

## Solomon Cusick

Pioneer of 1853

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b. 29 Dec 1814 Ulster County, New York

d. 06 May 1885 Scio, Linn County, Oregon

s/o Henry Cusick and Thamar (Conklin) Lewis Cusick (mother m1. Mr. Lewis)

buried Howell Prairie Cemetery, Howell Prairie, Marion County, Oregon

[Note: there was some controversy over whether he was buried at Howell Prairie or in Linn County. Cusick researcher, Kee Rogers, reporting on the parents of Solomon Cusick states: The father is Henry Cusick. His mother is Thamar Conklin. She married first Mr Lewis and had. 5 children. She married 2d Henry Cusick 9 more children. Some of the error in the fathers name comes from the 1830 censuses where Thamar Cusick's name looks like James. Henry died in 1827 leaving Thamar a widow.]

m. 22 Sep 1828 Wabash County, Illinois

Anna Marie Hollembeak {aka Hollenbeak, Hollenbeck)

b. 28 Jun 1811 Fayette County, Kentucky

d. 09 Apr 1862 Marion County, Oregon

buried Howell Prairie Cemetery, Howell Prairie, Marion County, Oregon

d/o Henry and Hannah Hallenbeck

ODLC: #2227 Linn Co; Solomon Cusick b. 1804 Ulster Co, NY; arr OR 01 Oct 1853; settled claim 30 Nov 1853; m'd Anna Maria 22 Sep 1828 Wabash Co, IL. Aff: Wm. G. Montgomery, Andrew J. Montgomery, David Smith, Wm. C. Cusick, Chamberlin Hoel.

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1880: Scio, Linn County, Oregon, June 21, 1880; Wm Montgomery, 37, farmer, KY ? TN; Mary L., 28, wife, IL NY OH; Olive, 17, dau, at school, OR; Oscar, 15, son, at school, OR; Roger, 13, son, OR; Howard, 11, son,

OR; Geo, 8, son, OR; Elva, 6, dau, OR; Lena, 4, dau, OR; Mary, 1, dau, OR; Solomon Cusick, father in law, NY NY NY

"Died---At 5 o'clock on Wednesday morning, May 6, 1885, at his residence at Scio, Linn county, Oregon, Solomon CUSICK, of Salem.

The remains will be interred in the Howell Prairie cemetery today. (Thursday). The deceased once owned the land where he will have his last resting place, and set it apart for a burying ground. Mr. CUSICK was a pioneer, having come to Oregon in 1853, and made this State his home since that time. He was in his 81st year at the time of his death. His wife went before him in 1862, and her resting place is beside that of her life companion to receive his remains today."

"Robert George & Solomon Cusick, 1853; brothers Robert George and Solomon Cusick emigrated with their families in 1853 from IL; Robert was Capt of the train; their mother, Thamar Conklin Cusick, age 82, came with them; the men made her a rocking chair of wood gathered along the way; she lived to be 93 years old; William Conklin, s/o Robert, was 11 years old and picked flowers for his mother as they traveled; the family settled near Scio where he attended LaCreole Academy and later Willamette University; he taught school for two years, then volunteered with the Union Army 1864-1866 and while there studied plant life; he returned to teaching but quit due to loss of hearing; he and his brother, Frank, moved to Union, OR where he bought a ranch and acquired plant specimens for his collection; he sold her herbarium of 10,000 specimens to University of Oregon when he was 71 years old; later he sold 3000 specimens to Washington State College; Cusick was an internationally known botanist." [Reflections of Oregon Pioneer Families, published by Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers 1994 p. 37]

"CUSICK, SOLOMON--Is a farmer, living in Scio, Linn County. He was born in New York, December 29, 1814; came to Oregon from Adams County, Illinois. Married Anna M. Hollenbeck. Their children are Henry, Eliza Jane, John W., William A., Harriet A., George W., Mary L., Martha E., and John Howard." [History of the Willamette Valley by Herbert Lang p. 801]

# Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Oregon Statesman, Salem, Oregon April 14, 1934 p.4

Mrs. Cusick and her pioneer relationships:

The passing on Tuesday, April 3, at her home, 219 West Lincoln street, Salem, of Mrs. Marcia L. Cusick, brings to mind her numerous pioneer and historic relationships, local, state and national.

