

John Stowell

Pioneer of 1852

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John Stowell

b. 07 Jul 1797 Tennessee

d. 17 Mar 1882 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

m. 17 Mar 1821 Knox County, Tennessee [TN Marriages to 1780-2002]

Margaret Armstrong

b. 1802 Tennessee

d. Oct 1894

buried [River View Cemetery](#), Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

traveled with Adams party, left and later rejoined company

1830: Knox County, Tennessee, John Stowell, 1 male (-5), 1 male (-5-9), 1 male (-30-39); 1 female (-5), 1 female (-5-9), 1 female (-15-19), 1 female (-20-29); 1 female slave (24-35) [Note; based on the age of the female -15-19, it may be a sister of one of the adults]

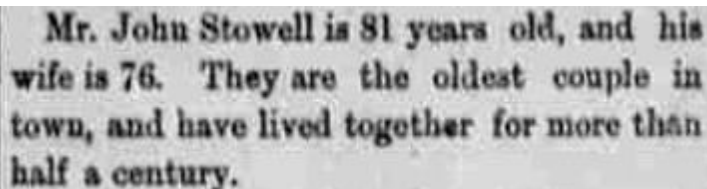
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Mr. John Stowell is 81 years old, and his wife is 76. They are the oldest couple in town, and have lived together for more than half a century.

[The Eugene City Guard, Eugene City, Oregon, March 2, 1878 image 2]

**SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY.**—Friday, March 18th, was the sixtieth anniversary of the marriage of John Stowell and Rebecca Armstrong. Their children and friends in this city had made preparations for a surprise party at that time, but were obliged to forego that pleasure on account of an accident happening Mrs. Stowell a few days before. Mr. Stowell has lived during the lifetime of every President of the United States, and has voted at every election for President since 1820. He is aged 84 and his wife 79. The venerable couple have the best wishes of all for many more anniversaries of their marriage day.

[The Eugene City Guard, Eugene City, Oregon, March 26, 1881 image 5]

**In the year now under consideration there are two deaths to be recorded. John Stowell died at his residence in Eugene City, March 17, 1882. He was a native of East Tennessee, where he was born July 7, 1797, and afterwards lived in Indiana, Missouri and California and finally came to Oregon and settled in Lane county at an early day. He was married in 1821 to Margaret Armstrong, who survived him, and lacked but one day of reaching the sixty-first anniversary of their marriage. Mr. Stowell was an industrious, honest, frugal and kind man, and in every way a good and useful citizen, who was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him.**

[An Illustrated History of Lane County p.416]

Children of John Stowell and Margaret Armstrong:

1. Male Stowell

b. 1822

d. bef 1840

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2. Female Stowell

b. 1824

d.

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### 3. Female Stowell

b. 1826

d. bef 1840

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### 4. Male Stowell

b. 1828

d.

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### 5. Margaret Stowell

b. 1832 Indiana

d. aft 1880

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### 6. Leathe Amelia Stowell

b. Jun 1834 Indiana

d. 28 Jul 1919 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

buried [River View Cemetery](#), Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

m. never married

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1900: Union, Union County, Oregon, June 16, 1900, John A. Stowell, head, May 1836, 64, wid, IN TN TN; Aletha A., sister, Jun 1834, 65, s, IN TN TN; Ben L., son, Sep 1876, 23, s, OR IN US, stenographer

1910: Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, April 25, 1910; John Stowell, head, 73, wid, IN TN TN, real estate-own office; Leathe, sister, 85. s. IN TN TN

**STOWELL—At 940 Michigan avenue, Letha Amelia Stowell, aged 85 years, sister of George Stowell and aunt of Percy Stowell of Portland, and Mrs. Robert Eakins of Salem.**

[The Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Tuesday, July 29, p15]

7. John A. Stowell

b. 10 May 1836 Indiana

d. 10 Oct 1915 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

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

m. 24 Jun 1875 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

Louisa A. Simpson

b. 13 Apr 1849

d. 25 Jan 1888 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

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

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## JOHN A. STOWELL-IS DEAD

Residence in Oregon Dated From  
1858 and One Son Survives.

John A. Stowell, an Oregon pioneer and a real estate dealer in this city for many years, died yesterday morning at his home, 909 Albina avenue. Mr. Stowell was born in Carroll County, Indiana, in 1836. He came to California in 1856 and to Oregon in 1858, first making his home in Eugene. Later he moved to The Dalles, where he lived

until 1862, when he moved to Portland. He married Miss Louise Simpson, daughter of the late Ben Simpson, a prominent pioneer of this state.

