

Joseph Watt

Pioneer of 1844

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Joseph Watt

b. 17 Dec 1817 Knox Co, OH

d. 30 Aug 1890 Yamhill Co, OR

buried Amity Cemetery, Amity, Yamhill Co, OR

s/o John Watt and Mary Scott

m. 28 Jun 1860 Yamhill Co, OR

Levina Ann Lyon

b. 12 Dec 1835 Norfolk Co, MA

d. 23 Nov 1914 Forest Grove, Washington Co, OR

buried Amity Cemetery, Amity, Yamhill Co, OR

d/o Lemuel E. Lyon and Ann Francis Whitney

ODLC: #4774 Yamhill; Joseph Watt b. 1817 Knox Co, OH, sc 15 Nov 1846. Absent from claim May 1847 to Sep 1848 & 6 to 8 weeks in 1849 while at the mines in CA. Signed Oath of Allegiance 03 Dec 1863. Aff: Absalom J. Hembree, Barnet Haggard, Charles M. Johnson

1847: Returned east to get family

1848: emigrated west for second time

1848 "Just before we reached Oregon town (MO), we fell in with Joseph Watts and his father's family. J. Watts not being married. The Watts family consisted of 2 boys, and 4 or 5 girls. Joseph Watts was Captain of our Co. J. Watts had about 300 head of sheep." [Richard Cheadle letter to his son, dated 23 Dec 1896]

1848: "The Watts company will stay here till the Jacksons get over the river and we will move on to fresh grass and water. Our next point will be the crossing of the Platte River near old Fort Larima; there is life there now." [Covered Wagon Women by Holmes, Vol I p.223 Keturah Belknap diary]

1848 "This morning the roll is called and every one is expected to answer his name. They have quite a time with the election of officers. Every man wants an office. George Jackson and Joe Watts are pilots; they have both been over the road before and have camping places noted down so now we take the trail again." [Covered Wagon Women by Holmes, Vol I p.224 Keturah Belknap diary]

1848 “Watts and the sheep pulled out and fell behind. I (Keturah Belknap) got the blame for the split. The old Mother Watts said after they got thru “Yes, Geo. Belknap’s wife is a little woman but she wore the pants on that train.” [Covered Wagon Women by Holmes, Vol I p.228 Keturah Belknap diary]

“Joseph Watt (Oregon immigrant of 1844, now westbound with his family including brother Ahio Watt) was ahead of Porter’s train on the trail (having started from the St. Joseph area?). Porter mentions a campsite (on the Little Blue?) where ‘Mr. Watts company had buried a child the day before.’ An account (1903) says that Joseph Watt was ‘looked to as a leader’ for the party with which he traveled in 1848; that the Watt family had two large wagons, also a band of sheep; and indicates that William Greenwood and his family, from Iowa, were among those in the company.” [Beginning of The West by Louise Barry p.746]

1849: went to gold mines in CA

1849: Yamhill Co, Census, Joseph Watt, Provisional and Territorial Record #1081/3454

1850: Yamhill Co, OR; John Watt, 58 , carpenter & farmer, b. PA; Mary, 48, b. OH; Joseph, 33, b. OH; Elizabeth, 19, b. OH; Isabell, 17, b. OH; Rosanah, 14, b. OH; Missouri, 10, b. MO; Aurora, 7, b. MO; Clamett (sp?), 4, f, b. MO

1852: Yamhill Co, Tax Roll, Joseph Watt, Provisional and Territorial Record #12276

1853: Yamhill Co, Tax Roll, Joseph Watt, Provisional and Territorial Record #12276A

1854: Yamhill Co, Tax Roll, Joseph Watt, Provisional and Territorial Record #12276B

1855: Yamhill Co, Tax Roll, Joseph Watt, Provisional and Territorial Record #12276C

1856: Marion Co, organized Willamette Woolen Co

1857: Yamhill Co, Tax Roll, Joseph Watt, Provisional and Territorial Record #12276D

1858: Yamhill Co, Tax Roll, Joseph Watt, Provisional and Territorial Record #12276E

1860: Amity, Yamhill Co, OR, July 5, 1860; Joseph Watt, 42, farmer, \$14,600 \$32,500, OH; Lavinia, 24, Mass; James, 16, laborer, OH; Isaac, 25, \$0 \$50, PA; Clara, 13, MO; Ann, 20, MO; Donald McCloud, 30, shepherd, \$0 \$1000, Scotland

