

- i. Mattie M. Milliorn
b. 1858 Lane County, Oregon
d.
- ii. Nina A. Milliorn
b. Dec 1863 Lane County, Oregon
d. 24 Oct 1964 Lane County, Oregon
m. Delazon C. Gore
- iii. Cora Lee Milliorn
b. 1867 Lane County, Oregon

d.

m. William Burt

iv. Frank Byron Milliorn

b. Oct 1869 Lane County, Oregon

d. 21 Apr 1954 Lane County, Oregon

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

v. James B. Milliorn

b. 1872 Lane County, Oregon

d. 13 Dec 1881 Lancaster, Lane County, Oregon

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

Children of Thomas Milliorn and Mary Hill:

i. Effie Gertrude Milliorn

b. Nov 1880 Lane County, Oregon

d. 19 Jul 1960 Lane County, Oregon

m1. Newsham

m2. John Blair

ii. Merle Hill Milliorn

b. 28 Mar 1889 Lane County, Oregon

d. 05 Jan 1971 Thurston County, Washington

buried [Odd Fellows Memorial Park and Mausoleum](#), Tumwater, Thurston County, Washington

3. Sarah H. Milliorn

b. 1830 Tennessee

d. 1852 on trail

m. 1849 Jackson County, Missouri

Horace Downing Myrtle

b. 09 Aug 1823 Jefferson County, Kentucky

d. 03 Feb 1883 Canyonville, Douglas County, Oregon

buried Canyonville Cemetery, Canyonville, Douglas County, Oregon

m2. Nancy Catherine Bogart

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1869: Siskiyou County, California; Horace D. Myrtle

1875: Modoc County, California; Horace D. Myrtle

Children:

- i. John Myrtle
- b. May 1850 Jackson County, Missouri
- d.

4. Martha Ann Milliorn
b. 04 Jun 1833 Virginia
d. 12 Aug 1911 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
buried [Powell Grove Cemetery](#), Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

m. 20 Dec 1852 Clackamas County, Oregon
John Powell
b. 28 May 1823 Pike County, Kentucky
d. 26 Apr 1899 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
buried [Powell Grove Cemetery](#), Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
s/o Allen Powell and Mary Johnson

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1860: Sandy, Multnomah County, Oregon, July 29, 1860; John Powell, 35, farmer, \$4000 \$1350, KY; Martha, 26, VA; Wm, 6, OR; Sarah, 4, OR; Thos, 3, OR; Steven, 6/12, OR; Geo Woodsum, 29, laborer, ME; Margt Pierson, 10 MO

1870: Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, no date, John Powell, 47, farmer, \$6000 \$1500, KY; Martha, 38, keeping house, VA; Frank, 16, at home, OR; Sarah, 14, at home, OR; Kater [sic-Cader], 13, at home, OR; Douglas, 10, at home, OR; Fanny, 6, OR; Rosa, 4, OR; Irena, 4/12, OR; Green Lane, 21, laborer, MO; Frederick Libby, 42, school teacher, ME

1880: Willamette, Multnomah County, Oregon, June 26, 1880; John Powell, father, 57, farmer, KY VA unk; Martha Ann, 47, wife, keeps house, VA NC VA; William F., 26, son, works on farm, OR KY VA; Thomas C., 23, student, OR KY VA; Stephen D., 20, helps on farm, OR KY VA; Fannie, 16, dau, helps keep house, OR KY VA; Rosa, 14, dau, at home, OR KY VA; Rena, 10, dau, at home, OR KY VA

1900: Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, June 13, 1900; Martha Powell, head, Jun 1833, 66, wid, m-46 years, 8-6, VA NC VA, Douglas, son, Jan 1860, 40, s, OR KY VA; Carl Brandes, son in law, Apr 1864, 36, m-10 years, Ger Ger Ger, miner, emigrated 1876; Rose, g-dau [sic-dau], Jun 1867, 32, m-10 years, 2-2, OR KY VA; Irene, gdau, May 1893, 7, s, OR Ger OR, at school; Alan, g-son, Aug 1896, 3, s, OR Ger OR; Robert Powell, g-son, April 1881, 19, s, OR KY VA, musician

1910: Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, April 19, 1910; Martha A. Powell, head, 77, wid, 8-5, VA NC VA; Norris Sewell, grandson, 9, s, OR US OR

Children of John Powell and Martha Milliorn:

i. William Franklin Powell

b. 17 Nov 1853 Multnomah County, Oregon

d. 03 Nov 1937 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

buried [Powell Grove Cemetery](#), Multnomah County, Oregon

m. Laura May [unknown]

