

Joseph R. Alexander
Pioneer of 1853
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Joseph R. Alexander

b. 1830

d. 1864 died at Horse Shoe Bend near Placerville, Idaho Terr in 1864

m. c1854 Oregon

Elizabeth Percival Nethall

b. 1837 Jefferson County, Kentucky

d. bet 1880-1900

d/o Mr. Nethall and Elizabeth Percival (mother, Elizabeth Percival Nethall m2. Joseph Hite)

Note: This family can get confusing because the mother was Elizabeth Percival who married Mr. Nethall. The daughter, Elizabeth had a middle name of Percival after her mother's maiden name. And just to keep things interesting the daughter went by her stepfather's name of Hite rather than her father's name of Nethall. After Joseph Alexander died his wife, Elizabeth m2. Charles A. Davis.



Elizabeth Percival Nethall Alexander

contributed by Kevn Eslinger

Elizabeth used her step-father's surname of Hite

1850: District 19, Edgar County, Illinois, Dec 13, 1850; Joseph Hite, 58, farmer, \$3000, Fredrick, VA; Elizabeth, 37, PA; Jacob, 25, laborer, Jefferson, KY; Elizabeth Percival, 14, Jefferson County, KY; Joseph A. Hite, 10, Edgar County, IL; Mary A., 7, Edgar County, IL

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1864: died in mining accident

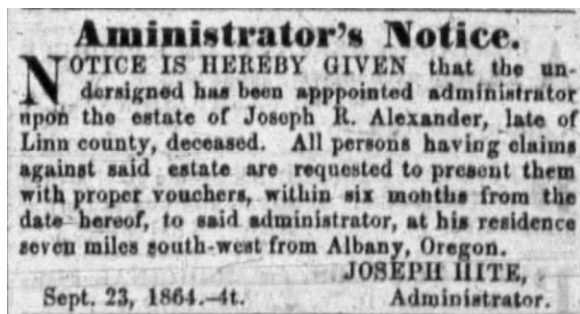
Elizabeth remarried Charles A. Davis:

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Elizabeth dies between 1880-1900

1900: Eugene, Lane County, Oregon, Charles A. Davis, head, Jan 1822, 68, widow, ME ME ME, carpenter; Ed, son, Dec 1865, 34, S, OR ME ME, dealer-cigars; Guy, son, Oct 1868, 31, s, OR ME ME, carpenter; Bert Vincent, son in law, Feb 1870, 30, m-6yrs, MI MI MI, barber; Etta, dau, May 1866, 33, m-6yrs, 0-0, OR ME ME



[The Albany Journal, Albany, Oregon, Friday, October 21, 1864 p.3]

Children of Joseph Alexander and Elizabeth Nethall:

1. Sarah Alexander

b. 1854 Oregon
d. bef 1900

m.
William Smith
b.
d.

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1870: Albany, Linn County, Oregon, June 18, 1870; Walter a. Monteith, 54, carpenter, \$20,000 \$10,000, NY; Margaret A., 41, keeping house, IN; Duncan, 13, at home, OR; Charlie, 12, at home, OR; Malcom H., 5, OR; Sarah Alexander, 15, OR; Isaac Long, 21, printer, MO

2. William Hite Alexander

b. 29/30 Jul 1857 Shedd, Linn County, Oregon

d. 20 Jul 1937 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

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

m1. 1885 Lane County, Oregon
Unknown
b.
d. bef Jun 1900 Lane County, Oregon

m2. Sep 1900 Lane County, Oregon
Julia Belle Chapman
b. 11 Nov 1873 Iowa
d. 28 Dec 1947 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon
buried [Eugene Pioneer Cemetery](#), Eugene, Lane County, Oregon
d/o Andrew Chapman and Alice Earl

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1900: Eugene, Lane County, Oregon, June 11, 1900; William Alexander, lodger, Aug 1860, 39, wid, OR IN IN, carpenter

1910: Eugene, Lane County, Oregon, April 20-25, 1910; William Alexander, head, m2-10yrs, OR unk unk, Contractor-builder; Julie B., wife, 36, m1-10yrs, 0-0, IA IN IA, housekeeper-home

1920: Eugene, Lane County, Oregon, January 6, 1920; William H. Alexander, head, 62, OR KY PA, building contractor; Julia B., wife, 45, IA IN IA

1930: Eugene, Lane County, Oregon, April 3, 1930; William H. Alexander, head, 72, married first age 28, OR PA IL, retired; Julia B., wife, 56, married first age 26, IA IN IA

**W. H. ALEXANDER,
CONTRACTOR, DIES**

William Hite Alexander, well known contractor in Eugene, died Tuesday morning, having been in poor health for the past two years. Mr. Alexander served as city building inspector for 15 years, and retired about 10 years ago from active duty. He was a member of the Eugene Elks club.