1870: Amity, Yamhill Co, OR, August 20, 1870; Joseph Watt, 52, farmer, \$57,000 \$8115, OH; Louisa, 34, keeping house, Mass; John, 9, at home, OR; Maria, 7, at home, OR; Arlington, 5, at home, OR

1880: Forest Grove, Washington Co, OR, June 11, 1880; Jos. Watt, 62, farmer, OH PA PA; L.A., wife, 44, keeping house, Mass Mass Mass; John L. 19, son, attending school, OR OH Mass; Arlington, 12, son, attending school, OR OH Mass; Earl, 9, son, attending school, OR OH Mass; Carrie, 4, dau, OR OH Mass; Hasse Gowen, 24, help, attending school, Japan Japan Japan

1890: Joseph Watt dies at Amity, Yamhill Co, OR

1900: Forest Grove, Washington Co, OR, June 11, 1900; Lavina L. Watt, head, Dec 1840, 59, wd, 5-3, Mass Mass Mass, housewife; Carrye M., dau, Jul 1877, 22, s, OR OH Mass

1910: Forest Grove, Washington Co, OR, April 20, 1910; Lavina Watt, head, 69, wd, 5-3, Mass Mass Mass, own income

1914: Lavina Lyon Watt dies at Forest Grove, Washington Co, OR

WATT—At Forest Grove, Nov. 21. Lavina Lyon Watt, widow of the late Joseph Watt. Funeral services will be held at her late residence today (Monday) November 23, at 3 o'clock. Interment at Amity. Or., Tuesday morning.

[Oregonian, Portland, OR November 23, 1914 p.12]

WT44: p.207 became a pioneer in the improvement of sheep for wool and was instrumental in the first woolen factory on the west coast; was the first to send a cargo of wheat around Cape Horn

OHSQ: Vol III p.248-259 The Origin and History of the Willamette Woolen Factory

OHSQ: Vol IV p.150-167 A Pioneer Captain of Industry in Oregon

TOPA: 1877 p.96, emigrant of 1844, Joseph Watt b. 1817 OH

TOPA: 1886 p.5, emigrant of 1844, Joe Watt

TOPA: 1890 p.47-48 bio; Joseph Watt b. 17 Dec 1817; d. 30 Aug 1890 Yamhill Co, OR; m'd L.A. Lyon 1860; father of 2 daus 3 sons

“Joseph Watt b. 1817 Knox Co, OH; pioneered sheep improvement, woolen manufacture, marketing of wheat and Bartlett pears; Watts family moved to Sullivan Co, MO in 1838; Joseph migrated to Oregon in 1844 as a wagon driver; returned to MO in 1847 for his family; brother, Ahio, and Joseph drove 330 head of sheep overland to Yamhill Co; organized Willamette Woolen Co in 1856 in Salem.” [Mission Mill Museum "Panegyric" II 1973]

“ Joseph Watt-1844 brought first flock of Merino sheep to OR; built first woolen mill west of the Mississippi; shipped first wheat around Cape Horn to Liverpool, Eng; returned to MO in 1847 to lead the Watt clan and 435 Merino sheep over the trail; seven sisters followed the wagons and herded the sheep.” [abstract of article published in Sons and Daughters Of Oregon Pioneers Nov 1998 contributed by great granddaughter, Patricia Watt Rayborn]

Children of Joseph Watt and Lavina Lyon:

1. John L. Watt

b. 1861 Yamhill Co, OR

d.

1870: Amity, Yamhill Co, OR, August 20, 1870; Joseph Watt, 52, farmer, \$57,000 \$8115, OH; Louisa, 34, keeping house, Mass; John, 9, at home, OR; Maria, 7, at home, OR; Arlington, 5, at home, OR

1880: Forest Grove, Washington Co, OR, June 11, 1880; Jos. Watt, 62, farmer, OH PA PA; L.A., wife, 44, keeping house, Mass Mass Mass; John L. 19, son, attending school, OR OH Mass; Arlington, 12, son, attending school, OR OH Mass; Earl, 9, son, attending school, OR OH Mass; Carrie, 4, dau, OR OH Mass; Hasse Gowen, 24, help, attending school, Japan Japan Japan