1860: Sandy, Multnomah County, Oregon, July 29, 1860; John Powell, 35, farmer, \$4000 \$1350, KY; Martha, 26, VA; Wm, 6, OR; Sarah, 4, OR; Thos, 3, OR; Steven, 6/12, OR; Geo Woodsum, 29, laborer, ME; Margt Pierson, 10 MO

1870: Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, no date, John Powell, 47, farmer, \$6000 \$1500, KY; Martha, 38, keeping house, VA; Frank, 16, at home, OR; Sarah, 14, at home, OR; Kater [sic-Cader], 13, at home, OR; Douglas, 10, at home, OR; Fanny, 6, OR; Rosa, 4, OR; Irena, 4/12, OR; Green Lane, 21, laborer, MO; Frederick Libby, 42, school teacher, ME

1880: Willamette, Multnomah County, Oregon, June 26, 1880; John Powell, father, 57, farmer, KY VA unk; Martha Ann, 47, wife, keeps house, VA NC VA; William F., 26, son, works on farm, OR KY VA; Thomas C., 23, student, OR KY VA; Stephen D., 20, helps on farm, OR KY VA; Fannie, 16, dau, helps keep house, OR KY VA; Rosa, 14, dau, at home, OR KY VA; Rena, 10, dau, at home, OR KY VA

ii. Sarah Jane Powell

b. 1855 Multnomah County, Oregon

d. 16 May 1939 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

buried [Powell Grove Cemetery](#), Multnomah County, Oregon

m. James McGuire Stott (1854-1937)

1860: Sandy, Multnomah County, Oregon, July 29, 1860; John Powell, 35, farmer, \$4000 \$1350, KY; Martha, 26, VA; Wm, 6, OR; Sarah, 4, OR; Thos, 3, OR; Steven, 6/12, OR; Geo Woodsum, 29, laborer, ME; Margt Pierson, 10 MO

1870: Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, no date, John Powell, 47, farmer, \$6000 \$1500, KY; Martha, 38, keeping house, VA; Frank, 16, at home, OR; Sarah, 14, at home, OR; Kater [sic-Cader], 13, at home, OR; Douglas, 10, at home, OR; Fanny, 6, OR; Rosa, 4, OR; Irena, 4/12, OR; Green Lane, 21, laborer, MO; Frederick Libby, 42, school teacher, ME

iii. Thomas Cader Powell

b. Jun 1857 Multnomah County, Oregon

d. 1928

buried [Powell Grove Cemetery](#), Multnomah County, Oregon

1860: Sandy, Multnomah County, Oregon, July 29, 1860; John Powell, 35, farmer, \$4000 \$1350, KY; Martha, 26, VA; Wm, 6, OR; Sarah, 4, OR; Thos, 3, OR; Steven, 6/12, OR; Geo Woodsum, 29, laborer, ME; Margt Pierson, 10 MO

1870: Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, no date, John Powell, 47, farmer, \$6000 \$1500, KY; Martha, 38, keeping house, VA; Frank, 16, at home, OR; Sarah, 14, at home, OR; Kater [sic-Cader], 13, at home, OR; Douglas, 10, at home, OR; Fanny, 6, OR; Rosa, 4, OR; Irena, 4/12, OR; Green Lane, 21, laborer, MO; Frederick Libby, 42, school teacher, ME

1880: Willamette, Multnomah County, Oregon, June 26, 1880; John Powell, father, 57, farmer, KY VA unk; Martha Ann, 47, wife, keeps house, VA NC VA; William F., 26, son, works on farm, OR KY VA; Thomas C., 23, student, OR KY VA; Stephen D., 20, helps on farm, OR KY VA; Fannie, 16, dau, helps keep house, OR KY VA; Rosa, 14, dau, at home, OR KY VA; Rena, 10, dau, at home, OR KY VA

1907: US Register of Civil, Military and Naval Service; Nome, Alaska, Thomas C. Powell, Marshall, paid \$4,000

1909: US Register of Civil, Military and Naval Service; Nome, Alaska, Thomas C. Powell, receiver

1910: Cape Nome, Division 4, Alaska Territory, Thomas C. Powell, Jun 1857, 52, div, m-4yrs, OR KY VA, US Marshal

1911: US Register of Civil, Military and Naval Service; Nome, Alaska, Thomas C. Powell, receiver

iv. Stephen Douglas Powell

b. 24 Jan 1860 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

d. 06 Jul 1943 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

buried [Powell Grove Cemetery](#), Multnomah County, Oregon

1860: Sandy, Multnomah County, Oregon, July 29, 1860; John Powell, 35, farmer, \$4000 \$1350, KY; Martha, 26, VA; Wm, 6, OR; Sarah, 4, OR; Thos, 3, OR; Steven, 6/12, OR; Geo Woodsum, 29, laborer, ME; Margt Pierson, 10 MO

