

Washington Crabtree

Pioneer of 1853

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d. 13 Sep 1901 Linn County, Oregon

buried [Wisner Cemetery](#), Kingston, Linn County, Oregon

s/o James Crabtree and Isabelle Carr

m. 14 Feb 1831 Hopkins County, Kentucky

Susannah Crabtree

b. 14 Feb 1810 Hopkins County, Kentucky

d. 03 Feb 1892 Stayton, Marion County, Oregon

buried [Wisner Cemetery](#), Kingston, Linn County, Oregon

d/o Isaiah Crabtree (1782-1859) and Ruth Lindley (1786-1850)

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AN OCTOGENEREAN DEAD.—The Stayton Times says. Wednesday morning, February 3rd, 1892, Mrs Susan Crabtree died at her home five miles south of Stayton, in her 82 year. In the death of Mrs Crabtree this community loses another estimable pioneer lady. Deceased was born in Hopkins county, Kentucky, February 14th, 1810, and married in the same state to Washington Crabtree in 1831. In the year 1836 they emigrated and settled in Cedar county, Missouri, from thence in 1853 to the state of Oregon, where they have since resided. Mrs Crabtree became a member of the church of Christ in the year 1835 and until her death lived a consistent christian life. Her dying words were, "No more water until I shall drink the water of Life over yonder." Deceased leaves a husband and three children, one of whom has always lived with his parents, and the other two, Mrs A J Richardson and J I C Crabtree, reside here.

[Albany Democrat, Albany, Oregon, Friday, February 12, 1892 p.3]

A PIONEER ILL.—Washington Crabtree, one of the early pioneers of Oregon, and probably the oldest resident of Marion county, is critically ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. J. Richardson, in Stayton. Mr. Crabtree settled on a ranch near Stayton in 1851, and has long been recognized as one of the prominent citizens of that community. Should he live until October 2d he will be 94 years of age.

[Statesman Journal, Salem, Oregon, Friday, September 13, 1901 p.4]

**PROBATE
ORDERS**

Frank McDaniel, W. H. Cooper and Henry Keene, appraisors of the estate of Washington Crabtree, deceased, filed their inventory and appraisements of the estate showing a valuation of \$845.25, personal property.

[The Capital Journal, Salem, Oregon, Saturday, October 12, 1901 p. 3]

Children of Washington Crabtree and Susannah Crabtree:

1. James Isaiah Crabtree

b. 05 Dec 1831 Hopkins County, Kentucky

d. 18 Mar 1905 Linn County, Oregon

buried [Lone Oak Cemetery](#), Stayton, Marion County, Oregon

m1. 1865 Linn County, Oregon

Martha Ann Shelton

b. 1848 Missouri

d. 01 Nov 1871 Marion County, Oregon

buried [Wisner Cemetery](#), Kingston, Linn County, Oregon

m2. 08 Sep 1878 Marion County, Oregon

Selecta Jane Gardner

b. 11 Dec 1851 Des Moines County, Iowa

d. 11 Apr 1925 Marion County, Oregon

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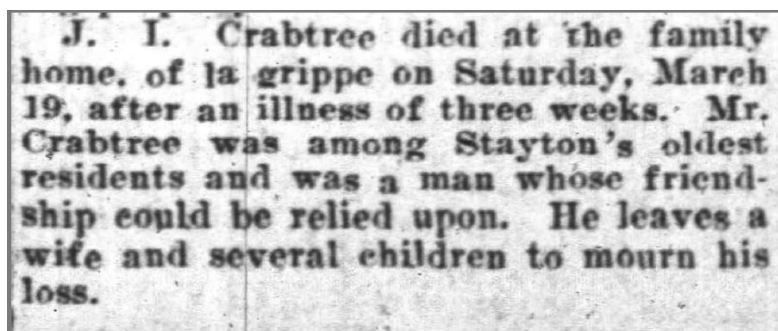
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[Weekly Oregon Statesman, Salem, Oregon, Friday, March 24, 1905 p.2]

Authorized to Sell Property—

An order was yesterday made by County Judge Scott setting aside to Mrs. S. G. Crabtree certain personal property belonging to the estate of her late husband, J. I. Crabtree. The property set aside to the widow consists of livestock and farm machinery and is valued at \$137.50. The judge also made an order authorizing Mrs. Crabtree, as administratrix, to sell the balance of the personal property belonging to the estate at private sale.

