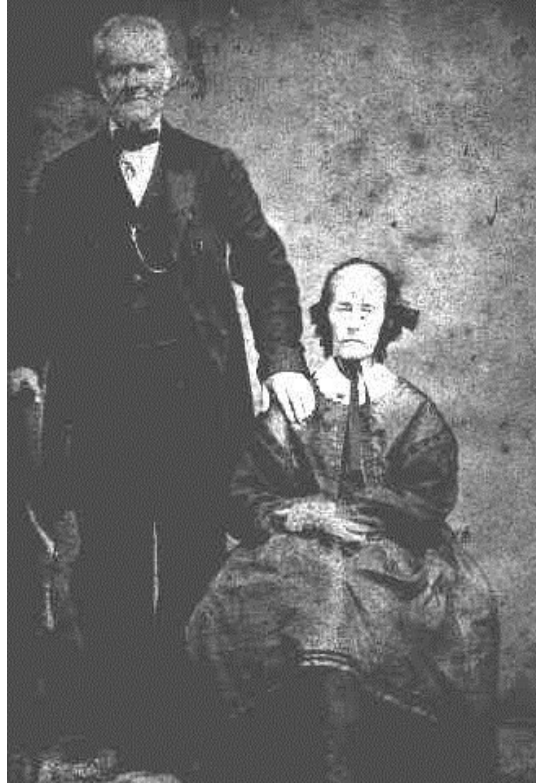


Mary Crowley

Pioneer of 1846

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Benjamin Munkers and Mary Crowley

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Mary "Polly" Crowley

b. 01 Oct 1802 Powell Valley, Claiborne County, Tennessee

d. 07 Mar 1888 Polk County, Oregon

buried Miller Cemetery, Scio, Linn County, Oregon

John Crowley and Elizabeth McClain

m. 12 Jul 1818 Tennessee

Benjamin Franklin Munkers [Pioneer of 1846]

b. 17 Apr 1799 Campbell County, Tennessee/17 Sep 1799 Georgia

d. 17 Apr 1885 Scio, Linn County, Oregon

buried Miller Cemetery, Scio, Linn County, Oregon

s/o William Munkers and Rebecca Pendleton

1850: Marion County, Oregon Territory, January 28, 1851; Benjamin Munkers, 51, farmer, \$3000, TN; Mary, 49, TN; Thomas Mc, 18, MO; Elizabeth, 13, MO; Isabella, 12, MO; James M., 8, MO; G.W. Croley, 75, MO

1860: North Salem, Marion County, Oregon, July 28, 1860; B. Munkers, 62, farmer, \$5650 \$5412, TN; M., 58, TN; J.M., 18, MO; John Estes, 33, farmer, \$2960 \$800, ME; M.E., 23, MO; T.C. Estes, 5, OR; A.B. Estes, 11/12, f, OR; John Sutter, 67, day laborer, SC

1870: East Salem Pct, Marion County, Oregon, June 16, 1870; Bnj Munkers, 70, farmer, \$10,000 \$200, TN; Mary, 68, keeps house, TN; Jas. M., 26, farmer, \$0 \$1230, MO; Mary A., 24, keeps house, MO; Sarah M., 4, OR; Walter, 3, OR; Minnie, 10/12 (Aug), OR; Geo W. Hagan, 36, laborer, OH

1932: Benjamin Munkers Family Reunion. [Salem Capital Journal, August 25, 1932 p.2]

"One day when my father's wagon was in the lead a couple of young Indians met us and one of them threw up his hand quickly as a signal for us to stop. This scared our oxen, and the bolted. They ran down the hill, turned into the river, and splashed through to the other side. The Munkers oxen also became panic stricken and followed our wagon. Mrs. Munkers, with her son Jimmy, six years old, was riding on the front seat when the oxen bolted. She was a cripple. Wherever she went she had to carry her chair and, also, hobble on crutches. She was so frightened that she grabbed Jimmy up under one arm, reached back and got her camp chair under the other, jumped out of the wagon, as it was going full tilt, ran as hard as she could to a hundred yards or so, and then, realizing that she was a cripple and couldn't walk, she put down the chair and sat down." [Interview with Barnett Simpson, Impressions and Observations of the Journal Man by Fred Lockley, Oregon Journal, March 18-20, 1925]

1934: [Benjamin Munkers, Bits For Breakfast, Oregon Statesman, August 25, 1934 p.4 and August 26, 1934 p.4]

Children of Benjamin Munkers and Mary Crowley:

**1. James Preston Munkers [Pioneer of 1846]**

**b. 18 Nov 1820 Clay County, Missouri**

**d. 16 Oct 1890 Scio, Linn County, Oregon**

**buried Miller Cemetery, Scio, Linn County, Oregon**

m1. 17 Dec 1845 Platte County, Missouri

Nancy Jane Crank [Pioneer of 1846]

b. 18 Jul 1830 Missouri

d. 25 Apr 1858 Scio, Linn County, Oregon

buried Miller Cemetery, Scio, Linn County, Oregon

"Nancy Jane Munkers died 25 April 1858 at forks of Santiam of TB, age about 28, wife of Preston Munkers." [Oregon Statesman, May 11, 1858 p. 3:1]

m2. 10 Nov 1859

Barbara (Kurtz) Ireland

b. 14 Oct 1821 Indiana

d. 30 Nov 1907 Scio, Linn County, Oregon

buried Miller Cemetery, Scio, Linn County, Oregon

1850: Linn County, Oregon Territory, September 20, 1850; Preston Monkes (sic), 29, farmer, MO; Nancy J., 21, KY; Mary J. (sic-S), 4, OT; Maria M. (sic-Amanda Melvina??), 2, OT

1860: Lebanon PO, Linn County, Oregon, September 8, 1860; Preston Munker, 39, \$6320 \$2644, MO; Barbara, 37, IN; Mary, 13, OR; Amanda, 11, OR; William, 6, OR; Thomas, 4, OR; Samuel Ewens, 15, farm laborer; William Ireland, 5, OR

1870: Scio, Linn County, Oregon, September 13, 1870; Preston Munkers, 50, farmer, \$7680 \$1200, MO; Barbara, 47, keeping house, IN; Matheson (sic-Madison?), 17, works on farm, OR; Thomas J., 15, works on farm, OR; William, 16, works on farm, OR; Mary R. Cary, 15, at school, OR; William A. Ewens, 3, OR; Preston Ewens, 1, OR

1880: Scio, Linn County, Oregon, June 29, 1880; Preston Munkers, 59, farmer, MO TN TN; Barbara, 58, wife, keeping house, IN PA PA; Thos. Munkers, 25, farm laborer, OR MO IN; Louisa, 23, wife, OR IA IA; Silvia, 1, dau, OR MO IN; Edward Chamberlin, 40, farm laborer, VT VA VA

1900: North Scio, Linn County, Oregon, June 2 & 4, 1900; Barbara Munkers, head, Oct 1820, 79, wid, 0-0, IN PA PA; Flora Layton, boarder, Jul 1875, 24, s, OR OR IA, housekeeper; Allen Ewing, June 1867, 32, s, OR Unk Unk, drover

"Preston Munkers of Linn County, married 10 Nov 1859 to Barbara Ireland of Washington County by Ira E. Purdin, J.P."

ODLC: #9 Linn Co; b. 1820 Clay Co, MO; sc 10 Jan 1848; m'd Nancy Jane Dec 1845 Platte Co, MO. Aff: Joseph Crank, Nathaniel Crank, Benj. Munkers

Children of James Munkers and Nancy Crank:

i. Mary Susan Munkers

b. 15 Apr 1847 Scio, Linn County, Oregon

d. 21 Apr 1866 Scio, Linn County, Oregon

buried Miller Cemetery, Scio, Linn County, Oregon

m. never married

1850: Linn County, Oregon Territory, September 20, 1850; Preston Monkes (sic), 29, farmer, MO; Nancy J., 21, KY; Mary J. (sic-S), 4, OT; Maria M. (sic-Amanda Melvina??), 2, OT

1860: Lebanon PO, Linn County, Oregon, September 8, 1860; Preston Munker, 39, \$6320 \$2644, MO; Barbara, 37, IN; Mary, 13, OR; Amanda, 11, OR; William, 6, OR; Thomas, 4, OR; Samuel Ewens, 15, farm laborer; William Ireland, 5, OR

ii. Amanda Melvina Munkers

b. 16 Dec 1849 Scio, Linn County, Oregon

d. 18 Aug 1866 Scio, Linn County, Oregon

buried Miller Cemetery, Scio, Linn County, Oregon

m. never married

1850: Linn County, Oregon Territory, September 20, 1850; Preston Monkes (sic), 29, farmer, MO; Nancy J., 21, KY; Mary J. (sic-S), 4, OT; Maria M. (sic-Amanda Melvina??), 2, OT

1860: Lebanon PO, Linn County, Oregon, September 8, 1860; Preston Munker, 39, \$6320 \$2644, MO; Barbara, 37, IN; Mary, 13, OR; Amanda, 11, OR; William, 6, OR; Thomas, 4, OR; Samuel Ewens, 15, farm laborer; William Ireland, 5, OR

iii. John Riley Munkers

b. 28 Apr 1851 Scio, Linn County, Oregon

d. 07 May 1851 Scio, Linn County, Oregon

buried Miller Cemetery, Scio, Linn County, Oregon

m. never married

iv. William Madison Munkers

b. 24 Mar 1853 Scio, Linn County, Oregon

d. 09 Dec 1871 California

1860: Lebanon PO, Linn County, Oregon, September 8, 1860; Preston Munker, 39, \$6320 \$2644, MO; Barbara, 37, IN; Mary, 13, OR; Amanda, 11, OR; William, 6, OR; Thomas, 4, OR; Samuel Ewens, 15, farm laborer; William Ireland, 5, OR

1870: Scio, Linn County, Oregon, September 13, 1870; Preston Munkers, 50, farmer, \$7680 \$1200, MO; Barbara, 47, keeping house, IN; Matheson (sic-Madison?), 17, works on farm, OR; Thomas J., 15, works on farm, OR; William, 16, works on farm, OR; Mary R. Cary, 15, at school, OR; William A. Ewens, 3, OR; Preston Ewens, 1, OR

v. Thomas Jefferson Munkers

b. 24 Jul 1855 Scio, Linn County, Oregon

d. 13 Aug 1943 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

buried River View Cemetery, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

m. Louisa Olive McNamer

1860: Lebanon PO, Linn County, Oregon, September 8, 1860; Preston Munker, 39, \$6320 \$2644, MO; Barbara, 37, IN; Mary, 13, OR; Amanda, 11, OR; William, 6, OR; Thomas, 4, OR; Samuel Ewens, 15, farm laborer; William Ireland, 5, OR

1870: Scio, Linn County, Oregon, September 13, 1870; Preston Munkers, 50, farmer, \$7680 \$1200, MO; Barbara, 47, keeping house, IN; Matheson (sic-Madison?), 17, works on farm, OR; Thomas J., 15, works on farm, OR; William, 16, works on farm, OR; Mary R. Cary, 15, at school, OR; William A. Ewens, 3, OR; Preston Ewens, 1, OR

1880: Scio, Linn County, Oregon, June 29, 1880; Preston Munkers, 59, farmer, MO TN TN; Barbara, 58, wife, keeping house, IN PA PA; Thos. Munkers, 25, farm laborer, OR MO IN; Louisa, 23, wife, OR IA IA; Silvia, 1, dau, OR MO IN; Edward Chamberlin, 40, farm laborer, VT VA VA

"THOMAS JEFFERSON MUNKERS. A worthy representative of a family of Oregon pioneers is found in Thomas Jefferson Munkers, a native son of the great northwest, in which he has proven himself so important a factor, through the display of business sagacity and quick decision taking a position of prominence in the affairs of Scio, Linn county. He, with others, established in 1892, a banking business in this city, and as the holder of considerable stock he became the president of the institution, and remained so for three years. In 1895 he sold his

interest in the business, but in 1902 he bought it back, then converting the bank into a private institution, which is now known as the bank of T. J. Munkers & Co., with individual resources to the amount of \$50,000.

The records of the ancestry of the Munkers family have been preserved for many years, the grandfather, Benjamin, having been born in Georgia, September 17, 1799, and was reared in the state of Tennessee, where he became a farmer. In 1814 he removed to Jackson county, Mo., and from that state he crossed the plains with ox-teams in 1846, via the Piatt river. Five months from the beginning witnessed the end of the journey and Mr. Munkers then took up a donation claim of six hundred and forty acres, upon which he remained until 1871, when he came to his son's home, near Scio, where his death occurred at the age of eighty-five years. He was an old school Baptist, and politically was a Democrat. As a man who had met with success throughout the course of a long life, Mr. Munkers was firmly fixed in his ideas and convictions, believing in no half-way measures in one's plans or beliefs. His son, Preston, the father of our Mr. Munkers, was born in Jackson county, Mo., November 28, 1820, and came with his father to Oregon and located on a donation claim of six hundred and forty acres adjoining Scio on the north, and lived there until his death, at the age of sixty-nine years and eleven months. Inheriting a progressive spirit he became the owner of eight hundred acres of land, having met with the same success which had characterized the efforts of his father. With a religious and thoughtful temperament, heightened by a physical frame where weakness had early set its seal, Mr. Munkers combined an earnest and helpful spirit which was manifested in many acts of public kindness, and the fulfillment of the duties of a citizen. His death was a loss to the community. He married Nancy Jane Crank, a native of Missouri, having been born there July 18, 1830, and dying here April 25, 1858, when only twenty-eight years old. She was the mother of three sons and two daughters, of whom Mary Susan was born April 15, 1847, and died April 21, 1866; Amanda Melvina was born December 16, 1849, and died August 18, 1866; John Riley was born April 28, 1851, and died May 7, of the same year; William Madison was born March 24, 1853, and died December 9, 1871, in California; the youngest of the children being Thomas Jefferson, of this review.

Thomas Jefferson Munkers was born on his father's claim, one-half mile north of Scio, Linn county, Ore., July 24, 1855, and was there reared to manhood. He attended the common school in the vicinity of his home, but the means for acquiring knowledge in those early times being necessarily limited, he has since acquired his wide fund of information through intelligent contact with the world, and through the medium of well-directed lines of reading. When seventeen years of age he engaged in farming upon twenty-five acres of land, which he rented. On account of ill health he went to western Oregon in 1873, and passed much of the time in hunting until his return home in the following year. At that period he took charge of his father's farm, and has since conducted it, now owning eight hundred and five acres, devoted entirely to stock raising, cattle and sheep forming the greater part of the stock. In addition to his banking interests he is manager of this large and productive farm.

