

Jonathan Snow Tibbetts

Pioneer of 1852

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Jonathan Snow Tibbetts

b. 17 Apr 1804 Bangor, Penobscot Co, ME

d. 23 Jun 1885 Portland, Multnomah Co, OR

buried Lone Fir Pioneer Cemetery, Portland, Multnomah Co, OR

s/o Benjamin Tibbetts and Hannah Snow

m. 21 Jul 1831 Ripley Co, IN

Mary Redding

b. 25 Sep 1815 Versailles, Ripley Co, IN

d. 24 Nov 1890 Portland, Multnomah Co, OR

buried Lone Fir Pioneer Cemetery, Portland, Multnomah Co, OR



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1850: Manchester, Dearborn Co, IN, November 1, 1850; Jonathan Tibbetts, 41, farmer, ME; Mary, 33, OH; Elizabeth J., 17, IN; Mary E., 15, IN; Sarah E., 11, IN; Sophia E., 8, IN; Francis M., 13, IN; Albert J., 6, IN; Flora A., 3, IN; Samuel McMullen, 19, farmer, IN

1860: Oakland, Douglas Co, OR, July 30, 1860; Jonathan Tibbetts, 61, farmer, \$4000 \$1070, ME; Mary, 45, OH; Francis, 22, laborer, \$0 \$851, IN

File: Rev. Tibbetts mentioned in 1852 Samuel Woodruff diary

Children of Jonathan Tibbetts and Mary Redding:

1. Elizabeth Jane Tibbetts
- b. 16 Dec 1832 Manchester, Dearborn Co, IN
- d. 23 Jul 1915 Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co, CA
- m.

David Brower Hamblin

b. 1831 IL

d.

MRS. E. J. HAMBLIN DEAD

**Pioneer of 1852 Passes Away in
Los Angeles.**

With the passing of Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Hamblin Oregon has lost one of her earliest pioneers. She died in Los Angeles, Cal., July 23.

She was the daughter of Jonathan Snow and Mary Redding Tibbetts and was born in Manchester, Ind., December 16, 1832. With her parents she crossed the plains in 1852 and passed her early life in the Umpqua Valley. She had made Portland her home for the past 30 years. She was visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lois Nye, in Los Angeles at the time of her death and was laid to rest there July 26.

She is survived by her daughters, Mrs. Eva Hamilton, of Portland; Mrs. Lois Nye, of Los Angeles, and a son, Alfred Hamblin, of Portland, and by her sisters, Mrs. A. J. Knott, of Portland; Mrs. Sarah Gouldin and Mrs. Lois Avery, of San Francisco; Mrs. Ella McKinney, of Cottage Grove, Or., and Mrs. Bjnger Hermann, of Roseburg, and brothers, Oregon Tibbetts, of Portland, and J. E. Tibbetts, of Los Angeles.

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Children of David Hamblin and Elizabeth Tibbetts:

- i. Eva E. Hamblin (1860-)
- ii. Ralph A. Hamblin (1862-)
- iii. Sarah E. Hamblin (1864-)
- iv. Lillie Hamblin (-1915)
- v. Lois T. Hamblin (1869-)
- vi. John D. Hamblin (1872-)
- vii. Alva G. Hamblin (1874-1946)

2. Mary Eliza Tibbetts

b. 16 Feb 1835 Manchester, Dearborn Co, IN

d. 01 Jun 1919 Portland, Multnomah Co, OR

m.

Andrew Jackson Knott

b. 26 Nov 1834 OH

d. Sep 1900 Portland, Multnomah Co, OR

MRS. MARY E. KNOTT DIES

Widow of Captain, After Whom
Knott Street Named, Passes Away.

Mrs. Mary E. Knott, 85, widow of Captain A. J. Knott, after whom Knott street was named, died Sunday at her residence, 456 East Eleventh street. She had lived in Portland since 1852.

Mrs. Knott was born in Manchester, Ind., February 16, 1835. She came to Oregon with her parents in 1852, crossing the plains with an ox team. The next year she married Captain Knott and came to Portland to live. Her family had settled in the Umpqua valley.

Captain Knott owned and operated one of the ferries across the Willamette in early days. He also owned valuable property in Portland and left his widow a considerable fortune.

Mrs. Knott is survived by seven children: Mrs. L. C. McCormick, Mrs. J. W. Phalen, Mrs. Sadie McCuen, Mrs. F. M. Stephens and Walter, Harry and Gordon Knott, besides five grandchildren. Three sisters and two brothers also survive her. They are: Mrs. Binger Hermann of Roseburg, Or.; Mrs. Lois Avery of San Francisco and Mrs. Ella McInnon of Forest Grove, Or., and C. A. and J. E. Tibbetts.

