

Nicholas Ownbey

Pioneer of 1845

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Nicholas Ownbey

b. 21 Feb 1794 Rutherford County, North Carolina

d. 13 Jan 1873 Cove, Union County, Oregon

buried Cove Cemetery, Cove, Union County, Oregon

s/o John Ownbey and Nancy Ann Porter

m. 23 May 1821 Cooper County, Missouri

Lucy Ann Martin

b. 27 Nov 1806 Kentucky

d. 19 Sep 1889 Wallowa, Wallowa County, Oregon

buried Alder Slope Cemetery, Enterprise, Wallowa County, Oregon

1833: Jul 30, US General Land Office, Nicholas Ownbey, 102.3 acres T40N, R16W, Sec 19
Camden, Morgan County, Missouri

1840: Crawford, Buchanan County, Missouri, Nicholas Ownby, 1 male (-5), 1 male (5-9), 1 male (10-14), 1 male (15-19), 1 male (40-49); 1 female (-5), 1 female (30-39)

1845: Terrible Trail, The Meek Cutoff 1845 by Keith Clark and Lowell Tiller

p. 5 Nicholas Ownbey started off in Tetherow Train and then split off with his small group of seven wagons

p. 20 Ownbey Company was the first company to turn off onto the new trail with Stephen H. L. Meek as guide and accompanied by Samuel Hancock and William Goulder

p.47 Last evening the portion of Owensby's (sic) company which were out upon the plains returned with their cattle and water kegs, having left their wagons out upon the plain seven miles from here and no water had been found within 30 miles of them.....This evening Owensby returned with his wagons, teams, cattle and all, having enough of lying out upon the plain upon uncertainties.

p. 111 Goulder, with the Ownbey party arrived at The Dalles the fifteenth of October.

p. 120 William A. Goulder in his "Reminiscences of a Pioneer" states "The man with whom I traveled was a typical old frontier Missourian named Nicholas Ownby. He had a large family of sons and daughters, large herds of horses and cattle, and traveled with four well-equipped and

well provisioned wagons. During the long and trying journey of seven months he had uniformly treated the young strangers traveling with him as if they had been his own sons. He was of rough demeanor but a real gem, for all that, and a man always ready and full of resources for every emergency. On the morning that we broke camp in Tualatin Plains, he said to us: 'Well, boys, I'm going away up into Polk County, wherever that may be, to see what I can find. It was agreed between us in St. Joe that you would stay with me till I found a place to settle down and help me to build cabins and get things started. You have been good boys, and I'm sorry to part with you, but we are all where we can take care of ourselves now, and I think it would be better for you to be hunting up your own claims, and building your own cabins. I'm not trying to get rid of you. If you want to go with me up country, well and good; but I wanted to tell you that you are free from any further obligation.' We were nothing loath to take the old man at his word, and were glad to have a change from wagons, flocks and herds, cows, calves and crying babies."

1850: Benton County, Oregon, October 4, 1850; Nich's Owensbee (sic), 56, farmer, NC; Lucy A., 44, KY; John, 25, MO; Wm, 18, MO; Powell, 14, MO; Mary, 11, MO; Nicholas, 8, MO; Lucy, 6, MO; Jesse, 26, farmer, MO

ODLC: #181 Benton County; Nicholas Ownbey, b. 1794 Rutherford County, NC; settled claim 15 Mar 1849; m'd Lucy 23 May 1821 Cooper County, MO. Aff: Jacob Martin, Alexander Liggett

1860: Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon, June 22, 1860; Nicholas Owenby, 66, farmer and stock raiser, \$12,500 \$11, 005, NC; Lucy, 56, TN; Nicholas, 18, farm laborer, MO; Lucy, 15, MO

1870: Cove, Union County, Oregon, August 18, 1870; N. Ownby, 76, farmer, \$1000 \$1240, NC; L., 63, keeps house, KY; S.E. Parrish, 12, at home, OR

1880: Indian Valley, Union County, Oregon, June 22, 1880; William Ownbey, 49, farmer, MO NC NC; Martha J., 53, wife, keeping house, MO TN KY; Nicholas W., 22, son, at home, OR MO MO; Lucy A., 20, dau, at home, OR MO MO; Finis E., 17, son, at home, OR MO MO; Lucy A., 73, mother, NC NC NC; Grace Irwin, 74, mother in law, KY GA VA