In Washington county, Ore., Mr. Munkers was married to Miss Louise O. McNamer, who was born near Forest Grove, Washington county. She is now the mother of four daughters, namely: Sylvia J.; Winnifred A.; Inez C.; and Opal L., all of whom are at home. As a Democrat, interested in the progress of his city and community, Mr. Munkers has often been called upon to serve in various public offices, among these being that of mayor, which he has ably filled for three years. He is a member of the county central committee, and almost every year acts as delegate to the county convention. He was at one time nominated for county commissioner, but on account of his many absorbing duties he refused to accept. For two terms he served as road supervisor, and as school director for more than ten years. In 1900 Mr. Munkers donated the land which is now occupied by the flax mill of this city. Fraternally Mr. Munkers has passed all the chairs of the Blue Lodge of Masons, and has also passed all the chairs of the Knights of Pythias. In religion he follows in the steps of his ancestors, being a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, in which he officiates as trustee." [Portrait and Biographical Record of the Willamette Valley p. 1163-4]

**2. William Riley Munkers [Pioneer of 1846] [went to gold fields]**

**b. 12 Jan 1823 Clay County, Missouri**

**d. 16 Oct 1890 Marion County, Oregon**

**buried Salem Pioneer Cemetery, Salem, Marion County, Oregon**

m. 18 Sep 1839 Platte County, Missouri

Mahala Roberts [Pioneer of 1846]

b. 09 Jan 1818

d. 01 Jan 1882 Marion County, Oregon

buried Salem Pioneer Cemetery, Salem, Marion County, Oregon

ODLC: #151 Marion Co; William R. Munkers; b. 1822 Clay Co, MO; sc Feb 1849; m'd Mahala 18 Sep 1839 Platte Co, MO. Aff: John C. Herren, Jacob C. Caplinger, Wm. J. Herren

1850: Marion County, Oregon Territory, January 28, 1851; W. R. Munkers, 28, farmer, \$1500, MO; Mehaly, 31, VA; Benjamin, 9, MO; James, 8, MO; Susan, 6, MO; Ann, 5, OT; Frances, 3, m, OT; Josephine, 1, OT

1860: North Salem, Marion County, Oregon, July 26, 1860; R. Munkers, 40, farmer, \$4120 \$3926, MO; M., 44, VA; B., 19, m, farmer, MO; J., 17, m, farmer, MO; S., 15, f, MO; A., 13, f, NE; M., 12, m, OR; J., 10, f, OR; S.T., 7, m, OR; W.W., 5, m, OR; F.B., 3, f, OR; E., 1, m, OR

1870: Salem, Marion County, Oregon, June 8, 1870, W.R. Munkers, 50, farmer, \$8400 \$1000, MO; M., 54, keeps house, VA; F.M., 22, m, saddler, OR; J., 20, f, OR; L., 17, m, at school, OR; W.W., 15, apprentice, OR; F., 13, f, at school, OR; Ed, 11, at school, OR; C., 9, f, OR; S., 6, f, OR

1880: North Salem, Marion County, Oregon, June 9, 1880; William R. Munkers, 60, farmer, MO VA TN; Mahaley, 63, wife, keeping house, VA \_\_; Kate, 18, dau, at home, OR MO VA; Ella, 17, dau, at home, OR MO VA; Henry L., 13, grandson, OR MO IL; Gibson (?) Wanless, 33, works at mill, VA

"The funeral of the late W. R. Munkers was held Sunday morning at the family residence, northeast of Salem, and a large concourse of people was present. Rev. P. S. Knight conducted the usual service, which was followed by that of the Masonic order. The remains were followed to the grave in Rural cemetery by a long procession of vehicles heavily loaded with relatives, friends and acquaintances of the deceased farmer citizen." [Daily Oregon Statesman October 26 1897 4:1]

1896: Marion County, W.R. Munkers, File #1749. Testate. Will dated January 24, 1896. Executors: F.M. Munkers, son and T.F. Walker, son in law. Heirs: Ella Walker, dtr, Kate Herren, dtr; Samuel T. Munkers, son; Frances Hayter, dtr; Frank M. Munkers, son; Josephine Johnson, dtr (wife of H.C. Johnson); W.W. Munkers, dec'd son (refers to his children); Susan J. Folck, dec'd dtr (refers to her children); Sophia Simmons; Anna Johnson, Millie Folck; C.W. Munkers, W. J. Munkers, Grover Folck. W.R. Munkers DLC. Buried IOOF Cemetery.

1897: Marion County, Mahala Munkers. File #1795. Testate. Died 01 Jan 1882. Will dated December 28, 1881. W.R. Munkers was named as executor in will, but estate was not probated until after his death. Only ones named in will were William Riley Munkers, husband; Katie and Elva, 2 youngest daughters; William Woodville Munkers, son. Named in petition dated 29 Dec 1897 were B.F. Munkers,

54, Bellevedere, Idaho; J.P. Munkers, 52, Springdale, WA; Annie M. Hayter, 50, Fresno, CA; F.M. Munkers, 48, Marion Co; Samuel P. Munkers, 42, Amity, OR; Mrs. Josie Johnson, 46, Marion Co; Anna Johnson, 30, Portland; Mrs. Kate Herren, 32, The Dalles; Susan Folck Mrs. Fannie Herren, 35, Everett, WA; G. Folck, 26; Mrs. Ella Walker, 30, Marion Co; Sophia Simmons, 30, Marion Co; Walter Munkers, 18, Marion Co; Walter Munkers, 14, Marion Co.

Transactions of the Oregon Pioneer Association: 1877 p.90 William R. Munkers b.1819 MO

### **Division of an Estate.**

**Frank M. Munkers, Sophia Simmons, Anna Johnson, Mildred Flock, Walter J. Munkers, Anna Hayter and Grover Flock are plaintiffs in a suit brought today against B. F. Munkers, Josephine Johnson, Samuel T. Munkers, Kate Herron, Ella Walker, B. Herren, Ralph Carico, Inez Carico, Iva Harmon, Charles Munkers and Elmer Munkers. The object of the suit is to determine and declare the interest of each of the parties in real property in Marion and Linn Counties, formerly owned by Mahala Munkers, deceased, and William Riley Munkers, deceased. All the parties are devisees of heirs of the deceased.**

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Sunday, June 10, 1900 p. 5]

Children of William Munkers and Mahala Roberts:

i. Benjamin F. Munkers

b. 04 Jul 1841 Missouri [headstone gives birth year 18 1836]

d. 28 Mar 1902 Idaho

buried Lower Boise Cemetery, Parma, Canyon County, Idaho

1850: Marion County, Oregon Territory, January 28, 1851; W. R. Munkers, 28, farmer, \$1500, MO; Mehaly, 31, VA; Benjamin, 9, MO; James, 8, MO; Susan, 6, MO; Ann, 5, OT; Frances, 3, m, OT; Josephine, 1, OT

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1897: B.F. Munkers living in Belvidere, Idaho

ii. James Preston Munkers [Pioneer of 1846]

b. 17 Sep 1842 Missouri

d. 16 May 1899 Scio, Linn County, Oregon

m. Ann Marie Newsom

1850: Marion County, Oregon Territory, January 28, 1851; W. R. Munkers, 28, farmer, \$1500, MO; Mehaly, 31, VA; Benjamin, 9, MO; James, 8, MO; Susan, 6, MO; Ann, 5, OT; Frances, 3, m, OT; Josephine, 1, OT

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"James P. Munkers & Ann M. Newson, m'd 31 Dec 1863 at house of & by William Russell, J.P. Wit: John Newsom & J.W. Greenwood. File #680 p.221." [Marion County Marriage Records by Custer & Wade, Vol 1 p.41]

"James Munkers m'd Ann Marie Newsome December 31, 1863. She was the daughter of David and Polly Newsome." [PCA January 16, 1864]

1897: J.P. Munkers living in Springdale, Washington

iii. Susan Jane Munkers

b. 14 Feb 1845 Missouri

d. 09 Dec 1871 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

buried Salem Pioneer Cemetery, Salem, Marion County, Oregon

m. John Folck

1850: Marion County, Oregon Territory, January 28, 1851; W. R. Munkers, 28, farmer, \$1500, MO; Mehaly, 31, VA; Benjamin, 9, MO; James, 8, MO; Susan, 6, MO; Ann, 5, OT; Frances, 3, m, OT; Josephine, 1, OT

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"John H. Folck & Susan J. Munkers, m'd 10 Jan 1864 at house of Wm. Riley Munkers; Alvan F. Waller, M.B. Wit: M.D. Surggett & James Munkers. Consent of W.R. Munkers. File 677 p. 219 & Bk 1 p. 18." [Marion County Marriage Records by Custer & Wade Vol 1 p.41]

"Miss S.J. Munkers married January 10, 1864 to J.H. Falk." [PCA January 16, 1864]

1897: Mrs. Susan Folck living in Everett, Washington

iv. Anna Missouri Munkers

b. 18 May 1846 on trail in Nebraska

d. 1926 Butte County, California

buried Old Oroville Cemetery, Oroville, Butte County, California

m. Frank Hayter

1850: Marion County, Oregon Territory, January 28, 1851; W. R. Munkers, 28, farmer, \$1500, MO; Mehaly, 31, VA; Benjamin, 9, MO; James, 8, MO; Susan, 6, MO; Ann, 5, OT; Frances, 3, m, OT; Josephine, 1, OT



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"F.M. Hayter & Anna Munkers, m'd 04 Jul 1866. O. Dickenson, M.G. Wit: S.M. Walch, A. Meyers, E.A. Dickenson. File #865 p. 299." [Marion County Marriage Records by Custer & Wade Vol 1 p.54]

1897: Annie Hayter living in Fresno, California

v. Francis Marion Munkers

b. 05 Apr 1848 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

d. 02 Nov 1919 Stayton, Marion County, Oregon

buried Lone Oak Cemetery, Stayton, Marion County, Oregon

m. Dec 1875 Mary Isabelle Gilmore

[headstone gives birth as 03 Apr 1845, obituary gives 05 Feb 1847]

1850: Marion County, Oregon Territory, January 28, 1851; W. R. Munkers, 28, farmer, \$1500, MO; Mehaly, 31, VA; Benjamin, 9, MO; James, 8, MO; Susan, 6, MO; Ann, 5, OT; Frances, 3, m, OT; Josephine, 1, OT

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1897: living in Marion County, Oregon

## NATIVE OF OREGON DIES

### F. M. Munkers Passes Away at Home in Stayton.

STAYTON, Or., Nov. 16.—(Special.)—Francis Marion Munkers, age 72 years, a native of Salem, died at his home here November 2 following an illness of three years. The funeral was held at the home November 4. Rev. Mr. Reese, pastor of the Methodist church, conducting the services. Interment was in Low Oak cemetery at Stayton.

Mr. Munkers was born in Salem, February 3, 1847, and had spent his entire life in Oregon. His early life was spent in eastern Oregon—Gilliam and Morrow counties—where he engaged in the hotel business and stock-raising. In 1875 Mr. Munkers married Miss Mabel Gilmore at Heppner and to them five children were born, all being with their father at the time of his death. They are: Mrs. J. H. Mulchay of San Francisco, W. B. and W. M. Munkers of Stayton and G. R. Munkers of San Francisco.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Monday, November 17, 1919 p. 18]

vi. Josephine Munkers

b. 03 Nov 1850 Marion County, Oregon [death certificate gives birth as 30 Nov 1851]

d. 12 Feb 1931 Morrow County, Oregon

buried Masonic Cemetery, Heppner, Morrow County, Oregon

m. Henry C. Johnson

1850: Marion County, Oregon Territory, January 28, 1851; W. R. Munkers, 28, farmer, \$1500, MO; Mehaly, 31, VA; Benjamin, 9, MO; James, 8, MO; Susan, 6, MO; Ann, 5, OT; Frances, 3, m, OT; Josephine, 1, OT

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"Mr. H.C. Johnson & Miss Josephine Munkers, m'd 19 Jun 1870 at house of Mrs. M.E. Smith. T.M. Martin, M.G. Wit: Mrs. M.E. Smith & Miss A. Johnson. File #1254 p. 494" [Marion County Marriage Records by Custer & Wade Vol 1 p.83]

1897: Mrs. Josie Johnson living in Marion County

vii. George W. Munkers

b. 1851 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

d. 15 Oct 1852 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

buried Salem Pioneer Cemetery, Salem, Marion County, Oregon

m. never married

viii. Samuel T./F./P. Munkers

b. 22 Mar 1853 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

d. 17 Jan 1923 Polk County, Oregon

buried Bethel Cemetery, Polk County, Oregon

m. 01 Jun 1876 Julia Sheldon

1860: North Salem, Marion County, Oregon, July 26, 1860; R. Munkers, 40, farmer, \$4120 \$3926, MO; M., 44, VA; B., 19, m, farmer, MO; J., 17, m, farmer, MO; S., 15, f, MO; A., 13, f, NE; M., 12, m, OR; J., 10, f, OR; S.T., 7, m, OR; W.W., 5, m, OR; F.B., 3, f, OR; E., 1, m, OR

1870: Salem, Marion County, Oregon, June 8, 1870, W.R. Munkers, 50, farmer, \$8400 \$1000, MO; M., 54, keeps house, VA; F.M., 22, m, saddler, OR; J., 20, f, OR; S., 17, m, at school, OR; W.W., 15, apprentice, OR; F., 13, f, at school, OR; Ed, 11, at school, OR; C., 9, f, OR; S., 6, f, OR

"Samuel Munkers, over 21 & Julia Sheldon, over 18, m'd 01 Jun 1876 at house of O. H. Sheldon. P.S. Knight, M.G. Wit: Miss M.D. Haines & W.W. Munkers. File #1917 p. 198." [Marion County Marriage Records by Custer & Wade Vol III p.19]

1897: Samuel P. Munkers living in Amity, Yamhill County, Oregon

ix. William Woodville Munkers

b. 29/30 Apr 1856 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

d. 03 Feb 1885 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

buried Salem Pioneer Cemetery, Salem, Marion County, Oregon

m. 09 May 1877 Hattie Chase

1860: North Salem, Marion County, Oregon, July 26, 1860; R. Munkers, 40, farmer, \$4120 \$3926, MO; M., 44, VA; B., 19, m, farmer, MO; J., 17, m, farmer, MO; S., 15, f, MO; A., 13, f, NE; M., 12, m, OR; J., 10, f, OR; S.T., 7, m, OR; W.W., 5, m, OR; F.B., 3, f, OR; E., 1, m, OR

1870: Salem, Marion County, Oregon, June 8, 1870, W.R. Munkers, 50, farmer, \$8400 \$1000, MO; M., 54, keeps house, VA; F.M., 22, m, saddler, OR; J., 20, f, OR; S., 17, m, at school, OR; W.W., 15, apprentice, OR; F., 13, f, at school, OR; Ed, 11, at school, OR; C., 9, f, OR; S., 6, f, OR

"W.W. Munkers, over 21 & Hettie Chase, over 18, m'd 09 May 1877 at house of & by L. Deileman, C.P. Wit: Mrs & Mrs. Riordon. Aff. John Chase. File #2039 p. 321" [Marion County Marriage Records by Custer & Wade Vol III p.27]

"Frank Munkers of Alkali, brother of Wood Munkers, deceased, and John Chase of Roseburg, brother-in-law of the deceased, have been telegraphed for, and will arrive here to-day. [Weekly Oregon Statesman, February 6, 1885 p. 6:3]

"Funeral--The funeral of Woodville Munkers will be held at 2:30 p.m. to-day from his late residence in this city. All members of the A.O.U.W. will please meet at 10 o'clock at the hall."  
[Weekly Oregon Statesman February 8, 1885 p. 6:3]

Marion Co, File 1764. Minors Munkers. Guardianship of minor sons of William Woodville Munkers. Gdns: John H. Scott, 27 Jun 1898 to Jun 1900. U.S. Simmons, (Carl only) 30 Jun 1900 to 1903. Walter J. Munkers became 21 on 26 Jul 1899. Both of Marion County. Hattie Easton, mother of minors, Brighton, England. Henry C. Johnson, uncle of minors, Marion Co. Minors are legatee and heirs of estate of Mahala Munkers and W.R. Munkers. Riley B. Munkers deceased grandfather of minors. Ella Walker, dtr of W.R. Munkers. Heirs of Mahala and W.R. Munkers; Katie Herren; Frances Herren, Samuel T. Munkers; James P. Munkers; Annie Hayter; and heirs of Susan J. Folck; W.W. Munkers & Josephine Johnson.

