

Thomas Kincaid

Pioneer of 1853

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Thomas Kincaid

b. 27 Jul 1800 Greenbriar County, Virginia

d. 20 Nov 1866 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

buried Masonic Cemetery, Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

s/o Francis Kincaid and Mary Polly Withrow

m. c 1835 Butler County, Ohio

Nancy Chodrick

b. 07 Jul 1816 Butler County, Ohio

d. 07 Nov 1912 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

buried Eugene Pioneer Cemetery, Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

m2. T. S. Riddle

1800: Greenbriar County, Virginia

1817: Indiana

1836: Madison County, Indiana

1844: Appanoose County, Iowa

1845: St Francis, Arkansas

1846: Memphis, Tennessee

1847: Madison County, Indiana

1853: Oregon Territory

Most early Willamette Valley settlers also had to improvise. The Thomas Kincaid family settled near Eugene in late 1853 after an arduous journey overland from Indiana. Kincaid, 53, and his 17-year-old son, Harrison, built a one-room log cabin.

It was sparsely and crudely furnished. The family had little money. Food available for Christmas included flour, potatoes, some dried fruit, a little brown sugar and some bacon.

There was little to make Christmas merry for two younger Kincaid children, Rebecca Ann, 13, and Elizabeth, 10. But their brother had saved some paper bags which were inflated and would pop with a bang when punctured. He fashioned a mask from twigs and dry grass. And, the family recalled later, his antics by pitchlight especially delighted his sisters.

[Oregonian, Saturday, December 25, 1976 p. A10 excerpt from article Oregon's Past]

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ANOTHER OF OUR OLD SETTLERS GONE.—On the 22nd inst. an old resident of this place, Thomas Kincaid, died. He was a good man, in whose death, all feel a loss. His long life has been an exemplification of the sterling virtues, honesty, truth and integrity, setting such an example as made his life useful and the world better by his having lived in it. He was born in Greenbrier County, Virginia, in the year 1800, from where he removed to Indiana in 1820, where he remained until he immigrated to Oregon in 1853; settling in Lane County in the fall of that year, and there continuing to reside to the day of his death. His age is 66 years, 3 months, and 27 days.

[Oregon State Journal, Eugene, Oregon, Saturday, November 24, 1866 p.3]

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MRS. KINCAID IS BURIED

MOTHER OF EX-SECRETARY OF
STATE PIONEER OF '53.

Aged Woman Enjoyed Life in Own
Way in Eugene With Children
Near Her.

EUGENE, Or., Nov. 7.—(Special.)—Funeral services were held today for Mrs. Nancy Riddle Kincaid, mother of ex-Secretary of State Harrison R. Kincaid, and a pioneer of 1853. Mrs. Kincaid died at the family home in Eugene on Monday, aged 96 years, 3 months and 27 days.

Nancy Chodrick, who was born in Butler County, Ohio, removed with her parents to the thickly timbered wilderness of Indiana, near where the City of Indianapolis now stands. A small farm was cleared and there the Chodricks lived all their lives. In 1831 Nancy was married to Thomas Kincaid, whose Scotch parents had come from Ireland in Colonial times.

Thomas and Nancy Kincaid had born to them nine children, seven of whom were born in Indiana, one in Iowa and one at their home in Eugene. Three died in infancy and four of the others have since passed away. Harrison R.

the eldest, and Elizabeth M. Gale, the only children surviving, now reside in Eugene.

She has resided in a house on a six-acre tract near the middle of Eugene during the last 50 years and has in all that time refused to visit the coast or Portland or any place outside of the Willamette Valley. She visited the State Fair at Salem in a wagon before the railroad was built, nearly 50 years ago, but that is the limit of her traveling since crossing the plains 58 years ago. Until a few years ago she had seven or eight pet deer in a park on the lot, and had a chicken park and raised dozens of chickens every year.

