

Thomas Newton Faulconer

Pioneer of 1851

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Thomas Newton Faulconer

b. 22 Apr 1830 Troy, Lincoln Co, MO

d. 13 Nov 1921 Portland, Multnomah Co, OR

m1. 10 Nov 1861 Yamhill Co, OR

[Yamhill County Marriages 1844-1862 p.21]

Lucy Holcom Morgan

b. 23 Mar 1844 Iowa City, Wright Co, IA

d. 19 Oct 1907 Portland, Multnomah Co, OR

m2. 26 Apr 1917

Harriet J. Copenhefer

b. 1856 IN

d.

ODLC: #2824 Yamhill Co, Thomas W (sic) Faulconer, b. 1830 Lincoln Co, MO arr OR 19 Aug 1851; settled claim 15 May 1855. NW boundary of claim was Yamhill River. Signed Oath of Allegiance 16 Jan 1864. Aff: Charles B. Graves. James M. Graves, Absalom B. Faulconer, James P. Morgan, D. Chaplin, surveyor.

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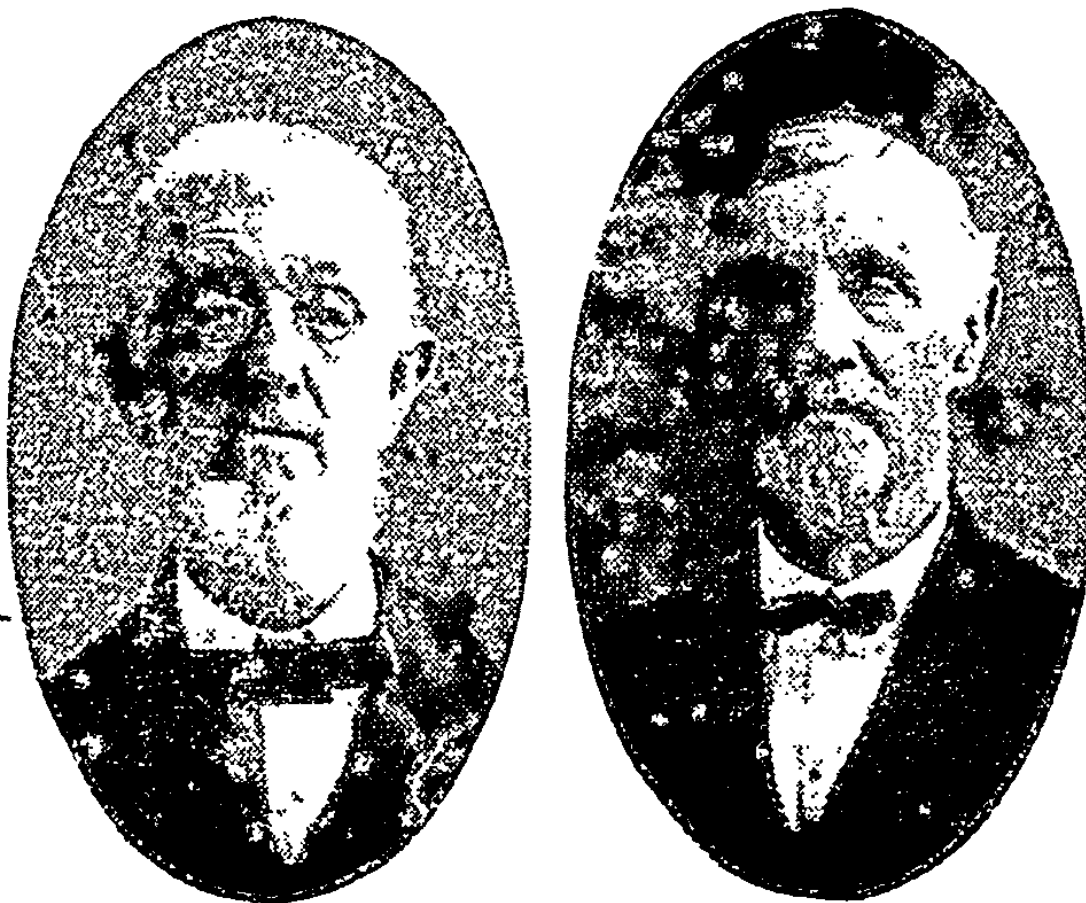
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**PORTLAND MAN AND HIS BROTHER, WHO MET IN
MISSOURI, AFTER SEPARATION FOR 57 YEARS**



THOMAS N. FAULCONER AND DR. C. B. FAULCONER.

BROTHERS MEET

Portland Man Unexpectedly
Returns to Old Home.

WAS ABSENT 57 YEARS

Thomas N. Faulconer Finds Family
of 14 Has Passed Away
Since He Left the State
of Missouri.