x. Frances Bell "Fannie" Munkers

b. 13 Dec 1857 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

d. 17 Nov 1932 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

buried City View Cemetery, Salem, Marion County, Oregon

m1. 07 Oct 1877 Levi Herren

m2. Oliver Jewett

1860: North Salem, Marion County, Oregon, July 26, 1860; R. Munkers, 40, farmer, \$4120 \$3926, MO; M., 44, VA; B., 19, m, farmer, MO; J., 17, m, farmer, MO; S., 15, f, MO; A., 13, f, NE; M., 12, m, OR; J., 10, f, OR; S.T., 7, m, OR; W.W., 5, m, OR; F.B., 3, f, OR; E., 1, m, OR

1870: Salem, Marion County, Oregon, June 8, 1870, W.R. Munkers, 50, farmer, \$8400 \$1000, MO; M., 54, keeps house, VA; F.M., 22, m, saddler, OR; J., 20, f, OR; S., 17, m, at school, OR; W.W., 15, apprentice, OR; F., 13, f, at school, OR; Ed, 11, at school, OR; C., 9, f, OR; S., 6, f, OR

"Levi M. Herren, over 20 & Fanny B. Munkers, over 18, m'd 07 Oct 1877 at house of W.R. Munkers. A. Stephens, J.P. Wit: S.L. Munkers & H.E. Herren. N.F. Herren as father consents. File #2076 p. 358." [Marion County Marriage Records by Custer & Wade Vol III p.30]

1897: Mrs. Fannie Herren living in Everett, Washington

xi. Eugene R. Munkers

b. 13 Feb 1859 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

d. 09 Mar 1872 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

buried Salem Pioneer Cemetery, Salem, Marion County, Oregon

m. never married

1860: North Salem, Marion County, Oregon, July 26, 1860; R. Munkers, 40, farmer, \$4120 \$3926, MO; M., 44, VA; B., 19, m, farmer, MO; J., 17, m, farmer, MO; S., 15, f, MO; A., 13, f, NE; M., 12, m, OR; J., 10, f, OR; S.T., 7, m, OR; W.W., 5, m, OR; F.B., 3, f, OR; E., 1, m, OR

1870: Salem, Marion County, Oregon, June 8, 1870, W.R. Munkers, 50, farmer, \$8400 \$1000, MO; M., 54, keeps house, VA; F.M., 22, m, saddler, OR; J., 20, f, OR; S., 17, m, at school, OR;

W.W., 15, apprentice, OR; F., 13, f, at school, OR; Ed, 11, at school, OR; C., 9, f, OR; S., 6, f, OR

xii. Katie Munkers

b. 18 Sep 1861 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

d. 22 Dec 1940 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

m. 06 Dec 1882 Horace Herren [brother of Levi]

1870: Salem, Marion County, Oregon, June 8, 1870, W.R. Munkers, 50, farmer, \$8400 \$1000, MO; M., 54, keeps house, VA; F.M., 22, m, saddler, OR; J., 20, f, OR; S., 17, m, at school, OR; W.W., 15, apprentice, OR; F., 13, f, at school, OR; Ed, 11, at school, OR; C., 9, f, OR; S., 6, f, OR

1880: North Salem, Marion County, Oregon, June 9, 1880; William R. Munkers, 60, farmer, MO VA TN; Mahaley, 63, wife, keeping house, VA \_\_; Kate, 18, dau, at home, OR MO VA; Ella, 17, dau, at home, OR MO VA; Henry L., 13, grandson, OR MO IL; Gibson (?) Wanless, 33, works at mill, VA

"H.E. Herren, over 21 & Katie Munkers, over 19, m'd 06 Dec 1882 at house of W.R. Munkers. A. Stephens, J.P. Wit: L.M. Herren & Henry Munkers. Aff: Levi Herren. File #2789 p.441." [Marion County Marriage Records by Custer & Wade Vol 1V p.35]

1897: Mrs. Kate Herren living in The Dalles

xiii. Ella Munkers

b. 15 Nov 1862 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

d. 04 Apr 1939

m. William F. Walker

[Rose City Cemetery, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, Ella B. Walker b. 1863 d. 1938; death index gives death date as 04 Jul 1938. Husband William F. Walker]

1870: Salem, Marion County, Oregon, June 8, 1870, W.R. Munkers, 50, farmer, \$8400 \$1000, MO; M., 54, keeps house, VA; F.M., 22, m, saddler, OR; J., 20, f, OR; S., 17, m, at school, OR; W.W., 15, apprentice, OR; F., 13, f, at school, OR; Ed, 11, at school, OR; C., 9, f, OR; S., 6, f, OR

1880: North Salem, Marion County, Oregon, June 9, 1880; William R. Munkers, 60, farmer, MO VA TN; Mahaley, 63, wife, keeping house, VA \_\_; Kate, 18, dau, at home, OR MO VA; Ella, 17, dau, at home, OR MO VA; Henry L., 13, grandson, OR MO IL; Gibson (?) Wanless, 33, works at mill, VA

1897: Mrs. Ella Walker living in Marion County, Oregon

**3. Rebecca Jane Munkers [Pioneer of 1846]**

**b. 22 Feb 1825 Clay County, Missouri**

**d. 13 Apr 1900 Scio, Linn County, Oregon**

**buried Franklin Butte Masonic Cemetery, Scio, Linn County, Oregon**

m. 27 Dec 1841 Platte County, Missouri or 29 Feb 1840

Nathaniel Green McDonald [Pioneer of 1846]

b. 10 Aug 1818 Orange County, North Carolina

d. 30 Jun 1893 Scio, Linn County, Oregon

buried Franklin Butte Masonic Cemetery, Scio, Linn County, Oregon

s/o Alexander Russell McDonald and Isabel Edith Baker

1850: Linn County, Oregon, September 18, 1850; Nathaniel McDonald, 30, farmer, NC; Jane, 25, MO; Mary, 9, MO; Alex, 7, MO; Benjn, 5, OT; Eliza, 4/12, MO

1860: Lebanon PO, Linn County, Oregon, September 14, 1860; Green McDonald, 42, farmer, \$12320 \$5700, NC; Rebecca, 36, MO; Mary, 18, MO; Alexander, 15, farming, MO; Benjamin, 13, OR; Eliza, 10, OR; Virginia, 7, OR; William, 3, OR; Minnie, 5/12, OR

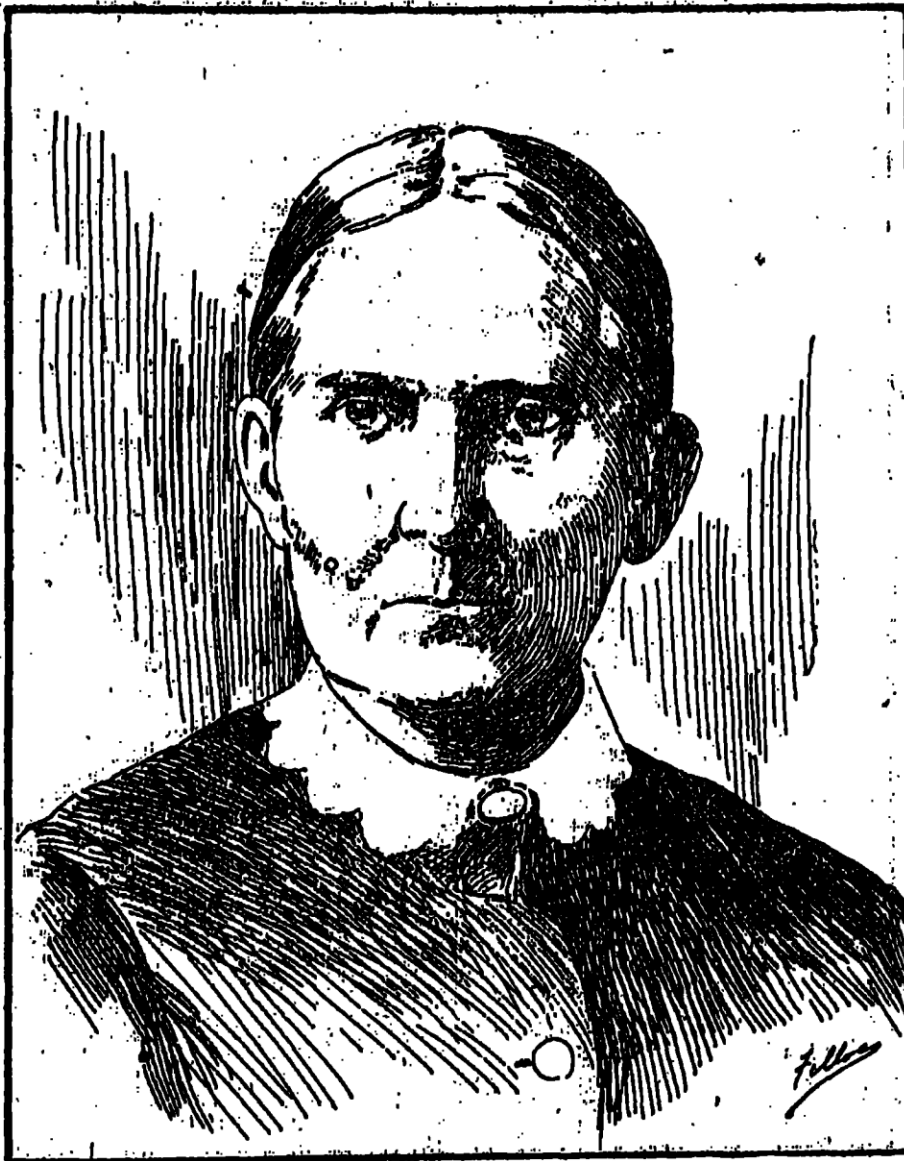
1870: Rays Pct, Scio PO, Linn County, Oregon, September 17, 1870; Nathan McDonald, 52, farmer, \$12000 \$4000, NC; Rebecca J., 47, keeping house, MO; Margaret, 21, OR; Virginia, 16, OR; William, 12, at school, OR; Minnie, 7, OR; Elizabeth, 5, OR

[1870 living next door on one side is Benj F. McDonald, 23, teamster, \$3500 \$500, OR and on the other side is Alex McDonald, 25, farmer, \$2500 \$1000, MO; Susan, 19, keeping house, IL]

1880: Franklin Butte, Linn County, Oregon, June 5 & 7, 1880; Nathaniel G. McDonald, 62, head, farmer, NC; Rebecca Jane, 55, wife, keeping house, MO VA TN; William Green, 23, son, works on farm, OR NC MO; Elizabeth Jane, 15, dau, OR NC MO

"MCDONALD, NATHANIEL G.--Born in Orange County, North Carolina, August 10, 1818; came overland to Oregon and in the fall of that year settled in Marion County and remained there three years, then moved to Linn County, near Scio, where he still lives. In the spring of 1848 he served in the Cayuse war, under Colonel Gilliam. Was in all the engagements of the war and received a wound in the right lung at the battle of Well Springs and was carried one hundred and forty miles on a litter to Whitman's station. Married Rebecca Jane Munkers, who was born in Clay County, Missouri, in 1825; their children are-Mary P., Alex. R., Benjamin F., Eliza W., Virginia A., William G., Minnie V., Elizabeth J., and Robert L." [History of the Willamette Valley by Herbert Lang p. 895]

## MRS. JANE MUNKERS McDONALD.



### OREGON PIONEER OF 1845 DEAD.

SALEM, April 16.—Mrs. Jane Munkers McDonald, who died at Scio Saturday, at the age of 70 years, was a pioneer of 1845. She was born in Andrew County, Missouri, in 1821, and was a daughter of Benjamin Munkers, an Oregon pioneer, who was well known in the early history of this state, and whose descendants are now scattered to almost all sections of the Pacific Coast. In 1838 Jane Munkers was married to Nathaniel Green McDonald, who preceded his wife to the grave about a year ago. In 1845 the Munkers and McDonald families crossed the plains to Oregon, settling in Clackamas County about 20 miles east of Oregon City. At the outbreak of the Cayuse war McDonald enlisted, leaving his wife and two children alone in their cabin in the wilderness. Having been wounded by being shot through the body, he returned home, and soon afterward started to California. Owing to poor health the party stopped on the North Santiam, and, being pleased with the country, took up donation land claim, which has since been the family home. At that time there were not more than half a dozen settlers in Linn County. McDonald built and operated the first saw mill on the Santiam River.

The deceased left six children, three sons and three daughters. They are Alexander, Benjamin and William McDonald, Mrs. Virginia McKnight, Mrs. Minnie Jones and Mrs. Jane Miller. She left 35 grandchildren, of whom Hon. Jefferson Myers, of Salem, is the eldest. She also left five great-grandchildren. She was an earnest member of the Baptist Church, and held a high place in the esteem of those by whom she was best known.

The remains were given interment in the Masonic Cemetery at Scio, where the remains of her husband were buried a year ago.

### **Death of a Pioneer of 1845.**

#### **Salem Statesman.**

Nathaniel Greene McDonald, an Oregon pioneer of 1845, died at his home in Scio, Linn county, yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock. He was nearly 75 years old and his great age so enfeebled his constitution that he was unable to withstand the effects of a gunshot wound received while fighting Indians in 1847-48. Mr. McDonald was born in North Carolina August 10, 1818. He went to Missouri when a young man and near St. Joseph, in that state, he married Miss Rebecca J. Munkers, and the young couple came overland to Oregon in 1845 and settled in Clackamas county near Oregon City. A little later, however, they removed to Linn county, and took up a donation land claim of 840 acres. Mr. McDonald took part in the organization of the first county formed on the Pacific coast—Clackamas. Upon the breaking out of the Cayuse Indian war in 1848, Mr. McDonald volunteered his service and he performed valorous service in the ranks under Captain Gilliam. In

one of the engagements of the campaign Mr. McDonald was shot through the right lung, the bullet passing entirely through the body. The wound thus received never fully healed and it gave much trouble during the remainder of the old soldier's life, hard worker though he was. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, the eldest of whom was the mother of Hon. Jefferson Myers. She died a dozen years ago. Two others of the children are deceased; the others are all in Oregon. Mrs. McDonald survives.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Saturday, July 8, 1893 p. 7]

#### Children:

- i. Mary Priscilla McDonald
  - b. 22 Feb 1841 Andrew County, Missouri
  - d. 15 Apr 1883 Scio, Linn County, Oregon
- ii. Alexander Russell McDonald [Pioneer of 1846]
  - b. 25 Oct 1844 Andrew County, Missouri
  - d. 10 Apr 1929 Scio, Linn County, Oregon  
buried Miller Cemetery, Scio, Linn County, Oregon
  - m1. 04 Jul 1866 Susan Wiltfong
  - m2. Priscilla Smith



# PIONEER OF LINN PASSES

ALEXANDER R. McDONALD IN  
OREGON SINCE 1846.

Missourian Comes to State When  
Only Infant and Lives in  
District Since Then.

ALBANY, Or., April 11.—(Special.)—Alexander Russell McDonald, 84, Oregon pioneer of 1846, died yesterday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. N. Long of Scio, and will be buried in the Miller cemetery, near Shelburn, Friday afternoon following funeral services at the Scio Baptist church.

Mr. Russell was born October 25, 1844, in Andrew county, Missouri. He came west with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. G. McDonald, who crossed the plains by ox team, settling near Butte creek, Clackamas county. Two years later, in 1848, the family moved to the vicinity of Shelburn, in Linn county. Following his marriage in 1866, Mr. McDonald moved to a farm near Scio, where he resided for many years.