She lived alone nearly all the time of her own choice and did her own housework. She attended to feeding the chickens and gathering the eggs. Her son, who is 20 years her junior, usually dined with her every day, she preparing the meals, and her daughter usually passed an hour or more with her every afternoon and the neighbors frequently called to talk over familiar matters or to get information concern-

ing pioneers of Eugene history, for she had a wonderful memory and remembered everything that had come into her whole life of 96 years. Her mind was as clear and bright as it ever was. She seemed to be young and nearly in as good condition physically and mentally as 50 years ago. She was small, about 5 feet tall, and did not weigh more than 115 pounds.

About 12 years after her husband passed away she married T. S. Riddel, a few years her senior, who came out from Illinois. He passed away about 12 or 15 years ago. But she preferred

to retain and was almost uniformly known by her family name, the name of her children, Kincaid.

Children of Thomas Kincaid and Nancy Chodrick:

1. Harrison Rittenhouse Kincaid

b. 03 Jan 1836 Madison County, Indiana

d. 07 Oct 1920 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

buried Eugene Pioneer Cemetery, Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

m. 29 Sep 1873 Macomb, Macomb County, Michigan

August Alberta Lockwood

b. 03 Sep 1852 Macomb, Macomb County, Michigan

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1880: Washington, District of Columbia, June 7, 1880; Harrison R. Kincaid, 44, editor, IN VA OH; Gussie A., 28, wife, keeping house, MI NY NY

1910: Eugene Ward 2, Lane County, Oregon, May 22, 1910; Harrison Kincaid, head, 76, m-36yrs, IN NY NY, retired; Augusta, wife, 52, m-36yrs, 1-1, MI NY NY; Hattie Workman, domestic, 18, s, OR OR IA, servant; Clara Johnson, boarder, 18, s OR IL NY, laborer-laundry

1920: Eugene Ward 2, Lane County, Oregon, January 2 & 3, 1920; Harrison R. Kincaid, 83, IN WV OH, agent-real estate; Augusta A., wife, MI NY NY



[History of the Pacific Northwest Vol 2 p. 318a]

HARRISON RITTENHOUSE KINCAID.—

This well-known journalist of Oregon, the emanations of whose pen have appeared either originally or as selections in almost every newspaper of the state, is the eldest son of Thomas and Nancy Kincaid, pioneers of 1853, and was born in Madison county, Indiana, January 3, 1836. At the age of seventeen he came with his parents to our state, and with them made his home in Lane county. Among his early labors was work on the mill-race at the present site of Springfield.

In 1855 he made a trip to Southern Oregon to operate in the mines, but was soon after driven out by the Indians. He was led by this venture to a journey on foot to Crescent City and a voyage the next season to San Francisco in a little steamer known as the *Goliah*. The wandering life of the miner was hereupon assumed; and manual labor of all kinds was resorted to as a temporary means of support. The typography, general resources and society of California on the American, Sacramento and Yuba rivers, and at length at San Francisco, were very thoroughly examined. From the Golden City he returned to his home in Oregon in 1857, and, being desirous of improving the home place, set to work logging with oxen, and thereby obtained from the mill sufficient lumber to build a house into which his father's family moved and made their home in 1860.

In 1859-60 he attended what was known as Columbia College, which held its sessions in a stone building on a hill a mile south of Eugene. Among his classmates were Joaquin Miller, W. H. Byers, J. J. Blevans, J. F. Watson and J. B. Matlock.

His career as printer and journalist began during the breezy, political days of 1860; and his first work in type-setting was done on the *People's Press*, a Republican paper published at Eugene by Joel Ware. It was the recognized organ of the party throughout the county. In 1862-63 he entered the office of the *State Republican* as compositor, and also assisted in editorial writing. During the summer of the latter year he took a rough journey