2. Maria Louise Watt

b. 25 Jun 1863 Amity, Yamhill Co, OR

d. 05 Aug 1871 Amity, Yamhill Co, OR

buried Amity, Yamhill Co, OR

1870: Amity, Yamhill Co, OR, August 20, 1870; Joseph Watt, 52, farmer, \$57,000 \$8115, OH; Louisa, 34, keeping house, Mass; John, 9, at home, OR; Maria, 7, at home, OR; Arlington, 5, at home, OR

3. Arlington B. Watt

b. Feb 1868 Yamhill Co, OR

d. 28 Jun 1950 Yamhill Co, OR

m1. 1881 Yamhill Co, OR

Lovie R. Hendrick

b. 26 Nov 1891 Wheatland, Yamhill Co, OR

d. 23 Nov 1922 McMinnville, Yamhill Co, OR

d/o Marion B. Hendrick

m2. 1925 Yamhill Co, OR

Eula M. (unknown)

b. 1888 TX

d. 04 Oct 1963 Yamhill Co, OR

1870: Amity, Yamhill Co, OR, August 20, 1870; Joseph Watt, 52, farmer, \$57,000 \$8115, OH; Louisa, 34, keeping house, Mass; John, 9, at home, OR; Maria, 7, at home, OR; Arlington, 5, at home, OR

1880: Forest Grove, Washington Co, OR, June 11, 1880; Jos. Watt, 62, farmer, OH PA PA; L.A., wife, 44, keeping house, Mass Mass Mass; John L. 19, son, attending school, OR OH Mass; Arlington, 12, son, attending school, OR OH Mass; Earl, 9, son, attending school, OR OH Mass; Carrie, 4, dau, OR OH Mass; Hasse Gowen, 24, help, attending school, Japan Japan Japan

1900: Amity, Yamhill Co, OR, June 12, 1900; Arlington B. Watt, head, Feb 1868, 32, m-9yrs, OR OH Mass, farmer; Love R., wife, Feb 1866, 34, m-9yrs, 1-1, OR KY IL; Gordon R., son, Nov 1992, 7, s, OR OR OR, at school

1910: Amity, Yamhill Co, OR, April 22, 1910; Arlington Y. (sic) Watt, head, 42, m1-18yrs, OR Unk Unk, postmaster-town post office; Lovie R., wife, 45, m1-18yrs, 1-1, OR KY IL; Gordon R., son, 17, s, OR OR OR, clerk-post office

1920: Amity, Yamhill Co, OR, January 1920; Arlington B. Watt, head, 51, OR US Mass, head postmaster-post office; Lovie R., wife, 55, OR KY IL, postmistress-post office

1930: Amity, Yamhill Co, OR, April 13, 1930; Arlington B. Watt, head, 64, m-age 25yrs, OR MO Mass, postmaster-post office; Eula M., wife, 48, m-age 43yrs, TX LA Miss

Children of Arlington Watt and Love Hendrick:

1. Gordon R. Watt

b. Nov 1992

d. 03 Aug 1959 Multnomah Co, OR

Mrs. Arlington B. Watt.

McMINNVILLE, Or., Nov. 27.—
(Special.)—Mrs. Arlington B. Watt,
who was appointed postmistress of
Amity by President Wilson March
1, 1915, and served more than seven
years, died November 23. She was
a daughter of Marion B. and Ellis
Hendrick, Oregon pioneers and was
born at Wheatland, Yamhill county.
November 26, 1891. She was a mem-
ber of the Rebecca and Degree of
Honor lodges, Amity Study club and
Baptist church. Funeral services
were conducted in Amity Baptist
church by Rev. C. L. Trawin and
Rev. A. J. Hunsaker of McMinnville.

[Oregonian, Portland, OR November 28, 1922 p.9]

4. Earl B. Watt

b. 21 Oct 1869 Yamhill Co, OR

d. 03 Dec 1935 Polk Co, OR

buried Amity Cemetery, Amity, Yamhill Co, OR

m. 1897

Abigal W. (unknown)

b. Jun 1874 IA

d.