Funeral services will be held at 3 P. M. today in the chapel of the East Side Funeral Directors. Interment will be in Lone Fir cemetery.

DEATH OF A. J. KNOTT

PIONEER PASSES AWAY IN HIS EAST SIDE HOME.

His Death Leaves a Vacancy in Multnomah Delegation to Legislature.

Andrew Jackson Knott, a worthy and well-known Oregon pioneer of 1850, and Representative from Multnomah County to the Oregon Legislature, died at his home on East Washington and East Eighth street, shortly after 12 o'clock Sunday night, after an illness which began Friday, September 7. The Sunday following the commencement of his sickness he was in a very serious condition from obstruction of the bowels, and it was then thought he could not recover, but the first of last week, on Tuesday, there was an improvement, and during the week till last Sunday evening his condition continued to improve, and indicated that he would recover. Sunday evening his family were very hopeful that the improvement of the week was permanent, but a change for the worse occurred at 12 o'clock, and he passed away.

Mr. Knott was born in Ohio, November 25, 1834, and was a son of Joseph Knott, who was a native of New Jersey, born in 1808, of ancestors who were among the colonists. His father was married to Miss Elizabeth C. Wilson, of New Jersey, and to them six children were born.

Mr. Knott and Mrs. M. J. Finnican, of San Francisco, until the death of the former, were the survivors. In 1850, when 16 years old, Mr. Knott started with his parents for Oregon in wagons drawn by oxen across the plains, one team being driven by him. They arrived at Portland in the Fall of 1850. The family located in the town of Canyonville, Douglas County, where they engaged in mining and trading miners' supplies. From Canyonville they moved to Scottsburg, where they engaged largely in the same business, besides packing supplies to the mines. In 1854 the Knoits bought in

Company, which greatly helped settlement on the east bank of the Willamette. He erected in the early days what was then the finest residence on the East Side. He was married, in 1853, to Miss Mary E. Tibbets, who still survives him.

At the last June election Mr. Knott was elected Representative on the Citizens ticket. He had always been a Democrat, and is one of the few Democrats who had been elected to the Legislature from Multnomah County for a number of years. Since the election his time has been largely taken up with people who called to see him to ask some favor at his hands or to get his favorable consideration for some measure. It is thought that the consequent strain tended to break him down, and left him unprepared to resist the attack of the disease that carried him off. Every one who called to see him received cordial and courteous treatment.

The children who survive Mr. Knott are as follows: Mrs. Fred M. Stephens, Gordon H., Walter, Harry H., George, Mrs. Lute C. McCormick, Mrs. John W. Phallon, of San Francisco.

The vacancy caused by the death of Representative Knott will be filled at a special election. Section 17, article 5, of the constitution makes it the duty of the Governor to "issue writs of election to fill such vacancies as may have occurred in the Legislative Assembly." It rests with Governor Geer to name the date of holding the special election. To save expense to the country, he may see fit to call the election on the same day on

which the Presidential election will be held. Elections in recent years to fill vacancies in Multnomah County's Legislative delegation have been held as follows: In 1888, for Representative in place of D. W. Taylor, who resigned to become United States Surveyor-General, and in 1898, for Senator, in place of Joseph Simon, who resigned to become United State Senator.



ANDREW J. KNOTT.

Douglas County 1600 acres of land and engaged in stockraising until 1858, when they sold out their interests in Douglas County and moved to Portland, where they conducted a meat market till 1860 at the corner of Ash and Front streets. Mr. Knott then engaged in mining in various portions of the state. In 1851 the Knotts purchased the Stark-street ferry, which finally passed into the hands of the deceased man and his brother, and they operated it until the construction of free bridges destroyed the ferry business. For a great many years it was the principal means of crossing the Willamette River at Portland.

In the early days the Knotts had much to do with the Indians of Southern Oregon, but they never had trouble with them, and always retained their good-will. Andrew Knott could speak the Indian language well, and at one time acted as interpreter for General Joseph Lane, and his services in that capacity and that of a volunteer soldier were of great value to the young Territory of Oregon. Mr. Knott also made himself useful in aiding the early settlers in finding farms as they arrived from the East and knew nothing of the country.