Mr. Stowell is survived by one son, a brother, George Stowell, of Juneau, Alaska; two sisters, Miss Leathe Stowell and Mrs. D. B. Gray, of this city. Mrs. Robert Eakin, of Salem, is his niece. For a number of years Mr. Stowell had engaged in the real estate business in Portland. Funeral services will be held today at 2 P. M. from Holman's chapel, and interment will be in Lone Fir Cemetery.

[The Morning Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, October 12, 1915 p.11]

Child of John Stowell and Louise Simpson:

- i. Ben L. Stowell
- b. Sep 1876
- d.

8. George Stowell
- b. 10 Dec 1838 Indiana
- d. 10 Aug 1919 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
- buried [River View Cemetery](#), Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

- m. 23 Feb 1870 Springfield, Lane County, Oregon
- Janette McCalley
- b. 29 Jan 1847 Edinburgh, Scotland
- d. 04 Feb 1916 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
- buried [River View Cemetery](#), Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

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1870: Eugene, Lane County, Oregon, June 8, 1870; Geoge Stowell, 31, draughtsman, \$200 \$800, IN TN TN, m'd Feb 1870; Janette, 23, keeping house, Scot Scot Scot

1880: Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, June 29, 1880; George Stowell, 41, clerk sur general office, IN TN TN; Janette, 33, wife, keeps home, Scot Scot Scot, Percy, 9, son, at school, OR IN Scot; Robert, 5, son, OR IN Scot

1900: Sitka, Southern Supervisors District, Alaska, May 10, 1900; George Stowell, b. Dec, age 61, IN TN TN, draughtsman; Janet M., wife, Jan, 53, Scot Scot Scot, immigrated 1855; Constance J., dau, 17, Jan, OR IN Scot, at school; George A., son, 10, Aug, OR IN Scot, at school

1910: Juneau, Division 1, Alaska, Jan 21, 1910, Geo Stowell, head, Dec 1838, 73, m-30yrs, IN TN TN, no name, wife, Jan 1848, 62, Scot Scot Scot, immigrated 1851, at home

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## GEORGE STOWELL, 80, DIES

Portland Settler of 1875 Is Survived by Three Children.

One of Portland's early pioneers, George Stowell, died yesterday at the Portland sanitarium after a long illness. He was 80 years old. Mr. Stowell went to California from the east, then moved to Oregon in 1857, settling in Portland in 1875. In the '70's he attained prominence in the local business world.

For a number of years Mr. Stowell was connected with the department of

the interior in the geological survey. He was asked to go to Alaska for a period of 18 months, but instead remained 18 years, returning to this city in 1916 in ill health. He is survived by three children, Perry D. Stowell of this city, Major George A. Stowell, now at Washington, who was cited three times for gallantry in action with the 6th marines and Mrs. Constance G. Anderson, whose husband is stationed with the regular army at San Domingo.

[The Morning Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Monday, August 11, 1919 p.7]

# MRS. J. M. STOWELL DIES

Oregon Pioneer of 1859 Succumbs  
at Son's Home in Portland.

Mrs. Janette McCalley Stowell, who died at the residence of her son, Percy E. Stowell, 834 Corbett street, was an Oregon pioneer of 1859. She was the daughter of Andrew and Christine Miller McCalley, and was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, January 29, 1847, and came to America with her parents in 1850, first settling in Prince Edwards Island, a province of Canada.

The family removed to Oregon in 1859, settling at Salem, where the father became the head miller in what in the early '60s was generally recognized as the most important flour mill in the Pacific Northwest.