1880: Forest Grove, Washington Co, OR, June 11, 1880; Jos. Watt, 62, farmer, OH PA PA; L.A., wife, 44, keeping house, Mass Mass Mass; John L. 19, son, attending school, OR OH Mass; Arlington, 12, son, attending school, OR OH Mass; Earl, 9, son, attending school, OR OH Mass; Carrie, 4, dau, OR OH Mass; Hasse Gowen, 24, help, attending school, Japan Japan Japan

1900: Yakima, Yakima Co, WA, June 6, 1900; Earl B. Watt, head, Oct 1870, 29, m-3yrs, OR NY Mass, salesman; Abigal S., wife, Jun 1874, 25, m-3yrs, 1-1, IA NY OH; Earl W., son, April 1899, 1, s, WA OR IA

1910: Vashon, King Co, WA, no date, Earl V. (sic) Watt, head, 38, m1-13yrs, OR OH Mass, merchant-own store; Abigal S., wife, 38, m1-13yrs, 4-4, IA NY OH; Earl W., son,

10, WA OR IA; Dorothy, dau, 8, s, WA OR IA; Joseph L., son, 5, s, WA OR IA; John W., son, 2, WA OR IA

1920: Falls City, Polk Co, OR, January 3 & 5, 1920; Earl B. Watt, head, 48, m, OR OH Mass, farmer-berry farm; Abigal W., wife, 45, IA NY OH; Dorothy, 17, dau, s, WA OR IA; Joseph L., son, 14, s, WA OR IA; John W., son, 12, s, WA OR IA; Eada J., 2 9/12, s, OR OR IA

1930: Falls City, Polk Co, OR, April 17, 1930; Earl B. Watt, head, 59, m-age 25yrs, OR OH Mass, postmaster-government; Abigal W., wife, 55, m-age 21yrs, IA NY OH, assistant postmistress-government; John W., son, 22, s, WA OR IA; Eada O. J., dau, 13, s, OR OR IA

Children of Earl Watt and Abigail (unknown):

1. Earl W. Watt

b. Apr 1899 Yakima Co, WA

d.

1900: Yakima, Yakima Co, WA, June 6, 1900; Earl B. Watt, head, Oct 1870, 29, m-3yrs, OR NY Mass, salesman; Abigal S., wife, Jun 1874, 25, m-3yrs, 1-1, IA NY OH; Earl W., son, April 1899, 1, s, WA OR IA

1910: Vashon, King Co, WA, no date, Earl V. (sic) Watt, head, 38, m1-13yrs, OR OH Mass, merchant-own store; Abigal S., wife, 38, m1-13yrs, 4-4, IA NY OH; Earl W., son, 10, WA OR IA; Dorothy, dau, 8, s, WA OR IA; Joseph L., son, 5, s, WA OR IA; John W., son, 2, WA OR IA

2. Dorothy Watt

b. 1902 WA

d.

1910: Vashon, King Co, WA, no date, Earl V. (sic) Watt, head, 38, m1-13yrs, OR OH Mass, merchant-own store; Abigal S., wife, 38, m1-13yrs, 4-4, IA NY OH; Earl W., son, 10, WA OR IA; Dorothy, dau, 8, s, WA OR IA; Joseph L., son, 5, s, WA OR IA; John W., son, 2, WA OR IA

1920: Falls City, Polk Co, OR, January 3 & 5, 1920; Earl B. Watt, head, 48, m, OR OH Mass, farmer-berry farm; Abigal W., wife, 45, IA NY OH; Dorothy, 17, dau, s, WA OR IA; Joseph L., son, 14, s, WA OR IA; John W., son, 12, s, WA OR IA; Eada J., 2 9/12, s, OR OR IA

3. Joseph L. Watt

b. 1905 WA

d.

1910: Vashon, King Co, WA, no date, Earl V. (sic) Watt, head, 38, m1-13yrs, OR OH Mass, merchant-own store; Abigal S., wife, 38, m1-13yrs, 4-4, IA NY OH; Earl W., son, 10, WA OR IA; Dorothy, dau, 8, s, WA OR IA; Joseph L., son, 5, s, WA OR IA; John W., son, 2, WA OR IA

1920: Falls City, Polk Co, OR, January 3 & 5, 1920; Earl B. Watt, head, 48, m, OR OH Mass, farmer-berry farm; Abigal W., wife, 45, IA NY OH; Dorothy, 17, dau, s, WA OR IA; Joseph L., son, 14, s, WA OR IA; John W., son, 12, s, WA OR IA; Eada J., 2 9/12, s, OR OR IA

4. John W. Watt

b. 1908 WA

d.