Mr. Knott was identified with the growth of East Portland. He was one of the organizers of the East Portland Gas

Children of Andrew Knott and Mary Tibbetts:

- i. Walter Knott
- ii. Harry H. Knott
- iii. Gordon H. Knott
- iv. Mrs. LuteC. McCormick
- v. Mrs. JohnW. Phalen
- vi. Mrs. Sadie McCuen
- vii. Mrs. F.M. Stephens
- viii. George Knott

3. Francis Marion Tibbetts

b. 02 Nov 1837 Manchester, Dearborn Co, IN

d. 12 Nov 1912 Valley, Barber Co, KS

buried Lone Fir Pioneer Cemetery, Portland, Multnomah Co, OR

m. 27 Oct 1864

Georgia A. Grimwald

b. 1849

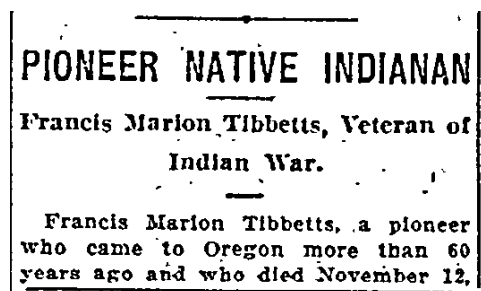
d. 14 Jul 1910

buried Lone Fir Pioneer Cemetery, Portland, Multnomah Co, OR

TOPA: 1890 p.12; F.M. Tibbetts, emigrant of 1852



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was born in Manchester, Ind., November 2, 1837. He was the son of Rev. Jonathan Tibbetts, who also came to Oregon in 1852, and a nephew of Gideon Tibbetts, who saw Portland in 1847 for the first time.

The Tibbetts family started to Oregon from Oquawka, Ill., in April, 1852. Among other traveling companions were the families of John Tucker Scott and Dr. Justin Millard, the former the father of Mrs. Abigail Scott Duniway, Harvey W. Scott, Mrs. C. A. Coburn, Mrs. Amos Cook, Mrs. J. D. Kelty and Mrs. McCord.

The Tibbett family first settled in Douglas County, near Oakland, and engaged in farming. In the Rogue River Indian War of 1855-56 the late Mr. Tibbetts was a member of Captain J. S. Rinearson's company first, and later of Captain W. W. Chapman's company. In this service he was in numerous skirmishes, and also in the battle of Hungry Hill, which lasted about three days, and in which 800 Indians and 500 whites were engaged.

Since removing to Portland nearly 40 years ago, Mr. Tibbetts has been engaged in the ferry service, much of the time as an engineer. On October 27, 1864, he married Miss Georgia Anna Grinwald, who was a great-great-grand-daughter of Stephen Hopkins, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. She died on July 14, 1910, being survived by five children and three grandchildren. Mr. Tibbetts' maternal grandfather, James Reding, was a captain under General William Henry Harrison at the battle of Tippecanoe in Western Indiana on November 11, 1811.

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Mrs. Georgia A. Tibbetts Dies.

Mrs. Georgia A. Tibbetts, wife of Francis M. Tibbetts, died at the Good Samaritan

Hospital July 14, aged 61 years. She was born in Northeastham, Mass., in 1849, and in 1859 came to Oregon with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Grinwald, via the Isthmus of Panama. They first settled in Scottsburg, Douglas County. Her children are Mrs. J. F. Jennings.

**Mrs. R. C. Porter, Mrs. Edna Heath,
Archie L. and Vivian L. Tibbetts, all of
Portland.**

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Children of Francis Tibbetts and Georgia Gimwald:

- i. Sarah Wilmot Tibbetts (1866-)
- ii. Charles W. Tibbets (1870-)
- iii. Ada Tibbetts (1872-)
- iv. Archie Livingstone Tibbetts (1875-1940)
- v. Edna Fay Tibbetts (1876-)
- vi. Vivian L. Tibbetts (1886-)

4. Sarah Emily Tibbetts

b. 28 Feb 1840 Manchester, Dearborn Co, IN

d. 10 Feb 1919 Oakland, Alameda Co, CA

m1. 1855 Douglas Co, OR

John Pickett Ladd

b.

d. 1863

m2. c1864

J. C. Gouldin

b. 1821 Eng

d.

1880: Brooklyn, Alameda Co, CA, June 4, 1880; J.C. Gouldin, J.C., 59, Comercent Agt, Eng Eng
Eng; S.E., 40, wife, IN IN IN; Ada, 15, dau, CA Eng IN

1910: Berkely, Alameda Co, CA, April 30, 1910; Sarah E. Gouldin, 69, wd, 4-2, IN ME IN;
Carrie E. Wilson, dau, 51, wd, 2-2, OR VA IN; Errol C. Wilson, grandson, 29, wd, CA KY OR

Children of John Ladd and Sarah Tibbetts:

- i. Mollie Ladd (1856-)
- ii. Carrie E. Ladd (1859-)
- iii. Shirley Ladd (1860-) (son)

Children of J.C. Gouldin and Sarah Tibbetts:

- iv. Ada Gouldin (1865-)

- **My Early Recollections of the West** (From an original manuscript by Carrie (Ladd) Wilson, granddaughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Jonathan Snow Tibbetts. Transcribed by G. B. Abdill.)

