

Joseph S. Caples

Pioneer of 1844

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Joseph S. Caples

b. 23 Jun 1803 Baltimore, MD

d. 10 Nov 1881 Union, Columbia Co, OR

buried Masonic Cemetery, Columbia City, Columbia Co, OR

s/o William Caples and Elizabeth Green

m. 1832 Washington Co, OH

Mary Ann Laffer

b. 1812

d. 18 Jan 1837 Tuscarawas Co, OH

buried Newport Methodist Cemetery, Newport, Tuscarawas Co, OH

1844: "Thursday, July 11--On our return to camp, Mr. Joseph Caples shot a long distance at an antelope, and broke its hind leg; [was pursued until caught and killed]" [Transactions of Oregon Pioneer Association 1888 p.93; Diary of Edward E. Parrish]

1844: "emigrant of 1844, Joseph Caples" [Transactions of Oregon Pioneer Association 1888 p.93, p. 113; Diary of Edward E. Parrish]

ODLC: #4002 Washington Co; Joseph Caples, b. 1803 Baltimore, MD; arr OR 01 Dec 1844; sc 14 Dec 1847. Aff: H.M. Knighton, Chas. G. Caples, Thomas H. Smith, Aaron Boyles

1846: Dec 15; Twality Co, Land Claim, Joseph Caples, Provisional and Territorial Record Vol 4 p.123

1849: Twality Co, Census, Joseph Caples, Provisional and Territorial Record #3451

1850: Washington Co, Census, Joseph Caples, Provisional and Territorial Record #3450

1850: Washington Co, OR, December 14, 1850; Joseph Cable (sic), 50, farmer, OH; Charles, 19, OH; Hezekiah, 17, OH; Joana, 15, OH; Jacob, 35, farmer, OH; Robt German, 35, laborer, Eng; Joseph Barrow, 50, laborer, Eng

1853: Washington Co, Census, Joseph Caples, Provisional and Territorial Record #5290

1854: Columbia Co, Tax Roll, Joseph Caples, Provisional and Territorial Record #14031

1854: Columbia Co, Tax Roll, Joseph Caples, Provisional and Territorial Record #8024
1855: Columbia Co, Tax Roll, Joseph Caples, Provisional and Territorial Record #14032
1855: Columbia Co, Tax Roll, Joseph Caples, Provisional and Territorial Record #8022
1857: Columbia Co, Tax Roll, Joseph Caples, Provisional and Territorial Record #14034
1858: Columbia Co, Tax Roll, Joseph Caples, Provisional and Territorial Record #14035
1859: Columbia Co, Tax Roll, Joseph Caples, Provisional and Territorial Record #14036
1860: Union, Columbia Co, OR, June 11, 1860; Philip Laffer, 66, farmer, \$1620 \$1172, PA;
Mary, 63, PA; Joseph Caples, 58, farmer, \$1280 \$0, MD

1865: Columbia Co, Census, Joseph Caples, Columbia Co Record p. 03

1880: Union, Columbia Co, OR, June 10, 1880; Hez Caples, 42, merchant, OH MD OH;
Minerva, 26, wife, keeping house, OR OH IL; Harry H., 9, son, at home, OR OH OR; Ralph, 5,
son, at home, OR OH OR; Garfield, 3, son, at home, OR OH OR; Joseph Caples, 77, father,
without occupation, MD MD MD [Joseph actually appears to be living next door]

1. Phillip Caples

b. 13 Sep 1823

d. 1837 IA

2. (Dr.) Charles Green Caples

b. 22 May 1832 Tuscarawas, OH

d. 03 Apr 1906 St. Helens, Columbia Co, OR

buried Masonic Cemetery, Columbia City, Columbia Co, OR

m. 10 May 1855 OR

Lucinda McBride

b. 1836

d. Sep 1916 Columbia City, Columbia Co, OR

buried Masonic Cemetery, Columbia City, Columbia Co, OR

ODLC: #1560 Columbia Co; SC 01 Oct 1853

Spec: July 8, 1847; Chas. Caples signed a petition to ban the sale of alcohol in Clatsop
Co

1846: Mar 21; Champoeg Co, Land Claim, Charles G. Caples, Provisional and Territorial
Record Vol 1 p.143

1850: Washington Co, OR, December 14, 1850; Joseph Cable (sic), 50, farmer, OH; Charles, 19, OH; Hezekiah, 17, OH; Joana, 15, OH; Jacob, 35, farmer, OH; Robt German, 35, laborer, Eng; Joseph Barrow, 50, laborer, Eng

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1858: Columbia Co, Tax Roll, Charles G. Caples, Provisional and Territorial Record #14035

1860: The Dalles, Wasco Co, OR, June 30, 1860; Chas G. Caples, 38, farmer, \$2000 \$1000, OH; Lucinda, 24, MO; Unnamed, 2/12, f, OR