Children of Nicholas Ownbey and Lucy:

1. Jesse Marion/Martin Ownbey
b. 10 Jul 1824 Cooper County, Missouri
d. 25 Aug 1914 Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon
buried Cove Cemetery, Cove, Union County, Oregon

m. 07 Dec 1848 MO

Elizabeth Cooper Jasper

b. 21 Jul 1829 Somerset, Pulaski County, Kentucky

d. 1900 Elgin, Wallowa County, Oregon

buried Cove Cemetery, Cove, Union County, Oregon

1840: Crawford, Buchanan County, Missouri, Nicholas Ownbey, 1 male (-5), 1 male (5-9), 1 male (10-14), 1 male (15-19), 1 male (40-49); 1 female (-5), 1 female (30-39)

ODLC #852 Benton County; Jesse Ownbey, b. 1824 MO; arrived Oregon 18 Aug 1850; settled claim 23 Oct 1851; m'd Elizabeth 07 Dec 1848 MO. Aff: Wm. Ownbey, Nicholas Ownbey, Jacob Martin

1850: Benton County, Oregon, October 4, 1850; Nich's Owensbee (sic), 56, farmer, NC; Lucy A., 44, KY; John, 25, MO; Wm, 18, MO; Powell, 14, MO; Mary, 11, MO; Nicholas, 8, MO; Lucy, 6, MO; Jesse, 26, farmer, MO

1853: Nicholas Ownbey is mentioned as an emigrant with the McClure Party in 1853. It is noted that he left that party with some others and traveled ahead. If this is the same Nicholas Ownbey it appears he traveled east for some reason and returned in 1853.

1870: Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon, July 27, 1870; Jesse Ownbey, 45, farmer, \$0 \$420, MO; Elizabeth C., 41, keeping house, KY; Andrew J., 17, farm hand, OR; William R., 17, farm hand, OR; John W., 15, farm hand, OR; Nancy M., 15, at home, OR; Angeline, 13, at home, OR; Benj F., 11, at home, OR; Jeff. D., 9, at home, OR; Francis M., 5, at home, OR; Mary S., 19, at home, MO

1880: Silver Lake, Union County, Oregon, June 14, 1880; Jesse Owensby (sic), 55, farmer, MO NC KY; Elizabeth C., 50, wife, keeping house, KY KY KY; Francis M., 15, son, at home, OR MO KY; Jesse M., 9, son, OR MO KY

1900: Cove, Union County, Oregon, June 20 & 21, 1900; Jesse Ownbey, head, Jul 1824, 75, m-16yrs (sic m-51yrs), MO NC KY, farmer; Elizabeth C., wife, Jul 1828, 71, m-16 yrs (sic m-51yrs), 12 children-8 living, KY KY KY

1910: Enterprise, Wallowa County, Oregon, April 22, 1910 Jesse Ownbey, 86, widowed residing with son Benjamin Ownbey. By April 29, 1910 Jesse is found in the census at Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon, residing with son Andrew J. Ownbey

"Jesse Ownbey Came To Oregon in 1845--Pioneer Who Died Recently Took A Homestead North of Enterprise--Jesse Ownbey, whose funeral was held in Cove, August 27, was one of the historical band of pioneers to cross the plains even before 'the days of 49', which started the gold seekers in their mad rush for California. He first crossed the plains in 1845, then being 21 years old.

He was born in Buckhannon (sic-Buchanan) County, Missouri, July 10, 1824. After his first trip to Oregon, he remained in the far west for two years, returning to the eastern states in 1847 by way of the Panama. In December of that year he was married to Elizabeth C. Jasper. The lure of the west was too great, his bride remaining back in Missouri. A second time he returned east by way of the Isthmus.

On his third trip across the continent he was accompanied by his wife, in 1851, and from that state until his death at Pendleton, August 25, he remained a resident of this state.

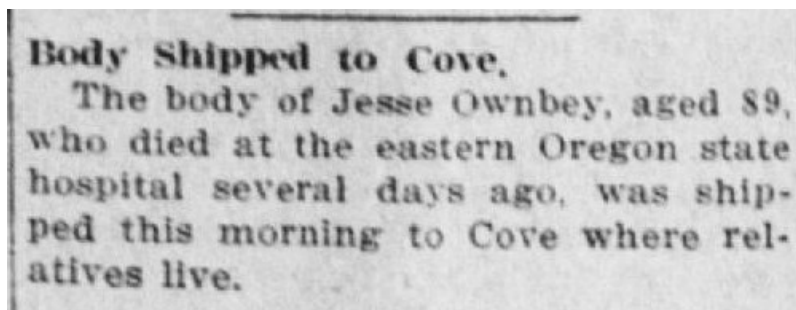
At first, Mr. Ownbey lived in the Willamette valley near Corvallis. He sold his interests there in 1864 and then moved into Eastern Oregon wilderness, locating in the Grand Ronde valley, in the old settlement at Cove.