“ON AUGUST 15TH, 1859, I WAS BORN IN “OLD” Oakland, Oregon. My maternal grandfather was Jonathan Snow Tibbetts. With his wife and eight children he braved the hardships of the journey from Lawrenceburg, Indiana, to Oregon in the year 1852. It took eight months to make the journey. He was captain of the emigrant train of 38 covered wagons. On account of the heat crossing the desert, most of the traveling was done at night. Sunday was a day of rest and my grandfather would preach the Gospel to the emigrants and also to the Indian chiefs who would interpret in his language to his tribe. My grandfather was a Methodist minister, having been ordained by Bishop Cavanaugh of Kentucky, and was more of a missionary, in those days called Circuit Riders”. In my childhood mind it always impressed me as “Circus Rider” and I could not associate my grandfather in such a capacity as that. He preached the Gospel wherever he went, without remuneration. My maternal grandmother, Mary (Redding) Tibbetts, wife of Jonathan Snow Tibbetts, was a daughter of Captain Andrew Redding, who served in the War of 1812 under General William Henry Harrison, and was in the Battle of Tippecanoe in Western Indiana on November 11th, 1811.

Crossing the plains in 1852 was a hazardous year; the Indians were very troublesome, constantly threatening to take the animals and provisions from the travelers. The cholera was very bad that year also, and many people died and were buried very hurriedly on account of the contamination. My mother, Sara E. Tibbetts, was 12 years old then. She often told me that my grandfather frequently covered up the bones that had been dug up by the wolves or probably the victims were not really dead when buried.

My grandfather had heard of the wonderful advantages of the West “that gold grew at the roots of the grass”; however, he found conditions were quite different.

The government was offering great inducements at this time to people who would settle in the West, giving large tracts of land to settlers. My grandfather received his portion and settled in Oregon in the beautiful Umpqua Valley, where he built a hotel, calling it the “PACIFIC HOTEL”. There was no bar nor liquor sold, not even a pack of cards nor a fiddle in the hotel, and in no way did it resemble a tavern, but it was a refuge for the weary traveler, whether or not he had the price to pay for food or lodging. (Ed.: *This hotel was on the east side of the old Oregon-California road in old town Oakland, Oregon, just above the Lord & Peters general store on the south side of the Calapooia.*)

At this time Ulysses S. Grant, a young officer in the Army, was fighting the Indians in Oregon and in the Umpqua Valley (Ed.: *No record of Grant ever having been engaged in the Umpqua region.*) in which the young men of our family took an active part.

My grandfather assisted in building the “Wilber Seminary” (sic. Wilbur Academy) where my mother and her sisters attended school, and he also established a church where he preached the Gospel to the small community of Indians and half-breeds. My mother was a very young girl. She learned some of the Chinook Indian language and taught Sunday School, assisting her father in his noble work.

In the early days, women were few in the West and at the age of 15 my mother married John Pickett Ladd, a descendant of the First Families of Virginia. He was related and named after the adored General Pickett of Richmond, Virginia, who fought in the

Civil War. My father was interested in mining in Oregon and Washington, where in later years he met with an accident which caused his death. There were three children at this time—my sister Mollie, 6 ½ years old; I was 4, and my brother, Shirley, was 3 years old. An epidemic of scarlet fever broke out in Old Oakland and my sister and brother fell victims of the disease and died within one week of each other and were buried on a little hillside under a big oak tree, afterward being removed to the “New Oakland” Cemetery. Old Oakland was so called because when the railroad was built from San Francisco to Portland (sic, Portland to Roseburg), it did not take in the old town and so the town was moved, “post holes and all”, to the railroad about 3 miles distance and called (New) Oakland. After the death of my sister and brother, my father returned to the mines and my mother, feeling greatly depressed, came to California....” [Oregon Trappers, Douglas County Museum, Roseburg, Douglas Co, OR]

