

## Runa Mattoon Family

Pioneer of 1847

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Runa Mattoon

b. 05 May 1825 Cattaraugus County, New York  
d. 28 Jan 1898 Looking Glass, Douglas County, Oregon

m. 20 Jun 1852 Clackamas County, Oregon

Eliza Ann Trullinger [Pioneer of 1848]

b. 16 Apr 1838 Indiana

d. 26 Feb 1915 Walla Walla, Walla Walla County, Washington

buried Mountain View Cemetery, Walla Walla, Walla Walla County, Washington

d/o Daniel Trullinger and Elizabeth Amanda Johnson

[Runa Mattoon's first name was usually seen as "Runa," but was "Aruna" in 1850 census; "Aruna" in bio of son Albert; "Runa (Rooney)" in Lillian & Donald Mattoon book]

ODLC: #4184 Clackamas County, Runa Mattoon, b. 1825 Cattaraugus Co, NY; arrived Oregon 15 Oct 1847; settled claim 20 Jun 1852; m'd Eliza Ann 20 Jun 1852 Clackamas County, Oregon Territory; Adj. claim of Allen Mattoon. Aff: David Cutting, Frederick Helms, Albert Wright, John P. Mattoon.

1856: Clackamas County, Tax Roll, Runa Mattoon, Provisional and Territorial Record #12275

1856: Clackamas County, Census, Runa Mattoon, Provisional and Territorial Record #6913

1857: Clackamas County, Tax Roll, Runa Mattoon, Provisional and Territorial Record #12275A

1856: Clackamas County, Census, Runa Mattoon, Provisional and Territorial Record #7990

1858: Clackamas County, Tax Roll, Runa Mattoon, Provisional and Territorial Record #12275B

1859: Clackamas County, Tax Roll, Runa Mattoon, Provisional and Territorial Record #12275C

1859: Marion County, Tax Roll, Runa Mattoon, Provisional and Territorial Record #12277F

1860: Hardens Pct, Clackamas County, Oregon, July 20, 1860; Runa Mattoon (sic), 35, farmer, \$750 \$500, NY; Eliza A., 22, IN; Albert, 17, OR

1865: Marion County, Census, Ruma (sic) Mattoon, County Record p.044

1870: North Salem, Marion County, Oregon, June 21, 1870; R. Mattoon, 45, farmer, \$1200 \$100, NY; Eliza A., 32, keeps house, IN; Albert, 17, at school, OR; Herbert Lowe, 3, adopted child (crossed out), OR

A PIONEER OF 1847.—Another one of Clackamas county's early pioneers has passed away. Runa Mattoon, a pioneer of 1847, died at Looking Glass, Douglas county, a few days ago, aged 73. He arrived here with his parents and other members of the family during the latter part of the year 1847, and settled near Oregon City. In 1849 he followed the rush to the gold fields of California, and upon his return he took a donation claim on Clear Creek, 12 miles from this city. In 1852 he was united in marriage with Miss Eliza A. Trullinger, who survives him. They had a son, A. R. Mattoon, who was with his parents when the end came. He died of neuralgia of the heart. Mr. Mattoon removed to Douglas county in 1888, where he resided up to the time of his death.

[Oregon City Courier, Oregon City, February 18, 1898 p.1]

"Runa Mattoon moved with his parents and siblings to the Toledo, Ohio area when he was four years old. In 1836 they moved to Indiana, and then in May 1847 he started across the plains with ox teams to Oregon with his father, three brothers and four sisters with their families. They arrived about the first of November 1847, settling near Oregon City.

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He married Eliza A. Trullinger in 1852. Their child is Albert R. Mattoon. They moved to Looking Glass valley in Douglas county, Oregon in 1888." [The Plain Dealer, Roseburg, Oregon, February 10, 1898]

## WOMAN PIONEER 1848 DIES

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Mattoon Passes at Home Near Walla Walla.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Mrs. Elizabeth A. Mattoon, aged 77, who crossed the plains with her parents, Daniel and Elizabeth Trullinger, to Oregon Territory 67 years ago, died today at the home of her only son, A. R. Mattoon, three miles south of here.

She lived here 18 years. Mrs. Mattoon was born in Indiana in 1838, with her parents crossed the plains by ox-team in 1848, and in 1852 married Runa Mattoon. In addition to her son two grandsons, Arthur R. Mattoon, of Portland, and Fred V. Mattoon, of Seattle, survive. A brother, D. P. Trullinger, lives at Yamhill, Or. Mrs. Mattoon will be buried Sunday.