Mrs. Cusick lived a long, interesting and useful life, extending through a span of 85 years, and was active up to the last. She came to Oregon at the age of 14 with her parents from Illinois. The family after a winter spent in Portland moved to a farm near Waconda; the famous old Waconda, not the present.

Her father was J. J. Williams. Her brother was John Williams, named for the father. The old Waconda, meaning god in one of the southwestern American Indian dialects, was the first overland stage station north of Salem, and the town flourished, with an ambitious Main street, and prosperous business houses, a brewery, lawyers, doctors, and all the rest. Its Main street is now the part of the Pacific highway running past the "Duck-in Inn," and the brewery was opposite what is now the Checkboard auto camp. Waconda was the important four-corners' place of the pioneer French prairie section, the east and west cross road there running to Parkersville and Fairfield respectively, now ghost towns, and Fairfield in the early days having been an important shipping point on the Willamette river.

The first time table of the Oregon & California (now Southern Pacific) railroad — the first one printed in Oregon — read from East Portland and to Waconda. It was issued Sept. 5, 1870, and John Williams, brother of the late Mrs. Cusick, was the station agent at Waconda, and he followed the line as it was built south, and so became the first agent at Roseburg, in 1872. He held that place, as agent, telegraph operator, etc., for about 30 years, under the O. & C. and, later, the Southern Pacific.

Dr. W. A. Cusick also came from Illinois, where he was born March 21, 1830, about 10 years prior to the birth of Marcia L. Williams, who was to become his wife.

His father was Solomon Cusick, his family tree running back to Ireland and the colonial period in America, first in New York; the grandfather going west to Illinois. The wife of this grandfather was Miss Conkling, of the family that produced Roscoe Conkling; and thus Dr. Cusick was related to that once most famous U. S. senator.

Solomon Cusick brought his family from Illinois, near Quincy, to Oregon in the covered wagon immigration of 1853, settling first near Scio, Linn county, and later on Howell prairie, Marion county. He had served in the war of 1812, and a brother of Dr. Cusick was a captain of the 50th Illinois Infantry in the Civil war. Another brother, J. W., one of the founders of Astoria, became a well known Albany banker. Another brother, G. W., became a physician, and died early, in Washington county, Oregon.

W. A. Cusick attended Dallas academy in 1859, Bethel college in 1860; taught school 18 months, spent an equal amount of time in the mines of Baker county, and in 1864 commenced the study of medicine in the office of Dr. J. W. McAfee, pioneer Salem physician; later attended medical college in San Francisco, and in 1867 graduated from the medical department of Willamette university, with the first class, of three members. Then for two years he

was post surgeon at Lyon, Idaho, after which he opened an office at old Wacenda, and there he married Miss Lucia L. Williams, the subject of this sketch.

Wacenda soon thereafter became a ghost town — was moved less than a mile away to Gervath on the coming of the railroad — and Dr. Cusick went with the town, and became and remained for several years one of the hardest riding and hardest worked of the old time physicians of Oregon, his practice extending for many miles in every direction.

He came with his family to Salem in 1882, and for a long time the Cusick home was at the southwest corner of Commercial and Center streets, where the Doolittle gas station is now. About 20 years ago he erected the fine family home at 219 West Lincoln. He died there 15 years ago. His funeral sermon, as was that of his widow, was preached by Rev. W. C. Kantner.

Dr. Cusick served Marion county in the Oregon legislature, session of 1884 and special session of 1885. He had extensive business interests; was a high Mason; was on the Salem school board when the Washington building was erected, now oldest of all in the district.

Mrs. Cusick was a charter member of Salem's Eastern Star lodge, of the Salem Women's club, the Thursday club, and was active in early church work; a large giver to the Salem General hospital.