across the Cascade Mountains with a pack train, passing over snow ten feet deep on the north side of the Three Sisters, and at Cañon City made the acquaintance of Thomas H. Brents, since distinguished as delegate from Washington Territory to the United States Congress. Returning to Eugene in the autumn, he found work on a little paper, *The Union Crusader*, published by a man of radical opinions, a Universalist preacher, A. C. Edmunds. While employed at the desk, he also composed the political editorials of the paper; and in 1864, out of this as a nucleus, with the pecuniary help of others, he founded the Republican paper, the *Oregon State Journal*, a name known the whole state over. Of this journal he has been editor and proprietor for more than twenty-five years. During the first year he had Joel Ware as partner; from 1866 to 1869 he was assisted by his brother John S. Kincaid as business manager, and thereafter until the death of the latter in 1873 as associate editor. He was also aided in his undertaking by his youngest brother, Geo. S. Kincaid, as publisher and associate editor, and received him into the business as partner in 1882, but was also deprived of his companionship by death in 1885.

In the political field Mr. Kincaid has been very prominent,—one of the stalwart Republicans. He has several times represented the Republicans as delegate in the county and state conventions, and in the national conventions,—at Chicago in 1868, and at Philadelphia in 1872. In 1870 he was nominated for state printer over Henry Denlinger of the *Statesman* and H. L. Pittock of the *Oregonian*, and, although not successful, was beaten by the smallest majority of any on the ticket,—493 in a total vote of 22,809. In 1866 he took a tour with Congressman Henderson and others to the Capital by way of San Francisco, Panama and New York, experiencing off Cuba the peril of fire on shipboard, from which the vessel narrowly escaped destruction. He spent the winter following at Washington, and in the autumn of 1867 visited nearly all the important cities at the East, happening also to be on the steamboat *Dean Richmond*, which was run into and sunk by the *Vanderbilt* on the Hudson. With the rest of the passengers he escaped with no loss but that of baggage.

Attending upon the Republican national convention in 1868, he visited his old home in Indiana, and the next year was appointed, by recommendation of Senators Williams and Corbett, as one of the clerks of the senate, and retained that position for ten consecutive years, until the change of officers on political grounds. During that period he wrote editorials and letters for his own paper, and part of the time was regular correspondent of the *Oregonian*, and later of the *Bulletin*, of Portland, and of the *Sentinel* of Jacksonville. While thus at the national Capital, he had rare opportunities, such as are always enjoyed by men of culture, to visit points of interest in the United States, and spent as many as six vacations at his home in Eugene.

He was married in Wichohat county, Michigan, in 1873, to Miss Augusta A., youngest and thirteenth child of Stephen and Diana Lockwood. In 1881 they returned to Oregon and have since resided at

Eugene, where their first child, a son, was born September 19, 1889, in the house where the family has lived since 1860.

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Mrs. Dorothy E. (Hills) Kincaid
Webster Lockwood Kincaid
Harrison Rittenhouse Kincaid Jr

Harrison R. Kincaid

Mrs. Augusta A. (Lockwood) Kincaid

Mrs. Nancy (Chodrick) Kincaid

FOUR GENERATIONS



"HON. HARRISON RITTENHOUSE

KINCAID. Long a leader of public thought and action, Hon. Harrison Rittenhouse Kincaid has left his impress in notable measure upon the history of Eugene and of Oregon at large. His labors have taken tangible form in support of progressive measures, and many specific incidents may be cited where advancement has been greatly conserved directly through his efforts. He was long identified with the Oregon State Journal, the oldest weekly newspaper in the state owned by one party, and in addition to the duties which the management of this paper entailed his work of a public nature has been of far-reaching and beneficial effect.

Judge Kincaid has now passed the seventy-sixth milestone on life's journey. He was born in Madison county, Indiana. January 3, 1836, and is the eldest of a family of seven children. With the exception of his sister, Elizabeth M. Gale, the widow of James M. Gale, formerly a noted newspaper man and owner, but now deceased, and himself, all have passed away. The Kincaids come of Scotch-Irish ancestry, the first American representative locating in Virginia, where Francis Kincaid, the grandfather, was born. It was subsequent to Francis Kincaid's marriage that he moved westward to Madison county, Indiana, and with his family settled eighteen miles northeast of Indianapolis. He became one of the pioneer farmers of that state. His son, Thomas Kincaid, was born in Greenbrier county, Virginia, in 1800, and there spent the first seventeen years of his life, after which he accompanied his parents to the Hoosier state. His business training was of a most practical character. He aided in the various duties of the farm and also learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed in connection with general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire life. Moreover, he possessed notable musical ability, becoming an

