

Joseph Lady

Pioneer of 1853

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Joseph Lady

b. 1811 Tennessee

d. 14 Apr 1856 Ft. Vancouver, Vancouver, Clark County, Washington

buried Old Vancouver City Cemetery, Vancouver, Clark County, Washington

m1. 10 Jul 1836 Jackson County, Missouri

Martha Doak/Doke

b. c1812

d. c1847 Missouri

m2. c1848 Bates County, Missouri

Nancy Caroline Milton

b. 11 Mar 1820 Tennessee

d. Oct 1906 Baker County, Oregon

buried Mount Hope Cemetery, Baker City, Baker County, Oregon

m1. Joseph Lady

m2. W. C. Rugh

1840: Bloomington, Buchanan County, Missouri, 1 male (30-39), 2 females (-5), 1 female (20-29),

1850: District 5, Bates County, Missouri, September 21, 1850; Joseph Lady, 38, farmer, \$600, TN; Nancy, 23, TN; Jane, 13, MO; Ann, 11, MO; Candase, 9, MO; Tennessee, 9/12, MO

Children of Joseph Lady and Martha Doak:

1. Ines "Jane" Lady

b. May 1837 Missouri

d. 12 May 1919 Vancouver, Clark County, Washington

m. James Jamison

1860: Vancouver, Clark County, Washington, June 8, 1860; James Jamison, 34, farmer, \$3000 \$1500, Ire; Jane, 22, TN

1870: Vancouver, Clark County, Washington, June 20, 1870; James Jamison, 44, farmer, \$4000 \$1299, Ire; Jane, 32, keeping house, TN

1880: Clark County, Washington, June 30, 1880; James Jamison, 54, farmer, Ire Scot Scot; Jane, 43, keeping house, MO TN TN

1900: Vancouver, Clark County, Washington, June 5, 1900; Jane Jamison, head, May 1837, 63, wid, MO

2. Elizabeth Ann Lady

b. 29 Oct 1839 Bates County, Missouri

d. May 1898 Douglas County, Oregon

buried Lone Fir Cemetery, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

m. John Bates Parker (1835-1905)

Death of Mrs. Elizabeth A. Parker.

Henry A. Parker received a dispatch yesterday forenoon from Texas creek, Douglas county, Oregon, announcing the death of his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Parker, which took place yesterday morning. Particulars and cause of death were not given, but Mr. Parker said it must have been sudden and unexpected, as she was in very fair health when he heard from her last, which was only a short time ago. He does not yet know whether the remains will be buried at Texas Creek or brought to this city. Mrs. Parker was the wife of John B. Parker, a pioneer of 1853, an old and well-known resident of the East Side. Mr. and Mrs. Parker crossed the plains in 1853, and first settled in Washington, and then moved to Troutdale. They then made their home in East Portland, where they lived in their building on Grand avenue and East Stark till about a year ago, when they moved to Douglas county, where Mr. Parker was interested in mines. Mr. Parker went there some time before Mrs. Parker. The deceased was 58 years old, and leaves a husband and four grown children, of Portland. They are Henry A. and Frank Parker, Mrs. Vinnie Schopple and Mrs. Carrie Hall.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Wednesday, May 25, 1898 p.10]

3. Candace Lady

b. 03 Oct 1840

d. 01 Feb 1911 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

buried Columbia Masonic Cemetery, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

m. Jackson C. Files (1823-1901)

FILES—In this city, February 1. Mrs. Candace Files, age 70 years. Funeral service will be held at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. T. M. Hurlburt, 180 E. Fourteenth street, at 1 P. M., Friday, February 3. Friends invited. Interment Columbia Slough Cemetery.