Still another pioneering trip remained to be made by Mr. and Mrs. Ownbey. They moved into the unsettled Wallowa valley and took up the Blow farm, on Trout Creek, just north of Enterprise. The railroad of the East Oregon Lumber Co. is now being built through this farm, illustrating how rapidly commercial development has followed on the heels of the pioneers.

He sold the Blow place in 1892 and moved to Baker County for two years. Then he went back to Cove, where he lived until his wife died in 1900. Since then Mr. Ownbey had lived with his children.

In his early manhood he united with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, but during his later years he was a member of the Methodist Church, to which he was devoted until his death.

Four sons and two daughters survive the pioneer: Mrs. N.M. Biggs of Humboldt county, California, Mrs. M.L. Eckersley of Cove; A.J. Ownbey of Oregon City; B.F. Ownbey of Enterprise, Jeff Ownbey of Prosper and J.M. Ownbey of Milton."



[East Oregonian, Pendleton, Oregon, August 27, 1914 p.8]

Children of Jesse Ownbey and Elizabeth Jasper:

- i. Mary Lucinda Ownbey
- b. 12 Feb 1851 Buchanan County, Missouri
- d. 23 Jan 1944 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
- m. 12 Jul 1870 Benton County, Oregon Otho Eckersley

Cove Couple Celebrate at 57th Anniversary.

Long-Time Oregon Residents Are Feted by Friends.

COVE, Or., July 23.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. Otho Eckersley celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary July 14. In honor of the occasion they were given a reception in the parlors of the Methodist church.

Mr. Eckersley was born in Lancashire county, England, September 23, 1839, and came to this country in 1863, and with his parents settled in Pittsburg, Pa. Later they moved to Iowa. But the west was calling him, and in 1862 he came to Oregon, by way of the ox-team trail. He came to Cove in June, 1863.

His wife, Mary L. Ownbey, was born in Buchanan county, Missouri, February 12, 1851, and when three months old her parents crossed the plains and settled near Corvallis. In 1864 the Ownbeys came to Cove, but returned to Corvallis in 1867.

Mr. Eckersley went to Corvallis by way of the Old Oregon trail, and on July 14, 1870, he married Miss Mary L. Ownbey. They came back to Cove, where they have lived ever since, with the exception of one year in Walla Walla, Wash.

Seven children were born to them. Two died in infancy. Frank, the youngest, lost his life in the world war. The older son died about the same time, in the "flu" epidemic. Three daughters remain—Mrs. Estella Conklin of Ontario, Or., and the Misses Harriet and Nellie Eckersley of Portland. Mrs. Conklin was present at the reception. There are six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Sunday, July 24, 1927 Sec 3 p.1]

ii. Andrew Jackson Ownbey

b. 13 Dec 1852 Philomath, Benton County, Oregon

d. 15 Jul 1938 Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon

m. 06 Oct 1877 Union County, Oregon to Sarah Jane Wright

FOUR GENERATIONS MEET IN OWNBEY FAMILY GROUP

Head of Clan Remembers Well When She Crossed Plains With Her
Parents When She Was 9 Years Old.



Seated—Mrs. S. J. Ownbey, on her lap is her great-granddaughter Phyllis Jean, while to the left and behind her is Mrs. Lloyd Kendall, her granddaughter, and to the right is Mrs. Albert Cox, her daughter.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 4.—(Special.)—In the family of Mrs. S. J. Ownbey, formerly of this city, now of Portland, are four generations. Mrs. S. J. Ownbey, 77; her daughter, Mrs. Albert Cox of this city; her granddaughter, Mrs. Lloyd Kendall, and the latter's little daughter, Phyllis Jean, of Canby compose the group.

For 34 years Mrs. Ownbey resided in Oregon City and Canemah and for about three years has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Edward Vonderahe.