excellent performer on the violin, and thus he added not only to his own pleasure but also greatly to the happiness and enjoyment of others. He was ever wide awake, alert and progressive man, deeply interested in the important questions of the day whether of a local or national character, and while a resident of Indiana he became captain of a company of a company of state militia. No duty of citizenship was ever neglected by him and his political allegiance was given to the republican party, which was formed to prevent the further extension of slavery, of which he was a strong opponent. He was small of stature but was vigorous and active and was a great runner. Pioneer life proved attractive to him, as it had to his ancestors, and with the intention of establishing his home on the frontier of Texas he started for the southwest but in St. Louis met a friend who induced him to choose Iowa as a place of location. He accordingly became a resident of Appanoose county, where he spent the winter, which was a severe one and fixed his determination of becoming a resident of Texas. In April, 1845, he set out once more for the south but in Van Buren, Arkansas, he met so many who were returning that he became discouraged and went east to St. Francis, Arkansas, where he spent the winter. After a short sojourn at Memphis, Tennessee, he returned to Madison county, Indiana, and occupied his old home until 1853. In that year he made the long and arduous journey across the plains to the Pacific coast, settling on a farm three miles southeast of Eugene in Lane county, Oregon. However, the town of Eugene had been laid out only the year before and as yet not a house had been built within its corporation limits, although Eugene Skinner was the owner of a house below Skinner's Butte and Hilyard Shaw had one where the main building of the University of Oregon now stands. Jim Huddleston and Captain Ankeny had a plank shanty at the ferry where the bridge has since been built over the Willamette river. The father continued to make his home upon the farm on which he originally settled until he went to live with his son Judge Kincaid, passing away at his residence in 1865, at the age of sixty-five years. He had married Nancy Chodrick, a native of Butler county, Ohio, and a daughter of Peter Chodrick, who removed from Ohio to Indiana, where he spent his remaining days. At the remarkable age of ninety-five years Mrs. Kincaid is a well preserved woman and makes her home with her son Judge Kincaid.

Judge Kincaid began his education in the district school in the vicinity of his father's home. He was a youth of seventeen when the family started across the plains with ox teams, he driving one of the teams from Indiana to the Willamette valley. The travelers encountered many hardships and difficulties incident to a trip of that character.

Leaving Indiana in February, they crossed the Mississippi river on the ice and from the city of Burlington made their way through Iowa to the Missouri river, crossing to the west side of that stream at a point nine miles below where Omaha now is. It was necessary for them to tarry for a brief period in order that the grass might grow and thus furnish pasturage for the stock. They continued to the northwest over the Barlow route to Oregon, at which time there was not a single house on the site of Omaha nor did they see any habitation on the way until they reached Foster, Oregon, about twelve miles from

Oregon City, where they arrived September 20, 1853, reaching Lane county on the 11th of October. During the succeeding two years Judge Kincaid was largely occupied with the task of assisting his father in the development and improvement of the home farm. Especially in the winter time did he give his attention to that work, while in the summers he was employed by Isaac and Elias Briggs in digging a mill race at what is now Springfield. In 1855 he purchased a pony and miner's outfit and started for the Rogue river mines. In the placer mines at Althouse creek the Indians became troublesome, surprised the miners and killed several before the miners saw the necessity of preparing for attack. They then erected a fort in that location and for several weeks were compelled to remain continually on the defensive.