Their daughter, Ethel E., became the wife of Dr. W. B. Morse of Salem, whose mother was a McHride, member of the famous early pioneer family which gave Oregon and the United States high provisional government, territorial and state officials, members of congress and judges. Dr. Morse's wife died early.

A sister of Mrs. Cusick, Lottie Williams, was married to Harvey J. Selden in Michigan. He having died, she came in 1874 and joined her people in Oregon. She was at the home of her brother, John Williams, at Roseburg, many years.

Her daughter, Marie Selden, was in the early days Roseburg's most gracious and popular singer. She was married to "Collie" Flint, son of the pioneer, A. R. Flint. He was named Samuel Collins for a great friend of his father's in his old Connecticut home, Samuel Collins of Collinsville, great axe manufacturer. "Collie" followed his father as a surveyor. He fixed the standard parallel that runs through Diamond lake. With William Humphrey, he established the first bank of Roseburg, the Douglas County bank, now the Douglas National, controlled by the Booths. The institution celebrated its 50th birthday last year. It is now probably southern Oregon's largest banking institution.

"Collie" Flint died young. His widow is now Mrs. Marie Flint McCall, grand lecturer for the Oregon State Grange, who has through giving her whole time to the office become one of the best known women in Oregon. Her home is on the Wallace road, in the suburbs of Salem.

Mrs. McCall was the favorite niece of Mrs. Cusick, next in her affection for her son-in-law, Dr. Morse, great support and comforter of her declining years. Other nieces are Mrs. Maude Babcock and Mrs. Carrie Devereaux of Portland; and nephews, L. G. Williams, Ray Selden Williams and Claire Williams, all of Portland, and Dr. Claud Williams of Los Angeles.

#### Children of Solomon Cusick and Anna M. Hollenbeck:

1. Henry Clark "Harry" Cusick [did not emigrate west]

b. 10 Jul 1831 Adams County, Illinois

d. 09 Feb 1870 Cass County, Missouri

m. 03 Sep 1853 Pike County, Illinois

Nancy Boulware

b. c1833 Illinois

c. 02 Apr 1888 Henry County, Missouri

WVGS: Howell Prairie Cemetery p.71

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1860: Liberty, Adams County, Illinois, June 2, 1860; Henry Cuseck (sic), 28, farmer, \$6000 \$1000, IL; Nancy, 27, IL; William H., 6, IL; Christiana, 3, IL; Lena, 1, IL [sister, Eliza Cusick Miller living next door]

2. Eliza Jane Cusick [did not emigrate west]

b. 12 Feb 1833 Adams County, Illinois

d. 10 Jun 1896 New York

m. 13 Nov 1848

Gottlieb Miller

b. 1826 Germany

d.

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3. John Wickliff Cusick

b. 28 May 1835 Adams County, Illinois

d. 13 Jun 1910 Albany, Linn County, Oregon

buried Masonic Cemetery, Albany, Linn County, Oregon

m. 05 Dec 1866 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

Salome Susanna Peebler

b. 21 Dec 1847 Jefferson County, Iowa

d. 27 Aug 1936 Forest Grove, Washington County, Oregon

d/o David and Susan (Imbler) Peebler

Marr: Marion #927 J.W. Cusick and Salome Peebler m'd 05 Dec 1866 at Lincoln House in Multnomah Co; A.F. Waller, M.G.

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1865: Marion Co, OR Census; J.W. Cusick

1870: East of Deschutes River, Wasco County, Oregon, August 18, 1870; John W. Cusick, 35, farmer, \$500 \$2495, IL; Salome, 22, keeping house, IA; Edward, 3, OR; Charles, 1, OR