5. Sophia Ellen Tibbetts

b. 16 Jun 1842 Manchester, Dearborn Co, IN

d. 17 Aug 1926, Dexter, Lane Co, OR

buried McFarland Cemetery, Cottage Grove, Lane Co, OR

m. 1858

James L. McKinney

b. 21 May 1831 MO

d. 10 Oct 1898 Cottage Grove, Lane Co, OR

buried McFarland Cemetery, Cottage Grove, Lane Co, OR

1860: Umpqua Co, OR, June 27, 1860; Jas L. McKinney, 27, \$0 \$950, MO; Sophia E., 18, IN

1910: Cottage Grove, Lane Co, OR, April 15, 1910; Harry S. Knowlton, 33, m-7yrs, OR IL MO, teamster in town; Louisa M., wife, 29, m1-7yrs, 1-1, OR MO IN; Sarah L., dau, 6, OR OR OR; Sophia E. McKinney, mother in law, 68, wd, 8-6, IN ME OH; Frankie VanWinkle, nephew, 13, s, OR OR OR

1912: living Cottage Grove, Lane Co, OR

1920: Cottage Grove, Lane Co, OR, January 9 & 10, 1920; Sophia E. McKinney, head, 77, wd, IN ME OH; James B. Hannah, grandson, 40, s, OR MO OR

Children of James McKinney and Sophia Tibbetts:

i. Lulu M. McKinney b. 04 Dec 1881 Scottsburg, Douglas Co, OR

ii. Frances Emily McKinney

iii. William Franklin McKinney

iv. John Albert McKinney

v. James Alexander McKinney

- vi. Mary McKinney
- vii. Ellen Etta McKinney

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Sophia Ellen Tibbetts McKinney

Mrs. McKinney was ten years old when she crossed the plains from Indiana to Oregon in 1852. She was married in 1858, after which she and her husband lived in Washington and California before returning to Oregon to take up a homestead in Shoestring Valley in Umpqua County. She and Mr. Lockley met in a Cottage Grove candy store. The interview was conducted over a bowl of ice cream.

"When we took up our homestead in Shoestring Valley the country was pretty wild. We built a log cabin and put up a big stone chimney at the end of the cabin. Our hogs used to like to lie in the corner made by the big chimney.

"One night we heard one of our pigs squealing, so my husband grabbed his gun and told the hired man to bring the light so he could see to shoot the bear or cougar that was killing the pig. The hired man said it wasn't healthy to tackle a cougar after dark when they were eating, so I grabbed up the candle and went out to where the cougar was. My husband said, 'Hold the light near him,' so I held the candle bout six feet from him. My husband couldn't see the sights on his gun, so I stepped a little closer. This made the cougar provoked, so it jumped on me and rolled me over and over. Knocking me down that way put out the light, so the cougar got away. My husband was disgusted with the hired man, the cougar, and also a little with me for not holding the candle so he could see the sights on his gun.

"Next evening at dusk the cougar caught

another pig. My husband followed the cougar and set the dogs on it. The cougar climbed out on a pile of drift over the stream. My husband followed it out. It was too dark to see the sights on his gun, so he followed the cougar, which jumped on a low limb that hung over the water. My husband followed it till he could press the muzzle of his gun against its shoulders and then he shot.

"The cougar fell off the limb and crawled into a cave. My husband crawled in after it. The entrance to the cave was so narrow that the cougar couldn't get out as long as my husband was there. It tried to but when it came my husband put his gun against its throat and fired and killed it. He dragged it out of the cave. The cougar measured over ten feet from tip to tip and had a fine skin. We made a rug of it."

[Conversations With Pioneer Women by Fred Lockley p.212]

"Mrs. S.E. McKinney Dies at age of 84--Pioneer Woman Crossed Plains With Parents in 1852 at Age of 10 Years.

Mrs. Sophia E. McKinney, who had been a resident of this section most of her life, died Tuesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bacil Parker of Dexter (Oregon), She had been in poor health for several months and cancer of the stomach was the cause of death. She was aged 84 years, 2 months and 1 day.

Funeral services will be held 3 o'clock this afternoon at the Methodist church and internment will be at McFarland Cemetery.

Mrs. McKinney's maiden name was Sophia E. Tibbetts and she was born in Indiana June 16, 1842. She crossed the plains with her parents in 1852 when she was 10. The family settled in Portland, moving later to Oakland (Oregon), where they took up a donation land claim. Her father was one of the pioneer Methodist preachers of western Oregon. Mrs. McKinney was married to James L. McKinney in 1859.