Mrs. Stowell was married to George Stowell, a clerk in the United States Surveyor General's office, then located at Eugene, in 1870. She is survived by her husband and three children: Percy E. Stowell, Portland; Mrs. Constance J. Andraeson, Manila; George Stowell, Second Lieutenant United States Marines, Haiti.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Sunday, February 13, 1916 Sec II p.5]

Children of George Stowell and Janette McCalley:

i. Percy Eldon Stowell

b. 1872 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

d. 01 Apr 1959 Coos County, Oregon

buried [River View Cemetery](#), Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

ii. Constance J. Stowell

b. 1883 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

d. 28 Aug 1943 Seattle, King County, Washington

buried [Arlington National Cemetery](#), Arlington, Arlington County, Virginia

iii. George Stowell

b. 31 Aug 1889 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

d. 24 Nov 1937 Coco Solo, Canal Zone

buried [Arlington National Cemetery](#), Arlington, Arlington County, Virginia

9. Alfred Wilson Stowell

b. 26 Feb 1841 Indiana

d. 17 Jan 1907 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

buried [River View Cemetery](#), Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

m. 15 Nov 1867 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

Elizabeth Blandina Thurston

b. May 1849

d. Mar 1904

buried [River View Cemetery](#), Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

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1870: Eugene, Lane County, Oregon, June 8, 1870; A. W. Stowell, 28, clerk in store, \$0 \$1200, IN; Blandina, 21, keeps house, \$4000 \$1000, OR; Geo Thurston, 23, clerk in store, \$3500 \$0, IN

1880: Eugene, Lane County, Oregon, June 2 & 3, 1880; A.W. Stowell, 39, farmer, IN TN TN; E.B., 31, wife, keeps house, OR Mass ME; Walter, 8, son, OR IN OR

1900: Preston, Clark County, Washington, June 5, 1900; Alferd W. Stowell, head, Feb 1841, 59, m-33yrs, IN TN TN, farmer; Elizabeth B., wife, May 1849, 51, m-33yrs, 4-4, OR ME ME; Blandina, dau, Sep 1890, 19, s, OR IN OR, at school; Margaret G., dau, July 1892, 17, s, OR IN OR, at school; Curtis A., son, Sep 1884, 15, s, OR IN OR, at school



## WAS A PIONEER OF 1858

### Late Alfred W. Stowell, One of Early Day Merchants.

Alfred W. Stowell, who died January 17, in this city, was one of the pioneers of the Oregon country and the Pacific Coast. He was born in Carroll County, Indiana, February 26, 1841. His parents, John and Margaret Stowell, moved with their family to California in 1856 and settled on a ranch near Petaluma. In 1858 the family moved to Eugene, Or., where the father died in 1883. Mr. Stowell for years was in the land office at Eugene as chief clerk under William Odell.

In 1867 Mr. Stowell married Elizabeth Blandina Thurston, daughter of Samuel Thurston, Oregon's first Representative in Congress. He survived his wife by three years.

It was 24 years ago that Mr. Stowell and A. H. Morgan, another well-known pioneer of Portland, went into the grocery business in this city at 247 and 249 Front street, between Main and Madison, under the firm name of Morgan & Stowell. This spot is still occupied by a grocery and feed store. Some years later Mr. Stowell went into the brokerage business in this city, and continued in this until he became too feeble longer to attend to his business affairs.

He was a prominent member of the First Presbyterian Church, being for many years an elder under the pastorate of A. L. Lindsley and Rev. A. J. Brown.

Mr. Stowell had a small farm on the Columbia River, about seven miles above Vancouver.

The funeral was held Saturday from the First Presbyterian Church, Rev. David H. Hare, assistant pastor, conducting the service. Music was rendered by the choir. The pallbearers were William M. Ladd, J. Thoburn Ross, S. R. Johnson, Royal K. Warren, Frank Cooper and Fletcher Linn.

Mr. Stowell leaves two sons, Walter Thurston and Curtis, and two daughters, Elizabeth Blandina and Margaret Gertrude.

[The Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Sunday, January 27, 1907 p. 5]

Children of Alfred Stowell and Elizabeth Thurston:

i. Walter Thurston Stowell

b. Mar 1872

d. 12 Jan 1946 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

buried [Riverview Abbey Mausoleum and Crematory](#), Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

ii. Margaret Gertrude Stowell

b. Jul 1882

d.

iii. Curtis Stowell

b. Sep 1884

d. 1954

buried [Riverview Abbey Mausoleum and Crematory](#), Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

iv. Elizabeth Blandina Stowell

b. Sep 1890

d.