"J.W. Cusick, a banker and influential citizen of Albany, Oregon, was born in Adams county, Illinois, in 1835. His father, Solomon Cusick, was a native of New York, and directly descended from that celebrated Holland family, Ameka Jans, who was among the early settlers of New York city. His father married Maria llolembeak, of Pennsylvania, and about 1820. emigrated to Wabash county, Illinois, and six years later, in 1826, went to Adams county, of the same State, where he followed farming, until the spring of 1853 when he sold his farm to join the emigration to Oregon, he started with four wagons and eighteen yoke of oxen, six horses and sixty head of young cattle. He and his wife, with five children, composed the family, with sufficient hired men to drive the teams and cattle. They joined the Illinois train, numbering twenty-ono wagons and eighty people. Robert George Cusick, Solomon's brother, was elected captain of the train. Their progress was pleasant and uninterrupted until they reached Snake river, where they lost nine yoke of oxen from alkali poison, but with plenty of loose cattle to take their place, they continued their journey without delay to the Dalles, and thence by river and trail to the mouth of the Sandy, and from theredrove to Oregon City. There they arrived on September 17, 1853, with nine yoke of oxen, six horses, all the loose cattle, and the entire family, all in good health, and the family duly grateful for their safe and successful journey. As they drove through Oregon City, the merchants came out and presented to them some little gift, and our subject remembers them with pleasure. The family proceeded to the fork of the Santiam river, where they located on 620 acres and commenced to look about for some means of supplying themselves with food, as they were out of supplies and money. and wheat was selling for \$6 a bushel.

Our subject was educated at Barry College, Illinois, with a brief period of study in the Santiam school, which was conducted by W. R. Bishop. He found little time for study, however, as after helping to get the family settled, he went to Salem, where he secured employment for a \$1 a day for fair days and no pay but board for rainy ones. The days were principally rainy, through the winter, still, he made sufficient money to buy new clothes and a pair of boots.

In 1855 he engaged in the stock business on the Santiam river, continuing there until 1857, when he sold out. He then went to Corvallis with R. G. Simmons, where they bought a small livery stable, which they renovated, enlarged and operated until 1860. Our subject then sold out his interest and bought a herd of seventy horses, which he drove to eastern Oregon, selling them at a good profit. He then, in 1862, went to the Salmon river mines, which proved unprofitable. He next purchased a pack train, and packed from Umatilla to Boise, Idaho, until 1865, when he sold out and returned to the Willamette valley.

He was married in Portland in 1866, to Miss Salome Peebler, daughter of David Peebler, a pioneer of 1853. Mr. Cusick then purchased some goods in Portland and started a small store at Sublimity, which he conducted until 1869. he then again entered the stock business, removing to eastern Oregon, where he and his family resided until 1870, when, still continuing his stock interests, he located at Lebanon where, in partnership with C. B. Montague, he engaged in the mercantile business. He continued in this business until 1881, then devoting his attention more exclusively to the stock business. He also sold out of this interest in 1884 and moved to Albany, where, in company with J. L. Cowan, he started the private banking business of Cowan & Cusick. They continued this enterprise until 1888 when Mr. Cusick retired from the firm. In 1891 he erected a fire-proof building for banking purposes, and on February 10, 1892, started the private banking house of J. W. Cusick & Company, the firm being composed of himself and his two sons. Here they engaged in a general banking business.

Mr. and Mrs. Cusick have four children: Edward D. and Charles H., who are with the bank; and two younger sons, Harry B. and Eugene who are attending school. Besides his residence property on the corner of Lyon and Eighth streets, he owns other valuable town property.

He is a Republican in politics and in 1888 was elected a delegate to the National Convention in Chicago, which nominated Benjamin Harrison for President. He is a knight Templar, a member of the F. & A.M. and belongs to the I.O.O.F. and Emcampment.

He is essentially a self-made man and has by honorable and persevering effort acquired a competence. He is liberal-minded and public-spirited, and has the interest of his favorite city and State much at heart." [An Illustrated History of Oregon by Rev. H.K. Hines p. 735-6]

CUSICK, J. W., of Albany, was born near Quincy, Adams County, Illinois, May 28, 1837, and came to Oregon in 1853, locating in Linn County. He traveled around the state doing anything he could get till 1866, when he embarked in the merchandise business at Aumsville, Marion County. He afterwards engaged in the cattle business in Wasco County until 1884. In 1885 he engaged in the banking business in Albany in the firm of Cowan & Cusick, and is now in the firm of J. W. Cusick &

Co. He has been a delegate to county and state conventions for fourteen years, and was a delegate to the national convention in 1888.