Seeing no further chance for mining, Judge Kincaid and his partner started for Crescent City, California, where they remained until spring, earning their livelihood by chopping cord wood and splitting rails, making fourteen thousand rails. In the spring of 1856 as a steerage passenger Judge Kincaid journeyed on the steamer Goliath to San Francisco and for several weeks engaged in erecting a plank fence where the wharves of the Pacific Steamship Company are now found. He then went by steamer to Sacramento, walked from there to Folsom City and was soon engaged in mining on the American river near Auburn, where he continued until the water dried up. He afterward worked in the stables of the American Express Company at Marysville and later found employment with Matthew Sparks upon his ranch at Bear river. When his employer sold his property there Judge Kincaid accompanied him to Colusa county and was there engaged in making rails for his employer. The following summer he followed freighting in the mountains near Marysville but in 1857 decided to return to Oregon. However, he expected to go back to California and there left his outfit valued at about five hundred dollars, for which he never was paid. At San Francisco he boarded a steamer bound for Portland and thence proceeded to Corvallis, whence he walked to Eugene.

The first work that Judge Kincaid did in Oregon was cutting logs, which he hauled to the mill race and had sawed on shares, using the lumber to build his home, having purchased six acres of land in the southern part of Eugene before going to California. He also employed the burning of charcoal as a means of livelihood and sold the product to Eugene blacksmiths. In the meantime he had come into full recognition of the value of education and when he had saved a little money he decided to attend school, entering Columbia College as a member of a class which numbered many men who afterward became famous, including Joaquin Miller and his brother, John Miller, D. D. S., Judge Watson, Joseph D. Matlock, Judge J. J. Walton and Jefferson Blevins. It was about this time that Judge Kincaid entered upon his journalistic career. It was the year 1860 when most momentous questions being everywhere discussed. The Herald, a democratic newspaper supported the secession movement in articles written by President Ryan, of Columbia College, under the pseudonym of Vindex. At length Judge Kincaid was induced to answer these through R. J. Pengra's paper, called the People's Press, writing under the name of Anti Vindex. President Ryan ascribed the articles to Mr. Pengra and made an attempt to kill him, after which he escaped to Virginia and entered the

Confederate army. The next summer found Judge Kincaid as a staff member of the People's Press, the leading republican paper of the state, and when its proprietor was nominated for presidential elector and was making campaign speeches the Judge was left to learn printing, while the press work and nearly all of the writing was done by him during the campaign of 1860. A short time afterward he gave up this work and for two summers was engaged in packing flour and produce to Canyon City but again became connected with editorial work, writing for a short time for the State Republican, the Union Crusader and the Copperhead Killer. The last named was edited by the Rev. A. C. Edmunds, who wrote principally upon religious subjects, leaving Judge Kincaid to hand the political question. A year later he and Joseph Ware purchased the paper and changed its name to the Oregon State Journal. The partnership, which had begun March 12, 1864, continued for a year, when Judge Kincaid became sole proprietor. he conducted this paper for forty-five years and twenty-two weeks, the last issue being dated May 29, 1909, owing to the fact that daily newspapers killed the demand for weekly publications. He ever held his paper to the highest possible standard and he is today the oldest newspaper man in the state. As dean of the profession he occupies an honored place. A contemporary biographer has written: 'Politically no man has exercised more influence than Judge Kincaid, for he has proven himself one of the strong and reliable men of his party and as such has won the commendation of leaders. He has always been a staunch republican and in 1896 joined the ranks of the silver republicans, in entire sympathy with whom he has since remained.' When the convention of his party met in Portland, April 7, 1870, all the nominations were speedily made except that of state printer, for which position there were three candidates, the late Henry L. Pittock of the Oregonian, Henry Denlinger, of the Oregon Statesman, and Dr. N.C. Gault, The friends of Judge Kincaid, who was then from 1866 until 1879, a clerk in the United States senate, three thousand miles away, and was not a candidate, used his name. He was nominated on the fifth ballot, receiving one hundred and nine votes, while Denlinger and Pittock were each given seventy-six. The nomination was then made unanimous and Judge Kincaid returned from Washington to conduct the campaign. Further political honors came to him in 1894 in his election to the position of secretary of state on the republican ticket, his service beginning in January 1895 and covering four years. In 1898 the nomination was virtually his but he could not endorse the gold standard platform and, therefore, would not again become a candidate on that basis. He cast his lot with the silver republican ticket and was defeated, though he led the ticket. In 1900 he was nominated on the citizen's ticket for county judge and overcame a majority of five hundred votes, entering upon the duties of the position in July, 1900, for a four years term. For eleven years, from 1868 until 1879, he was clerk in the United States senate, first in the finance room, later in the executive room and afterward in the enrolling room, while subsequently he served as indexing clerk until 1879, when a change in the political situation at Washington made it more profitable for him to return to Eugene. He then