Mrs. Ownbey, who was born in 1863 in Iowa, crossed the plains with

her parents, A. R. and Mary Wright, when she was 9 years old, the family coming from Kansas City, Mo.

Bent on making their home in Oregon, the family first settled in Baker county, and later in the Wallowa country, where Mr. Wright took up a homestead, this being near what is now Enterprise.

In later years Mrs. Ownbey moved with her family to Oregon City, settling first at Canemah.

Mrs. Ownbey relates many interesting tales of her experience in crossing the plains, and well remembers her experiences, although she was but a girl of nine when making the long and tedious journey.

iii. William Riley Ownbey
b. 13 Dec 1852 Philomath, Benton County, Oregon
d. 03 Feb 1899 Wallowa County, Oregon

iv. John Wilson Ownbey
b. 17 Mar 1855 Philomath, Benton County, Oregon
d. 01 Mar 1909 Baker City, Baker County, Oregon

v. Nancy Mariah Ownbey
b. 17 Mar 1855 Philomath, Benton County, Oregon
d.

vi. Angeline Ownbey
b. 18 May 1857 Benton County, Oregon
d. 11 May 1873 Benton County, Oregon

vii. Benjamin Franklin Ownbey
b. 17 Aug 1859 Benton County, Oregon
d. 13 Feb 1953 Umatilla, Umatilla County, Oregon

viii. Jefferson Davis Ownbey
b. 1861 Benton County, Oregon
d. 1915 Coos County, Oregon

ix. Francis Marion Ownbey
b. 25 Dec 1864 Benton County, Oregon
d.

x. Jesse Marvin Ownbey
b. 14 Sep 1870 Benton County, Oregon
d. 10 Nov 1941 Clearwater, Idaho

2. John Ownbey
b. 25 Sep 1827 Cooper County, Missouri
d. Aug 1852 Benton County, Oregon

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1 male (10-14), 1 male (15-19), 1 male (40-49); 1 female (-5), 1 female (30-39)

1850: Benton County, Oregon, October 4, 1850; Nich's Owensbee (sic), 56, farmer, NC;
Lucy A., 44, KY; John, 25, MO; Wm, 18, MO; Powell, 14, MO; Mary, 11, MO;
Nicholas, 8, MO; Lucy, 6, MO; Jesse, 26, farmer, MO

3. William Ownbey

b. 08 Oct 1831 Cooper County, Missouri

d. 21 Jan 1891 Enterprise, Wallowa County, Oregon

m. 02 Dec 1852 Clackamas County, Oregon Terr

Martha Jane Langston

b. c1827 Missouri

d. 20 Apr 1898

m1. Daniel B. Henderson (c1818-1854 OR)

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ODLC #854 Benton County; William Ownbey, b. 1831 MO, arr OR 20 Oct 1845; sc 15 Nov 1852; m'd Martha Jane 02 Dec 1852 Oregon Terr. Aff: Nicholas Ownbey, Powell Ownbey, Benjamin Cutter.

1860: Lloyds Pct, Benton County, Oregon, July 16, 1860; William Ownbey, 29, farmer, \$2400 \$3855, MO; Martha J., 33, MO; Sampson Henderson, 14, MO; John W. Henderson, 12, MO; Grace Ann Ownbey, 7, OR; James A., 5, OR; Robert A., 4, OR; Nicholas W., 2, OR; Lucy J., 4/12, OR

1870: Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon, July 27, 1870; William Ownby, 38, farmer, \$500 \$316, MO; Martha J., 27, keeping house, MO; Grace A., 16, at home, OR; Jas. A., 15, farm hand, OR; Robt D., 14, farm hand, OR; Nicholas W., 12, farm hand, OR; Lucy J., 10, at home, OR; Finice E., 7, at home, OR; William P., 4, at home, OR; S.L. Henderson, 24, farm hand, MO; Jno Henderson, 22, farm hand, MO

1880: Indian Valley, Union County, Oregon, June 22, 1880; William Ownbey, 49, farmer, MO NC NC; Martha J., 53, wife, keeping house, MO TN KY; Nicholas W., 22, son, at home, OR MO MO; Lucy A., 20, dau, at home, OR MO MO; Finis E., 17, son, at home, OR MO MO; Lucy A., 73, mother, NC NC NC; Grace Irwin, 74, mother in law, KY GA VA