[Republican League Register p. 197-8]

4. William Asa Cusick

b. 21 Mar 1837 Adams County, Illinois

d. 14 Jun 1919 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

buried Salem Pioneer Cemetery, Salem, Marion County, Oregon

m. 13 Oct 1869 Marion County, Oregon

Marcia L. Williams

b. 21 Aug 1850 Chicago, Cook County, Illinois

d. 03 Apr 1934 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

buried Salem Pioneer Cemetery, Salem, Marion County, Oregon

d/o John J. Williams and Marcia Amah

Marr: Marion Co #1190; Mr. William A. Cusick and Miss Marcia M. Williams 13 Oct 1869 at house of Dr. Williams

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"Mrs. Marcia M. Cusick at the residence, 210 West Lincoln street, Tuesday, April 3, at the age of 85 years. Survived by the following nieces and nephews; Mrs. Marie Flint McCall, Salem, Mrs. Maude Babcock and Mrs. Carrie Deverau of Portland, L. G. Williams, Ray Seiden Williams and Claire Williams, all of Portland, and son-in-law, Dr. W. B. Morse, Salem. Funeral services will be held from the chapel of Clough-Barrick company, Thursday, April 5, at 10:30 a.m., Dr. W. C. Kantner officiating. Interment I.O.O.F. cemetery, Friends invited to all services." [Oregon Statesman, Salem, Oregon, April 5, 1934 5:1]

"CUSICK, W. A., M.D.--Doctor Cusick was born in Illinois in 1847 (sic), and was brought to Oregon by his parents at the age of six years. The family settled in Linn County, where some of its members still reside. After several years of study of the various branches of medicine, in the offices and under the charge of the most capable practitioners of the Willamette Valley, Dr. Cusick acquired an excellent professional education and obtained a diploma. For several years succeeding he practiced at Gervais, in company with Dr. M. A. Flinn. At a later date he removed to Salem and located permanently. His practice is very extensive and is justified by his reputation as a physician of great attainments, good judgment and conscientious attitude. With such qualifications he has acquired the respect and good-will of his fellow-citizens, whose appreciation has been shown by his election to the Legislature in 1884. Dr. Cusick was married in 1869, to Miss M. M. Williams. They have one child Ethel Elaine." [History of the Willamette Valley by Herbert Lang p. 801]

"HON. W. A. CUSICK, M. D., who has represented his district in the state legislature, and has gained prestige in the practice of medicine and surgery in Oregon, now makes his home in Salem, while for half a century he has resided in the state. His life history began in Illinois, his birth having occurred near Quincy, in that state, March 21, 1839. His parents were Solomon and Maria (Hollemeak) Cusick, the former of Irish and the latter of German descent. Representatives of the Cusick family came from the Emerald Isle to America during the colonial period, settling in New York, and Dr. Cusick's grandfather removed from the Empire state to eastern Illinois, where his death occurred. His wife was a Miss Conkling, of New York, a member of the family which produced Roscoe Conkling, for many years United States senator from New York.

Solomon Cusick was born in New York, and was a farmer by occupation. After engaging in the tilling of the soil near Quincy, Ill., he crossed the plains with an ox train, being exactly six months on the way. Soon after reaching Oregon he purchased a farm in Linn county, near Scio, and seven years later he sold it and purchased land in Marion county, where he resided until his retirement from business cares. In religious faith he was a Baptist. His wife died on the old homestead. She was born in Kentucky, a daughter of Harry and Hannah Hollemeak, who removed from that state to Illinois, where he engaged in farming. He served as a soldier in the war of 1812. Unto Solomon and Maria Cusick were born four daughters and five sons. One of these, Harry, enlisted in the Fiftieth Illinois Infantry, served throughout the Civil war, and rose from the rank of lieutenant to that of captain. He died in Missouri. Seven of the children came to Oregon, and three sons and a daughter are yet living: J. W., a banker, of Albany, Ore. ; W. A.; J. H., a stockman, of Washington, and Mrs. M. L. Trask, of Linn county. Ore. Another brother, G. W., who died in Washington county. Ore., was a graduate of the medical department of the University of Oregon.