1870: Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, no date, John Powell, 47, farmer, \$6000 \$1500, KY; Martha, 38, keeping house, VA; Frank, 16, at home, OR; Sarah, 14, at home, OR; Kater [sic-Cader], 13, at home, OR; Douglas, 10, at home, OR; Fanny, 6, OR; Rosa, 4, OR; Irena, 4/12, OR; Green Lane, 21, laborer, MO; Frederick Libby, 42, school teacher, ME

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1900: Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, June 13, 1900; Martha Powell, head, Jun 1833, 66, wid, m-46 years, 8-6, VA NC VA, Douglas, son, Jan 1860, 40, s, OR KY VA; Carl Brandes, son in law, Apr 1864, 36, m-10 years, Ger Ger Ger, miner, emigrated 1876; Rose, g-dau [sic-dau], Jun 1867, 32, m-10 years, 2-2, OR KY VA; Irene, gdau, May 1893, 7, s, OR Ger OR, at school; Alan, g-son, Aug 1896, 3, s, OR Ger OR; Robert Powell, g-son, April 1881, 19, s, OR KY VA, musician

v. John Allen Powell

b. 07 Jul 1862 Multnomah County, Oregon

d. 21 Mar 1863 Multnomah County, Oregon

buried [Powell Grove Cemetery](#), Multnomah County, Oregon

vi. Fannie Powell

b. 09 Mar 1864 Multnomah County, Oregon

d. 01 May 1887 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

buried [Powell Grove Cemetery](#), Multnomah County, Oregon

m. William Byron Gilson (1861-1935)

1870: Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, no date, John Powell, 47, farmer, \$6000 \$1500, KY; Martha, 38, keeping house, VA; Frank, 16, at home, OR; Sarah, 14, at home, OR; Kater [sic-Cader], 13, at home, OR; Douglas, 10, at home, OR; Fanny, 6, OR; Rosa, 4, OR; Irena, 4/12, OR; Green Lane, 21, laborer, MO; Frederick Libby, 42, school teacher, ME

1880: Willamette, Multnomah County, Oregon, June 26, 1880; John Powell, father, 57, farmer, KY VA unk; Martha Ann, 47, wife, keeps house, VA NC VA; William F., 26, son, works on farm, OR KY VA; Thomas C., 23, student, OR KY VA; Stephen D., 20, helps on farm, OR KY VA; Fannie, 16, dau, helps keep house, OR KY VA; Rosa, 14, dau, at home, OR KY VA; Rena, 10, dau, at home, OR KY VA

vii. Rosa Marie Powell

b. 13 May 1866 Multnomah County, Oregon

d. 21 Feb 1951 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
buried [River View Cemetery](#), Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
m. Carl Albert Brandes (1865-1930)

1870: Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, no date, John Powell, 47, farmer,
\$6000 \$1500, KY; Martha, 38, keeping house, VA; Frank, 16, at home, OR;
Sarah, 14, at home, OR; Kater [sic-Cader], 13, at home, OR; Douglas, 10, at
home, OR; Fanny, 6, OR; Rosa, 4, OR; Irena, 4/12, OR; Green Lane, 21, laborer,
MO; Frederick Libby, 42, school teacher, ME

1880: Willamette, Multnomah County, Oregon, June 26, 1880; John Powell,
father, 57, farmer, KY VA unk; Martha Ann, 47, wife, keeps house, VA NC VA;
William F., 26, son, works on farm, OR KY VA; Thomas C., 23, student, OR KY
VA; Stephen D., 20, helps on farm, OR KY VA; Fannie, 16, dau, helps keep
house, OR KY VA; Rosa, 14, dau, at home, OR KY VA; Rena, 10, dau, at home,
OR KY VA

1900: Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, June 13, 1900; Martha Powell, head,
Jun 1833, 66, wid, m-46 years, 8-6, VA NC VA, Douglas, son, Jan 1860, 40, s,
OR KY VA; Carl Brandes, son in law, Apr 1864, 36, m-10 years, Ger Ger Ger,
miner, emigrated 1876; Rose, g-dau [sic-dau], Jun 1867, 32, m-10 years, 2-2, OR
KY VA; Irene, gdau, May 1893, 7, s, OR Ger OR, at school; Alan, g-son, Aug
1896, 3, s, OR Ger OR; Robert Powell, g-son, April 1881, 19, s, OR KY VA,
musician

viii. Irene "Rena" Powell

b. 1870 Multnomah County, Oregon

d. 1903 Multnomah County, Oregon

buried [Powell Grove Cemetery](#), Multnomah County, Oregon

m. Mr. Sewell

1870: Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, no date, John Powell, 47, farmer,
\$6000 \$1500, KY; Martha, 38, keeping house, VA; Frank, 16, at home, OR;
Sarah, 14, at home, OR; Kater [sic-Cader], 13, at home, OR; Douglas, 10, at
home, OR; Fanny, 6, OR; Rosa, 4, OR; Irena, 4/12, OR; Green Lane, 21, laborer,
MO; Frederick Libby, 42, school teacher, ME