10. Robert Pleasant Stowell

b. 1842 Indiana

d. 09 Feb 1861 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

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

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11. Mary Amanda Stowell

b. Mar 1845 Indiana

d. 13 Jan 1916 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

buried [Riverview Abbey Mausoleum and Crematory](#), Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

m. 27 Jun 1861 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

David Baxter Gray

b. 03 Jun 1836 Ohio

d. 08 May 1916 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

buried [Riverview Abbey Mausoleum and Crematory](#), Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

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1870: Oakland, Alameda County, California, July 14, 1870; D.B. Gray, 34, clergyman, \$1800 \$0, OH; M.E.(sic-A), 25, at home, IN

1900: Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, June 1, 1900; David B. Gray, boarder, May 1836, 64, m-39yrs, OH KY SC, minister; Mary A., boarder, Mar 1845, m-39yrs, IN TN TN [boarding house]

1910: Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, April 16, 1910; Nancy J. Paxton, head, 67, wid, 6-4, IN KY NC, housekeeper-own home; David B. Gray, brother, 73, m-40yrs, OH KY KY, city missionary-Congregational church; Mary A., sister in law, 65, m1-40yrs, IN TN TN; Bruce Campbell, grandson, 24, s, OR OH CA, engineer-civil engineering; Elizabeth Campbell, grand dau, 22, s, OR OH CA, librarian-public library

# REV. D. B. GRAY DIES

Pioneer Pastor Succumbs on  
Eightieth Birthday.

FIRST PULPIT HELD IN 1862

Oldest Congregational Minister in  
Oregon Follows Wife to Grave  
Few Months After Her Death.  
One Sister Survives Him.

Rev. David Baxter Gray, the oldest Congregational minister in Oregon, died at the Mann Home last night at 6 o'clock. He was 80 years old yesterday.

Born in Ohio June 3, 1836, Rev. Mr. Gray shortly after moved to Indiana with his parents. In 1851 he crossed the plains. After coming to this state he first went to Linn County and taught school for several years. He was ordained Congregational minister in 1862, and his first pastorate was at Albany. He later occupied pulpits at Astoria, The Dalles, Oregon City and other Oregon towns. For a time he was in Oakland, Cal.

After his return from California Rev. Mr. Gray came to Portland. He was connected with the Congregational Church here for many years, and up to a few months ago he was superintendent of the Congregational city missions.

He was married June 27, 1862, to Miss Mary Amanda Stowell, of Eugene, and to them two children were born, both of whom are dead. Mrs. Gray died a few months ago. A sister, Mrs. N.

J. Burton: a brother-in-law, George A. Stowell, of this city, and a number of nieces and nephews, survive Rev. Mr. Gray.

No funeral arrangements have been made.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Tuesday, May 9, 1916 p. 8]

# MRS. M. A. S. GRAY DIES

PIONEER CHURCH WORKER SUC-  
CUMBS TO HEART TROUBLE.

Wife of Rev. David B. Gray, Retired  
After Many Years of Service,  
Passes at Old People's Home.

Mrs. Mary A. Stowell Gray, Oregon pioneer and wife of Rev. David B. Gray, prominent Congregational minister of Portland, died yesterday morning at 8 o'clock at the Old People's Home, East Thirty-third street and Sandy boulevard. She was 70 years of age and had been a resident of Oregon for more than 50 years.

Mrs. Gray was well known in Portland and the entire state for the active part which she took in church work and similar activities, especially the work of the missionary society. With her husband, Rev. Mr. Gray, she participated in the pastorate of Congregational churches in Oregon for more than 40 years. A year ago Christmas she and her husband retired from active work of any kind and went to the Old People's Home.

In October of last year, Mrs. Gray became seriously ill with heart trouble and it was that disease which ultimately caused her death.

Mrs. Gray was born in Carroll County, Indiana, in March, 1845. With her parents she moved to California and in 1856 came to Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray were married near Eugene, Or., June 27, 1861. Since their marriage Rev. Mr. Gray has been pastor of Congregational churches at Albany, Oregon City, Astoria, Or., and Oakland, Cal.

Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gray, a daughter and a son. The daughter became Mrs. Charles R. Fay, of this city, and for a number of years was well known in musical circles. She died in New York City several years ago. The son died in California.

Mrs. Gray was for a time president of the Congregational Church board of the Oregon Branch of Foreign Missions.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. Luther R. Dyott, of the First Congregational Church, officiating.