Mrs. McKinney is survived by a sister, Mrs. Binger Hermann, Roseburg; three daughters, Mrs. Bacil Parker, Dexter; Mrs. D.D. Van Winkle, Sunnyside, Wash.; Mrs. Harry Knowlton, Seattle, Wash.; a son, Frank McKinney, Gresham (Oregon), a number of grandchildren and several great grandchildren. [Cottage Grove Sentinel Aug 19, 1926]

6. Albert Thomas Tibbetts

b. 16 Dec 1844 Manchester, Dearborn Co, IN

d. 12 Sep 1891 Portland, Multnomah Co, OR

buried Lone Fir Pioneer Cemetery, Portland, Multnomah Co, OR

7. Flora Ann Tibbetts

b. 23 Oct 1847 Manchester, Dearborn Co, IN

d. 29 Aug 1929 Roseburg, Douglas Co, OR

m. 07 Jun 1868 Douglas Co, OR

Binger Hermann
b. 19 Feb 1843 MD
d. April 1926 Roseburg, Douglas Co, OR

HERMANN'S WIDOW DIES

ROSEBURG WOMAN LONG IN AFFAIRS IN OREGON.

Husband in Congress 16 Years as
Representative, and Was
Land Commissioner.

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 23. - (Special.)-Mrs. Flora A. Hermann, 82, a pioneer resident of Oregon and the widow of Binger Hermann, who served 16 years as representative in congress from this state, died at her home in Roseburg last night after a long illness. Mrs. Hermann came to Oregon in 1852 at the age of 4 years, being a native of Indiana, where she was born at Lawrenceburg, October 23, 1847. Her father was Jonathan Tibbetts, a minister of the Methodist church, and he commanded the wagon train in which the trip was made across the plains.

The family spent a part of the year 1852 in Portland, and then moved to the Umpqua valley, settling near Oakland on the Calapooia, Mr. Tibbetts buying the farm from an Indian. There were ten children in the family, and Mrs. Hermann was the last survivor. She was married June 7, 1868 to Binger Hermann, who was then serving as deputy collector of internal revenues, and was representative from Douglas county to the state legislature. The year of their marriage he was made state senator from Douglas, Coos and Curry counties, and in 1884 was elected as representative from Oregon. He was then named commissioner of the United States general land office, and served nearly six years.

Mr. and Mrs. Hermann made their home in Washington, D. C., for about 30 years, during which time they made several trips abroad.

Mr. Hermann died April 15, 1926, and his widow continued to reside in the family home here. They were the parents of six children, three of whom survive. They are: Schiller B. Hermann, Portland; Mrs. H. P. Gateley of Washington, D. C., and Elbert B. Hermann, Roseburg. Funeral arrangements are awaiting the arrival of Mrs. Gateley, who is expected in Roseburg tonight.

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BINGER HERMANN CALLED BY DEATH

LONG CAREER SERVED AS
OREGON LAWMAKER.

Ex-Representative in Congress
and Land Office Commis-
sioner Dies in Roseburg.

ROSEBURG, Or., April 15.—(Spe-
cial.)—Binger Hermann, who for 16
years represented Oregon in the
lower house of congress, died here
today from a protracted illness. Al-
though expected hourly for the past
week, his death cast gloom over the
city of Roseburg, for he was one of
the state's most prominent men.

Funeral services are to be held on
Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at
the temple of the local Elks' lodge,
of which Mr. Hermann was a mem-
ber.

Governor Pierce will deliver the eulogy. Burial will be at the Masonic cemetery, with the Masonic lodge conducting the services at the grave.

Binger Hermann was born at Lonaconing, western Maryland, February 19, 1842. With his parents he came to Oregon in 1859, the family settling near Coquille. Beginning in 1884, Mr. Hermann was a representative in congress from Oregon for 12 years. He succeeded Melvin C. George, who declined re-election. Mr. Hermann was commissioner of the general land office at Washington, D. C., under the administration of President McKinley, after which he was re-elected to congress, following the death of Thomas H. Tongue, serving four years. At the time of his death he was completing the writing of a history of Oregon, the commonwealth in whose development he had taken such an active part.

Binger Hermann was the son of Henry and Elizabeth Hopkins Hermann, his father being a physician and surgeon. After a village school education the son was sent to an academy at Manchester, near Baltimore, which later became Irving college. The family removed in 1856 to Baltimore, where the doctor continued his practice. Influenced to some extent by General Joseph Lane, for a long time delegate in congress from Oregon territory and later senator-elect for the state awaiting admission into the union, Dr. Hermann came to Oregon in 1858 and chose the Coquille river valley as a location for his home.

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Friends Organize Colony.