Children of William Ownbey and Martha Langston:

i. Grace Ann Ownbey

b. 1853 Benton County, Oregon

d.

m. 08 Nov 1872 Benton County, Oregon to John H. Newhouse

ii. James Anderson Ownbey

b. 30 Nov 1854 Benton County, Oregon

d. 01 Feb 1880 Elgin, Union County, Oregon

buried Highland Cemetery, Union County, Oregon

iii. Robert D. Ownbey

b. Jun 1856 Benton County, Oregon

d. 01 Oct 1931 Walla Walla, Walla Walla County, Washington

iv. Nicholas Washington Ownbey

b. 19 Feb 1858 Benton County, Oregon

d. 31 Mar 1947 Walla Walla, Walla Walla County, Washington

buried Enterprise Cemetery, Enterprise, Wallowa County, Oregon

NICHOLAS W. OWNBEY.—The esteemed gentleman whose name is at the head of this article is one of Wallowa's best and most substantial citizens, having gained a prestige here by his faithfulness and uprightness, while he has also wrought for the advancement of the interests of the county in all ways and at all times, demonstrating him to be one of the public minded and progressive men of the section, and it is with pleasure that we accord to him a representation in this volume, since also his life has been a bright example in manifestation of moral qualities of worth.

In Benton county, Oregon, on February 19, 1858, our subject first saw the light, being the son of William and Martha J. (Langston) Ownbey. The parents came across the plains to this state in the early days of 1849, utilizing ox teams for the purpose. The Indians were savage and fierce and one child of this worthy couple was killed by the redskins. They came on with sad hearts and settled in Benton county and wrought to build a home. There our subject was born and he received the education that was to be had from the schools of the place and was reared on a farm. In 1873 his parents came to Union county, settling near Cove, our subject accompanying them. Two years later they removed thence to the vicinity of Elgin. When our subject became of age he entered a homestead and was numbered with the prosperous farmers of that section until 1888, when he sold his land there and removed to his present place, two miles southeast from Leap, which he purchased. It was one-half section at first but he has added one-quarter section more since. His farm is well improved, with comfortable house.

good barn, substantial outbuildings, and fine orchard.

On July 1, 1883, occurred the marriage of Mr. Ownbey and Mary S., daughter of Andrew and Priscilla (Harris) Knight, residents of the vicinity of Egin. To Mr. and Mrs. Ownbey there have been born five children, Ora B., Hattie F., Iva M., Clifford A. and Alta M. In political matters Mr. Ownbey is a Democrat and he takes the part of the intelligent citizen in these affairs as well as in educational matters, and the district has profited by his faithfulness and wisdom for twelve years, having kept him in the office of director all of that time. Mr. and Mrs. Ownbey are members of the church and are active in the promulgation of their faith, both by exemplary lives of Christian walk and in substantial support of the gospel, while also throughout the entire community they have the esteem and admiration of all.

[Illustrated History of Union and Wallowa Counties..... p.616]

v. Lucy Ownbey

b. 1860 Lloyds, Benton County, Oregon

d.

vi. Finis Ewing Ownbey

b. 25 Feb 1863 Benton County, Oregon

d. 11 Nov 1887 Enterprise, Wallowa County, Oregon

vii. William Pliny Ownbey

b. 1864 Benton County, Oregon

d.

4. Powell Ownbey

b. 22 Feb 1834 Morgan County, Missouri

d. 16 Jan 1918 Retsil, Kitsap County, Washington

buried Washington's Veteran's Home Cemetery, Retsil, Kitsap County, Washington

m1. 04 May 1873 Union County, Oregon [Oregon Marriages 1851-1975]

Anna Whitely

b. c1856 TN

d. 17 Sep 1882 Summerville, Union County, Oregon

m2. 1886 Union County, Oregon

Henrietta J.

b. Apr 1839 IL

d.

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ODLC: #3216 Benton County, Powell Ownbey, b. 22 Feb 1834 MO, arrived OR 1845, settled claim 15 May 1854. Aff: Wm. Barker, John Harris.