Mr. Alexander was born July 30, 1857 at Shedd, Ore., and at the death of his father, moved to Corvallis, where he resided until 12 years old. He then went to Springfield, and had lived in this section since.

In September, 1900, he was married to Belle Chapman in Eugene, and had since made his home at 142 Thirteenth avenue west.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Belle Alexander, one half-sister, Mrs. Bert Vincent of Blue River, Ore.; one half-brother, Charles Davis of Coquille and a nephew, Claude Davis of Morton, Wash.

Funeral arrangements will be announced from the Poole chapel.

[The Eugene Guard, Eugene, Oregon, Tuesday, July 20, 1937 p.1]

Funerals

William Hite Alexander

Funeral services for William Hite Alexander, who died Tuesday, will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the Poole chapel, with Rev. B. Earle Parker officiating. Interment will be in the old Odd Fellows cemetery.

[The Eugene Guard, Eugene, Oregon, Wednesday, July 21, 1937 p.10]

WILLIAM H. ALEXANDER. Except as his work appeals by its substantial, practical, or artistic nature, one builder is hardly distinguished from his brother worker in the same field. To be able to give general satisfaction in a given direction, is to hold in one's hand an assured success, no matter how keen the competition, or how large or small the dimensions of one's ambition. The builder of ability understands the requirements of a discerning public, and, keeping well in advance of his time-honored calling, is rarely wanting in material upon which to exercise his skill. Eugene is not behind in being able to produce master craftsmen, men who

have contributed to its fundamental growth by housing its people and industries, and establishing the harmonious aggregate for which the city is famed. Of this class of men W. H. Alexander is essentially a leader, having for the past eighteen years followed the best tenets of construction, making a specialty of artistic and conveniently arranged homes, but also putting up a number of public buildings, including the Risdon and Conser blocks. Among the residences which attest the skill of Mr. Alexander, and materially add to the architectural appearance of the city, may be mentioned those of F. E. Dunn, S. B. Eakin, T. G. Hendricks, W. T. Caro, Mrs. Sarah H. Patterson and the Schwarzschilds home.

A native son of Oregon, Mr. Alexander was born on his father's donation claim near Shedd's, July 30, 1857, and is the second of the three children born to Joseph R. and Elizabeth (Nethall) Alexander, natives of Illinois and Scotland respectively. Through his marriage in Illinois Joseph R. Alexander became identified with a Scottish family of illustrious lineage, for Elizabeth (Percival) Nethall, the mother of Mrs. Joseph R. Alexander, was the daughter of a Scotch nobleman. Mr. Nethall was born and reared in England, and became a very early settler in Illinois. After his death, his wife married Joseph Hite, who came to Oregon in 1853, settling on a farm in Linn county. Previous to her marriage Mrs. Alexander went by the name of her step-father, and was known as Miss Hite. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander crossed the plains in an ox-train in 1853, and took up a donation claim of three hundred and twenty acres where Shedd's Station has since been built. This land the husband improved and lived on for several years, but finally sold out and lived in Linn county, engaging in teaming between The Dalles and Grande Ronde valley until his death in 1863. For a second husband Mrs. Alexander married Charles A. Davis, a carpenter and builder who located in Eugene in 1870, and is now living retired in that city. His wife died in 1883, leaving the three children before mentioned, of whom Sarah, the oldest, deceased, was the wife of Mr. Smith, and Nellie, the youngest, is the wife of T. B. Lucky of Eugene.

Until his thirteenth year W. H. Alexander lived on the farm and attended the country schools and in 1870 accompanied his mother to Eugene, where he had the advantage of the schools of that city. From a boy he worked with tools, and found diversion in making easily constructed furniture for the house, and in doing odd jobs around the house for his mother. At the age of twenty he worked at the carpenter's trade under W. T. Campbell, an architect of Eugene, after a year being advanced to the position of

foreman, which he held for two years. In 1885 he began contracting and building in Eugene, and has since made this his home, uninterruptedly carrying on a large and remunerative business. He married, in Eugene, Belle Chapman, who was born in the east, and came to Oregon as a child. Mr. Alexander is popular socially as well as prominent in the business world, and is fraternally identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, Knights of Pythias, Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias, and the Modern Woodmen of America. In political affiliation he is a Republican, but aside from the formality of casting his vote has never identified himself with party affairs. Mr. Alexander holds high place in the esteem of all who know him, and is regarded as one of the reliable and thoroughly substantial men of Eugene.