1865: Columbia Co, Census, C.G. Caples, Columbia Co Record p. 03

1870: Cowlitz Co, WT, August 10, 1870; C.G. Caples, 38, physician, \$5000 \$500, OH; Lucinda, 34, keeping house, MO; Byron, 10, at home, OR; Maggie, 8, at home, OR; Louise, 5, at home, OR

1880: Union, Columbia Co, OR; June 19, 1880; Charles G. Caples, 48, physician, OH; Lucinda, 44, wife, keeping house, MO TN MO; Byron, 20, son, without occupation, OR OH MO; Maggie, 17, dau, OR OH MO; Willie, 15, dau, at home, OR OH MO; Dell M., 9, dau, at home, WT OH MO; Frederick, 8, son, at home, OR OH MO

1900: Union, Columbia Co, OR, June 6, 1900; Charles G. Caples, head, Ma 1832, 68, m-45yrs, OH MD OH, farmer; Lucinda M., wife, June 1836, 63, m-45yrs, 7-5, MO TN MO; Frederick C., son, May 1872, 28, s, miner, OR OH MO

“An early pioneer, Dr. Charles Green Caples migrated across the Oregon Trail as a boy. After his marriage to Lucinda McBride, he studied medicine in

Portland and passed the examination by the Board of Physicians for his degree. In 1870 he constructed his two story home on the same spot where his father Joseph Caples built his log cabin in 1846. The family lived on this land until 1959, when Dell Caples Houghton, a daughter of Charles and Lucinda Caples and a member of Mount St. Helens Chapter, Oregon State Society Daughters of the American Revolution, willed the house and property to the OSSDAR as a museum.

The Caples House Museum complex occupies a whole city block in the historic locality of Columbia City Oregon. Here, in 1870, on the banks of the beautiful Columbia River and with a majestic view of Mt. St. Helens, Dr. Charles Green Caples built his two-story home from logs cut near Monticello Washington, now called Longview. The house was occupied continuously by the Caples family until 1959." [http://capleshouse.com/history.html]

PIONEER WOMAN DIES

MRS. L. M. CAPLES, OREGON RESIDENT SINCE 1846.

Funeral Will Be Held Tomorrow at Columbia City—Five Children and Other Relatives Survive.

Lucinda M. Caples, widow of the late Dr. C. G. Caples, a pioneer of Oregon, died yesterday at her home at Columbia City.

Mrs. Caples was born in 1836. She came with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. James McBride, to Oregon in 1846, and was married to C. G. Caples in May, 1855. She resided in Columbia County from that time until her death.

She leaves the following children: Mrs. Margaret Wharton, Dr. Byron M. Caples, Miss Willie Caples, Mrs. Dell Shinn and Fred C. Caples. Other immediate relatives surviving her are her brother, Justice L. A. McBride, of Deer Island; Dr. J. H. McBride of Pasadena, Cal., and her sisters, Mrs. Louisa A. Woods and Mrs. N. E. Dolman.

The funeral will be held from the family residence at Columbia City tomorrow at 1:30 P. M.

[Oregonian, Portland, OR, September 5, 1916 p.8]

Children of Charles Caples and Lucinda McBride:

i. Dr. Byron M. Caples

b. 21 May 1860

d. 18 Jan 1945 Waukesha Co, WI

buried Prairie Home cemetery, Waukesha, Waukesha Co, WI

ii. Margaret Alice Caples

b. 05 Aug 1862

d. 14 Jan 1947 Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co, CA

buried Masonic Cemetery, Columbia City, Columbia Co, OR

m. Elijah McVey Wharton

iii. Miss Willie Caples

b. 26 Mar 1865

d. 29 Feb 1948

buried Masonic Cemetery, Columbia City, Columbia Co, OR

iv. Unknown Caples

b. c1867

d.

v. Unknown Caples

b. c1869

d.

vi. Dell M. Caples

b. 1871 WA

d.

m. Mr. Shinn

vii. Frederick Charles Caples

b. 31 May 1872

d. 05 Jan 1958

buried Masonic Cemetery, Columbia City, Columbia Co, OR

3. Johanna L. Caples

b. May 1835 Tuscarawas Co, OH

d. 20 Aug 1919 St. Helens, Columbia Co, OR

buried Masonic Cemetery, Columbia City, Columbia Co, OR

m. 06 Jun 1859

George Washington Maxwell

b. 1832 OH

d.

1850: Washington Co, OR, December 14, 1850; Joseph Cable (sic), 50, farmer, OH; Charles, 19, OH; Hezekiah, 17, OH; Joana, 15, OH; Jacob, 35, farmer, OH; Robt German, 35, laborer, Eng; Joseph Barrow, 50, laborer, Eng

1860: Dayton, Yamhill Co, OR, July 28, 1860; G.W. Maxwell, 28, farmer, \$800 \$400, OH; Joanna, 22, MO; John Anderson, 28, day laborer, Eng

1880: Union, Columbia Co, OR, June 9, 1880; George W. Maxwell, 48, clerk in store, IN IN IN; Jo L., 44, wife, teacher, OH; Lawrance, 19, son, without occupation, OR IN OH; Chester B., 13, son, at home, WT IN OH

1900: Union, Columbia Co, OR, June 9, 1900; Joanna L. Maxwell, head, May 1836, 64, wid, 2-2, OH MD OH

1910: Union, Columbia Co, OR, May 4 & 5, 1910; Joana L., head, 73, wid, 2-2, OH OH OH

Note: some family researchers state that she was divorced from her husband but there were several George Washington Maxwells and both 1900 and 1910 census records state she was a widow.