again assumed charge of his paper, for which he had written letters and editorials throughout the entire time. Aside from all his varied activities, Judge Kincaid took a deep interest in agricultural affairs in the county and devoted three hundred and twenty acres of the old Kincaid donation land claim to stock raising. He was likewise interested in mining. He has also dealt largely in real estate, having platted Kincaid's addition of thirty lots, while there are yet seven and a half acres unplatted. At the east end of Eugene he laid out Kincaid Park of one hundred and fifty lots and a sixty-three acre tract which lies across the railroad, extending to his father's donation claim and a mile and a quarter south, making two and a half miles of land from the head of the mill race extending southward. This is called Kincaid Park. His son now has charge of his real estate interests. Judge Kincaid also owns eight hundred and ninety four acres two and a half miles from Creswell and the Eugene & Great Western Land Company has charge of the sale of this tract.

H.R. Kincaid went to Washington, D. C. in the fall of 1866 along with Hon. J. H. D. Henderson, member of congress from Oregon, by steamer from San Francisco via the Isthmus to New York, and thence by rail. While in government service at Washington about thirteen years, most of the time being a clerk in the United States senate, he traveled across the continent to and from Oregon by rail frequently when congress was not in session, the first time just after the Union & Central Pacific Railroad had been completed between Omaha and Sacramento. He was one of the six delegates from Oregon in the republican national convention at Chicago in 1868 that nominated U. S. Grant for President and Schuyler Colfax for vice president, and represented one of the other delegates by proxy, which he transferred to and which was voted by Congressman Rufus Mallory. He was also one of the six delegates from Oregon in the republican national convention at Philadelphia in 1872 that nominated U. S. Grant for reelection as president and Henry Wilson for vice president and represented one of the other delegates by proxy which he transferred to and which was voted by United States Senator Henry W. Corbett. He was elected to and served in many republican county and state conventions in Oregon during a period of more than thirty years.

While serving as secretary of state of Oregon, having been elected by a large popular vote in 1891, at a special session of the legislature, he was the choice of the opposition members of the legislature to the regular party candidate, and received twenty-three votes for United States senator on the final vote when Joseph Simon was elected. Secretary of state was then the most influential and by far the most lucrative office of the state and the hardest to obtain, much more so than the office of governor. It included not only the office of secretary of state as in other states, but the office of state auditor, state insurance commissioner, state incorporation commissioner, state building and loan commissioner, and member of the boards that controlled the state insane asylum, the state deaf mute school, the state reform school now called the 'state school', the state blind school, the State Agricultural College, the State Normal school, the Soldiers Home and the sale and

management of all state lands and the loaning and management of the large sums of money belonging to the school fund. Governor William P. Lord at the close of his term of office in 1900, appointed his friend, H. R. Kincaid a regent of the University of Oregon but his name was withdrawn by Governor Geer immediately after he had entered upon the duties of his office before the senate had an opportunity to confirm it, although a large majority of the senators protested against the withdrawal and would have confirmed it had not the chairman of a committee returned it to the governor without giving the senate a chance to vote on it.

Perhaps no other man ever served in important positions where they were closely associated and their duties sometimes brought them into conflict more harmoniously and cordially than did Governor Lord and Secretary of State Kincaid. Their association made them life-long friends. Mr. Kincaid was very active in securing the passage of the act locating the University of Oregon at Eugene, and remained at the state capital during the entire session of the legislature, when the act was passed, working for it.