[Portrait and Biographical Records of the Willamette Valley p. 1436-37]

3. Mary E. "Nellie" Alexander
b. May 1860 Oregon
d. 05 Aug 1924 Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington

m. 19 Feb 1879 Lane County, Oregon
Thomas B. Luckey
b. Mar 1859 Oregon
d. 08 Dec 1930 Burton, King County, Washington
buried [Vashon Island Cemetery](#), Vashon, King County, Washington
s/o William Nelson Luckey and Elizabeth Leasure [pioneers to OR 1850]



Mary E. "Nellie" Alexander Luckey
contributed by Kevin Eslinger

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1880: Fall Creek, Lane County, Oregon, June 17 & 18, 1880; Thomas Lucky, 21, ferryman, OR OH KY; Nelly, 20, wife, keeping house, OR IL IA; Lester, 3/12 (Mar), son, OR OR OR

1900: Eugene, Lane County, Oregon, June 16, 1900; Thomas Luckey, head, Mar 1860, 40, m-21yrs, OR OH KY, carpenter; Nellie, wife, May 1861, 39, 21, 1-1, OR OR KY; Lester, son, Mar 1880, 20, s, OR OR OR

1910: Eugene, Lane County, Oregon, April 27, 1910; Thomas B. Luckey, head, 50, m1-31yrs, OR IN IN, contractor-building; Mary E., wife, 47, m1-31yrs, 1-1, OR KY KY; Lester A., son, 30, wid, OR OR OR, carpenter-house

1920: Tacoma Ward 6, Pierce County, Washington, January 13, 1920; Tomas B. Luckey, head, 61, OR OH KY, carpenter-house; Mary E., wife, 60, OR IL KY

1930: Burton, King County, Washington, April 8, 1930; Lester A. Luckey, head, 50, married first age 23, OR OR OR, carpenter-buildings; Thelma I., wife, 31, married first age 18, OR MO CA; Thomas, father, 71, wid, married first age 20, OR OH KY, carpenter-buildings

**MRS. TOM LUCKEY
DIES IN TACOMA**

Mrs. Tom Luckey, a native of Oregon and a resident of Eugene until about four years ago, died at her home in Tacoma, Wash., early this morning at the age of 65 years, according to word received here. She was born near Albany and had spent most of her life in Eugene.

Mrs. Luckey was a sister of W. H. Alexander of this city and a half sister of Mrs. Bert Vincent, E. R. Davis and Charles Davis, all of Eugene. Her husband is a brother of Joe Luckey, also of this city.

She had been ill for some time. Mr. and Mrs. Vincent were at the bedside at the time of her death.

[The Eugene Guard, Eugene, Oregon, Tuesday, August 5, 1924 p. 3]

Little Girl Dies in Tacoma—Little Agnes Luckey, 12-year-old daughter of Lieut. Lester Luckey, now in France, and Mrs. Luckey, died Friday, November 1, at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Luckey, of Tacoma, long time residents of Eugene. The little girl contracted typhoid fever shortly after the Luckeys arrived in Tacoma, the disease causing her death. The body was brought to Corvallis, arriving here on the 1:20 train Sunday afternoon, and was at once taken to the I. O. O. F. cemetery, where interment was made. The child possessed unusual talent and was an accomplished pianist. She was a devout little Christian and a ray of sunshine in the home where she resided. The little girl was a granddaughter of the late Prof. E. B. McElroy and Mrs. Agnes C. McElroy, formerly of Corvallis. Her father is first lieutenant in the hydroplane service with the Canadian forces in France. Mrs. Luckey, who is a niece of Mrs. W. S. McFadden, is residing in Salem and is a prominent musician of that city. She was an only child. Rev. J. Cronenberger, pastor of the Christian church, conducted the short service at the grave Sunday, and a quartette, composed of Mesdames R. F. Korschgen, J. S. Taylor, and Messrs. Korschgen and J. Howard Lance, rendered appropriate music.

[The Weekly Gazette-Times, Corvallis, Oregon, Thursday, November 7, 1918 p.5]