1910: Vashon, King Co, WA, no date, Earl V. (sic) Watt, head, 38, m1-13yrs, OR OH Mass, merchant-own store; Abigal S., wife, 38, m1-13yrs, 4-4, IA NY OH; Earl W., son, 10, WA OR IA; Dorothy, dau, 8, s, WA OR IA; Joseph L., son, 5, s, WA OR IA; John W., son, 2, WA OR IA

1920: Falls City, Polk Co, OR, January 3 & 5, 1920; Earl B. Watt, head, 48, m, OR OH Mass, farmer-berry farm; Abigal W., wife, 45, IA NY OH; Dorothy, 17, dau, s, WA OR IA; Joseph L., son, 14, s, WA OR IA; John W., son, 12, s, WA OR IA; Eada J., 2 9/12, s, OR OR IA

1930: Falls City, Polk Co, OR, April 17, 1930; Earl B. Watt, head, 59, m-age 25yrs, OR OH Mass, postmaster-government; Abigal W., wife, 55, m-age 21yrs, IA NY OH, assistant postmistress-government; John W., son, 22, s, WA OR IA; Eada O. J., dau, 13, s, OR OR IA

5. Eada J. Watt

b. 1917 OR

d.

1920: Falls City, Polk Co, OR, January 3 & 5, 1920; Earl B. Watt, head, 48, m, OR OH Mass, farmer-berry farm; Abigal W., wife, 45, IA NY OH; Dorothy, 17, dau, s, WA OR IA; Joseph L., son, 14, s, WA OR IA; John W., son, 12, s, WA OR IA; Eada J., 2 9/12, s, OR OR IA

1930: Falls City, Polk Co, OR, April 17, 1930; Earl B. Watt, head, 59, m-age 25yrs, OR OH Mass, postmaster-government; Abigal W., wife, 55, m-age 21yrs, IA NY OH, assistant postmistress-government; John W., son, 22, s, WA OR IA; Eada O. J., dau, 13, s, OR OR IA

5. Marie Carrye Watt

b. Jul 1877 OR

d. 07 Jul 1928 Forest Grove, Washington Co, OR

buried Mountain View Memorial Gardens, Forest Grove, Washington Co, OR

m. 1906

John Wilson Macrum

b. Jul 1873

d. 25 Jul 1931

buried Mountain View Memorial Gardens, Forest Grove, Washington Co, OR

1880: Forest Grove, Washington Co, OR, June 11, 1880; Jos. Watt, 62, farmer, OH PA PA; L.A., wife, 44, keeping house, Mass Mass Mass; John L. 19, son, attending school, OR OH Mass; Arlington, 12, son, attending school, OR OH Mass; Earl, 9, son, attending school, OR OH Mass; Carrie, 4, dau, OR OH Mass; Hasse Gowen, 24, help, attending school, Japan Japan Japan

1900: Forest Grove, Washington Co, OR, June 11, 1900; Lavina L. Watt, head, Dec 1840, 59, wd, 5-3, Mass Mass Mass, housewife; Carrye M., dau, Jul 1877, 22, s, OR OH Mass

1910: Spokane, Spokane Co, WA, April 26 & 27, 1910; John W. Macrum, roomer, 36, m1-4yrs, OR PA PA, engineer-civil; Carrye, wife, 36, m1-4yrs, OR OH Mass

1920: Forest Grove, Washington Co, OR, January 7, 1920; John W. Macrum, head, 46, OR PA PA, engineer-civil; Carrye M., wife, 46, OR OH Mass

Mrs. Marie Carrye Watt Macrum.

FOREST GROVE, Or., July 7.—(Special.)—Funeral services will be held for Mrs. Marie Carrye Watt Macrum at her late residence, 428 East Fifth avenue south, tomorrow at 4 o'clock. Interment at Mountain View cemetery, Rev. Arthur M. S. Stook in charge. Mrs. Macrum was the daughter of Joseph Watt, pioneer settler who was the first to introduce sheep into this country and was the founder of the first woolen mill in Oregon at Salem. She was born in Forest Grove 55 years ago and was educated at St. Helens hall, Portland. In 1906 she was married to John Wilson Macrum and resided at Spokane, returning to Forest Grove in 1913. She received a United States medal during the war for conspicuous service. She died at her home July 7 and is survived by her husband and two brothers, A. B. Watt, postmaster at Amity and E. B. Watt, postmaster at Fall City.