On the 29th of September 1873, in Macomb county, Michigan, Judge Kincaid wedded Augusta Lockwood, a native of that locality. Her brother, C. M. Lockwood, for many years was identified with the interests of Oregon although he died in Michigan. He and John Haley of Idaho, father of Judge Haley, owned a stage line from Salt Lake to The Dalles. Mr. Lockwood brought his sister to The Dalles on a visit and there she became acquainted with Judge Kincaid, whom she also met in Washington, D. C. and they were married in her Michigan home. Their only child is Webster Lockwood.

Judge Kincaid is connected with the State Pioneer Association, the Oregon Historical Society, the Eugene Commercial Club and formerly belonged to the Illihee Club of Salem and was a member of the Multapor Club of Portland, which is no out of existence. Judge Kincaid's life has indeed, been one of great usefulness. His ideas have always been practical and his methods progressive and what he has undertaken he has accomplished.

The years have brought him not only success but honor, and he stands today among the foremost residents not only of Eugene but of all Oregon, where he has a very wide acquaintance." [Centennial History of Oregon by Joseph Gaston Vol II p. 294-301; photos p. 296, 297]

2. Rebecca Ann Kincaid

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DIED

In Eugene City, March 5th, 1861 Rebecca A. Lawrence, eldest daughter of Thomas and Nancy Kincaid, aged 24 years and 26 days. Deceased crossed the Plains with her parents and brothers and sisters in 1853. She was charitable, kind and affectionate, and leaves sad hearts with "those dear friends she loved best."

"Over the river, the mystic river
My childhood idol is waiting for me.
For I once return from those quiet shores
Who cross with the boatmen cold and pale;
We hear the dip of the golden oars,
And catch a gleam of the snowy sail,—
And lo! they have passed from our yearning hearts;
They cross the stream and are gone for aye;
We may not surer the veil apart
That hides from our vision the gates of day.
We only know that their barks no more
May sail with us o'er life's stormy sea,
Yet somewhere, I know, on the unseen shore,
They watch, and beckon, and wait for me!
And I sit and think, when the sunset's gold
Is flashing river and hill and shore,
I shall one day stand by the water cold,
And list for the sound of the boatman's oar;
I shall watch for a gleam of the slipping sail,
I shall hear the boat as it gains the strand;
I shall pass from sight with the boatmen pale,
To the better shore of the spirit land:
I shall know the loved who have gone before,
And joyfully sweet shall the meeting be,
When over the river, the peaceful river,
The angel of Death shall carry me."

[Oregon State Journal, Eugene, Oregon, Saturday, March 12, 1864 p. 3]

3. Elizabeth Maria Kincaid

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d. 07 Feb 1930 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

m. 08 Sep 1859 [Oregon Statesman, September 20, 1859 p 3:1]

James Newton Gale [Pioneer of 1853 on lost train]

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s/o William Gale and Rebecca Elizabeth Jones

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1920: Eugene, Lane County, Oregon, January 8 & 9, 1920, Elizabeth M. Gale, head, 77, wid, IN VA OH; Lenore G. Davis, dau, 35, wid, WA IN IN, stenographer-law office

ELIZABETH M. GALE DIES

PIONEER OF 1853 LONG RESIDENT OF EUGENE.

Early Oregon Pioneer Among First Women Typesetters on Pacific Coast.

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 8.—(Special.)—Death yesterday removed one of the early pioneer women of Oregon, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Gale, widow of James Newton Gale, a well-known citizen of the state. Mrs. Gale had been an invalid for several years past. She was the mother of five children, one of whom, Lenore Gale Barette of Eugene, survives. Surviving also is a stepdaughter, Mrs. Caroline M. Budlong, San Francisco, and a nephew, Webster L. Kincaid, Portland.

Mrs. Gale was born Elizabeth Maria Kincaid, daughter of Thomas and Nancy Kincaid, February 16, 1842, in Indiana. The family came to Oregon by wagon in 1853. They passed over the Barlow route and settled in the vicinity of Eugene in October of that year.