Of 12 children born to Mr. and Mrs. McDonald eight survive. They are: Mrs. Lillian Mason, Eugene; Mrs. Maggie Hutchins, McMinnville; Mrs. Long, Scio; Mrs. Annie Fletcher, Hebo; Mrs. Alice Munsey, Albany; William F. McDonald, Redmond, Or.; Roy McDonald, Newport, Or., and R. H. McDonald of Scio. A brother, W. G. McDonald, and three sisters, Mrs. V. A. McKnight, Mrs. Edwin Jones and Mrs. W. A. Ewing, all live in the Scio vicinity. There are also living 43 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Mr. McDonald had been a member of the Baptist church for the last 45 years.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Friday, April 12, 1929 p. 14]

iii. Benjamin Franklin McDonald

b. 04 Jul 1847 Linn County, Oregon

d. 17 Apr 1908 Linn County, Oregon

buried Bilyeu Den Cemetery, Scio, Linn County, Oregon

m. Alice Angela Olk

iv. Eliza Margaret McDonald

b. 27 May 1849 Linn County, Oregon

d. 01 Oct 1871 Scio, Linn County, Oregon

buried Franklin Butte Masonic Cemetery, Scio, Linn County, Oregon

m. never married

- v. Virginia Ann McDonald
- b. 20 Dec 1852 Linn County, Oregon
- d. 05 Oct 1931 per d/c [headstone says d. 05 Oct 1932, researchers say 10 May 1831]
- buried Franklin Butte Masonic Cemetery, Scio, Linn County, Oregon
- m. 09 May 1875 William H. McKnight

**Mrs. Virginia Ann McKnight.**

SCIO, Or., May 14.—(Special.)—The funeral of Mrs. Virginia Ann McKnight, 78, native of Linn county who died at her home here Sunday evening, was held from the Christian church in Scio Tuesday, with interment in the family plot in Franklin Butte cemetery. Mrs. McKnight had been in declining health for some time.

She was born on the donation land claim of her father, Green McDonald, near Shelburn and Scio, December 20, 1852, and spent her entire life in this part of Linn county. On May 9, 1875, she was married to William McKnight, who died about ten years later. Surviving daughters are Mrs. W. F. Gill and Mrs. F. T. Bilyeu of Scio, and Mrs. C. M. Coffey of Portland. Mrs. Otto Dill of Woodenville is a foster daughter. The sons are Don McKnight of Albany and Guy McKnight of Newport. Sisters surviving are Mrs. W. A. Ewing of Scio and Mrs. Edwin Jones of Shelburn. William G. McDonald of Scio is the only surviving brother.

- vi. William Green McDonald
- b. 19 Apr 1857 Scio, Linn County, Oregon
- d. 16 Sep 1935 Scio, Linn County, Oregon
- buried Franklin Butte Masonic Cemetery, Scio, Linn County, Oregon
- m. Nelly Elizabeth Delaney

# PIONEER OF SCIO TAKEN BY DEATH

Rites Today for William G.  
McDonald, 78

SCIO, Sept. 17 (Special)—Funeral services for William G. McDonald, 78, will be held at Franklin Butte cemetery at 2 o'clock Wednesday. Mr. McDonald died at the home of his son, Gerald, Monday.

Mr. McDonald was born near the present site of Shelburn April 19, 1857. For approximately half a century he was engaged in farming and stock raising on the old home place on Thomas creek a short distance east of Scio.

Four sons and two daughters survive, as follows: Mrs. Nellie L. Smith, Kellogg, Idaho; Gilbert McDonald, Scio; Mrs. Ethel Lindley, Albany; Gerald, Russell and Kenneth McDonald, Scio. Two sisters Mrs. Janie Ewing of Scio and Mrs. Minnie Jones of Albany, also survive.

Mr. McDonald had served on the Scio election board for 25 years.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon September 18, 1935 p.14]

vii. Minnie Varina McDonald

b. 02 May 1860 Linn County, Oregon

d. 15 Feb 1942 Scio, Linn County, Oregon

buried Miller Cemetery, Scio, Linn County, Oregon

m. Edward D. Jones

## Mrs. Minnie Jones Buried Tuesday

Mrs. Minnie B. Jones, 81, who died in Albany early Sunday morning, was buried in Miller cemetery near Scio Feb. 17, 1942, following funeral rites at the Fisher chapel in Albany at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The Rev. V. L. Loueks of the Scio Baptist church officiated.

Mrs. Jones, the former Minnie McDonald, was born May 2, 1860, on the donation land claim of her parents near the present site of Shelburn, a short distance north of Scio, and spent virtually all her life in Linn county. She still owned a part of the old homestead at the time of her death.

Her husband, the late Ed Jones, died a few years ago, since which time she had made her home with the family of her daughter, Mrs. R. M. Russell, in Albany. The only surviving member of the immediate family is her sister, Mrs. W. A. Ewing, of Scio, with whom she visited about two weeks ago.

Deceased was in normal health until a few weeks ago and was not confined to her bed more than a few days, passing away in an Albany hospital soon after being taken there.

She had been a member of the Baptist church since early girlhood, having membership in the Scio unit of that faith at the time of her death.

[The Scio Tribune Thursday, February 19, 1942]

viii. Jefferson Lee McDonald

b. 25 Jul 1863 Scio, Linn County, Oregon

d. 02 Aug 1862 Scio, Linn County, Oregon

buried Miller Cemetery, Scio, Linn County, Oregon

m. never married

ix. Elizabeth Jane McDonald

b. 06 Oct 1865 Linn County, Oregon

d. 1944

m1. Lionel Edwin Miller

m2. Mr. Ewing

"Aged Pioneer Woman Closes Eventful Career--Funeral services for Elizabeth Jane Ewing, 77, were held at the Baptist Church in Scio at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, with interment in

the family plot in Miller cemetery near this city. The Rev. V.L. Loucks, local Baptist pastor, officiated, with the N. C. Lowe mortuary of Scio and Lebanon directing the rites.

Mrs. Ewing died at her home here on the morning of September 21, 1942, following a brief illness, although she had been declining for some time. She was born on the original Nathaniel G. McDonald donation land claim a short distance east of Scio Oct. 6, 1864, and spent her entire life in the immediate vicinity of this city.

Mrs. Ewing was a life long member of the Scio Baptist church and also held membership in the Scio Rebekah lodge and the Eastern Star chapter at Jefferson for years prior to her death. In the church and its organizations as in her fraternal associations, she was dutiful, helpful and devoted. She was the last surviving member of the original McDonald family, early pioneers here. United States patent and ownership of a portion of the land still is in possession of one of the descendants. The patent granting title is signed by Abraham Lincoln, at that time president of the United States. Only survivor in the immediate family of deceased is her widower, also a native of Oregon and a pioneer of Scio. Her sister, Mrs. Minnie Jones, died at Albany a few months ago." [The Scio Tribune, Scio, Oregon, Thursday, September 24, 1942]

#### **4. John Crowley Munkers**

**b. 30 Apr 1827 Missouri**

**d.**

The information on John Crowley Munkers is meager. He does not show up in the 1850 census records, nor any after that point that I have found. Several researchers state that he died in 1915 but I believe that to be an error. I don't find any mention that he died on the trail so assume at this point that he died prior to 1846. It is also possible he went to California in 1849 with the other brothers and died there.

#### **5. Francis Marion Munkers [went to gold fields, died in California]**

**b. 04 Jul 1829 Missouri**

**d. Oct 1849 Marion County, Oregon**

1849: Marion Co Probate, Francis M. Munkers, File #79. Intestate. Died Oct 1849. Adm: Benjamin Munkers. Wm. R. Munkers signed the bond.

#### **6. Benjamin Franklin Munkers [went to gold fields]**

**b. 22 May 1831 Clay County, Missouri**

**d. 08 Sep 1919 Scio, Linn County, Oregon**

**buried Miller Cemetery, Scio, Linn County, Oregon**

m1. 1855 Linn County, Oregon

Mary Ella Hester

b. 19 Sep 1839

d. 18 Aug 1862

buried Miller Cemetery, Scio, Linn County, Oregon

m2. 12 May 1865 Marion County, Oregon

Mary A. Johnson

b. 1830

d. 1868

"Benj. F. Munkers & Mary A. Johnson, m'd 12 May 1865 at house of Wm. J. Herren; A.F. Waller, M.G. Wit: William F. Ramsey & J.N. Folck. File #776 p. 262." [Marion County Marriage Records by Wade and Custer, Vol 1 p.48]

m3. 1869

Martha M. Stanley

b. 1842

d. 1870

buried Miller Cemetery, Scio, Linn County, Oregon

m4. 19 May 1881

Martha Jane Thorp

b. 16 Apr 1840

d. 05 Aug 1895

buried Miller Cemetery, Scio, Linn County, Oregon

m1. Mr. Officer

m. 1896 Linn County, Oregon

Arminta (Fleener) Perry

b. 07 Jan 1849 Scio, Linn County, Oregon

d. 11 May 1932 Scio, Linn County, Oregon

buried Franklin Butte Masonic Cemetery, Scio, Linn County, Oregon

d/o Simon Fleener and Sarah Crank

m1. 18 Aug 1867 George W. Perry

1860: Lebanon PO, Linn County, Oregon, September 7, 1860; B.F. Munkers, 29, farmer, \$3040 \$1563, MO; Mary Ella, 20, OH; William, 4, OR; Mary, 2, OR; Ira, 5/12, OR; David Smith, 27, blacksmith, MO

1870: Scio, Linn County, Oregon, September 16, 1870; Benjamin Munkers, 40, farmer, \$3000 \$1000, MO; William R., 13, at school, OR; Mary E., 11, at school, OR; Ira A., 9, OR; Benjamin W., 7, OR; Joseph P., 1, OR; Mary E. Stanley, 11, OR; Mahala Stanley, 8, OR; Eva A. Stanley, 6, OR; Charley J. Stanley, 3, OR

1880: Scio, Linn County, Oregon, June 25, 1880; Benj Munkers, 48, farmer, MO VA TN; Riley W., 23, son, farmer, OR; Anna Maria, 22, dau in law, keeping house, OR KY KY; Lula May, 2, granddau, OR OR OR

1900: Shelburn, Linn County, Oregon, June 9, 1900; Benj F. Munkers, head, May 1831, 69, m-35yrs, MO TN TN; Arraminta, wife, Jan 1849, 51, m-35yrs, 7-7, OR KY KY; Benj W. Jr., Aug 1861, 38, s, OR MO OH, day laborer; Joe P., son, May 1869, 31, s, OR MO MO, farmer; Annie Perry, dau, Dec 1889, 11, s, OR KY OR, at school

1910: Shelburn, Linn County, Oregon, April 21 & 22, 1910; Benj F. Munkers, head, 78, m2-14yrs, MO TN TN, retired farmer; Arminta, wife, 61, m2-14yrs, OR Unk KY

## PIONEER, 82, STILL FISHES

### B. F. Munkers Doesn't Let Years Interfere With Sport.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 2.—(Special)—Although he is 82 years old, B. F. Munkers, of Scio, Linn County pioneer, will pass the next few days fishing in streams of Polk County, where he is now visiting relatives.

A fishing license for Mr. Munkers was purchased here today by his son, I. A. Munkers, ex-Chief of Police of Albany and ex-Representative from Linn County in the State Legislature.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Sunday, August 3, 1913 Sec 1 p. 1]

"Last of Pioneer Brothers--In the death of Benjamin Franklin Munkers, which occurred September 8 and of which we made short notice last week, the last of five pioneer brothers passed away, of which this writer has written obituaries. The Munkers family came to Oregon in 1844 and three of the brothers located in the vicinity of Scio. Preston, Thomas M. and the subject of this sketch, Benjamin F, Uncle Riley, another brother located in Marion County. The only member of this very early pioneer and most respected family, Mrs. Elizabeth Estes is now living in Portland. The Munkers brothers were strong factors in the development of the eastern section of Linn county. They were men of sterling qualities and of the metal necessary to develop a new country.

Benjamin Franklin Munkers was born in Clay County, Missouri, May 22, 1831, and came to Oregon as above stated in 1846, when he was a lad of 15. In 1848 he and some of his brothers went to California when the first news of the discovery of gold reached Oregon. He remained but a year or so when he came back to Oregon via sailing vessel and was a full month making the trip. In 1851 he located on the donation homestead upon which he died. Munkers Station is located on this homestead. With a few months thereafter he married and settled down to spend a long life and to raise a most respected family of children. The children, W. R. Munkers of Lexington, Or., Mrs. Mary E. Neal of Black Rock, and I.N. and J.P. who reside on the old homestead, all of whom have families. No more exemplary citizens than this pioneer family of 1846 ever came west. They endured all the hardships of the pioneer and have lived quiet, unostentatious lives They were kind men that wield a law abiding influence among the pioneer settlements and who developed Oregon Territory to the period of statehood. Their families of honorable upright boys and girls are evidence that they gave the right teachings and examples of right living." [The Scio Tribune September 18, 1919 provided to findagrave.com by Cathy Morgan]

Children of Benjamin Munkers and Mary Hester:

i. Franklin M. Munkers

b. 1853

d. 1859

buried Miller Cemetery, Scio, Linn County, Oregon

ii. William Riley Munkers

b. 03 Dec 1856 Scio, Linn County, Oregon

d. 18 Dec 1935 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

buried Penland Cemetery, Lexington, Morrow County, Oregon

m. Anna Marie Montgomery

iii. Mary Elizabeth Munkers

b. 1858 Scio, Linn County, Oregon

d. 13 Sep 1920 Polk County, Oregon

buried Miller Cemetery, Scio, Linn County, Oregon

m. Napoleon Bonaparte Neal

"Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Neal, daughter of the late B. F. Munkers, died at her home in Black Rock, Oregon of heart trouble, September 13, 1920 at the age of 62 years. The funeral occurred at the Miller Cemetery; she being laid to rest by the side of her father who had preceded her one year and five days. She leaves to mourn her loss three sons and one daughter; Frederick M. and Delman Neal of Monument, Oregon, and Leo G. Neal and Mrs. Bessie Hanson of Black Rock. Also three brothers; W. R. Munkers of Lexington, Oregon, I. A. Munkers of Elam, Oregon and J. P. Munkers of Scio." [The Scio Tribune, September 23, 1920]

iv. Ira Allen Munkers

b. 1859

d.

"The City of Albany" by Warren 979.5 p.3

**Munkers Is Recovering.**

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—The condition of Representative I. A. Munkers, who is ill with erysipelas at his home in this city, is improving. It will be at least a week, however, before he will be able to resume his seat in the Legislature.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Saturday, January 30, 1909 p. 10]

v. Benjamin Warren Munkers

b. 14 Oct 1862

d. 31 Mar 1905 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

"Died. Munkers-At Salem on March 31, 1905, Benjamin W. Munkers, aged 42 years, 5 months and 17 days.

Some three or four weeks ago, Benny, as he was familiarly known, by his friends and acquaintances, went down to the vicinity of Independence to work. Within a short time he became ill, with a breaking out on his face similar to poison oak. This proving of a grave nature, he was brought to his Father's house at Munkers station. It soon became apparent that his mind was greatly affected and becoming violent, it was deemed advisable to take him to the asylum



for the insane in Salem. This was done last Thursday. Friday night at 9 o'clock, his system seemed to completely collapse and death resulted in a few minutes.

The remains were brought to his home on Saturday and prepared for burial, which occurred at the Miller cemetery, Sunday afternoon. A large concourse of relatives and friends attended the funeral conducted by a Jefferson clergyman.