[Statesman Journal, Salem, Oregon, Wednesday, May 3, 1905 p.4]

STAYTON, Ore., April 15.— Mrs. S. G. Crabtree passed away at her home on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, after an illness of three weeks. Deceased was 73 years and 4 months of age, and was the mother of 5 children: M. J. of Mehama and J. K. of Hood Rixer; Everett Crabtree, Mrs. Nora Taylor and Mrs. Grace Holford of Stayton, also three step children, W. W. Crabtree of Stayton, T. C. Crabtree and Mrs. Mary Townsend of Salem, all of whom survive her. She also leaves a brother, A. D. Gardner of Stayton, and two sisters, Mrs. J. R. Gardner of Stayton and a sister in Albany. Funeral services were held from the Christian church of which she has long been a member, Monday afternoon, and the remains laid beside those of her husband, who passed on several years ago. The many beautiful floral tributes gave silent but eloquent testimony of the high esteem in which she was held by the people among whom she has lived for so many years.

[Statesman Journal, Salem, Oregon, Thursday, April 16, 1925 p.3]

2. Ruth Emeline Crabtree

b. 13 Apr 1833 Hopkins County, Kentucky

d. 20 Feb 1926 Seattle, King County, Washington

buried [Wisner Cemetery](#), Kingston, Linn County, Oregon

m. 19 Jan 1856 Oregon

Andrew Jackson Richardson

b. 07 Mar 1834 Adams County, Illinois

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DIED—A. J. Richardson, father of County Treasurer Richardson, died at the home of his son, in this city, Friday, at the age of about 73 years. He was a pioneer of the Willamette valley, having crossed the plains in the immigration of 1851, and located a few miles from where Scio now stands. In the seventies he became a resident of Marion county, locating at Stayton, where for many years he conducted a hotel and livery business. He leaves three children, Mrs. Wiley of Seattle, W. Y. Richardson of this city, and Warren Richardson of Stayton. His wife survives him; and lives with her son at Stayton. Deceased was a life-long and consistent member of the Christian church, and his death will be deeply mourned by many old friends and pioneer residents of western Oregon. He leaves three brothers, Dr. J. A. Richardson of Salem; E. T. Richardson of Spokane, John W. Richardson of Scio, Waddell Richardson of Moro, Wasco county. The funeral will be held at 11 a. m. Sunday at Stayton. Funeral services were held at the residence of W. Y. Richardson on Che-meketa and Twelfth streets, Salem, Saturday at 9 a. m.

[Statesman Journal, Salem, Oregon, Sunday, December 15, 1907 p.4]

3. William Y. Crabtree

b. 28 Sep 1837 Cedar County, Missouri

d. 13 Sep 1863 Linn County, OR
buried [Wisner Cemetery](#), Kingston, Linn County, Oregon

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4. Sarah Jane Crabtree

b. 11 Apr 1840 Cedar County, Missouri

d. 09 Feb 1875 Linn County, Oregon

buried [Wisner Cemetery](#), Kingston, Linn County, Oregon

m. 05 Nov 1857 Linn County, Oregon

Elijah Thompson Richardson

b. 04 Jun 1828 Morgan County, Illinois

d. 15 Nov 1913 Spokane, Spokane County, Washington

buried [Spangle Cemetery](#), Spangle, Spokane County, Washington

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SAW FALLS HERE MANY YEARS AGO

Elijah Richardson, Who
Died Sunday, Visited Site
of Spokane in 1851.

Elijah T. Richardson, who died at his home at the ripe old age of 85 years Sunday, was probably the only person living in Spokane who saw the Spokane falls as early as 1851, and one of the last of the pioneers who came west over the old overland trail with a prairie schooner and oxteam.

Mr. Richardson crossed the Mississippi river April 1, 1844, as a member of a big pioneer expedition consisting of 32 oxteams and prairie schooners, 300 head of cattle and over 100 pioneers. The party arrived at Nevada City, Nev., on September 18, the same year. Though organized to resist attacks by Indians, they arrived at their destination without a fight, having traveled every day except Sunday during the five months they were on the trail. Every night a mounted guard watched the cattle and the expedition proceeded with an advance guard well in front, looking for signs of the hostile red man.

Was on Expedition.

In 1851, after the Indians had killed Captain Wood, Kit Carson sent a volunteer expedition of 50 men, one of them being Richardson, to the Spokane country to explore the region, and Richardson saw the Spokane falls in June of that year, little thinking he would die 62 years later in a city of over 100,000 population built up beside those falls.

In 1855 Richardson went to Salem, Ore. He went to Spangle, in this county, in 1885, and started a hotel there, in which business he was engaged till he came to Spokane in 1900, taking up his residence at First avenue and Fiske street.

The dead man leaves his widow, two sons and a daughter. He was a second cousin of Judge W. E. Richardson, now assistant corporation counsel. The funeral was held this afternoon and the body will be taken to Spangle for burial at 8:30 Tuesday morning.