1880: Willamette, Multnomah County, Oregon, June 26, 1880; John Powell,
father, 57, farmer, KY VA unk; Martha Ann, 47, wife, keeps house, VA NC VA;
William F., 26, son, works on farm, OR KY VA; Thomas C., 23, student, OR KY
VA; Stephen D., 20, helps on farm, OR KY VA; Fannie, 16, dau, helps keep
house, OR KY VA; Rosa, 14, dau, at home, OR KY VA; Rena, 10, dau, at home,
OR KY VA

5. William H. Milliorn

b. 20 Jun 1835 Monroe County, Tennessee

d. 31 May 1916 Crook County, Oregon
buried [Juniper Haven Cemetery](#), Prineville, Crook County, Oregon

m.

Nancy Lemley

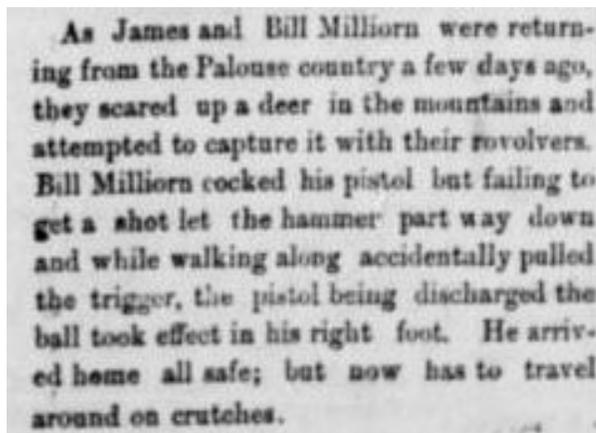
b. 16 Sep 1844 Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas

d. 16 Sep 1927 Crook County, Oregon

buried [Juniper Haven Cemetery](#), Prineville, Crook County, Oregon

d/o Pleasant G. Lemley and Nancy R. Fletcher

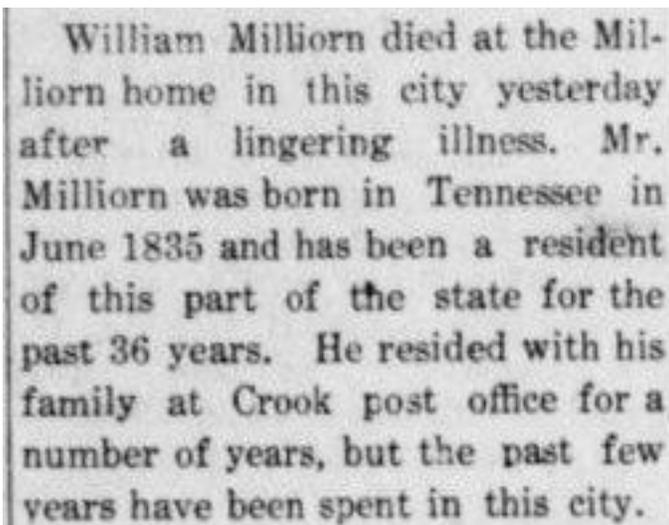
1860: Briees, Lane County, Oregon, August 8, 1860; William Millron, 24, farmer, \$0
\$200, TN; Sarah J., 15, housewife, Ark; Thomas, 3/12, OR



[Eugene City Guard, Eugene, Oregon, November 1, 1879 p. 5]

“WILLIAM H. MILLIORN has been a citizen of Crook county for a long time and is numbered with the progressive and leading men of this, part of Oregon today. He was born in Monroe county, Tennessee, on June 20, 1835. John Milliorn, his father, was a native of Virginia and moved to Tennessee when a young man. He crossed the plains with ox teams in very early day to Lane county, Oregon, taking a donation claim where he remained until his death. He became a wealthy and very prominent citizen in this state. He descended from Pennsylvania Dutch ancestors and married Mary W. Lee, a cousin of Robert E. Lee, who was born in Virginia and crossed the plains with her husband. She came from a very prominent and well known family. Our subject was a boy when he accompanied his parents across the plains, yet he drove five yoke of cattle and became very expert, in this business. Leaving the states when he was young and coming to a pioneer country where no schools existed he had a very poor chance of gaining an education but made the best of what he had. In 1855 he went to the Rogue river country and participated in the Rogue River War, being under General Wool. After that the family were in Lane county for a number of years and .in 1880, came east of the Cascades. He located his present place very soon, which is known as Crook post office. Here he has remained for nearly twenty-five years, engaged in the dual occupation, of farming and stock raising. Owing to the skill he has displayed and the industry, he has made a splendid success and is one of the well to do men of the country.