[The Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Saturday, February 2, 1911 p.15]

Children of Joseph Lady and Nancy Milton:

1. Tennessee Lavina Lady
- b. 1849 Missouri
- d. 09 Apr 1908 North Yakima, Yakima County, Washington
- m'd 1869 Dr. C. J. Taft

Mrs. Tennie L. Taft.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., April 9.—
(Special.)—The death occurred here today of Mrs. Tennie L. Taft, wife of Dr. C. J. Taft, a pioneer physician of this city. Mrs. Taft was born in Missouri in 1849 and was brought to the Oregon country by her parents, Joseph Lady and wife, in 1853, arriving at Fort Vancouver in the Fall of that year. Her early life among the pioneers of that day was eventful enough, her family narrowly escaping massacre by the Indians on more than one occasion. She married Dr. Taft at Umatilla in 1869 and in 1871 accompanied her husband to Walla Walla, this state, coming to Yakima seven years later. Three sisters and a brother residing at Vancouver and Baker City, besides Dr. Taft and her son, Voiney, survive her.

[The Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Friday, April 10, 1908 p.8]

2. John Milton Lady
- b. 25 Sep 1854 Clark County, Washington
- d. 03 Apr 1935 Baker County, Oregon
- buried Mount Hope Cemetery, Baker City, Baker County, Oregon
- m. 20 May 1890 Ella B. Grey

"JOHN MALDON LAIDY (sic-John Milton Lady) is the owner of valuable and desirable property in Baker and also has ranching and mining interests in this part of the state. He makes

his home at No. 2805 Washington avenue and from this point directs his business affairs which, intelligently managed, are bringing to him a gratifying measure of prosperity. He has been a witness of the growth and development of the northwest for almost fifty-eight years and is, therefore, largely familiar with the history of this section of the country as it has emerged from pioneer conditions and taken on all of the advantages of a modern civilization. He was born in Clarke county, Washington, September 25, 1854, his parents being Joseph and Nancy Caroline (Milton) Laidy. The father was a native of Georgia and the mother's birth occurred in eastern Tennessee, March 11, 1820.

They were married in Missouri, and unto them were born two children, the elder being Tennessee Nevada, now the deceased wife of Dr. Taft. By a former marriage the father had three daughters, Mrs. Jane Jamieson, living in Vancouver, Washington; Mrs. Ann Elizabeth Parker; and Mrs. Candace Files, both now deceased. In the year 1853 Joseph Laidy came with his family to the northwest, traveling with ox teams from Bates county, Missouri, to Clarke county, Washington, where he secured a donation land claim twelve miles east and north of Vancouver. There he resided until 1856, when the Indians became so troublesome that the family left their claim and sought safety at Fort Vancouver. While there the father became ill and passed away in the fort, April 14, 1856, when forty-seven years of age. The mother afterward settled in Washington county, Oregon, where she became the wife of W. C. Rugh, there residing until about 1864, when a removal was made to Umatilla county. In 1869 the family came to Baker county, settling five miles west of Baker City, where they lived for about thirteen years, or until 1882, when they took up their abode in the county seat. There the mother of our subject died, in October, 1906. The two children of her second marriage are Mrs. A. A. Deally, of Baker, and Abra May, now deceased.

John M. Laidy remained with his mother during the various removals until the family home was established in Baker. He has since resided in this city, living at No. 2805 Washington avenue. In addition to this property he owns one hundred and sixty acres of land twelve miles east of Baker and his ranching interests bring to him a substantial financial return. He owns a half interest in the Intermountain mine, which is a well-developed quartz property from which has been taken a considerable amount of gold. Mr. Laidy owns a business block in Baker and a number of dwellings which he rents, his realty possessions contributing largely to his annual income.

On the 20th of May, 1890, Mr. Laidy married in Pendleton, Oregon, to Ella B. Grey, who was born in Bentonville, Arkansas, November 25, 1858. On coming to the coast she first lived in California and afterward made her way to Oregon. Mr. Laidy belongs to the Woodmen of the World, but has never cared to figure prominently in political or fraternal connections. He and his wife have gained many friends during their residence in Baker and he well deserves mention in this volume as one of the honored pioneer settlers of the state within the borders of which he has now lived for almost fifty-eight years. Time and man have wrought many changes during this period and in almost any section of the state may now be seen the advantages of a progressive civilization. There is comparatively little unclaimed and undeveloped land and the efforts of such men as Mr. Laidy have brought about the present-day progress and prosperity." [The Centennial History of Oregon by Joseph Gaston Vol II p. 68-9]