MONTGOMERY, Mo., Sept. 26.—(Special.)—After an absence of 57 years, Thomas N. Faulconer, of Portland, Or., walked into the home of his brother, Dr. C. B. Faulconer, of this city, and the two stared a moment at each other. Fifty-seven years had wrought such a wonderful change in their physique and expression that it was not expected that they should recognize each other. Finally Thomas saw the family resemblance to an older brother, of whom he had seen much in Oregon, and he recognized the doctor and made himself known.

The meeting was not only remarkable, but it was almost pathetic, as all their family of 14 had passed away, and there had been such a revolution since they parted 57 years ago in a cornfield in Lincoln County, Mo. At that time Thomas became imbued with a desire to go to a new country, and without telling the family all about his plans he arranged to go to Oregon with the Scott brothers, who were going overland with three

oxteams, there being no railroads in that day. Tom went out into the field where his brother, C. B., then nicknamed "Key," was cutting corn and said:

"Well, good-bye Key, I am going to Oregon and don't know when I will see you again." This startled his young brother, who was then only about 10 years old, and he laid down his corn-knife and followed Tom back to the house. After bidding the whole family good-bye and against their wishes, Thomas saddled his horse and rode to Hickery Grove, where he joined the Scott brothers, with their ox team and cattle, which they drove overland 2000 miles to the Willamette Valley, Oregon.

Mr. Faulconer says that the last house he saw between Missouri and the State of Oregon was a little store at Lone Jack, Jackson County, which was then a trading point. They passed the Boone-lick road in this county, going through the town of Danville, which is now the county seat of Montgomery, and, in

speaking of this place, Mr. Faulconer said:

"Danville is not as good a town now as it was 57 years ago." This retrogradation was explained to the Oregonian by telling him it was due to the fact that a county seat war had been raging at intervals in this county for over 50 years, being inaugurated shortly after he bade his brother good-bye in the Lincoln County cornfield, coupled with the facts that Danville missed the railroads and also suffered from a raid by Bill Anderson, the Civil War guerilla.

When asked why he had not come back from Oregon sooner to see his brother, Mr. Faulconer said:

"I had intended to come back about the time the Civil War began, but the war spirit was so manifest in Missouri I concluded to postpone the trip."

Thomas' sympathies were with the Union, and his brother, C. B. Faulconer, had cast his lot with the Confederates. Now they have both changed their political views and cannot be called either Democrats, Republicans, Federals or Confederates, as they are one in spirit and their political proclivity and sympathies are with the Prohibitionists.

Dr. Faulconer is a prominent and well-to-do citizen of this city, and Thomas Faulconer is highly esteemed as a citizen of Oregon. He was prominent in politics in Oregon and was appointed Indian claim agent by President Cleveland during his first administration.

Thomas F. Faulconer had been a resident of Portland for the past six years, and was engaged in the wood business at the east end of the Steel bridge for about five years, but retired a short time ago. William Blackburn, who has a confectionery store at 780 Washington street, at the entrance to the City Park, is his son-in-law.

T. N. FAULCONER CELEBRATES 90TH NATAL ANNIVERSARY

Pioneer Resident of Sheridan, Or., Now of Portland, One of Few
Survivors of Brave Company That Fought Indians.

BY ADDISON BENNETT.

IN the early days of Oregon, when the Indians were the worst enemies of the northwest, about the roughest, toughest fighting the redskins gave our intrepid settlers was over in the Yakima section, now in the state of Washington and of all who fought against them in defense of the pioneers and their homes there were no braver men than those in the company commanded by Captain A. V. Ankeny, with Lieutenant Stilwell next in command and no braver man fought in their ranks than T. N. Faulconer, then of Sheridan, Or., now of Portland. Lieutenant Stilwell is also still living, his home being at Tillamook and he and Private Faulconer are among the oldest citizens of the state and but very, very few of their old companions in arms are left.

Mo., on April 22, 1830. His father was a school teacher and there were 12 little Faulconers, six boys and six girls, in the Faulconer home. T. N. was the eighth to arrive. He is the only one surviving. He got a good education and when of age, in 1851, he drove an ox team across the plains to Oregon, the train of the Scott brothers, consisting of eight wagons and some 50 people one of his older brothers, A. B. Faulconer had come to Oregon in 1846 and was located near Sheridan, in Yamhill county. There T. N. went and soon took up a donation claim. In 1861 he was married to Lucy H. Morgan, a native of Iowa, a pioneer of 1852, and to this union were born two boys and three girls, one of the boys, T. C., is now living in Seattle, one of the daughters, Maude, is also living. Her husband is Engineer Truitt. The first Mrs. Faulconer died in 1907.