. In 1859 Mr. Milliorn married Sarah J. Lemley, who was born near Little Rock, Arkansas, on September 16, 1844, the daughter of P. G. and Nancy (Fletcher) Lemley, natives of Arkansas, In 1853, Mr. Lemley brought his family across the plains with ox teams to Lane county and there he became a very prominent man and for years was clerk and judge of Lane county. Mrs. Milliorn was reared and educated in Lane county and came to Crook county with her husband. For nineteen years past, she has been postmistress at Crook and is a very efficient and popular incumbent. To Mr. and Mrs. Milliorn the following named children have been born, Thomas H., Mrs. Maude Logan, Mrs. Lucy Long, P. G., George D., John, and Mrs. Jennie E. Mulholland. Mr. Milliorn has the distinction of being one of the earliest settlers in this portion of the county and for years he labored here when neighbors were scattering and few and in the good work of opening up the country, he has done a commendable part. The adversity and hardship incident to pioneer life have been experienced by him in no small degree and he is rightly classed as one of the builders of the country." [Illustrated History of Central Oregon p. 802]



William Milliorn died at the Milliorn home in this city yesterday after a lingering illness. Mr. Milliorn was born in Tennessee in June 1835 and has been a resident of this part of the state for the past 36 years. He resided with his family at Crook post office for a number of years, but the past few years have been spent in this city.

[Crook County Journal, June 1, 1916 p. 12]

Resolutions of Condolence

Once more the sad messenger of death has entered our fraternal family and removed from our midst our friend and Brother, William Milliorn, whereas the lodge feels deeply the loss of this brother, and the community in which he lived has lost a valuable friend and neighbor and his family a faithful husband and a loving father, therefore be it resolved that this lodge hereby express to the bereaved family and relatives its heartfelt sympathy, and it is our prayer that the healing influence of time may ease the pain of the wound inflicted and enable them to live up with courage until the time comes when they shall meet again in the great beyond.

G. W. Noble, I. L. Ketchum,
C. L. Shattuck, Committee, I. O.
O. F. Lodge No. 46.

[Crook County Journal, June 8, 1916 p. 2]

Children of William Milliorn and Nancy Lemley:

i. Thomas Horatic Milliorn

b. 06 Dec 1860 Lane County, Oregon

d. 16 Oct 1931 Lane County, Oregon

buried [Olney Cemetery](#), Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon

m. Alnora Jacobs (1874-1938)

ii. Maude Milliorn

b. 02 Feb 1865 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

d. 06 Feb 1956 Redmond, Deschutes County, Oregon

buried [Belcrest Memorial Park](#), Salem, Marion County, Oregon

m. Lysander Simpson Logan (1858-1947)

iii Zua W. Milliorn

b. 1867 Oregon

d. 15 Sep 1884 Crook County, Oregon

buried [Juniper Haven Cemetery](#), Prineville, Crook County, Oregon

iv. Pleasant Gwine Milliorn

b. 28 Mar 1872 Junction City, Lane County, Oregon

d. 01 Feb 1931 Crook County, Oregon
buried [Juniper Haven Cemetery](#), Prineville, Crook County, Oregon
m. Edna Elizabeth King (1886-1966)

v. George Duffield Milliorn
b. 28 Mar 1875 Junction City, Lane County, Oregon
d. 01 Feb 1964 Prineville, Crook County, Oregon
buried [Juniper Haven Cemetery](#), Prineville, Crook County, Oregon
m. Nellie Bly Roberts

vi. Phillipa Eugenia Milliorn
b. 18 Sep 1883 Prineville, Crook County, Oregon
d. 13 Apr 1981 Terrebonne, Deschutes County, Oregon
buried [Terrebonne Pioneer Cemetery](#), Terrebonne, Deschutes County, Oregon

6. John F. Milliorn

b. 07 Feb 1838

d. 13 Sep 1864 Junction City, Lane County, Oregon
buried [Milliorn Cemetery](#), Junction City, Lane County, Oregon

1850: Blue Twp, Jackson County, Missouri, September 10, 1850; John Milliron, 46, wagon maker, \$1200, VA; Mary W., 46, VA; Ann, 18, VA; Wm H., 14, TN; John, 12, TN; James P., 10, TN; Mary S., 8, TN; Eugenia, 2, MO; Horace D. Myrtle, 25, blacksmith, KY; Sarah H., 20, VA; John, 4/12, MO

1860: Briees, Lane County, Oregon, August 8, 1860; John Millaron, 50, farmer, \$2500 \$1915, VA; Mary, 49, housewife, VA; John, 21, farmer, \$0 \$200, TN; James, 19, TN; Eugenia, 12, MO; Hannah, 8, MO; Kensher Felkins, 25, farmer, \$0 \$75, NY

7. James Polk Milliorn

b. 30 Aug 1840 Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee

d. 12 Nov 1931 Junction City, Lane County, Oregon
buried [Rest Lawn Memorial Park](#), Junction City, Lane County, Oregon

m.