Mrs. Gale was educated in the schools at Eugene, and in 1859 married James Newton Gale, editor and later owner of the State Republican. The paper was moved to Salem and consolidated with the Argus. About a year later Mr. Gale started the Portland Daily Union, and following that the Marine Gazette, at Astoria. For some years he was editor and publisher of the Olympia (Wash.) Transcript.

Mrs. Gale learned typesetting and was one of the first women on the Pacific coast in that trade. For many years she set type on newspapers operated by her husband. She had written many stories of pioneer events.

[Sunday Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, February 9, 1930 p. 3]

Children of James Gale and Elizabeth Kincaid:

i. Paul R. Gale

b. 1878 Thurston County, Washington

d. Sep 1880 Thurston County, Washington

ii. May Gale

b. Apr 1880

d.

iii. Lenore Eunice Gale

b. Apr 1881 Thurston County, Washington

d. 09 Nov 1964 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

m. Guy Davis

4. Unknown Kincaid

b. c 1844 Indiana

d.

5. John Sanford Kincaid

b. 14 May 1845 Wapello County, Iowa

d. 27 Dec 1873 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

buried Masonic Cemetery, Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

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OBITUARY.

John S. Kincaid.

The subject of this brief sketch died at his residence in this city this morning at 4:15. He was taken sick Friday morning, Dec. 19, and only lived one short week. He was born in Wapallo county, Iowa, May 14, 1845, and was consequently nearly twenty-nine years of age at the time of his death. He removed from Iowa to this State with his parents in 1852, who settled near town, and for the greater portion of the time has lived with his parents in the city. Already his father and two sisters have preceded him to the land of unknown and unknowable mysteries and their bodies repose in the quiet graveyard within sight of his home. With no fear in his heart, he met the dread conqueror and passed quietly and painlessly from the scenes of earth.

For several years he has been publisher and principal writer for the JOURNAL. All who know him know how steadfastly and earnestly he battled for what he conceived to be right, and with what strength and power he opposed, from the purest of motives, what was wrong. As kind as a brother to those in distress, none knew him well who did not love him as one. As a man, no one could meet him without being attracted by his inherent goodness. As a friend, he was one of the firmest and truest we have ever known. He leaves a mother and brother in this city, a brother in Washington, and a sister in Olympia, many relatives near town, and numerous friends who mourn his early departure from our midst.

[Oregon State Journal, Eugene, Oregon, Saturday, December 27, 1873 p. 3]

- 5. Unknown Kincaid
- b. c1846 Indiana
- d.

- 6. M. A. Kincaid
- b. 1848 Indiana
- d.

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- 7. Unknown Kincaid
- b. c. 1850 Indiana
- d.

- 8. Unknown Kincaid
- b. c 1852 Indiana
- d.

9. George Summerfield Kincaid

b. 05 Mar 1858 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

d. 23 Nov 1885 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

buried Masonic Cemetery, Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

m.

Laura A. Watkins

b.

d.

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1880: Eugene, Lane County, Oregon, June 1, 1880; Geo Kincaid, 22, printer, OR IN OH; Laura, 19, wife, keeping house, OR US US

NOTICE.

Geo. S. Kincaid has rented of H. R. Kincaid the printing presses and materials of the OREGON STATE JOURNAL, and will publish the paper from and after this date. He will collect all bills for subscription, advertising and job work after September 29th 1877, and will pay all expenses and debts incurred after this date. All outstanding accounts for subscription, advertising and job work prior to September 29th, 1877, are payable to H. R. Kincaid, and Geo. S. Kincaid is authorized to collect and receipt for the same. H. R. Kincaid will continue to contribute to its columns as heretofore, but will have no interest in or connection with its financial affairs, and will not be responsible for any expenses or debts incurred in its publication or in any other manner by any person or persons. The paper has been enlarged and improved and will contain the important news from all quarters and a large amount of general reading matter, besides the usual State and local news. The publisher hopes to merit and receive a liberal patronage.

H. R. KINCAID,

G. S. KINCAID.

Eugene City, Oregon. Nov. 9th, 1878.