[Morning Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, February 28, 1915 p.3]

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[East Oregonian Evening Edition, March 4, 1915 p.3]

**WOMAN WHO CAME WEST IN  
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**Mrs. Eliza A. Mattoon.**

Mrs. Eliza A. Mattoon, who was born in Indiana, April 16, 1838, died at the home of her son near Walla Walla, February 26.

In 1848 she crossed the plains with her parents, Daniel and Elizabeth Trullinger, and settled in the Willamette Valley, 10 miles east of Salem. In 1852 she was married to Runa Mattoon. To this union one son was born, Albert R. Mattoon.

Mrs. Mattoon is survived by her son and two grandsons, Arthur R. Mattoon, of Portland, and Fred V. Mattoon, of Seattle, and one great-grandson, Paul Lionel, son of Arthur Mattoon, and one brother, D. P. Trullinger, of Yamhill.

[Sunday Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, March 7, 1915 p.11]

Child of Runa Mattoon and Eliza Trullinger:

1. Albert Runa Mattoon

b. 12 Jul 1853 Clackamas County, Oregon

d. 16 Aug 1939, Ft. Jones, Siskiyou County, California

m. Nancy J. (Braden) Knight 07 Nov 1880 Walla Walla County, Washington

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"Albert R. Mattoon is a representative farmer of Walla Walla county who deserves mention among the self-made men. He had no assistance when he started out in the business world but early realized that energy and effort will bring substantial results and by reason of his unfaltering diligence he has gained a place among the leading farmers of his section of the county. He was born in Oregon, July 12, 1853, and is the only child of Aruna (sic-Runa) and Eliza A. (Trullinger) Mattoon. The father was a native of the state of New York, while the mother was born in Indiana. It was in 1847 that they crossed the plains, making the journey with ox teams and taking up their abode near Oregon City, Oregon. Mr. Mattoon secured a donation claim, upon which not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made, and there he built a log cabin. The family lived in true pioneer style, for the work of progress and development had scarcely been begun in that region. The Indians far outnumbered the white settlers; the forests stood in their primeval strength; the streams were unabridged and the land uncultivated. Only here and there had some venturesome spirit penetrated into the wildernesses of the west in order to found a home and engage in business. Mr. Mattoon began the development of his farm and continued his residence in Oregon until his demise, but his widow afterward removed to Washington and spent her last days in Walla Walla county.

Albert R. Mattoon was reared and educated in Oregon and remained a resident of that state until 1878, when, at the age of twenty-five years he came to Washington and has since made his home in Walla Walla county save for a brief period. After taking up his abode in the city of Walla Walla he was there engaged in the implement business for fifteen years, ranking with its leading and representative merchants. He then sold his store and returned to Oregon, going first to Riddle, where he engaged in merchandising for seven years. He then disposed of his store at that place and removed to Portland, where he engaged in the real estate business until 1913, when he returned to Walla Walla. He then took up his abode upon the farm which he now resides, having sixty acres of land on which is raised corn, hay, wheat and garden produce. At the present time, however, he rents most of his land and is now practically living retired.

On the 7th of November, 1880, Mr. Mattoon was married to Mrs. Nancy Jane Knight, a native of Missouri, and to them have been born two sons: Arthur R., who is now living in Portland, Oregon; and Fred V., who is successfully engaged in the hotel business at Wenatchee, Washington. By her first marriage Mrs. Mattoon has one son, P.B. Knight, who resides in Walla Walla. She is a daughter of William Barlett and Mary (Weaver) Braden, natives of Kentucky and North Carolina respectively. They were married, however, in Tennessee, and from that state

removed to Illinois about 1838. Ten years later they went to Missouri, where Mr. Braden died in 1866. In 1872 Mrs. Braden came with her daughter to Walla Walla county, Washington, and here she passed away at the home of Mrs. Mattoon in 1887. She was the mother of twelve children, but only three now survive. In 1873 her daughter, Nancy Jane, became the wife of William C. Knight, who died about a year later.

In his political views Mr. Mattoon has always been a stalwart republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and he represented Douglas county, Oregon, for two years in the state legislature, during which period he was instrumental by his vote in electing John H. Mitchell to the office of United States senator. For some years he served on the school board and the cause of education has ever found in him a stalwart supporter. He also belongs to the Odd Fellows lodge at Roseburg, Oregon, and his life is an exemplification of its teachings concerning the brotherhood of man and the obligations thereby imposed. In all of his business career he has shown ready adaptability and resourcefulness, combined with energy and enterprise, and whatever he has undertaken he has carried forward to successful completion. The record which he has made is a very creditable one and his life history shows that success and an honored name may be won simultaneously." [History of Old Walla Walla County by Lyman p. 185-6]