Katherine "Kittie" Mulhollan

b. 16 Oct 1848 Holt County, Missouri

d. 27 Jan 1919 Junction City, Lane County, Oregon

buried [Rest Lawn Memorial Park](#), Junction City, Lane County, Oregon

d/o Edward Mulhollan and Martha Keeney

1860: Briees, Lane County, Oregon, August 8, 1860; John Millaron, 50, farmer, \$2500 \$1915, VA; Mary, 49, housewife, VA; John, 21, farmer, \$0 \$200, TN; James, 19, TN; Eugenia, 12, MO; Hannah, 8, MO; Kensher Felkins, 25, farmer, \$0 \$75, NY

1870: Lancaster Twp, Lane County, Oregon, July 19, 1870; James Milliron (sic), 29, farmer, \$4000 \$1050, TN; Catharine, 21, keeping house, MO; Harry, 4, OR; William, 2, OR

“JAMES POLK MILLIORN. The old Milliorn place in Junction City, built so many years ago by that honored pioneer, T. A. Milliorn, has been occupied and owned by his son, James Polk, since 1875, the latter interestingly and substantially identified with Oregon since his twelfth year. Born near Knoxville, Tenn., August 30, 1840, he vividly recalls every particular of the overland trip in 1852, and his participation in what was indeed a momentous crisis for the family. The driving of loose stock and the riding of horses fell to his lot, and the train came by way of the Platte river, escaping attacks of a serious nature on the part of the Indians, and being rather fortunate until arriving at Pacific Spring. Here the dread cholera invaded their ranks, his mother being seriously ill with it, and his sister and three other members of the party succumbing to the disorder. Starting in April, the train arrived at the Cascades in November, and there they lost all of the stock which had survived the long journey across the plains. From the lower Cascade to the mouth of the Sandy the father and mother came on a flat boat, and James got onto the old Clinton which was lying on some rocks in the Columbia river, and though there were people on board who were more fortunate than himself in the way of clothes and provisions, he did not succeed in getting them to help him with even a blanket in which to sleep. He was very hungry also, and when he reached Sandy he was reduced to such a state that he was glad to give 25 cents for a turnip with which to stay the pangs of hunger, for he had then been twenty-four hours with nothing to eat. The family spent the first winter on a claim six miles east of Portland, and in February, 1853, came to Lane county, settling on three hundred and twenty acres three-quarters of a mile west of Junction City.

In 1860 Mr. Milliorn went to Washington with James Patterson, driving beef-cattle to a point above Seattle, and finally made his way to the Snoqualmie river, with an Indian for a guide. The same year he went to the Rogue river in Jackson county and was variously employed at farming, mining, repairing wagons, sawing logs, and running a cooper shop, and the following year came back to his father's place in Lane county. In 1862 he engaged in mining in the Florence district, Idaho, on Baboon Gulch, and when he returned was the richer by several hundreds of dollars. In 1863 he changed his field of mining operations to the Caribou district, going there overland with a pack train and with a cargo of bacon. The way was dangerous, as is well known, and in some places it was necessary to tie the horses together by their tails and let them slide down deep declines. In the fall he came to Canyon City with sheep, and in 1864 went to the Boise Basin via the Columbia trail with sheep, encountering many interesting experiences while in the wild and desolate places of the great northwest.

In January, 1865, Mr. Milliorn married Kittie Mulholland, who was born in Missouri, and crossed the plains with her parents in 1853, locating at Pleasant Hill, this county. Immediately after his marriage he engaged in a general merchandise business ten miles below Corvallis, in partnership with W. G. Pickett, now deceased, and for whose estate Mr. Milliorn has been appointed administrator. The mercantile business was disposed of in 1865, and in 1869 he went on a farm of three hundred and twenty acres four miles south of Junction City, remaining there until purchasing the old homestead in Junction City in 1875. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Milliorn, of whom H. M. is

engaged in the merchandise business in this town; W. G. is a farmer: and J. E. is in partnership with his merchant brother.