Benny was unmarried. His aged father feels the shock of the sudden taking of his son greatly, who with three brothers, W.R. of Lexington, Or., I. A. of Albany and J.P. of Munkers, and one sister, Mrs. M.E. Neal of Benton County, mourn his loss." [The Santiam News Friday, April 7, 1905 provided to findagrave.com by Cathy Morgan]

#### Children of Benjamin Munkers and Martha Stanley

i. Joseph Preston Munkers

b. 02 May 1869 Scio, Linn County, Oregon

d. 10 Dec 1924 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon  
buried Miller Cemetery, Scio, Linn County, Oregon

m. 12 Jun 1903 Ella T. (Woodmansee) Wilson

"Native Son Called From Earthy Toil--Joseph Preston Munkers was born on his father's donation land claim at Munkers, 3 miles west of Scio, in Linn county, Oregon May 2, 1869 and died in Portland, Oregon on December 10, 1924 at the age of 55 years, 7 months and 8 days. He was married June 12, 1902 to Ella T. Wilson who survives; also surviving are three half-sisters, Mrs. Mary E. Smith of Portland, Mrs. Hallie Minor of Heppner and Mrs. Clara Follis of Garfield, Wash.; two half-brothers W.R. Munkers of Lexington, Ore. and I. A. Munkers of Elam, Benton County; one uncle George Marlatt of Buena Vista; three stepchildren, Dorothy E. Wilson of Royalton, Minn., Mrs. Rena M. Lucius of Vermillion, Minn., Geo. Wilson of Nevada and three step grandchildren Josephine, Jimmie and Tommie Lucius of Minnesota.

B.F. Munkers, his father settled on his donation land claim at Munkers in 1852, where he continued to reside until his death which occurred September 8, 1919 and his mother passed away in 1870, when he was only 11 months old. Joseph never lived anywhere but on the old home place where he was born.

Probably no resident ever had the unrequited love and esteem of his neighbors and friends as did Joe, which he indeed merited because of his kind and indulgent nature. Although he had no children of his own, he loved children and all who knew him was his friend

The community is saddened at his passing in the prime of life. He was charitable, kind and considerate and devoted husband and step-father. Another of the native sons and home builders has gone to his last long rest.

Funeral services were held in the Christian Church in Scio Tuesday Dec. 16, 1924 at 1 o'clock p.m. Rev. Albyn Emon of Albany officiating. Interment in the Miller Cemetery near Shelburn. The pall bearers were his nephews, Will Woodmansee, Marion Woodmansee Red Bluff, Calif., Fred Neal, Leo Neal of Black Rock, Frank Munkers of Salem and Scott Munkers of LaGrande.

The pioneer Munkers family crossed the plains from Missouri to Oregon in 1846 and settled on a land claim near Salem, taken up by Benjamin and Mary Munkers, parents and Preston Riley, Marion, Thomas, Benjamin F. and James, sons and Jane McDonald, Isabell Boon and Lizzie Estes, daughters who came with the parents all settling in Oregon, the sons taking up land claims, married and built homes except Marion who died in California. The pioneer family did

much in the upbuilding of Oregon and were true, honest, industrious, upright American citizens, and their posterity have continued the good name and works of their pioneer fathers and mothers. Lizzie Estes of Portland is the only surviving Munkers of the pioneer family." [The Scio Tribune Thursday, December 18, 1924]

**7. Thomas McClain Munkers [went to gold fields]**

**b. 22 Jun 1833 Clay County, Missouri**

**d. 15 Jun 1899 Scio, Linn County, Oregon**

**buried Miller Cemetery, Scio, Linn County, Oregon**

m1. 05 May 1857

Phoebe Ann Crabtree

b. 1842 Kentucky

d. 26 Aug 1868 Oregon

m2. c1870

Mary Jane Chrisman [Pioneer of 1853]

b. 27 Dec 1843 Boone County, Indiana

d. 18 Jan 1911 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

buried Miller Cemetery, Scio, Linn County, Oregon

**WOMAN PIONEER OF FRENCH  
PRAIRIE AND SCIO DIES  
IN SALEM.**



**Mrs. Mary J. Munkers.**

**SALEM, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.)**  
—Mrs. Mary J. Munkers, who died here January 18, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ed. Keene, was the widow of Thomas M. Munkers, of Scio, who served in the Oregon House of Representatives from 1870 to 1872 and later served one term as State Senator from Linn County.

Mrs. Munkers crossed the plains with her parents in 1853. The family settled at French Prairie, where Mrs. Munkers remained until her marriage to Mr. Munkers in 1870. The couple removed to Scio, where they lived until Mr. Munkers died, in 1899. Mrs. Munkers is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Ed. Keene, of Salem, and by two sons, S. P. Munkers, of Echo, and J. C. Munkers, of Salem. She is also survived by three brothers and one sister.

1850: Marion County, Oregon Territory, January 28, 1851; Benjamin Munkers, 51, farmer, \$3000, TN; Mary, 49, TN; Thomas Mc, 18, MO; Elizabeth, 13, MO; Isabella, 12, MO; James M., 8, MO; G.W. Croley, 75, MO

1857: Thomas M. Munkers married 05 May 1857 to Phebe Crabtree at Washington Crabtree's residence in forks of Santiam River by Hugh L. McNary." [Oregon Statesman May 17, 1857 p. 3:1] Note: date hard to read, maybe 1859.

1860: Lebanon PO, Linn County, Oregon, September 7, 1860: T.M. Munkers, 27, \$1200 \$1509, MO; Phebe, 17, MO; Sarah Munkers, 7/12, OR; David Mires, 27, carpenter, \$0 \$1000, OH

1870: Scio, Linn County, Oregon, September 16, 1870; Thomas Munkers, 37, farmer, \$3000 \$1900, MO; Mary J., 27, keeping house, IN; Sarah J., 10, at school, OR; George W., 7, OR; Sterling P., 5, OR

1880: Scio, Linn County, Oregon, June 23 & 24, 1880; Thomas M. Munkers, 46, farmer, MO VA TN; Mary Jane, 37, wife, keeping house, IN VA VA; Geo W., 18, son, works on farm, OR MO IN; Wm P., 16, son, works on farm, OR MO IN; Ida, 9, dau, attending school, OR MO IN; James Clinton, 10, son, OR MO IN; Cora J., 2, dau, OR MO IN [next door] Ira Allen Munkers, 20, OR MO OH; Martha A., 18, wife, keeping house, OR

"Death of T. M. Munkers. As time rolls on one by one the honored pioneers are passing away. The last to join the numberless throng, which has crossed the dark river of death, was T.M. Munkers, whose death occurred at two o'clock Thursday morning. He was nearly 66 years of age, and came across the plains to Oregon in 1846. He leaves a wife and six grown children to mourn his death. The funeral occurred today at 10 o'clock, the services being conducted by Rev. Roberts, of Aumsville, and the remains were laid away at the Miller cemetery.

Next week we will endeavor to give our readers more extended mention of the life of Mr. Munkers, as well as many acts, which he did to cause his name to be long remembered." [Santiam News Friday June 16, 1899 findagrave.com]

"Thomas McClain Munkers whose death occurred in this city, Thursday, June 15, 1899, was born in Clay County, Missouri, June 22, 1833. He crossed the plains with his parents, five brothers and three sisters, in 1846, and settled on a farm near Salem. In 1848 he went to the mines in California, accompanied by two brothers, Benj. and Marion, the latter dying the following year as they were ready to return home. The trip home was an eventful one, and during it Mr. Munkers spent 38 days on the sea, 13 of which he was on an allowance of one pint of water and two crackers in each twenty-four hours. In 1854 he again went to California, stopping at Yreka two years and while there he took an active part in the war with the Indians, who had become quite troublesome in northern California and southern Oregon. In 1857 he moved onto a farm three miles west of Scio, where he resided until seven years ago, when he moved to this city where he remained until his death. He was married to Phoebe A. Crabtree on May 5, 1859 and together they lived in happiness until August 6, 1868, when death darkened the threshold of their home and claimed Mrs. Munkers as its victim. Again on January 13, 1870 he was married to Mary Chrisman, who still lives to mourn the death of a kind and loving husband. In 1870 he represented Linn County in the House of Representatives. Again, in 1876 he was elected to the senate, and in 1896 was a member of the legislature. He united himself with the Christian Church more than thirty years ago and lived a constant Christian life.

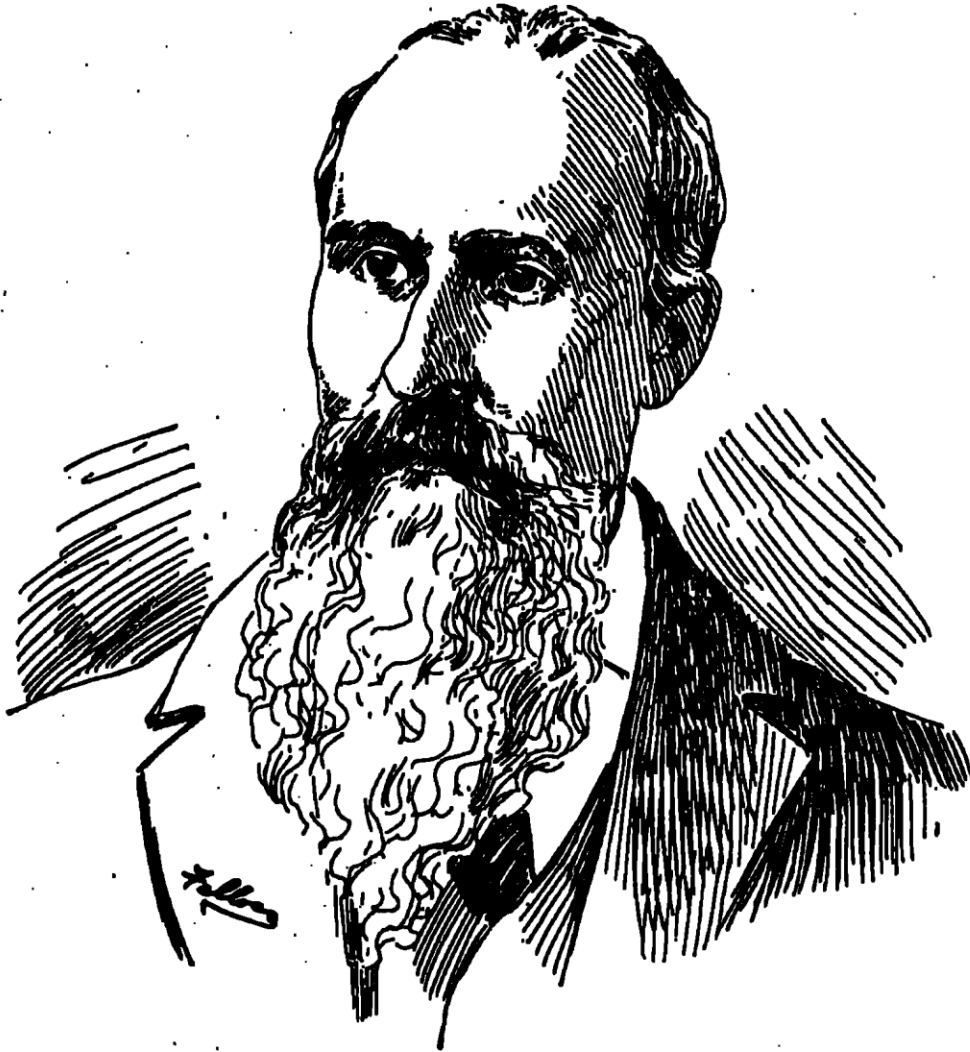
Besides a sorrowing wife he leaves six children; Mrs. Sarah Smallman, Mrs. Ida Keen, George W.,

S.P., Clinton and Cora Munkers-two brothers, B.F. Munkers, who resides near this city, and James Munkers of Salem, two sisters, Mrs. Jane McDonald, of this city, and Mrs. Elizabeth Estes, of Salem, nine grandchildren and a little niece whom he and Mrs. Munkers raised from childhood, and a host of friends to mourn the loss of a true friend and kind neighbor.

Last October he was taken ill, and since had been a constant though patient sufferer. Many times he would wish for health and to be well again, but said that if it could not be it was all right and that he was fully prepared to go. He had the best care and attention, and nothing was left undone which would tend to comfort him. Death, dark and lonely death, is in the world, and all that is born must die, and while in some instance it seems more pitiful than in others, still death comes to us all, and in this case took from us an honored pioneer, one whose life had been spent in the work of betterment of mankind, and the state, county and vicinity had lost one of its best and most exemplary citizens, and the bereaved family has lost a true husband and kind father.

The public and private life of Mr. Munkers is worthy of the emulation of all young men whose aspirations are-or should be- for the best interest of home, country and society. Though he died yet speaks in the life he lived and the many acts of kindness, which it gave him pleasure to perform." [The Santiam News Friday, June 23, 1899 findagrave.com]

THE LATE T. M. MUNKERS.



ALBANY, Or., June 16.—Hon. T. M. Munkers, who died yesterday morning at his home at Scio, was an Oregon pioneer of 1847. He crossed the plains from Missouri. He served two terms as a member of the house of the Oregon legislature, being a member of the session of 1856-7. He also served as mayor of the city of Scio. He was 68 years old, and was greatly respected. He leaves a wife and five children.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Saturday, June 17, 1899 p. 10]

Children of Thomas Munkers and Phoebe Crabtree:

i. Sarah J. Munkers

b. 07 Feb 1860

d. 21 Nov 1909

buried Miller Cemetery, Scio, Linn County, Oregon

m. John Smallmon

ii. George W. Munkers

b. 16 Oct 1862

d. 22 Jun 1902 Marion County, Oregon

buried Jefferson Cemetery, Jefferson, Marion County, Oregon

m. Minnie May Vaughn

"G.W. Munkers, over 25 of Linn County & M.M. Vaughn, over 21, m'd 04 Jul 1887 at Chemeketa Hotel by John M. Payne, J.P. Aff: L.M. Herren. Wit: L.M. Kenner & S. T. Munkers, File 3364 p. 388" [Marion County Marriage Records by Lowther & Custer Vol 5 p. 35]

#### NORTHWEST DEAD.

##### G. W. Munkers, of Albany.

JEFFERSON, Or., June 23. — G. W. Munkers, of Albany, died very suddenly in this city about 8 o'clock last night. Yesterday Mr. Munkers drove out in the country a short distance to watch a baseball game. En route home he took a drink of water out of a spring. Afterward he was subjected to severe pains in the stomach. Reaching the barn at Mr. Vaughn's, he sat down in a shed.

Soon afterward he was heard calling. He lived for about 30 minutes after assistance reached him. Deceased was aged about 40 years, and was a member of a pioneer Linn County family, being a son of the late Hon. L. M. Munkers, of Scio, and a brother of S. P. Munkers, Recorder-elect of Linn County. He was a member of the Woodmen, Workmen and Degree of Honor. He leaves a wife and daughter, the latter about 12 years of

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Tuesday, June 24, 1902 p. 4]

"Died Quite Suddenly--Sunday evening about six o'clock S.P. Munkers was notified by telephone that his brother, George W. Munkers had died quite suddenly at Jefferson, a short time before. He was visiting at the home of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Vaughn in Jefferson and had been out watching a ball game and while returning had taken a drink of cold water from a spring, and soon after reaching the house had taken suddenly ill and died in a few minutes. He had been afflicted with catarrh of the stomach and caused it to become ruptured, causing his death.

Mr. Munkers was a native of Scio, being a son of the late Hon. T. M. Munkers, and was well and favorably known throughout the entire county. He was about thirty-eight years of age and leaves a wife and one daughter to mourn his sudden demise. He was a member of the WOW, AOUW, D of H, and Twenty-five Hundred and had insurance amounting to about six thousand dollars.