After several months, Dr. Hermann returned to Baltimore, where a colony of friends assembled to return with him. With his family, the doctor left New York in May, 1859. After reaching Port Orford on the Oregon coast, they found their way to the Coquille, where their land settlements were made. The Indians had been removed to reserves a few years previously, but due to their inexperience the new arrivals suffered many other hardships incident to frontier life.

Binger Hermann was then only 17 years old, but he did his share in helping to clear the forest for the family home, and also taught in the neighborhood school, the first public school in the Coquille valley and the second in Coos county. Empire City, the county seat on Coos bay, was the only village in the county. He removed two years later to Douglas county, where he taught schools in Yoncalla and at Canyonville.

He was at Canyonville in 1864 when President Lincoln issued the

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OREGON EX-MEMBER OF CONGRESS DIES



RINGER HERMANN.

BINGER HERMANN CALLED BY DEATH

Long Career Served as Ore-
gon Lawmaker.

PARENTS PIONEERS HERE

Ex-Representative in Congress
and Land Office Commis-
sioner Dies in Roseburg.

last call for volunteers, and assisted Captain John Fullerton in raising a company for active service. He was to have been appointed first lieutenant by Governor Gibbs when the maximum number of men was obtained, but while he was recruiting troops in Coos and Curry counties President Lincoln was assassinated, the war was ended, and the war department issued orders to suspend further enlistments.

In 1866 Mr. Hermann took up the study of law in the office of Stephen P. Chadwick at Roseburg. During spare time while teaching school he had read law extensively, and on September 6, 1866, was admitted to practice before the supreme court of Oregon. He was elected to the state legislature the same year.

Business Also Established.

He was appointed deputy collector of internal revenue for Douglas, Coos and Curry counties under the administration of President Johnson and held the appointment after the district had been enlarged to embrace all of southern Oregon under President Grant. While still engaged in the practice of law he established a mercantile and shipping business in south Coos county on the Coquille at what is now Myrtle Point. He enlarged the industry by acquiring the Coquille city steam sawmills, from which he shipped Port Orford cedar lumber by schooners to San Francisco. In June, 1868, Mr. Hermann was elected state senator.

On June 7, the same year, he married Miss Flora Ann Tibbetts of Oakland, Or., daughter of Rev. Jonathan S. Tibbetts and Mrs. Mary Redding Tibbetts. The bride's father was one of the pioneer Methodist ministers.

Years Spent in Congress.

In January, 1871, President Grant appointed Mr. Hermann to the receivership of the United States land office at Roseburg, where he established his permanent residence, which he retained until his death. In the election of 1884 a representative in congress was to be chosen. M. C. George, incumbent, declined re-election and the republican state convention nominated Mr. Hermann. He was elected as Oregon's sole representative in congress, continuing for 12 consecutive years. He was succeeded by Thomas H. Tongue, and following Representative Tongue's death, he served four years more. While in congress Mr. Hermann served on the house rivers and harbors committee, where he obtained many appropriations for then undeveloped waterways and other legislation of value to Oregon.

President McKinley was elected soon after the termination of Mr. Hermann's congressional career, and, they having been closely associated as members of the house, the latter was named by the president as commissioner of the general land office at Washington. While commissioner of the land office Mr. Hermann, in 1898, caused to be issued a map which corrected the errors that had arisen over the claims of the territory comprising Oregon, Washington and Idaho. His map settled the controversies incident to the Oregon territory and the Louisiana purchase.

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- 8. Lois Vanilla Tibbetts
- b. 19 Sep 1850 Manchester, Dearborn Co, IN
- d. 30 Jan 1924 Alameda, Alameda Co, CA
- m. 1866 Oakland, Douglas Co, OR

Mr. Avery
b.
d.

9. Oregon "Orrie" Andrew Tibbetts

b. 25 Dec 1853 Portland, Multnomah Co, OR

d. 08 Jan 1920 Alameda, Alameda Co, CA

buried Lone Fir Pioneer Cemetery, Portland, Multnomah Co, OR
m.

Etta Eliza Tracy

b. 28 Feb 1856

d. Jul 1947

buried Lone Fir Pioneer Cemetery, Portland, Multnomah Co, OR
d/o Charles Wesley Tracy and Mary Elizabeth Severson

Children of Orrie Tibbetts and Etta Tracy:

i. Edward Clifton Tibbetts b. 09 Jul 1876 Eugene, Lane Co, OR

10. Jonathan Edward Tibbetts

b. 11 Nov 1856 Oakland, Douglas Co, OR

d. 1895 San Francisco, San Francisco Co, CA

ROSEBURG SISTERS ENJOY REUNION AT HOME OF MRS. BINGER HERMANN, AFTER YEARS OF SEPARATION.



standing (left to right)—Mrs. Binger Hermann, Roseburg; Mrs. Ella McKimney, Cottage Grove; Mrs. Louisa Avery, Los Angeles. Sitting (left to right)—Mrs. E. J. Hamblin, Portland; Mrs. S. A. Goulen, Oakland, Cal.