Reared on the home farm in Illinois, during that period Dr. Cusick spent the winter months in the district schools, resuming farm work with the return of spring. In 1853 he came with the family to the northwest, he and his brothers driving the loose stock. They crossed the Missouri river at St. Joseph, proceeding up the Platte and over the Oregon trail, After reaching this state he remained with his father for two years, and then started out in life for himself. He attended the district schools and worked upon the farms of the locality; and in 1859, being desirous of obtaining a better education, he entered Dallas Academy. In 1860 he matriculated in Bethel College, in Bethel, Polk county. Ore. Later he engaged in teaching for eighteen months, after which he spent a similar period in the mines of Baker county. Ore. In 1864, having determined to make the practice of medicine his life work, he began studying under the direction of Dr. McAfee, of Salem, with whom he remained for two years, and then entered the Toland Medical College at San Francisco, the course in which he completed in 1867. He then became a member of the first class in the medical department of Willamette University, being graduated in the fall of 1867, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. There were but three members in the class of that year, and the name of Dr. Cusick appears first in the book of graduates in medicine in Oregon. Soon after the completion of his studies, he received an appointment as acting assistant surgeon and post-surgeon at Camp Lyon. Idaho, where he remained two years, after which he located at Gervais, or Waconda, where he was engaged continuously in the practice of his profession until 1882. In the latter year he located



in Salem, where he has since maintained an office, enjoying a large and constantly increasing practice, which now makes heavy demands upon his time. He has had other business interests, to some extent. He was identified with the Capital National Bank for about ten years, and was its president for some time, but eventually disposed of his interest in that institution.

Dr. Cusick was married in Marion county to Miss Marcia L. Williams, a native of Illinois, who, in 1864, came to Oregon with her father, J. J. Williams, who followed farming. He and his wife have a daughter, Ethel E., who is now the wife of Dr. Willis B. Morse, a promising physician of Salem. His father, W. B. Morse, was born in Massachusetts, became a sea-faring man, and when twenty-one years of age was master of a vessel. In 1844 he made his first trip to the Columbia river, and settled permanently on the Pacific coast in 1849. His death occurred at St. Helens. On the maternal side Dr. Morse is a grandson of Dr. James McBride, who brought his family across the plains to Oregon in 1840, and became one of the most distinguished of the early physicians of the state. Dr. Morse is a graduate of the medical department of Willamette University, class of 1891, and of the Post Graduate College of New York, class of 1893.

Dr. Cusick has long been recognized as an earnest and active Republican. In 1884 he was elected to the state legislature, in which he served during the regular session of that year, and the special session of 1885. During the regular session the first attempt was made to enact a law regulating the practice of medicine in the state, but, as several who were interested in the measure were called home about the time it was brought to a vote, it did not become a law. Dr. Cusick was instrumental in defeating certain measures which would have worked great detriment to the state, and he labored earnestly and effectively for the general good of the commonwealth. For four years he served on the United States Pension Board, for two years was visiting physician to the state asylum, and for four years has been the attending physician to the state prison. He is a member of the Marion County Medical Society, and for several years he was a member of the board of directors of the public schools of Salem. For a time, he served as president of the board and was acting in that capacity when the East Salem school was erected. He was made a Mason in Fidelity Lodge No. 54, A. F. & A. M., at Gervais, with which he is still identified, and he took the Royal Arch degree in Salem. His wife is a member of the Order of Eastern Star.

The contemporaries of Dr. Cusick freely accord him a place among the most distinguished exponents of the science of medicine in the Pacific northwest. His splendid equipment for the profession and the long years of his active practice, with its attendant success, naturally entitle him to a position of eminence. He has not rested content with the foundation of his early preparation, but has been a constant student in his chosen science, and has kept fully abreast of the best thought in the world of medicine and surgery.