The funeral took place in Jefferson Tuesday last, conducted by the Woodmen of the World, he being a member of the camp at his place, and members from here and Stayton conducted the funeral." [The Santiam News Friday June 27, 1902 findagrave.com]

# ARSON IS CHARGED

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Mrs. Munkers, Albany School  
Teacher, Under Arrest.

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## PROMINENT IN CHURCH CIRCLES

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**Her Dwelling Was Recently Found  
All Ablaze With Kerosene Lib-  
erally Sprinkled About the  
Premises.**

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ALBANY, Or., May 5.—(Special.)—Dis-  
trict Prosecuting Attorney J. N. Hart to-  
day caused the arrest of Mrs. Minnie  
Munkers on a complaint sworn to by  
Councilman C. H. Stewart. Mrs. Munk-  
ers is charged with arson in attempting to  
burn the dwelling-house in which she  
lived.

The fire occurred on Wednesday evening,  
April 29, and a disastrous conflagration  
was narrowly averted. Kerosene had been  
poured liberally over some portions of the  
house, and fires were started in half a  
dozen places. The near proximity of other  
dwellings made it a dangerous location for  
a fire.

Mrs. Munkers waived examination and  
was bound over to answer the charge at  
the June term of the Circuit Court. Her  
bonds were fixed at \$1000, which she put  
up in collateral until bondsmen could be  
secured.

She is a prominent teacher in the pub-  
lic schools, and has resided here several  
years. Her husband, George Munkers,  
died about a year ago and left her \$5000  
life-insurance money. She has a daugh-  
ter about 10 years of age, and has hitherto  
taken quite an active part in school and  
church circles.

About two years ago her brother, Clyde  
Vaughn, was convicted of assault with a  
dangerous weapon, and is now doing a  
term in the penitentiary. Her cousin,  
Hank Vaughn, was a noted Eastern Ore-  
gon character and had quite a reputation  
as a bold, bad man. The attempt at burn-  
ing and succeeding events have occasioned  
an intense excitement.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Wednesday, May 6, 1903 p. 4]

iii. Sterling Price Munkers

b. 16 Sep 1864

d. 13 Nov 1952 Newberg, Yamhill County, Oregon



buried Echo Memorial Cemetery, Echo, Umatilla County, Oregon  
m. Maggie McKnight

"STIRLING PRICE MUNKERS. Prominently identified with the management of the public affairs of Linn county, S. P. Munkers of Albany, occupies the responsible position of county recorder. A native son, he is a worthy representative of one of the earliest and most honored pioneer families of the Willamette valley, the name of Munkers being conspicuously associated with its industrial development, and the promotion of its prosperity. He is a son of the late Hon. Thomas McLean Munkers, and was born in Linn county, September 16, 1864.

Descendant of a distinguished Virginian ancestry, Mr. Munker's paternal grandfather, Benjamin Franklin Munkers, was born and reared in the Old Dominion state, but began his life work as a farmer in Missouri. Crossing the plains with his family in 1845 (sic-1846), he took up a donation claim in Marion county. Ore., near Salem, and was there engaged in agricultural pursuits until well advanced in years. Removing then to Linn county, he resided in Scio until his death.

As a boy of fifteen years, Thomas McLean Munkers came with his parents to Oregon from Jackson county, Mo., the place of his birth, making the journey with ox-teams in 1845. In 1846, accompanied by two of his brothers, he rode across the mountains to California, but not being impressed with the country, soon returned to Salem, Ore. During the excitement that followed the discovery of gold at Sutter's Mills, he again visited California, and while there took part in the Indian war, and was an active participant in various skirmishes with the savages, both in California and Oregon. After his marriage he settled in Linn county, purchasing a farm of four hundred and eighty acres in the forks of the Santiam river. Improving the land, he devoted his attention to the raising of grain and stock until his retirement from active pursuits, when he settled in Scio, where his death occurred in 1898, at the age of sixty-six years. Active and influential in public matters, he represented his district in the state legislature three terms, and served one term as state senator. He was a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Christian Church.

Hon. Thomas McLean Munkers was twice married. His first wife, whose maiden name was Phoebe Ann Crabtree, was born in Kentucky, a daughter of Washington Crabtree. Her father was an early pioneer of Linn county, taking up a donation claim near Red Hills, at the forks of the Santiam river, where he improved a farm, and also worked at his trade of blacksmithing and carriage and wagon making, as well as manufacturing plows. He died at the venerable age of ninety-three years, a respected and honored citizen. Mrs. Phoebe Ann (Crabtree) Munkers died at the age of twenty-six years, leaving three children, namely: George W., who died in Marion county. Ore., in June, 1902; Sarah L, wife of John Smallman, of Stayton, Ore.; and Stirling Price, the subject of this review. For his second wife Mr. Munkers married Mary Jane Chrisman, by whom he had three children, two of whom are now living: Ida, wife of Ed. King, of Salem, Ore.; and J. C. Munkers, of Mohawk, Ore.

Reared on the home farm, Stirling Price Munkers received a practical education in the district schools, remaining beneath the parental roof until attaining his majority. Accepting then a position as superintendent of the warehouse at Munkers Station, he was associated with G. F. Simpson as a dealer in grain for nine years, and after a time became a partner in the business. Returning to the old homestead, Mr. Munkers had charge of the farm for five years, being successfully employed in grain and stock-raising. Purchasing a farm of his own, he engaged in general farming for three years, when he sold out and removed to Scio, and for a time worked at various occupations. Accepting the nomination for county recorder on the Democratic ticket in June, 1902. Mr. Munkers was elected by a majority of one hundred and fifteen votes, for a term of two years, and took the oath of office on July 7, 1902.

On June 29, 1892, in Albany, Ore.. Mr. Munkers married Miss Maggie McKnight, who was born in Linn county, of pioneer parents. Two children have blessed their union: Zelpha Ann and Royal Bruce. Mr. Munkers is a member and past chancellor of Scio Lodge No. 36, K. of P. and

Scio Camp W. O. W., of which he is past councilor. Politically he is a sound Democrat. Mrs. Munkers is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church." [Portrait and Biographical Record of the Willamette Valley p. 252-3]

"Price Munkers, former Scio resident passed away at Newberg last Thursday night, Nov. 13, 1952. Mr. Munkers used to operate a livery stable here and served one term as county clerk. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Newburg. Burial was at Echo, Ore." [The Scio Tribune November 20, 1952 findagrave.com]

Children of James Munkers and Mary Chrisman:

- i. James Clinton Munkers
- b. 05 Jan 1873 Scio, Linn County, Oregon
- d. 31 Mar 1963 Springfield, Lane County, Oregon  
buried Miller Cemetery, Scio, Linn County, Oregon
- m. Mary Catherine Grimes

"James Clinton Munkers Funeral This Thursday  
Relatives and friends have received word of the death of Clint Munkers, 90 at Springfield, Ore. earlier this week.

The deceased was a member of the well-known Munkers family of early day history in the Scio area. Mr. Munkers observed his 90th birthday and he and Mrs. Munkers their 71st wedding anniversary both in January this year.

A misunderstood funeral arrangement brought several relatives from Salem here Tuesday this week among them Mrs. Edna Gill Shumaker of 1473 Commercial St. SE; Mrs. Mary Monzingo of 3235 Doughton St. S., Cynes Cottrell of 665 S. Winter and Mr. and Mrs. Grant Teeters." [The Scio Tribune Thursday April 4, 1963 findagrave.com]

- ii. Ida M. Munkers
- b. 05 Jan 1873 Scio, Linn County, Oregon
- d. 20 May 1929 Salem, Marion County, Oregon  
buried City View Cemetery, Salem, Marion County, Oregon
- m. Mr. Keene

- iii. Cora Jane Munkers
- b. 09 Aug 1878 Scio, Linn County, Oregon
- d. 09 Feb 1900 Jefferson, Marion County, Oregon  
buried Miller Cemetery, Scio, Linn County, Oregon

"Died. Munkers-At Jefferson, Oregon, Friday morning, February 9, 1900, Miss Cora Munkers, aged 21 years and six months.

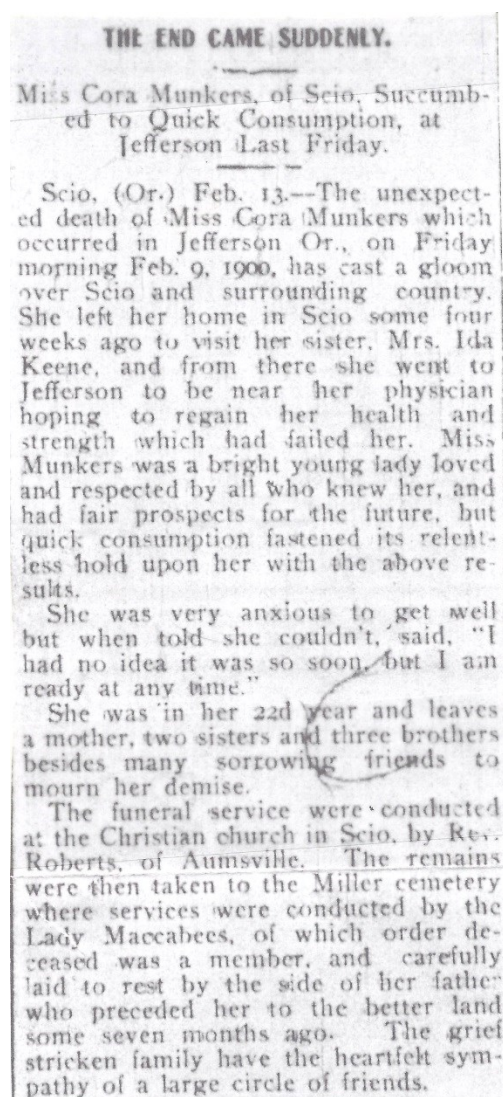
The death of Miss Munkers removed from our midst one who will be greatly missed within the social circles of Scio and vicinity. She was the youngest daughter of Hon. and Mrs. T.M. Munkers, and was one who stood high in the esteem of all who knew her. She was an ardent member of the Christian church and also a member of the Ladies of Maccabees.

Last December she was taken ill with acute consumption, and although medical aid was provided, the deadly grip of the disease gained a too strong hold, and the great reaper soon

claimed her. A few weeks ago she was put under the care of Dr. Hawk of Jefferson and was taken to that city that she might receive more diligent care, but the effort was of no avail.

She was very anxious to get well but when told she could not, said, "I had no idea it was so soon, but I am ready at any time." She leaves a sorrowing mother, two sisters and three brothers besides a host of friends to mourn her loss.

The funeral services were conducted at the Christian church by Rev. Roberts of Aumsville. The remains were taken to Miller cemetery followed by a large concourse of friends and carefully laid to rest by the side of her father who preceded her to the better land some seven months before. Services at the cemetery were conducted by the Lady Maccabees. The grief stricken family have the heart-felt sympathy of a large circle of friends." [The Santiam News Friday, February 16, 1900 provided to findagrave.com by Cathy Morgan]



[Oregon Statesman, February 14, 1900 p2]

**8. Mary "Elizabeth" Munkers**

**b. 08 Apr 1836 Clay County, Missouri**

**d. 12 Aug 1926 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon  
buried City View Cemetery, Salem, Marion County, Oregon**

m1. 06 Nov 1851 Marion County, Oregon

Albert F. Davidson

b. 02 Apr 1819

d. 16 Jul 1890 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

buried Salem Pioneer Cemetery, Salem, Marion County, Oregon

m2. 04 Dec 1858 Marion County, Oregon

John S. Estes

b. 1826 Maine

d. Mar 1880 Oregon

buried City View Cemetery, Salem, Marion County, Oregon

1850: Marion County, Oregon Territory, January 28, 1851; Benjamin Munkers, 51, farmer, \$3000, TN; Mary, 49, TN; Thomas Mc, 18, MO; Elizabeth, 13, MO; Isabella, 12, MO; James M., 8, MO; G.W. Croley, 75, MO

1860: North Salem, Marion County, Oregon, July 28, 1860; B. Munkers, 62, farmer, \$5650 \$5412, TN; M., 58, TN; J.M., 18, MO; John Estes, 33, farmer, \$2960 \$800, Maine; M.E., 23, MO; T.C., 5, OR; A.B., 11/12, f, OR; John Sutter, 67, day laborer, SC

1870: East Salem Pct, Marion County, Oregon, June 16, 1870; John S. Estes, 45, farmer, \$7800 \$425, ME; Mary E., 35, keeps house, MO; Thos., 15, at school, OR; Alice, 10, at school, OR; John, 8, at school, OR; Benj., 6, OR

1880: East Salem, Marion County, Oregon, June 12, 1880; Mary E. Estis (sic), 44, keeping house, MO TN TN; Alice, 20, dau, OR ME MO; John, 19, son, works on farm, OR ME MO; Benj., 16, son, works on farm, OR ME MO

1900: East Salem, Marion County, Oregon, June 15, 1900; John A. Estes, head, June 1860, 39, s, OR ME MO, deputy sheriff; Alice, sister, Sept 1859, 40, s, OR ME MO; Elizabeth, mother, Apr 1836, 64, wid, 5-3, MO TN TN; Fred Collins, servant, Aug 1862, 37, s, IA IL IL, farm laborer

1910: Salem, Marion County, Oregon, April 21, 1910; Elizabeth M. Estes, head, 74, wid, 5-2, MO TN TN, own income; Alice B., dau, 49, s, OR ME MO

1920: Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, January 3, 1920; Charles M. Cox, head, 60, OR MO MO, watchmaker-jewelry store; Minnie A., wife, 60, OR MO US; Essie A., dau, 27, s, OR OR OR; Ford Warren, son, 24, s, OR OR OR, salesman-wholesale crockery; Remey M., son, 21, s, OR OR OR; Mary F., dau, 19, s, OR OR OR; Mary E. Esters, aunt in law, 83, wid, MO TN TN

Children of Albert Davidson and Mary Munkers:

i. Mary Davidson

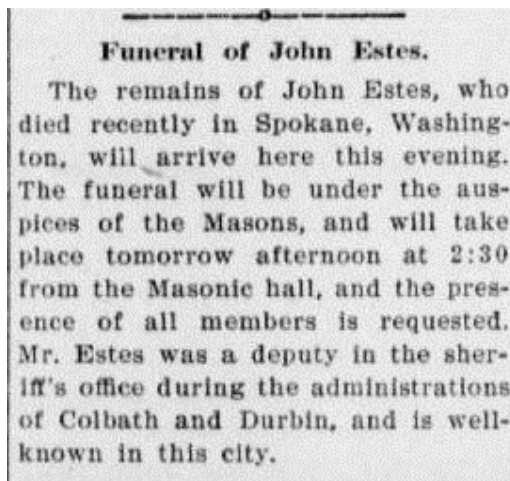
b. c1853 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

d.

- ii. Thomas C. Davidson
- b. 16 Jan 1855 Salem, Marion County, Oregon
- d. 09 Aug 1922 Salem, Marion County, Oregon
- buried Salem Pioneer Cemetery, Salem, Marion County, Oregon
- m. Ammey V. Gesner

Children of John Estes and Mary Munkers:

- i. Alice B. Estes
- b. Sep 1859 Marion County, Oregon
- d.
- ii. John A. Estes
- b. Jun 1860 Marion County, Oregon
- d. Sep 1906 Spokane, Washington



[Daily Capital Journal, Salem, Oregon, September 24, 1906 p.4]

- iii. Benjamin L. Estes
- b. 1864 Salem, Marion County, Oregon
- d. 1899 Salem, Marion County, Oregon
- buried City View Cemetery, Salem, Marion County, Oregon
- m. Elva M. Herren

"Crossing the Plains In 1846 as told to Mary E. Watson by Mrs. Elizabeth Munkers Estes while sitting by her fire side , Christmas Ever, 1916--From nearby Liberty, Missouri, in early April 1846, about fifty families prepared to make the journey to the far away Oregon Territory, which then included what is now the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and part of Nevada. My father, Benjamin Munkers, was among them. His family was composed of an invalid wife, three married sons and one married daughter, besides five younger children, the youngest a boy of five years. I was then ten years old and still have quite a clear memory of the journey and of conditions of the early days spent in Oregon.