Mr. Milliorn is a Democrat in political affiliation, and he has been a member of the council many terms. Mr. Milliorn contributed his share towards the suppression of the Indian in the early days. He was sixteen years of age when he enlisted in the Rogue river war in 1855-6, and at the time was the youngest man in the war. He went in the capacity of wagon-master, but was finally detailed to build bridges on Eels creek." [Portrait and Biographical Records of the Willamette Valley p. 1553]

Children of James Milliorn and Katherine Mulhollan:

i. Harry M. Milliorn

b. 1865

d. 1935

buried [Rest Lawn Memorial Park](#), Junction City, Lane County, Oregon

ii. William G. Milliorn

b. 1867 Lane County, Oregon

d. 1937 Lane County, Oregon

buried [Rest Lawn Memorial Park](#), Junction City, Lane County, Oregon

m. Clementine Mays (1871-1966)

iii. John E. Milliorn

b. 1870 Lane County, Oregon

d. 1937 Lane County, Oregon

buried [Rest Lawn Memorial Park](#), Junction City, Lane County, Oregon

8. Mary S. Milliorn

b. 10 Dec 1844 Missouri

d. 26 Jan 1880 Lane County, Oregon

buried [Milliorn Cemetery](#), Junction City, Lane County, Oregon

m1.

William G. Pickett

b. 15 Jan 1827

d. 23 Jul 1899

buried [Milliorn Cemetery](#), Junction City, Lane County, Oregon

m2. 09 Oct 1876

James N. Luper

b. 28 Mar 1850 Fulton County, Illinois

d. 05 Jun 1938 Heppner, Morrow County, Oregon

buried [Masonic Cemetery](#), Heppner, Morrow County, Oregon

s/o Martin Luper

m2. Sarah Frances Rhea (1858-1922)

1870: Lancaster, Lane County, Oregon, July 16, 1870; John Milliron (sic), 66, farmer, \$12,000 \$2020, VA; Mary, 59, keeping house, VA; Mary Picket, 27, keeping house, TN; Kate Picket, 3, OR; Hannah Milliron, 18, at home, MO; J.H. Mercer, 47, hostler, \$0 \$250, KY

Children of William Pickett and Mary Milliorn:

i. Benia Pickett
b. 27 Jan 1861 Lane County, Oregon
d. 15 Oct 1861 Lane County, Oregon
buried [Milliorn Cemetery](#), Junction City, Lane County, Oregon

ii. Ada T. Pickett
b. 1862 Lane County, Oregon
d. 1864 Lane County, Oregon
buried [Milliorn Cemetery](#), Junction City, Lane County, Oregon

iii. Kate Pickett
b. 1867 Lane County, Oregon
d.

1870: Lancaster, Lane County, Oregon, July 16, 1870; John Milliron (sic), 66, farmer, \$12,000 \$2020, VA; Mary, 59, keeping house, VA; Mary Picket, 27, keeping house, TN; Kate Picket, 3, OR; Hannah Milliron, 18, at home, MO; J.H. Mercer, 47, hostler, \$0 \$250, KY

1880: Junction City, Lane County, Oregon, June 2, 1880; John Milliorn, 78, retired farmer, VA PA PA; Mary L., 69, wife, keeping house, VA VA VA; Frankie Rhea, 22, g-dau, at hone, OR TN VA; Katy Pickett, 13, g-dau, attending school, OR unk TN

9. Eugenia "Jennie" Milliorn
b. 30 Mar 1849 Missouri
d. 28 Jan 1937 Aberdeen, Grays Harbor County, Washington
buried [Eugene Pioneer Cemetery](#), Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

m.
James Hoffman [Pioneer of 1851]
b. 21 Dec 1842 Sangamon County, Illinois
d. 28 Oct 1904 Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon
buried [Eugene Pioneer Cemetery](#), Eugene, Lane County, Oregon
s/o William Hoffman and Martha Drake

"The life of the pioneer of this great northwest was often filled with unknown peril. In journeying thither he almost invariably traversed the intervening plain and desert with ox-teams, the slowest possible mode of locomotion, being many months on the road.

Oftentimes dangers from hostile Indians, wild animals and troublesome insects were encountered, and illness overtook the weary traveler. Although a boy of but nine years when he came to Oregon, James Hoffman, one of the most prosperous residents of Eugene, and the owner of the Hoffman House, has a vivid realization of the trials and tribulation that beset the original settlers of this section of the state. A native of Sangamon county, Ill., he was born December 21, 1842, about eight miles north of the city of Springfield, a son of William Hoffman.