.Among the laity he is recognized as a gentleman of sterling character, possessed of many of those personal attributes which endear a man most closely to thoughtful and discriminating judges of human nature. His position in the community as a man, as well as a physician, is unassailable, and from any viewpoint he is entitled to a permanent and prominent place in the historical literature of the Willamette valley." [Portrait and Biographical Record of the Willamette Valley p. 584-7]

5. Harriet Amanda Cusick [did not emigrate west]

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d. 24 May 1852 Adams County, Illinois

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6. Robert G. Cusick

b. 1840 IL

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7. George W. Cusick

b. 04 Apr 1842 Adams County, Illinois

d. 03 Apr 1895 Tualatin, Washington County, Oregon

m. 22 May 1861 Marion County, Oregon

Sarah Olive Stayton

b. 26 Sep 1841 Platte County, Missouri

d. 03 Apr 1915 Clackamas County, Oregon

1865: Marion Co, OR Census; Geo. W. Cusick

1870: Sublimity, Marion County, Oregon, August 13, 1870; Geo W. Cusick, 29, carpenter, \$0 \$150, IL; Sarah, 28, keeps house, MO; Wm, 8, OR; Ellen, 6, OR; Frank, 3, OR

8. Mary Lovina Cusick

b. 04 Apr 1842 Adams County, Illinois

d. 08 May 1921 Stayton, Marion County, Oregon

m. 18 Oct 1855 Scio, Linn County, Oregon

William Grimes Montgomery

b. 20 May 1834 Ballard County, Kentucky

d. 01 Jan 1894 Linn County, Oregon

m2. c1895 Linn County, Oregon

John Bligh Trask

b. May 1831

d. 09 Aug 1909

m1. Julatha Neal (1841-1893)

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1880: Scio, Linn County, Oregon, June 21, 1880; Wm Montgomery, 37, farmer, KY ? TN; Mary L., 28, wife, IL NY OH; Olive, 17, dau, at school, OR; Oscar, 15, son, at school, OR; Roger, 13, son, OR;

Howard, 11, son, OR; Geo, 8, son, OR; Elva, 6, dau, OR; Lena, 4, dau, OR; Mary, 1, dau, OR; Solomon Cusick, father in law, NY NY NY

1900: Fox Valley, Linn County, Oregon, June 21, 1900; John B. Trask, head, May 1832, 68, m-43 yrs, NY NY NY, farmer; Mary L., wife, Apr 1849, 50, m-44yrs, 12-12 children, IL NY KY; Elva M. (Montgomery), dau, Apr 1874, 26, s, OR KY IL, servant; Horace, son, Mar 1864, 36, s, OR NY IN, drover; Arthur J., son, Oct 1872, 27, s, OR NY IN, merchant

1910: Scio, Linn County, Oregon, April 2, 1910; Mary L. Trask, 68, 12-10 children, IL NY KY, own income; Elva Montgomery, dau, 35, s, OR KY IL, housekeeper-private family; Frank Montgomery, son, 28, s, OR KY IL

1920: East Stayton, Marion County, Oregon, January 3, 1920; Mary L. Trask, 77, wid, IL NY IL, none; Elva Montgomery, dau, 45, s, OR KY IL, none

#### 9. Martha Elizabeth Cusick

b. 27 Jan 1844 Adams County, Illinois

d. 01 Oct 1868 Linn County, Oregon

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

m. 01 Jan 1865 Washington County, Oregon

Obediah Waddle Richardson

b. 07 Oct 1830 Adams County, Illinois

d. 19 Feb 1908

m2. 05 May 1872 Mary E. Fields

m3. 05 Jul 1890 Mrs. Mary A. Stone

Marr: Marion Co #741 C.W. Richardson of Linn Co & Martha E. Cusick 01 Jan 1865 at house of Solomon Cusick

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#### 10. John Howard Cusick

b. 1850 Illinois

d. aft 1870

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1870: Fort Crook PO, Shasta County, California, August 25, 1870; Solomon Cusick, 65, stock raiser, \$0 \$2000, NY; John H., 19, stock herder, IL