



Mrs. Rudama Aryann Walter Miller
at Cold Spring, near Drain, Oregon

This appears to be the woman to whom Mom dedicated the "Trail to Oregon." She traveled the Trail in 1851 and was living at Cold Spring when Frederica was a girl.

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My mother was Frederica B. (Safley) Coons who wrote The Trail To Oregon that was published by Binford & Mort in Portland in 1954. Mom dedicated the book to Mrs. Miller who had been a neighbor to the Safley family during her childhood. I discovered the picture in a copy of Mom's book and began searching for the identity of the family in the picture seven years ago. I recently did a genealogical search for Rudama Miller and during that search on Ancestry.com, found the link to Find A Grave.com where Patsy Queen had posted the mystery picture. I have since exchanged messages and received additional pictures of Mrs. Miller's family from Patsy Queen. It is fun to know more about Mrs. Miller and to have history and pictures of the woman to whom Mother dedicated the book. As a girl who had traveled the Trail To Oregon in 1851, Mrs. Miller became an inspiration to one who later taught in the Eugene public schools and taught and wrote about the history of Oregon the rest of her life.

Larry Coons, for Pat, too. 5/31/13
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William and Rudama Aryann Miller and six sons

(Except for Monro on the left, order not known) Steven, Freddy, Ira,
Charlie and William C.

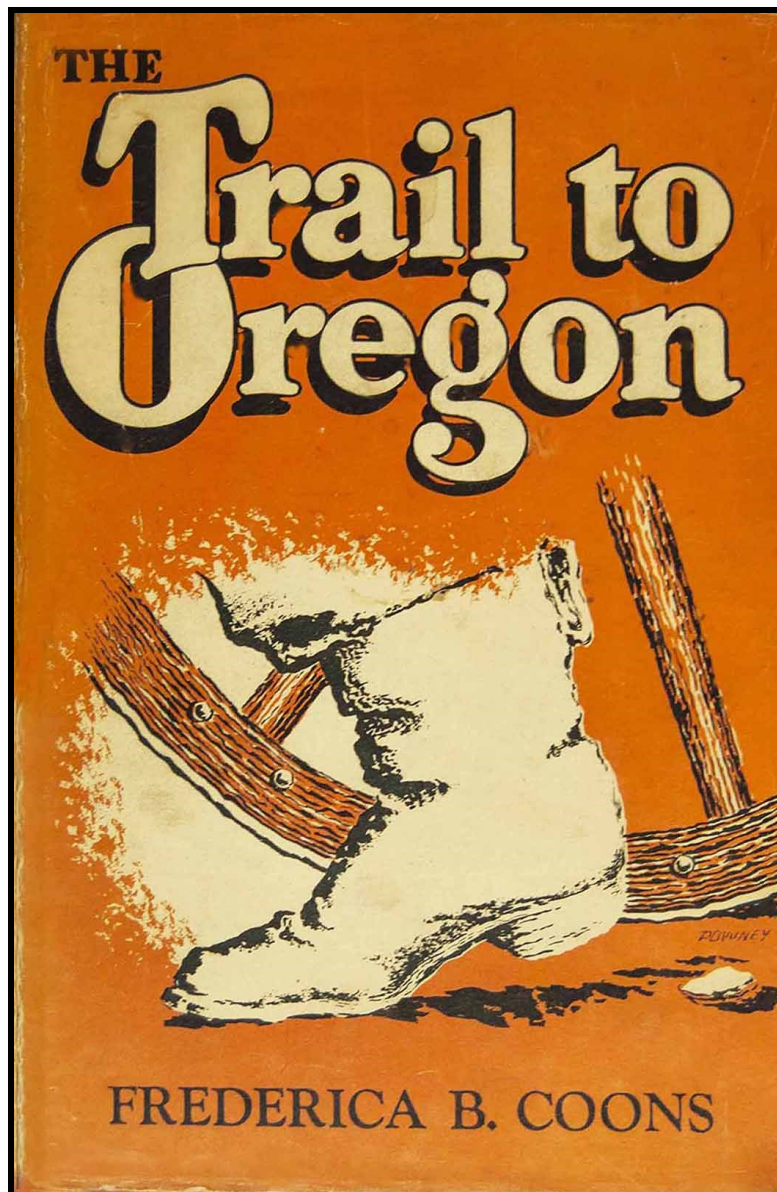
(The four daughters were Rhoda, Lucy, Daisy and Amy)

(We do not know date or location of this picture; it was found in one of the Trail to Oregon books)

This is the woman to whom Frederica decided the Trail to Oregon because she had come to Oregon by covered wagon in 1851 when she was five years old and lived at Cold Spring, Oregon, while Mom was young.

Larry came across the picture in 2006 with no identification on it and began searching for the identity of the family. It was not until 2013 when he began to work with another picture of Rudama that he found in a batch of negatives from the Loyd and Frederica Coons Collection that he made a connection. When he began to search for information about Rudama, Patsy Queen had posted the picture with William and Rudama identified in a posting under Find A Grave that included her death date and burial site at Leona. She had been born in 1846 in Ohio, come to Oregon in 1851, married in 1863, and passed on in 1934 at age 88.

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Dedicated to the memory of
MRS. RUDAMA ARYANN MILLER
who followed the trail to Oregon
in 1851

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The Trail To Oregon

1954

Dedicated to Rudama Aryann Miller

by Frederica B. Coons



(Frederica Bertha Safley)

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