1860: Butte Pct, Corvallis PO, Benton County, Oregon, June 29, 1860; Powell Owenby (sic), 25, farmer and stock raiser, \$1800 \$1200, MO

1870: Cove, Union County, Oregon, August 18, 1870; P. Ownby, 34, farmer, \$200 \$1200, MO

1880: Indian Valley, Union County, Oregon, June 22, 1880; Powell Ownbey, 44, farmer, MO NC NC; Anna, 24, keeping house, TN TN TN; William P., 1, son, OR MO TN; Cordelia J. Smith, 8, adopted dau, MO MO MO; Ella F. Smith, 6, adopted dau, OR MO MO; Bishop Johns, 46, partner, farmer, OH

1900: Elgin, Union County, Oregon, June 1, 1900; Powell Ownbey, head, Feb 1834, 66, m-14yrs, MO NC TN; Henrietta J., wife, Apr 1839, 61, m-14yrs, 5 children-5 living, IL OH OH, nurse;

Children of Powell Ownbey and Anna Whitely:

i. William P. Ownbey

b. 21 Feb 1879 Summerville, Union County, Oregon

d. Mar 1964

ii. Daisy Anna Ownbey

b. 13 May 1881 Summerville, Union County, Oregon

d.

5. Mary E. Ownbey

b. 10 Jun 1839 Buchanan County, MO

d. 19 Dec 1927 Baker County, Oregon

buried Mt. Hope Cemetery, Baker City, Baker County, Oregon

m1. 08 Jan 1854 Benton County, Oregon [divorced c1876]

William Clayton Jasper [1852]

b. 06 Nov 1834 Somerset, Pulaski County, Kentucky

d. 05 Oct 1908 Ephrata, Douglas County, Washington

m2. c1876

Mr. Baird/Beard

b.

d.

m3. 06/07 Jul 1878 Baker County, Oregon

Edward T. Borman

b. Aug 1831 Germany

d. 26 Sep 1908 Baker County, Oregon [Oregon Death Index]

buried Mt. Hope Cemetery, Baker City, Baker County, Oregon

m4. 28 Sep 1909 Baker County, Oregon

Albert H. Blake

b. 1842 Mass

d.

m5. 30 Sep 1912 Baker County, Oregon

Samuel B. Henderson

b. 1846 IN

d. 09 Sep 1924 Baker County, Oregon [Oregon Death Index]

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Nicholas, 8, MO; Lucy, 6, MO; Jesse, 26, farmer, MO

1860: Smith River Valley, Del Norte County, California, June 22, 1860; W.C. Jasper, 25,
farmer, \$5000 \$1500, KY; Mary, 22, MO; Sarah J., 4, OR; Wm. F., 2, OR

1870: Cove, Union County, Oregon, August 18, 1870; Wm. Cornell, 50, farmer, \$1500
\$700, VA; M. Jasper, 38, keeps house, \$0 \$300, MO; S.J., 14, at home, OR; W.F., 12, at

home, OR; N.J., 10, at home, CA; J.M., at home, OR; H. O., 5, at home, OR; G.E., 2, at home, OR

1880: Alder Creek, Baker County, Oregon, June 3, 1880; Edw. T. Borman, 48, farming, Saxonia Saxonia Saxonia; Mary, 40, wife, keeping house, MO KY KY; Emma Gaspa (Jasper), 11 stepdau, attending school, OR MO MO; Annie Gaspa (Jasper), 5, stepdau, OR MO MO

1900: South Baker, Baker County, Oregon, June 1-3, 1900; Edward T. Borman, head, Aug 1831, 68, m-47yrs (sic-22 yrs), Ger Ger Ger, miner; Mary, wife, Jun 1839, 60, m-47yrs (sic-22 yrs), 12-4, MO KY KY

1910: Baker City, Baker County, Oregon, April 30, 1910; Albert H. Blake, head, 68, m3-1yr, Mass Mass VT; Mary, 70, m3-1yr, 9-3, MO MO MO; Jessie Ownby, granddau, 13, s, OR OR OR; John C. Ownby, grandson, 10, OR OR OR

1920: Baker City, Baker County, Oregon, January 1920; Samuel B. Henderson, head, 76, IN GA PA; Mary, wife, 80, MO US US