Born and reared in Pennsylvania, William Hoffman removed to Sangamon county, Ill., in 1832, and was there engaged in general farming for nearly twenty years. On April 1, 1851, accompanied by his wife and ten children, he started for Oregon, but, being taken ill with mountain fever, died at Big Sandy, and was buried there. His widow, whose maiden name was Martha Drake, was a native of Ohio. A woman of energy, determination and decision, she continued the journey westward with her children. The train with which she traveled consisted of six wagons, each drawn by six yoke of oxen, a fine band of horses, twenty-five mares and two stallions, and one hundred cows, four of the horses belonging to the Hoffman family. The day after the train passed Fort Hall it came in contact with the Indians, who stole seventy-five horses, and killed an old lady, Mrs. Clark, and her son, and wounded a Miss Clark and a Mr. Sperry. About fifty men of the company gave chase, following the savages over the desert for two days. Finding the enemy strongly entrenched in the valley, a skirmish ensued, but, as several of the men from the train were killed in the encounter the chase was given up, and the journey continued. The party arrived in Oregon in September, 1851, with but two wagons, ten yoke of oxen, and ten head of loose cattle, the others having been lost in the Indian stampede, or through the carelessness of the train leaders, Mrs. Hoffman losing every one of her horses.

Locating with her family in Corvallis, Ore., Mrs. Hoffman engaged in the hotel business for ten years, being quite successful. Subsequently marrying L. A. Clark, she settled on a farm about twelve miles south of Corvallis, on the Long Tom. She afterward lived in Linn county ten years, then removed to Junction City, Lane county, where she resided until her death, at the age of seventy-three years. She reared ten children, namely: Mrs. Sarah Bundy, who died in Benton county, Ore.; Mrs. Jane Roberts, who died in the same county; Mrs. Mary Alfred, of Baker City, Ore.; Nancy, wife of E. M. White, of Portland; Lucy F., who married R. C. George, died in Baker county; Mrs. Martha Esterbrook, who died in Baker county; Mrs. Fannie Watkins, of Douglas county; James, the especial subject of this sketch; Henry, resident of Eugene; and Thomas, a stockman and miner, living in Baker county.

While in his ninth year, James Hoffman started for Oregon with his parents, crossing the river at Council Bluffs. Arriving in Corvallis with his widowed mother and her family in September, 1851, he attended the district school for a short time. Going with two of his brothers, in 1852, to get horses at the farm of H. C. Owens, in Lane county, he came through the present site of the city of Eugene, which at that time was a tract of wild land covered with tall grass and oak trees, the cabin and store of Eugene Skinner being hidden by the butte. From 1859 until 1873 Mr. Hoffman was successfully engaged in mining pursuits, being employed at various mines, including those at Orofino, Florence, Baker City, Boise Basin, John Day, South Boise, Idaho City, Oyhee, Clear Water, Buffalo Hump, Salmon river, Warren's Diggings, and many others, making most of the trips from

mine to mine on foot, or with pack horses, occasionally having trouble with the Indians. Having invested a part of his savings in a ranch of three thousand acres, in Linn county, Mr. Hoffman returned to the valley in 1872, and embarked in business as a stock-raiser, his large farm lying about ten miles east of Harrisburg. Selling out at the end of seven years to Joseph Keel and B. Goldsmith, he bought a section of land, and for three years was engaged in farming on an extensive scale, raising large quantities of grain. Removing to Junction City in 1883, he operated his farms in Linn and Lane counties for about twelve years, and while there invested heavily in Eugene property, in 1886 building the Hoffman House, which is 40 x 116 feet, three stories in height. Taking up his residence in Eugene in 1895, Mr. Hoffman has since devoted his time and attention to the management of his various interests, which keeps him busily employed. He owns different farms, aggregating about one thousand acres, has a large extent of timber land, and possesses valuable property in Eugene, having in his active career accumulated much wealth, and gained a position of prominence among the respected and esteemed citizens of Lane county.

Mr. Hoffman married, in Lane county, Eugenia Milliorn, who was born in Missouri, and came with her parents to this county in 1853, locating on the present site of Junction City. Her father kept Milliorn station, on the overland stage route, for twenty or more years, it being a celebrated stopping place for travelers in pioneer days. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman have one child only, Edith, who was graduated from the University of Oregon. Politically Mr. Hoffman is a sound Republican, and fraternally he is a Knight of Pythias, and a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He takes great interest in the early history of the state, and belongs to the State Pioneers' Association and the Lane County Historical Society." [Portrait and Biographical Record of the Willamette Valley p. 1481]

Child of James Hoffman and Phillipia Milliorn:

- i. Edith Hoffman
- b.
- d.

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10. Helen Hannah Milliorn

b. 23 Feb 1852 Missouri

d. 08 Apr 1924 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

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

m.

William Henry Hoffman [Pioneer of 1851]

b. 04 Jul 1844 Illinois

d. 07 Feb 1909

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

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i. William Walter Hoffman

b. 23 May 1872 Lane County, Oregon

d. 12 Feb 1873 Lane County, Oregon

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