[Oregonian, Portland, Or, July 8, 1928 p.22]

“Joseph Watt. All credit is due to the pioneer settlers who faced dangers and privations of life on the frontier in order to utilize the natural resources of the country and aid in building up the empire of the west. To this class belonged Joseph Watt, whose interest in the great Pacific Coast country was awakened when he was yet a young man and led to his investigation of the opportunities here offered in 1844. He took up his abode within the state practically before the city of Portland was founded and when only a few settlements had been made along the river to indicate that the seeds of civilization had already been planted in Oregon soil.

Mr. Watt was born in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, December 17, 1817 and is descended from Scotch ancestry, the family, however, being founded in America at an early period in the colonization of the new world. His father, John Watt, was born in Pennsylvania, November 11, 1792 and in that state wedded Mary Scott, who was also born there. John Watt was a soldier of the war of 1812 and was with Commodore Perry on Lake Erie, when he won his famous naval battle. Following the close of hostilities he removed to Ohio and was there married. In the family were the following children, namely: Joseph, Adaline, the deceased wife of a Mr. Fulquarty; Sarah, also deceased; Mrs. Elizabeth Wrenn, who has passed away; Isabel, the deceased wife of W. Breyman, of Salem, Oregon; Aurora, the wife of William Bowman of Portland; Clara, the wife of W. Morton, who is in the East Portland Bank; Ahio, now deceased, who was employed by the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company for more than twenty years; and one died in infancy.

Joseph Watt only enjoyed such education privileges as the common schools of Ohio afforded in an early day. When twenty years of age he made his first trip westward, stopping first in Missouri, where he lived for two years. He at first visited Oregon in 1844 but in 1847 returned to the buckeye state. The following year he again came to the Pacific coast, bringing the family across the plains with ox teams. It was a long and arduous trip, fraught with many hardships and

dangers but at length it was successfully completed and the family located in Yamhill county, where the parents took up a donation land claim, upon which John Watt engaged in farming up until his death.

John Watt was twenty-seven years of age when he first visited Oregon and was a man of about thirty-one years of age when he returned with his parents. He always engaged in farming in connection with other business interests and was instrumental in shipping the first carload of wheat that ever left the state. This was shipped to England in 1868 and was sent around Cape Horn. During the period of his active life he raised and shipped a great deal of wheat and his business affairs were at all times of a nature that contributed to general prosperity as well as to individual success. He built the first woolen factory on the Pacific coast, it being completed and opened for business in 1857, and thus he gave impetus to the manufacturing activity of the northwest. He was most extensively, however, engaged in farming and stock raising, and was the owner of three thousand, six hundred and forty acres of land. He brought the first sheep to Oregon in 1848, driving them across the plains at the time he brought his father's family to Yamhill and Polk counties. At the same time he brought the first carding machine that was ever seen upon the Pacific coast.

On the 28th of June, 1860, occurred the marriage of Joseph Watt and Miss Levina A. Lyon, a daughter of Hon. Lemuel Lyon, who was consul to Japan under President Grant and died in the flowery kingdom in 1868. The body was brought back to San Francisco and interred in Lone Mountain cemetery there. His daughter, Mrs. Watt, was born in Massachusetts, and her mother, who bore the maiden name of Frances Whitney, was a native of East Needham, Massachusetts. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Watt were born five children: John L. and Marie Louise, both now deceased; Arlington B., who is now postmaster at Amity, Yamhill county, and married Abigail Winchell, of Iowa; Mary Carrie, who is the wife of John W. Mariim of Spokane, Washington; and Earl B., who lives at McMurray with a merchant of that place.

In the home ranch at Amity Mr. Watt had one thousand acres of land, but removed therefrom to Forest Grove in 1875 where he remained until 1882. That year saw him back on the ranch, where he passed his remaining days. Soon after the death of her husband the widow became a resident of Forest Grove, where she still lives.

Mr. Watt gave his political allegiance to the democratic party on attaining his majority and was an advocate of the principles expounded by Douglas up to the time of the Civil war, when he joined the ranks of the republican party, which he continued to support throughout his remaining days. He held membership with the Masons and was regarded as an exemplary member of the craft. The death of Mr. Watt occurred August 30, 1900, and in his passing Oregon lost one of its most worthy, well known and honored pioneers and one who was among the charter members of the State Pioneer Society. His labors were a valuable contribution to the development and up building of the state and not only along business Inns but in other connections he proved his worth as a business man and citizen." [Centennial History of Oregon by Gaston, Vol II p.691-2]