Children of William Jasper and Mary Ownbey:

i. Nancy Caroll Jasper

b. 10 Oct 1854 Benton County, Oregon

d. 1855 Benton County, Oregon

ii. Sarah J. Jasper

b. 10 Nov 1855 Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon

d. 15 Jun 1931 Baker City, Baker County, Oregon

iii. William Franklin Jasper

b. 14 Dec 1857 Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon

d. 30 May 1927 Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington

iv. Charles M. Jasper

b. 14 Dec 1859 Oregon

d. 1860 Rogue River, Oregon

v. Nicholas J. Jasper

b. 10 Jul 1861 Oregon

d. 09 Jan 1879 Baker City, Baker County, Oregon

vi. John Merrill Jasper

b. 14 Dec 1863 Weiser, Washington County, Idaho

d. 14 Feb 1953 Valley County, Idaho

vii. Henry Oliver Jasper
b. 15 Jan 1866 Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon
d. 30 Dec 1878

viii. Gilla Emma Jasper
b. 15 Mar 1868 Oregon
d. 1900

ix. Isabell Melinda Jasper
b. 30 Sep 1871 Union County, Oregon
d. 15 Nov 1872 Union County, Oregon

x. Annie Jasper
b. 1875 Union County, Oregon
d.

6. Nicholas Ownbey
b. 01 Feb 1842 Buchanan County, Missouri
d. 13 Jan 1889 Union County, Oregon

m. 01 Feb 1866 Union County, Oregon
Louisa J. Zevely
b. 03 Sep 1848 Missouri
d. 11 Feb 1939 Merrill, Klamath County, Oregon
m2. 1898 Union County, Oregon Manuel S. Miller

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1860: Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon, June 22, 1860; Nicholas Owenby, 66, farmer and stock raiser, \$12,500 \$11, 005, NC; Lucy, 56, TN; Nicholas, 18, farm laborer, MO; Lucy, 15, MO

1870: Cove, Union County, Oregon, August 17, 1870; N. Ownbey, 27, farmer, \$400 \$150, MO; L.J., 19, keeps house, MO; L.J., 3, at home, OR; A.M., 1, at home, OR

1880: Cove, Union County, Oregon, June 17, 1880; Nicholas Owenbey (sic), 38, farmer, MO NC KY; Louisa, 29, wife, keeps house, MO MO MO; Lucy J., 18, dau, OR MO MO; Allexander, 11, son, OR MO MO; Alvin, 9, son, OR MO MO; Laurena, 6, dau, OR MO MO

Children of Nicholas Ownbey and Louisa Zeveryly:

- i. Lucy J. Ownbey
 - b. 1868 Union County, Oregon
 - d.
- ii. Alexander M. Ownbey
 - b. c1869 Union County, Oregon
 - d.
- iii. Alvin Ownbey
 - b. 07 Sep 1870 Union County, Oregon
 - d. 07 May 1941 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
- iv. Martin Ownbey
 - b. 1870 Union County, Oregon
 - d.
- v. Laurena Ownbey
 - b. c1874 Union County, Oregon
 - d.

7. Lucy Ownbey

- b. 05 Aug 1844 Buchanan County, MO
- d. Jun 1881 Union County, Oregon

- m. 05 Oct 1865 Benton County, Oregon
- W. John Elliott
- b. Jul 1831 Ohio
- d. 10 Oct 1901 Union County, Oregon

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1860: Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon, June 22, 1860; Nicholas Owenby, 66, farmer and stock raiser, \$12,500 \$11, 005, NC; Lucy, 56, TN; Nicholas, 18, farm laborer, MO; Lucy, 15, MO

1870: Cove, Union County, Oregon, August 18, 1870; C.W. Allen, 27, farmer, \$1000 \$0, MO; S., 18, keeps house, IA; S. Burrough, 23, farm hand, \$0 \$240, OH; J. Elliott, 37, farmer, \$800 \$1200, OH; L., 25, keeps house, MO; W.J. Elliott, 4, at home, OR; J.F. Elliott, 2, at home, OR; L. Elliott, 1, at home, OR

1880: Silver Lake, Union County, Oregon, June 8 & 9, 1880; John Elliot, 48, farmer, OH Scot PA; Lucy, 36, wife, very sick-spinal affliction, MO KY KY; William J., 13, son, OR

OH MO; James F., 12, son, OR OH MO; Mary L., 10, dau, OR OH MO; Robert E., 9, son, OR OH MO; Irena J., 7, dau, OR OH MO; Alonso M., 5, son, OR OH MO; Vesta A., 2, dau, OR OH MO

Children of W. John Elliott and Lucy Ownbey:

i. William J. Elliott

b. 07 Jul 1866 Cove, Union County, Oregon

d. 1886 Union County, Oregon

ii. James F. Elliott

b. 19 Jan 1868 Union County, Oregon

d. Feb 1938 Union County, Oregon

JAMES F. ELLIOTT.—The noble work that the pioneers did in the fertile section of the Grande Ronde valley remains as a stand-

ing testimony to their faithfulness, their ability, and their wisdom, and it is very gratifying that when they are called, one by one, from the scenes of their achievements to the rewards of another world, there is left behind a generation imbued with the same enterprise and willing hearts and strong hands to continue the worthy labor of development. As a prominent figure among this class of younger men, we are constrained to mention the estimable gentleman, whose name is at the head of this article, and who has manifested in his career here an ability and wisdom that are quite becoming a son of one of the oldest pioneers of this valley.