In a recent interview, just after Mr. Faulconer had ceased to be an octogenarian and had graduated as one in a hundred thousand into the nonogenarian class, I was pleased to learn that my subject was also en-



T. N. Faulconer, pioneer Indian fighter, who celebrates 90th birthday.

With the exception of four years, 1858-61, when he was in the stock business in Wasco county, where he was married, Mr. Faulconer resided at or near Sheridan until he retired in 1904, and moved to Portland. For a number of years he and his brother, Marcellus, ran a large general store there. Before that he was the first postmaster of that town. For three years he served as Indian agent at the Grande Ronde reservation in Yamhill county, but that life was wound 'round, with too much red tape, so he resigned.

Mr. Faulconer has three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren living. These, with the two living children and the relatives by marriage, no doubt, feel a great pride in an ancestor who has not only acted his part on the stage of life with credit, but has lived in possession of great strength and all of his faculties far, far past the ordinary span of life.

joying his second nooneymoon. It is true he was married three years ago on April 26 to Miss Harriet Copenhefer, but the honeymoon has not ended, will not end until one of them passes away.

Were you to pass by the fine home at 5417 Eighty-second street southeast, any of these fine days, you would or could see there a weedless garden and a neat lawn and laboring therein a fine looking, straight-standing gentleman with some implement in hand working among the vegetables or flowers. I was going to say "puttering" instead of working, but such men never "putter." They work for play, but they work for a fixed, definite, utilitarian purpose besides.

Mr. Faulconer was born in Troy.

DIED.

FAULCONER—November 13, 1921, at the late residence, 3417 Eighty-second street Southeast, Thomas N., aged 91 years, husband of Harriett Faulconer, father of Mrs. Maude Truitt of Grants Pass., Or., and Clyde Faulconer of Seattle, Wash. The remains are at Finley's mortuary, Montgomery at Fifth. Notice of funeral hereafter.

[Oregonian, Portland, OR, Tuesday, November 15, 1921 p.17]

Children of Thomas Faulconer and Lucy Morgan:

1. Emma A. Faulconer

b. 08 Aug 1862 OR

d. c1912

buried Sheridan Masonic Cemetery, Sheridan, Yamhill Co, OR

m. 14 Nov 1885 Yamhill Co, OR at house of Al Hussey

[Yamhill Co, OR Marriages 1876-1890 p.40]

Walter Blackburn

b. 22 Dec 1858/9 England

d. 06 Feb 1941 Ventura Co, CA

m2. c1913 Matilda J. [Unknown]

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1920: Walter remarried

Children of Walter Blackburn and Emma Faulconer:

1. Willie L. Blackburn

b. 1889

d. 1901 Sheridan, Yamhill Co, OR

buried Sheridan Masonic Cemetery, Sheridan, Yamhill Co, OR

2. Earl F. Blackburn

b. 1891

d. 1891 Sheridan, Yamhill Co, OR

buried Sheridan Masonic Cemetery, Sheridan, Yamhill Co, OR

3. Ward S. Blackburn

b. 07 Feb 1901 OR

d. 24 Jun 1975 Los Angeles Co, CA

2. Willis Faulconer

b. 1865 OR

d.

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3. Lora F. Faulconer

b. 1867 Sheridan, Yamhill Co, OR

d. 12 Jul 1889 Sheridan, Yamhill Co, OR

buried Sheridan Masonic Cemetery, Sheridan, Yamhill Co, OR

m. 09 Oct 1886 Yamhill Co, OR at house of T.N. Faulconer
[Yamhill Co, OR Marriages 1876-1890 p.43]

Lee Bogue

b. Jun 1859 IL

d. bef 1910

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1900: North Sheridan, Yamhill Co, OR, June 2, 1900; Lee Bogue, June 1859, 40, IL OH IL, painter; Lena, dau, Jun 1887, 12, s, OR IL OR, at school; Mildred, dau, Apr 1896, 4, s, OR IL OR (child by second marriage of Lee Bogue?)

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Children of Lee Bogue and Lora Faulconer:

1. Lena Bogue

b. Jun 1887 Sheridan, Yamhill Co, OR

d.

4. Thomas Clyde Faulconer

b. 1876 OR

d. aft 1920

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1920: Seattle, King Co, WA, January 12, 1920; Thomas C. Falconer, lodger, 43, div, OR Unk Unk, laborer-shipyards

5. Maud Lulu Falconer

b. 1879 OR

d.

m. c1905 (div by 1910 then remarried or mistake in 1910 census??)

George Truitt

b. 1879 CA

d.

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1920: Timber, Washington Co, OR, June 23, 1920; George Truitt, head, 41, CA KY CA, RR engineer; Maud, wife, 40, OR MO IA

1930: Roseburg, Douglas Co, OR, April 7, 1930; George D. Truitt, head, 48, m-age 21yrs, CA KY CA, locomotive engineer-steam railroad; Maud L. wife, 47, m-age 24yrs, OR MO IA

1940: Eugene, Lane Co, OR, April 3, 1940; George Truitt, head, 61, CA, locomotive engineer-railroad; Maude, wife, 60, OR