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 29.—After a separation of many years, four of the five living sisters of Mrs. Binger Hermann are this week enjoying a delightful reunion at the Hermann home, corner Main and Mosher streets. The sisters are daughters of the late Rev. Jonathan Tibbetts, a pioneer Methodist minister of Southern Oregon. Mr. Tibbetts is well remembered in this section of the state, where, for many years, he was closely associated with such interesting personages as Father Wilbur, I. D. Driver and Rev. Robert Booth.

The daughters were born in the State of Indiana and crossed the plains with their parents in the year 1852. All were married after coming to Oregon, and are widows. The younger of the sisters is 61 years of age, while the older of the group is 80 years of age. Mrs. Andrew Knott, another sister, who was unable to attend the reunion on account of ill health, is a resident of Portland, but at present is residing with her daughters near Seaside. Her husband, the late A. J. Knott, owned the first ferryboat connecting East and West Portland. Ferrying was brisk during the early days, and it is said that Mr. Knott died a comparatively rich man.

During the remainder of the week the sisters expect to visit Oakland, Shoestring Valley and other nearby communities where they spent their early days.

Mrs. Avery, the youngest of the sisters, was married at Oakland when 18 years of age, and left there about 45 years ago. Although white-haired and evidencing the early hardships endured in Oregon, the sisters are in good health, and are enjoying their present reunion.

TIBBETTS SISTERS GATHER

Reunion Is Held at Home of Mrs.
Binger Hermann in Roseburg.

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)
—Four of the five living sisters of Mrs.
Binger Hermann are this week enjoy-
ing a happy reunion at the Hermann

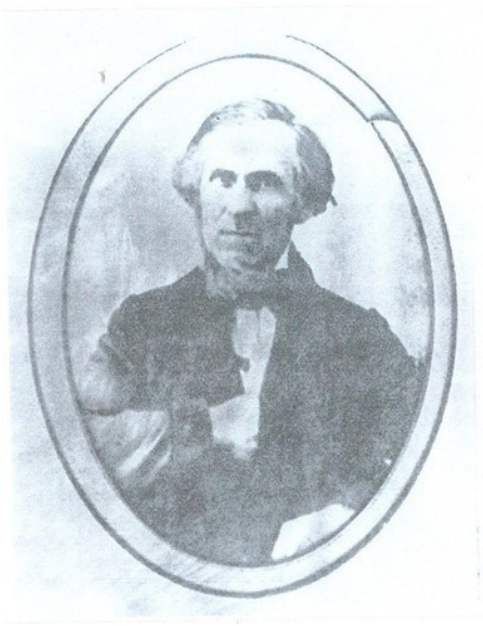
home, Main and Mosher streets, in this city. Among the sisters are Mrs. S. E. McKinney, of Cottage Grove; Mrs. L. Avery and Mrs. S. Golden, of Oakland, Cal.; Mrs. E. Hamblin, of Portland, and Mrs. Binger Hermann, of Roseburg. Another sister, Mrs. John Knott, of Portland, was unable to attend the reunion. All are daughters of Rev. A. J. Tibbetts, a pioneer minister of Douglas County, and a former resident of Shoe-string Valley, near Oakland.

The sisters were born near Oakland, and are widows. Mrs. Avery, the younger of the sisters, is 61 years of age, and was married at Oakland when 16 years of age. She left Oakland 45 years ago, and her present visit to Douglas County is her first since she went to the southern state.

Mrs. Knott, of Portland, who was unable to attend the reunion, is also a widow. Her late husband was a pio-

neer ferryman of Portland. The reunion will continue for several days.

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Rev. Jonathan Snow Tibbetts

Birth 17 April 1804 in Bangor, Penobscot County, Maine

Death 23 June 1885 in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

Came to Oregon in 1852 by wagon train with wife and 8 children; settled in Oakland, Umpqua County, Oregon

Rev. Tibbetts was a Methodist Circuit Minister in Umpqua County; helped build Wilber Academy

Mary (Redding) Tibbetts

Birth 25 September 1815 in Versailles, Ripley County, Ohio

Death 24 November 1890 in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

Jonathan & Mary were married 21 July 1831, Versailles, Ripley County, Indiana (she was just 15 years old)