James F. was born in Union county, January 19, 1868, being the son of John and Lucy (Owensby) Elliott, natives respectively of Ohio and Missouri. The father came through Oregon in 1852, enroute for California, in which state he spent the years from that date until 1860 in mining. At this last date he came to the Grande Ronde valley and settled in the vicinity of the Cove, later purchasing property near Elgin, four miles southeast, where our subject is living at the present time. The elder Mr Elliott was one of the prominent men of the county and a successful farmer and stockraiser, having done commendable work in this valley for its development and advancement. On October 10, 1901, he was called from his labors and his remains repose in the Hyland cemetery, while his wife, who passed away in June, 1879, sleeps in the Alder cemetery near Enterprise. Mr. Elliott left an estate of eight hundred acres besides much stock and equipment. Seven children were the immediate descendants of this worthy couple, namely: William, who died in the fall of 1886, and is buried in the Hyland cemetery; James, Lora, Robert, Irene, E. Mead, and Vesta, all living at home. Our subject was active in the management of his father's estates, while the latter lived, and now is living on a

portion of the same, being a farm of four hundred and eighty acres. The entire estate is not yet settled up.

On December 22, 1896, our subject married Miss Stella, daughter of James and Barbara Brayton, in Union, this county, and to them were born two children, Josie and Frankie Estella. On January 9, 1902, death entered this happy household and took hence the loving wife and mother, leaving the bereaved ones to mourn. She was a woman of gracious qualities and was universally beloved. Mr. and Mrs. Brayton were old settlers of the Grande Ronde valley and their daughter was born November 30, 1878, in this county.

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iii. Mary Laura Elliott

b. 06 Jan 1871 Cove, Union County, Oregon

d. 03 May 1937 Elgin, Union County, Oregon

iv. Robert Elliott

b. c 1872 Union County, Oregon

d.

v. Flora Irene Elliott

b. c1873 Oregon

d.

vi. Alonzo Mead Elliott

b. 26 Apr 1875 Cove, Union County, Oregon

d. 10 Sep 1922 LaGrande, Union County, Oregon

ELONZO MEAD ELLIOTT.—Any compendium that purports to give in review the lives of the leading citizens of Union county would be open to serious criticism, were there failure to incorporate a resumé of the career of the young gentleman of whom we now have the privilege of writing, and who has the distinction of being a native son of the county, and having here received the educational training that has fortified him for the battle of life, being also well supplied with practical examples from a wise and upright father, mention of whom is made in another portion of the work, and it is with pleasure that we are enabled to chronicle that among

the younger men of the county there is found no more worthy, industrious and capable citizen than is he of whom we now speak.

Elonzo Mead was born on April 26, 1875, at Cove, being the son of John and Lucy (Owensby) Elliott. He always remained with his father until the latter's death, and then in connection with his brother Robert he is carrying on the farm where they live, three and one-half miles southeast from Elgin. The estate consists of three hundred and fifty-seven acres, and is well improved, having a fine dwelling and barns and outbuildings quite sufficient to supply the need of the farm. They give their attention to producing the fruits of the soil and raising stock, and they are numbered with the most enterprising men of Union county, as this farm eloquently testifies by its broad acres of well tilled soil and abundant returns at harvest, as also does the general appearance of thrift and taste manifested throughout the entire premises. The brothers have purchased a half-section of land, that is distinct from the father's estate, which was

of the princely proportions of eight hundred acres. From the records of the past we are fully warranted in predicting that our subject will continue to be one of the leaders of our best agriculturists and will with proper distinction to himself carry forward the noble work of his father in a manner creditable to that faithful pioneer.

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vii. Vesta "Bessie" Elliott

b. Oct 1878 Union County, Oregon

d. 01 Jun 1903 Union County, Oregon