[The Morning Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Friday, January 14, 1916 p. 8]

Memorial services in honor of Mrs. D. B. Gray were held in the parlors of the church Wednesday in place of the regular Missionary Society meeting. Mrs. D. D. Clarke read the scripture and led in prayer. Mrs. F. M. Warren and Mrs. J. A. Bell paid tributes to the life and character of Mrs. Gray. Mrs. F. Eggert outlined Mrs. Gray's life as the wife of Dr. Gray, for many years pastor of Congregational churches in the Northwest, and was followed by Mrs. B. S. Huntington, who told of her association with Mrs. Gray during Dr. Gray's pastorate at The Dalles; Mrs. George M. Parker, who told of Mrs. Gray's work as president of the foreign branch, and Mrs. D. L. Brace, who told of Mrs. Gray's years of service as president of the local missionary society. Miss Carolyn Johnston sang three of Mrs. Gray's favorite solos, "A Perfect Day," "Resignation" and "Crossing the Bar." Mrs. G. M. Parker made the closing prayer.

[The Sunday Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, January 23, 1916 p.10]

Children of David Gray and Mary Stowell:

i. Herman H. Gray

b. Apr 1862

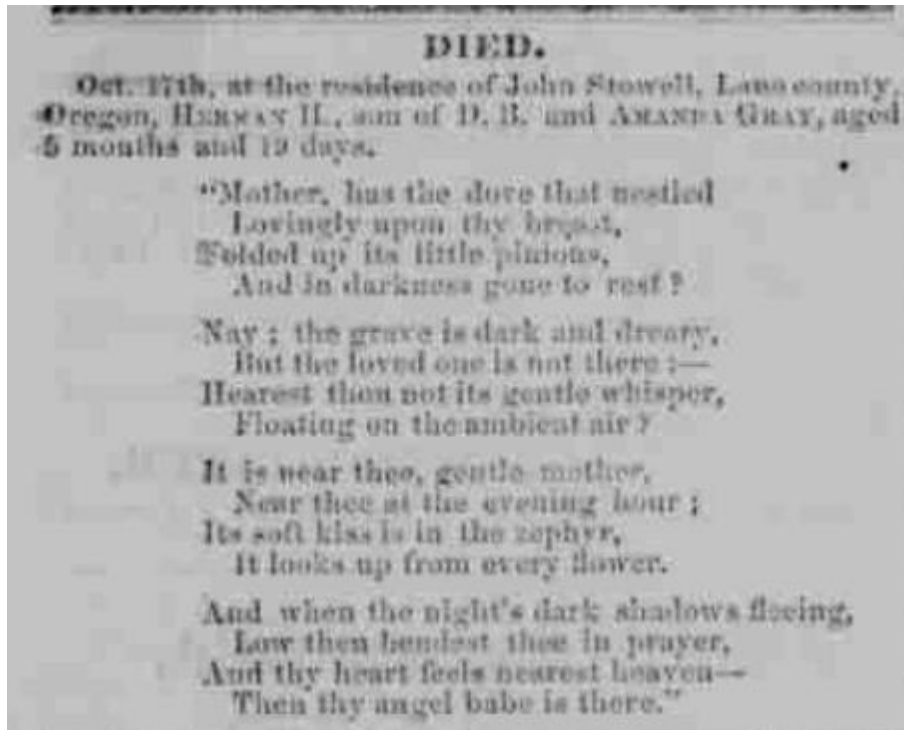
d. 17 Oct 1862 age 5 mos 19 days

ii. Mabel S. Gray

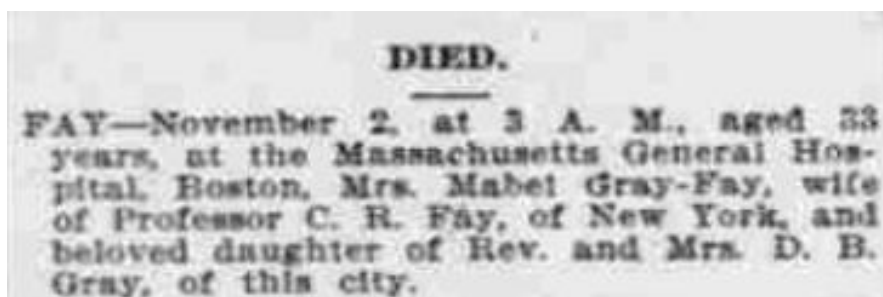
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d. 02 Nov 1903 Boston, Massachusetts

m. Charles R. Fay 1892 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon



[The State Republican, Eugene City, Oregon, October 25, 1862]



[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Tuesday, November 3, 1903]