All the way across, Mother was unable to do anything, even having to be lifted in and out of the wagon. She made the entire ride on a bed. It was my work to help brother's wife, who managed the cooking for our camp.

The Munkers family started out with five wagons drawn by oxen; three yoke to each wagon, thirty head of oxen, fifty head of roan Durham cows and five saddle horses. These made up our herd. Most all the company drove through some stock but I think no other family had so many as we.

When we left Missouri, there was a train of about one hundred wagons but that was found to be too large a party to travel together as the teams must be kept up by grazing by the way. So they scattered out under leaders or train captains, as we called them. When we started, a man by the name of Martin was our Captain. Later when our train was much smaller, Ben Simpson, father of Sam L. Simpson, was our head man. The future Poet of Oregon was then Baby Sam of the camp. Many a time I cared for him while his mother was doing the family wash.

After we left Missouri, all the buildings I remember seeing were Forts Laramie, Bridges and Hall. As this was but the second year of "Crossing the Plains", the way before us was much of it through a wilderness and over a trackless plain. There were no bridges, no ferries and a stream too large to be forded was crossed by means of rafts, if there could be found timber along its banks to make rafts. If not, our wagon beds were used for flat boats.

We had no trouble with the Indians but we did have one awful scare. It was when we were in Utah. All at once our train seemed to be surrounded on all sides by mounted Indians! It was a war party going out to fight another tribe. I do believe there were ten thousand of them and we thought it was the last of us, but when they had seen us all they wanted to, they gave a whoop and a yell and away they clattered!

Of those long weary months I cannot clearly tell. I know it was April when we started and October when we reached the place that was to be our home in Oregon. Sometimes we stopped several days in camp where we found plenty of water and good grazing and while the teams rested and fed up, the men fixed up the wagons and helped the women wash and prepare food for the next drive ahead. Then there were days we toiled over the arid plains till far into the night to reach the life-giving water that was a necessity to us and to our trains. The children of the company walked many many miles....sometimes I think I walked half of the way to Oregon! Some days it was very hard to find fuel enough for our camp fires. Many a time our simple meals were cooked over a fire of buffalo chips and sage brush. The weather did not cause as much trouble. I recall but one real storm. It was on the Platte River in Nebraska. We were in camp on the bank of the river when it came on. The wind blew a hurricane! Thunder roared and lightning flashed! It was as dark as Egypt. The rain poured like it was being emptied from buckets. I will never forget that night! Every tent was blown down. No one was seriously hurt, though a babe was narrowly missed by a falling tent pole. The men chained the wagons together to hold them from being blown into the river. Our camp belongings were blown helter skelter over the country around about and our stock was stampeded 'till it took all the next day to get them rounded up.

But after all, we had but few hardships compared with some of the emigrant trains. Some years, you know, there was Cholera that wiped out entire families and trains that were raided by Indians and too, there were times when the oxen were diseased and died leaving families stranded on the plains. Yes, we were very lucky!

In the early autumn we reached the Columbia River and we drove down through the Barlow Pass and came into the Willamette Valley. We made camp there where the Swartz place is now. Father was anxious to secure a place where he could have shelter for the invalid mother and when he found a chance to buy out a homesteader (a man by the name of Anderson) he was glad to pay him his price (\$1000) and take possession at once. The place was on Mill Creek, four miles East of Salem. There was a comfortable log house of two rooms, a log barn and ten of the 640 acres was farmed. Thus, before the winter rains came on we were snugly settled. Father brought in what supplies he could for the house and for our stock, but most of the cattle were turned on the range.

The first winter's work was making rails with which to fence the farm--then followed sod breaking and seeding, thus adding some acres each year to our fields. Father set out an orchard of apple and peach trees in the spring of 1850, I think it was. I don't remember where he got the nursery stock. He brought a half bushel of peach stones from Missouri. The orchard grew nicely and I think it was in the autumn of 1855 that father had 100 bushels of apples to sell. Fourteen dollars was the price he got per bushel. I do not often hear it spoken of now, but there was a time in the settlement where we lived when peas and wheat were currency. I cannot now say what the face value was, but I think one bushel either represented \$1.00 in debit or credit. Peas were much used for coffee and often the only sweetening to be

had was molasses.

Oh no, child! We were not poor! Father brought \$10,000 to this country. How? In gold and silver. You know mother was brought on a bedstead set right into the wagon. Well, underneath her bed was a box of bedding and in that box, the money was cached. Yes, we soon had pretty good homes started but the stampede to the gold mines in California in 1849-50 was a bad thing for our families. Four of my brothers went (Thomas, 14 years old / Ben, 16 years old / Riley, 19 years old and Marion). Marion later died there. They would all have gotten ahead faster had they stayed home.

Where did I go to school? I did not have much chance to go to school after we came here. One winter the neighbors got up a school. There was a vacant house and they hired a man to teach the children awhile. I went. That was about all the schooling I had after I came to Oregon. Yes, I've been here a long time. Seventy years! I've seen Oregon grow up!

What became of those who crossed the plains in our train? Well, the Crowleys settled in Polk County and the Fulkerson's also as well as Glenn Burnett, our train preacher. The Browns, the Blakelys, the Finleys and the Kirks settled in Linn County. Ben Simpson and family lived in Salem. Yes, I know most all the old timers. L.F. Grover, afterward Governor of Oregon and US Senator, was a guest at my wedding. Reverend Roberts, one of the early pioneers of Methodism performed the ceremony.

Do I remember the hard winter and the great flood of 1861 & 1862? Yes! What was the worst winter and the greatest flood in all the years I've lived here. Much of Salem was under water. The Court House was full of people who had been driven from their homes. Near the old Bennett house, the water was swimming to a horse. The Willamette was a mighty river...miles in width, sweeping houses, barns, bridges and everything in its course. No, of course the river hadn't been bridged then, but then all the small streams were adding wreckage to the Willamette. The flood was in December '61. In January came the deep snow which lasted for six weeks and pretty nearly finished what the flood had left.

"Good night, now child! It is time old folks and young ones, too, were in bed." [The Trail Blazers by Alice (Turnidge) Hamot p. 337-341]

"I was born at Liberty, Missouri. My friends call me Aunt Elizabeth. My maiden name was Mary Elizabeth Munkers, and I was born April 8, 1836. My father, Benjamin Munkers, was born in Tennessee. My mother, whose maiden name was Mary Elizabeth Crowley, was also born in Tennessee. They had eleven children. I was the third from the last, and I am the only one of the family left. Two of the children died at Liberty, Missouri. There were eleven of us who came across the plains--my father and mother and their nine children.

I was ten years old on April 8, 1846, and we started to Oregon on my birthday. We met the other emigrants who were going to Oregon at St. Joe, Missouri. There were about 50 wagons in our train. Three of my brothers were married and had outfits of their own. My sister Jane was also married. She married Green McDonald.

When we first started, we had about 100 wagons, each pulled by three yoke of oxen. We also had 50 Durham cows and five saddle horses. Captain F. Martin was in charge of the train, but after we had traveled a while our train split in two parts, and Ben Simpson, father of Sam L. Simpson, the poet, was our captain. Our wagons traveled near Ben Simpson's wagon, and when Mrs. Simpson was doing the washing or making bread or doing other camp work I used to take care of her baby, Sam.

My mother traveled clear across the plains lying on a bed in the wagon. We had five wagons, each pulled by three yoke of oxen. We also had 50 Durham cows and five saddle horses.

The thing I remember most distinctly about the trip is fording the streams and crossing rivers on rafts, and where there was no timber, we took the wagon beds off the running gear and used them to ferry the women and children and the goods across. Where we found good grass and water we would often stay a day or two to rest the oxen. While the oxen were grazing the women would wash all the soiled clothes that had accumulated, and the men would fix up the wagons and make necessary repairs, while some of the younger men would go hunting to bring in fresh meat. Often times we had to travel long after dark to keep from making a dry camp. I was ten years old and was interested in everything, and as I could see better afoot than when in the wagon, I walked most of the way. At first it was very hard on the

women to have to cook the meals without wood, but they soon became experts in cooking over sagebrush or buffalo chips.

I remember while we were camped on the Platte the whole sky became black as ink. A terrific wind came up, which blew the covers off the wagons and blew down the tents. When the storm burst upon us it frightened the cattle, so that it took all the efforts of the men to keep them from stampeding. It stormed all night. It would be dark as Egypt one moment, then there would be a vivid flash of lightning when everything would be bright as daylight. It seemed as if the sky was a huge lake or an ocean and was slopping over. The rain came down in bucketfuls, drenching us to the skin. There wasn't a tent in the camp that held against the terrific wind. The men had to chain the wagons together to keep them from being blown into the river. As the storm increased in violence the wind would catch our bed quilts and other light things and blow them away. Finally, in spite of efforts of the men, the cattle stampeded. It took all the next day to round them up and get things fixed up to go onward.

Fortunately, we had no cholera, and the Indians made no trouble for us, though at one time a big band of Indians in all the glory of war paint and feathers charged down on us, and we thought we were going to be wiped out, but their head man told us that they were on the warpath against another tribe of Indians and they meant no harm toward white people.

There were about 1200 or 1500 people who came across the plains to Oregon in 1846, and possibly 1000 who went to California. It was a rather dry season in 1846, so a great many of the larger wagons split into smaller ones. If you will talk to the old pioneers you will find that some very influential men came to Oregon in the emigration of 1846. Hugh L. Brown, who, like my father, was a Tennessean, was in our company. He settled on Calapooya Creek, in Linn County. The town of Brownsville is built on his place. Captain Blakely, who lived to be over 100 years old and whose descendants are scattered all over the west, was also in our train. Among others who became well known in Oregon and who came across the plains that year was Elijah Bristow of Kentucky, who settled at Pleasant Hill in Lane County. Fabritus R. Smith of New York state was another. He settled near Salem. Smith Collins, who settled on the Luckiamute River in Polk County, was still another. Mr. Collins married Douglas Wyatt's daughter. They had 12 children. Mr. Collins was born in Virginia. You must have met J. L. Collins of Dallas. He was 15 years old when he came to Oregon. Among others who came that year were John Baker, Reverend J. Cornwall, J.T. Rainey, Virgil K. Pringle, for whom the Pringle neighborhood, south of Salem, is named; Alphonso Boon, whose daughter Chloe married Governor George L. Curry; W. P. Breeding, one of Salem's early blacksmiths; F. W. Geer, who settled near where Butteville was later built; J.D. Holman, Joseph Waldo, Martin Vaughn, and Rice Dunbar. Then there were the Kennedys, Colvers, Fays, Crumps, Campbells, Zumwalts, Wallings, Coxes, Davidsons, Hoyts, Lownsdals, and a lot of other equally well known people.

We came by way of the newly opened Barlow Trail. When Father reached the Willamette Valley he was anxious to secure a place already improved, so he could move Mother into a cabin at once. Mother was an invalid and had stayed in bed all the way across the plains. Father had 30 yoke of oxen and a large amount of money, so when he found a 640 acre claim on Mill Creek, near Salem, for which its owner, Jack Anderson, would take \$1000, he bought it and moved Mother at once into the double log cabin. In addition to the cabin there was a log barn, ten acres of the 640 had been plowed, and part of the place was fenced. My father had brought half a bushel of peach stones with him from Missouri. He planted these and soon had a fine orchard. He also planted some apple trees. I remember in the early '50's he sold 100 bushels of apples, getting \$14 a bushel for them. When we first came to Oregon money was so scarce that when you bought anything you paid for it in barter. Father used to accept, for what he sold, wheat or peas at \$1 a bushel. The peas were dried and used to make pea soup or to make coffee. Sea island sugar or molasses was used for sweetening.

As I told you, Mother was an invalid and stayed in bed in the wagon all the way across the plains. Under her bed Father had built, just above the bed of the wagon, a long flat box, in which he brought to Oregon over \$10,000 in gold and silver coin, so we were considered very well-to-do, for that time. Four of my brothers--Marion, Riley, Ben and Tom--went to California when gold was discovered there. Tom was only 14 years old, Ben was 16, and Riley 19. Marion died in California.

I often think of the people who were in our wagon train and what became of them and how their



families are scattered over the west. The Crowleys settled in Polk County, as did the Fulkersons. Glen Burnett, who was our wagon train preacher, lived in Polk County for a while and also in Yamhill County. The Finleys and the Kirks, the Browns and the Blakeleys all settled in Linn County. Ben Simpson, with his family, settled at Salem.

I was married in November, the year I was 15. I married Albert Davidson. I lived with him three years and then went back to live with my folks. I had two children, Thomas and Mary. Reverend William Roberts, one of the early missionaries, was the minister who married us, and L.F. Grover, who later became governor of Oregon, was one of the guests at the wedding. I was married to John Estes on December 4. I don't remember the year, but I was about 22 years old. We had three children-- Benjamin, John and Alice. All of my children are dead, but I have three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mr. Estes and I came to Portland in 1858. He bought a half a block facing on Broadway, just across from W.S. Ladd's home. My husband worked for his brother, Levi Estes, who had a sawmill. Among our neighbors were the Glens, the Powells, and the Carsons. No, I didn't visit the Ladds, nor the other well-to-do people here, because I was pretty much of a hand to stay at home and do my housework. My son was a playmate of Willie Ladd. If there was sickness anywhere, I was glad to help them out. In fact, whenever there was a birth, a death, or sickness, you could usually count on finding me there, for I was considered a good nurse, and in those days Portland was a village and the people were very simple and friendly. Everybody knew everyone else.

We stayed in Portland until about 1861. My mother needed me at home, and so my husband sold out our half block here in Portland for \$1700 and we went to the old homestead near Salem. In those days when a man and his wife took up a claim the man owned 320 acres and his wife owned 320 acres. My mother deeded one-half of her half to me. That gave me 160 acres. My sister, Isabel had married Henry Boon, who ran a bookstore in Salem. It is now called the Patton Book Store. My mother had given Isabel the other half of the claim, so when I bought Isabel out I owned 320 acres.

One of my most distinct memories of Salem is of the big flood in the winter of 1861-62. Almost all of Salem was under water. Lots of people who had been driven out of their homes by the high water stayed in the courthouse. No, the high water didn't wash away any bridges across the Willamette, because in those days they didn't have any bridges. They crossed in ferryboats. After the high water in December, 1861, came the deep snow, which stayed on the ground for nearly six weeks. That winter was certainly a hard winter, particularly on stock.