Children of George Maxwell and Johanna Caples:

i. Lawrence Victor Maxwell

b. 1861 OR

d.

ii. Chester Beldon Maxwell

b. 1867 WA

d.

4. Hezekiah Caples

b, May 1837 Tuscarawas Co, OH

d. 27 Nov 1918 Cowlitz, Clark Co, WA

m. 12 Aug 1869 Columbia Co, OR

Minerva Jane Bonser

b. 22 Feb 1854 Sauvie Island, Columbia Co, OR

d. 24 Feb 1903 Caples Landing, OR

buried Masonic Cemetery, Columbia City, Columbia Co, OR

m2. Jun 1918 Cathlamet, WA

Emma L. Hansen

b.
d.

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1860: Clark Co, WA, July 13, 1860; Jane Caples, 44, \$3000 \$500, Eng; John W., 21, farmer, \$0 \$200, OH; Flora, 9, WT; Mary, 6, WT; Hezekiah, 24, farmer, \$750 \$600, OH; Jessee Feeling, 29, carpenter, NY; Wm W. Nichols, 38, carpenter, \$0 \$50, Long Island

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1900: Lancaster, Cowlitz Co, WA, June 20, 1900; Hezekiah Caples, head, Mar 1835, 65, m-31yrs, MD MD OH, farmer; Minerva, wife, Feb 1859, 46, m-31yrs, 4-4, OR OH IL; Harry, son, Oct 1870, 29, s, OR MD OR, marine (?) engineer; Ralph, son, Jun 1875, 24, s, OR MD OR, farm laborer; Hugh, son, Jan 1884, 16, s, OR MD OR

1910: Lancaster, Cowlitz Co, WA, April 20, 1910; Hezekiah Caples, head, 68, wid, OH PA OH



**DEATH OF
MRS. HEZEKIAH
CAPLES.**

Mrs. Minerva Caples, who died recently in Caples, Cowlitz County, Wash., was the wife of Hezekiah Caples. She was born in Columbia County, Oregon, February 21, 1854. There she spent her early life, and was married to Mr. Caples August 12, 1880. She was a member of the Christian Church, having been immersed by Dr. McBride 33 years ago. She left a husband and four sons, the youngest 19 years old. The interment was in St. Helens, Or.

The Late Mrs. Hezekiah Caples.

MAN, 86, WEDS WOMAN 22

Hezekiah Caples, Prominent Columbia County Pioneer, Takes Bride.

ST. HELENS, Or., June 12.—(Special.)—Hezekiah Caples, aged 86, and one of the most widely known pioneers of Columbia County, and Ella Hanson, aged 22, for several years past his housekeeper, were quietly married at Cathlamet, it became known here today. Mr. Caples is the owner of a considerable portion of the site of Columbia City, near here, and is wealthy.

Family opposition to his proposed nuptial venture is said to have occasioned its secrecy, Mr. Caples himself today confirmed the news of his wedding.

[Oregonian, Portland, OR, June 13, 1918 p.1]

SUIT BEGUN TO BREAK WILL

Heirs of Cowlitz Pioneer, Who Married at 86, Allege Incompetency.

KELSO, Wash., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Action was started this week in the Cowlitz County Superior Court by Harry Caples and others, heirs of Hezekiah Caples, a prominent Cowlitz County pioneer and owner of large acreage, to break the will left by Mr. Caples, who died a short time ago. Hezekiah Caples, aged 86, and his housekeeper, Emma L. Hansen, aged 27, were married at Cathlamet in June of this year. The plaintiffs allege the incompetency of Mr. Caples, mentally and physically, at the time of the marriage.

It is alleged that Miss Hansen and her sister had to assist Mr. Caples to the place where the marriage ceremony was performed and that he fell asleep immediately afterward. Other similar charges are made in the complaint.

[Oregonian, Portland, OR, December 19, 1918 p.7]

Children of Hezekiah Caples and Minerva Bonser:

i. Harry H. Caples

b. Oct 1870

d. 1948

ii. Ralph E. Caples

b. Jun 1875

d. 1918

iii. Arthur Garfield Bonser Caples

b. 1877

d. 1956

iv. Hugh Joseph Caples

b. Jan 1884

d. 1947

Genealogy of the Caples Family and Allied Families of Maryland compiled by Almarie Moore Edwards; third edition revised by Dorothy Caples Thompson; fourth edition edited and reorganized by C. Walter England, Ph.D.,C.G. 1984.

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