I lived at Salem over 20 years. I moved to Portland some years ago to live with my niece, Mrs. Charles M. Cox. Her husband was with Feldenheimer's Jewelry Store many years. He was a brother of Dr. Morris Cox. My niece's maiden name was Minnie Munkers. Some day if you will come and visit me again I will tell you more, but that's about all I can think of today." [Oregon Journal, Portland, Oregon, March 21 & 22, 1923, Impressions and Observations of the Journal Man by Fred Lockley]

## 9. Francis Isabella Munkers

b. 03 Feb 1840 Missouri City, Fort Bend County, Texas

d. 1868 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

m. 27 Nov 1859 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

Henry Daniel Boon [Pioneer of 1845]

b. 1835 Lee County, Iowa

d. 15 Jan 1888 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

buried Salem Pioneer Cemetery, Salem, Marion County, Oregon

s/o John Daniel Boon and Martha J. Hawkins

m2. 27 Jan 1869 Duenna A. Jones

1850: Marion County, Oregon Territory, January 28, 1851; Benjamin Munkers, 51, farmer, \$3000, TN; Mary, 49, TN; Thomas Mc, 18, MO; Elizabeth, 13, MO; Isabella, 12, MO; James M., 8, MO; G.W. Croley, 75, MO

1859: "Henry D. Boone & Francis I. Munkers m'd 27 Nov 1859; Aaron Purdy, J.P. Wit: E.J. & Ellenor Harding. File #494 p.138." [Marion County Marriages by Custer & Wade, 1849-1871 p.26]

1860: Salem, Marion County, Oregon, July 30, 1860; H.D. Boon, 21, clerk, \$1000 \$1500, IA; I. F., 21, MO

1869: "Henry D. Boon & Devenna Jones, m'd 27 Jan 1869 at house of Mr. J.D. Boon. C.C. Stratton, M.G. Wit: John Buckley & Susan Milson. File #1144 p. 439." [Marion County Marriages by Custer & Wade, 1849-1871 p.75]

1870: Salem, Marion County, Oregon, June 3, 1870; H.D. Boon, 30, stationer, \$14,000 \$5000, IA; D., 20, housekeeper, MO; J.D., 8, m, OR; L.M., 4, f, OR; L.L. Bates, 56, trader, ME

Children of Henry Boon and Isabelle Munkers:

i. John Daniel Boon

b. 1862 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

d.

ii. Ida.M. Boon

b. 20 Feb 1866 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

d. 12 Mar 1870 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

buried Salem Pioneer Cemetery, Salem, Marion County, Oregon

10. James Madison Munkers

b. 23 Dec 1841 Platte County, Missouri

d. 18 Jul 1915 Newport, Lincoln County, Oregon

buried Salem Pioneer Cemetery, Salem, Marion County, Oregon

1850: Marion County, Oregon Territory, January 28, 1851; Benjamin Munkers, 51, farmer, \$3000, TN; Mary, 49, TN; Thomas Mc, 18, MO; Elizabeth, 13, MO; Isabella, 12, MO; James M., 8, MO; G.W. Croley, 75, MO

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## **PIONEER IS LAID AT REST**

**J. M. Munkers, Who Crossed Plains  
in 1846, Buried at Salem.**

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**SALEM, Or., July 19. — (Special.) —  
The funeral of J. M. Munkers, a pioneer**

of 1846, who died at Newport Sunday, was held here today, the interment being in Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Mr. Munkers was born in 1841 in Platte County, Mo., and crossed the plains with his parents when he was 5 years old. The family took up a donation claim near Salem, where Mr. Munkers lived until 1901, when he moved to Jackson County. He went to Brownsville to live in 1910, his home being there at the time of his death.

Mr. Munkers is survived by his widow, who before marriage was Miss Romella G. Gesner, daughter of R. A. Gesner, a pioneer of 1845; three daughters, Mrs. Lula Marquam and Mrs. Minnie Cox, of Portland, and Miss Josie Munkers, of Brownsville; two sons, Jerry and Gordon Munkers, of Brownsville; two sisters, one of whom is Mrs. M. E. Estes, of Salem, and a brother, Benjamin Munkers, of Scio.

[The Morning Oregonian, Tuesday, July 20, 1915 p.5 col 1-2]

m1. 30 Jul 1865 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

Mary Jane Ford

b. 1846 Oregon

d. 30 Jun 1875

buried Salem Pioneer Cemetery, Salem, Marion County, Oregon

1860: North Salem, Marion County, Oregon, July 28, 1860; B. Munkers, 62, farmer, \$5650 \$5412, TN; M., 58, TN; J.M., 18, MO; John Estes, 33, farmer, \$2960 \$800, ME; M.E., 23, MO; J.C., 5, OR; A.B., 11/12, f, OR; John Sutter, 67, day laborer, SC

1865: "James M. Munkers married 30 July 1865 to Mary J. Ford at residence of bride's father in Salem by Rev. Alvan F. Waller." [Oregon Statesman, August 7, 1865 p. 2:7]

"James M. Munkers & Mary J. Ford, m'd 01 Aug 1865 at house of John Ford in Salem. A.F. Waller, M.G. File #790 p.267." [Marion County Marriage Records by Wade and Custer, Vol 1 p. 49]

**DIED.**

Wednesday morning the 30th of June, at nine o'clock after a lingering illness, Mrs. Mary J. Munkers, eldest daughter of John Ford, Esq., of this city, and wife of Mr. James M. Munkers, aged 29 years 2 months and 11 days.

The funeral will take place to-morrow (Friday) afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of James Munkers on the Annville road about three miles south west of the city. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

[Oregon Statesman, July 1, 1875 p. 3:3]

"Stayton--A letter received at the office of the Stayton Mail this past week identified Mary Munker, whose name was inscribed on a grave stone found in the office of the Mail.

A feature article in the Oregon Journal on Sunday showed a picture of Irvin Boulier, a printer, holding the stone which had been used as a printer's work surface for many years. The letter from J.C. Munkers of Springfield said,

*"To the Editor: I read the article in the Journal yesterday about the gravestone. I can give you a little information but not much.*

*The lady in question is my Uncle Jim Munker's first wife, who died when I was about two years old. I do not remember her maiden name. They had, I believe, three children.*

*Uncle Jim lived on the original farm that Grandfather Benjamin Munkers settled on in 1846. This place is up Mill Creek not very far from the penitentiary.*

*Uncle Jim had children living in the vicinity of Brownsville some years back. She must have been buried in the vicinity of Salem." J.C. Munkers*

The stone found in the office inscribed "Mary J. Munkers, died June 30, 1875 age 29 years." [Capital Journal Jul 9, 1911 p. 11]

"Who Was Mary J. Munkers" [Oregon Sunday Journal July 1, 1951, magazine section p. 10]

Obit: Daily Oregonian, July 3, 1875 p. 2:2

Children of James Munkers and Mary Ford:

i. James Walter Munkers

b. 10 Mar 1868

d. 24 Jul 1878

buried Salem Pioneer Cemetery, Salem, Marion County, Oregon

"Sad Accident--Yesterday evening the 5-year old son of James Munkers, who lives about three miles up Mill creek, met with its death through falling off a chair. While the particulars are meager, it was learned that the child fell from a chair onto the floor on its head, and it is supposed bursted a blood vessel of the head. A physician was sent for, but the child died about ten minutes before the physician arrived there, about two hours after the accident. A large circle of friends condole with the bereaved parents in their affliction. Oregon Statesman 23 October 1885 3:3 The funeral of James W. Munkers' child will take place from his home, at 10 o'clock a.m., today. The child will be buried in the Odd Fellow's cemetery. Friends of the family invited." [Oregon Statesman, October 24, 1885 p. 3:3]

m2. 03 Jan 1877 Marion County, Oregon D Oreg Jan 6, 1877 p. 2:2

Romelia Gesner

b. 18 Mar 1854 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

d. 03 Dec 1927 Brownsville, Linn County, Oregon

buried Salem Pioneer Cemetery, Salem, Marion County, Oregon

d/o Reuben Gesner

"James M. Munkers, over 21 & Romelia Gesner, over 18, m'd 03 Jan 1877 at house of R.A. Gesner. P.S. Knight, M.G. Wit: Sarah M. Gesner & T.C. Davidson. Aff: Thos C. Davidson. File #2004 p.286." [Marion County Marriage Records by Custer & Wade Vol 1II p.24]

Children of James Munkers and Romelia Gesner:

i. Homer Earl Munkers

b. 16 Jan 1883 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

d. 23 Oct 1885 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

buried Salem Pioneer Cemetery, Salem, Marion County, Oregon

"Sad Accident--Yesterday evening the 5 year old son of James Munkers, who lives about three miles up Mill creek, met with its death through falling off a chair. While the particulars are meager, it was learned that the child fell from a chair onto the floor on its head, and it is supposed bursted a blood vessel of the head. A physician was sent for, but the child died about ten minutes before the physician arrived there, about two hours after the accident. A large circle of friends condole with the bereaved parents in their affliction." [Oregon Statesman, October 23, 1885 p. 3:3]

ii. Jessie Munkers

b. 1878

d. 31 Dec 1911 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

POWELL.—In Portland, Oregon, December 31, 1911, Mrs. Jessie Munkers Powell, aged 33 years.

Deceased was born near Salem, where she lived most of her life, a graduate of the Willamette conservatory of music. She was of a pioneer family, her father, J. M. Munkers, having crossed the plains with his parents in 1847. Her mother, Romelia Gesner, was a daughter of R. A. Gesner, a pioneer of 1845. She was married in 1911.

Besides her husband and parents, she leaves three sisters, Mrs. Lulu M. Marquam of Portland, Mrs. Minnie Cox of Portland and Josie Munkers of Brownsville; two brothers, J. O. and Gordon Munkers, of Brownsville, Or.; also numerous relatives in and near Salem.

Funeral services will be from Rigdon's undertaking parlors, Tuesday, January 2, at 11:30 a. m. Interment in I. O. O. F. cemetery.

[Weekly Oregon Statesman January 2, 1912 p. 7:3]

What Became of Munkers, Ore.?

# Valley Town's Paper Existence Facing Erasure



Benjamin Franklin Munkers



By **GLEN GIBBONS JR.**  
Staff Writer, The Statesman

**MUNKERS** — Cows graze placidly here on land once dedicated and conveyed to the public for perpetual use as a park.

The Willamette Valley & Coast Railroad is gone and bushes and trees grow where the tracks once stretched between Albany and Shelburn.

The Town of Munkers, never more than a visionary interlude in the development of Oregon cities, will soon become an historical aside.

#### **Vacation of Plat Sought**

A petition requesting the vacation of platted streets, lots and blocks in Munkers has been presented to the Linn County Board of Commissioners. When that request is processed the plans of Benjamin Franklin Munkers to establish a commercial and transportation center six miles east of Jefferson will be formally erased.

But the plans never had progressed far from their origins in 1890.

On Aug. 8 that year Munkers and his wife Mary J. registered with the Linn County recorder a plat of land surveyed the year before by E.T.T. Fisher.

#### **Block Area**

It consisted of seven blocks, six streets, 60 lots and Willamette Valley & Coast Railroad main track, siding and platform. The county road between Ohio and Jefferson, now Market Road 4, bounded the site on the north.

The city was located on 317½ acres of land obtained by Munkers under donation land law and registered on a deed executed by President U.S. Grant, July 1, 1873.

Munkers and his plans for a city remain something of a mystery. The details of his life are subject to conflicting documentation and little information was found by The Statesman explaining intended development of the town.

#### Arrived in 1846

But even sources that disagree regarding his birth and death affirm that he crossed the plains from Missouri in 1846 and arrived in the Willamette Valley in the fall of that year.

Mrs. Elizabeth Munkers-Estes, a daughter, recounted in 1916 that Munkers came to Oregon with five wagons, three married sons a married daughter and five younger children in a wagon train of 100 wagons.

She said he brought 30 oxen, 10 roan Durham cattle and five saddle horses.

Some records suggest that he settled several miles southwest of Salem, but these may refer to a relative.

#### Bought Near Scio

Territorial assessment rolls and the first deed records in Linn County, however, show that he had been purchasing land near Scio as early as 1854.

A history of Linn County listed Munkers as a Linn County Pioneer in the Albany, Syracuse, Knox Butte area.

Other members of his prolific family settled in Marion and Linn counties and for many years the Munkers name was a common one.

In 1854, Munkers paid taxes totaling \$9.32 on 250 acres of land and personal property valued at \$1,236. By 1857 the land had grown to 320 acres appraised at \$2.50 per acre. By then his personal property was valued at \$1,022, bringing his taxable property value to \$1,822.

#### Holdings Multiply

As the years passed his property holdings continued to expand.

He purchased land surrounding the site of Munkers from 11



land owners, the Oregon & California Railroad, the State of Oregon, the common School System and the federal government.

In 1865, Munkers School District 68 was organized. It was a county grade school north of the Town of Munkers and continued operation until June 9, 1947, when it was consolidated with Scio.

According to Mrs. Gloria Thurston, one of the petitioners to vacate the town and herself a descendant of Munkers, the old school building was bought by Hans Petersen, who moved it to his farm and used it as a barn.

### **Railroad Built**

In 1887 the Oregon Pacific Railroad was deeded property rights that brought it through the land where Munkers was platted.

According to E. D. Culp Salem, former president of the Marion County Historical Society, the railraod stretched from Albany to Crabtree and was constructed in the late 1890's.

It is likely that the railroad was the stimulus for Munkers' decision to plat the town.

Culp, who is compiling a book on the history of railroads in the Willamette Valley, describes the station at Munkers as a "flags-

top" with a "lean-to where passengers could stay out of the rain while waiting for the train."

#### **Line of Tracks**

The railroad tracks were laid from Albany, past Knox Butte, followed County Road 653 for a distance, crossed the Santiam River near the confluence with Crabtree Creek and connected to another line at Shelburn.

According to Orris Carnegie, Linn County surveyor, the Santiam bridge was washed out several times causing the railroad's eventual removal in 1925 to the present course several miles east.

A siding and platform were included in the 1890 plat. By that time the railroad was called the Willamette Valley & Coast, and later became the

Corvallis & Eastern before being sold to Southern Pacific after the turn of the century.

#### **Were Buildings There**

A grain elevator was in existence in 1890 and a potato storage warehouse was added. The first Soil Conservation agency aerial photos in 1936 show the elevator and other buildings still standing.

Floyd Mullen, chairman of the Linn County Board of Commissioners and a Linn County historian, describes Munkers station as a favorite stop for Albany visitors traveling to the county fair, which was then held in Scio. They would get off at Munkers, he says, and travel by carriage, horseback or on foot to the fair.

A post office was established at Munkers on Dec. 13, 1895, under the direction of E. D. Smith. It continued until Sept. 29, 1904, when it was discontinued, according to Post Office department records.



### All It Was

Those years probably marked the highwater mark of the Town of Munkers with a school, post office, potato and grain storage, a county fair at Scio, the railroad and possibly a store operating.

Then in 1904 the post office was discontinued. The railroad tracks were torn up around 1925, according to Carnegie. In 1947 the school closed.

Benjamin Franklin Munkers is believed to have died in 1919.

The land on which the town was located passed into the hands of B. A. Holteen, from whom Mr. and Mrs. Glen Thurston, the present owners, purchased it in 1937.

They established a dairy farm there.

### Bought the Park

Last year they bought the never-developed city park, which evidently by oversight, had not been included in their deed, for \$131. At that time it was located in one of their cow pastures.

Now, along with Raymond Newton and Wayne Staats, the Thurstons are petitioning for vacation of the city plat.

When that is gone the last vestige of the Munkers establishment probably will be the Munkers Community Club.

The club, started over 25 years ago to help Munkers School, meets in various homes during the winter months.

Presently under the direction of Helen Knipers, the club assists community projects and 4-H scholarships. A float is often entered by the group in the Scio Lamb Festival.

### Others Similar

The brief and tenuous history of the Town of Munkers hardly bears comparison to that of Heliopolis, Ilium and other almost

forgotten cities, or even the Oregon ghost town of Quartzville.

But perhaps, a certain measure of pathos may be merited by a park which never became more than a cow pasture, streets which never felt the tread of feet or motorcars, lots on which no house was ever built.