[Spokane Chronicle, Spokane, Washington, Monday, November 17, 1913 p.3]

5. Phoebe Ann Crabtree

b. 14 Aug 1842 Cedar County, Missouri

d. 26 Aug 1868 Scio, Linn County, Oregon

buried [Wisner Cemetery](#), Kingston, Linn County, Oregon

m. 05 May 1859 Linn County, Oregon at residence of Phebe Crabtree in forks of Santiam River
Thomas McLain Munkers [Pioneer of 1846]

b. 22 Jun 1833 Clay County, Missouri

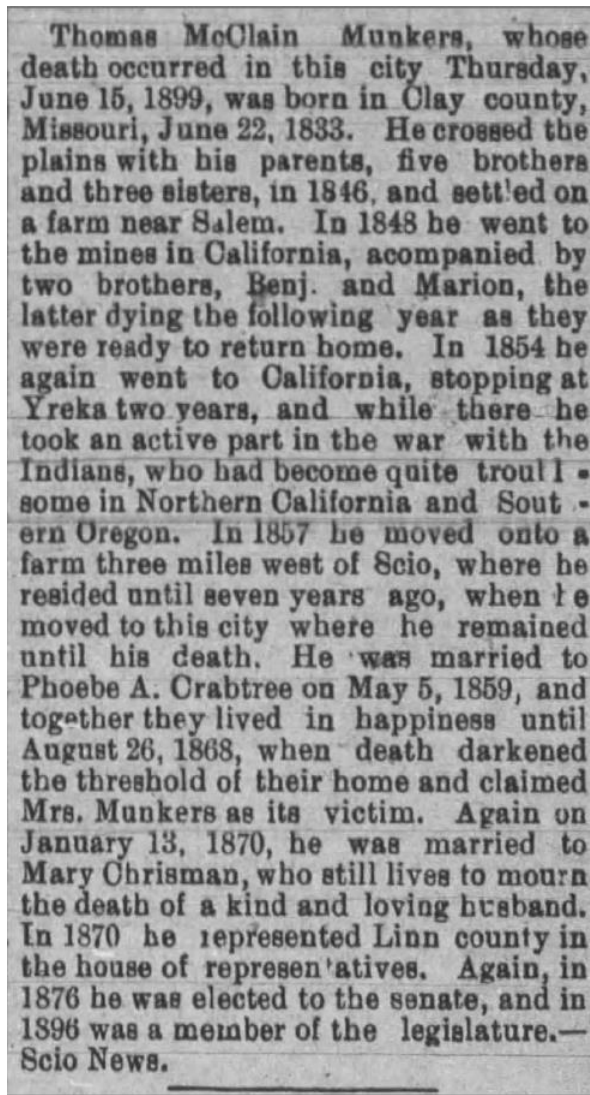
d. 15 Jun 1899 Santiam Junction, Linn County, Oregon

buried [Miller Cemetery](#), Scio, Linn County, Oregon

s/o Benjamin F. Munkers and Mary Crowley
m2. 13 Jan 1870 Mary Chrisman

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1860: Lebanon PO, Linn County, Oregon, September 7, 1860; T. M. Munkers, 27, farmer, \$1200 \$1509
MO; Phebe, 17, MO; Sarah, 7/12, OR; David Mires, 26, carpenter, \$0 \$1000, OH



Thomas McClain Munkers, whose death occurred in this city Thursday, June 15, 1899, was born in Clay county, Missouri, June 22, 1833. He crossed the plains with his parents, five brothers and three sisters, in 1846, and settled on a farm near Salem. In 1848 he went to the mines in California, accompanied by two brothers, Benj. and Marion, the latter dying the following year as they were ready to return home. In 1854 he again went to California, stopping at Yreka two years, and while there he took an active part in the war with the Indians, who had become quite troublesome in Northern California and Southern Oregon. In 1857 he moved onto a farm three miles west of Scio, where he resided until seven years ago, when he moved to this city where he remained until his death. He was married to Phoebe A. Crabtree on May 5, 1859, and together they lived in happiness until August 26, 1868, when death darkened the threshold of their home and claimed Mrs. Munkers as its victim. Again on January 13, 1870, he was married to Mary Chrisman, who still lives to mourn the death of a kind and loving husband. In 1870 he represented Linn county in the house of representatives. Again, in 1876 he was elected to the senate, and in 1896 was a member of the legislature.—Scio News.

[Albany Weekly Herald, Albany, Oregon, Thursday, June 29, 1899 p.7]

6. Pliney Purdue Crabtree
b. 13 Apr 1847 Cedar County, Missouri
d. 14 Aug 1928 Stayton, Marion County, Oregon
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m. 02 Oct 1902 Oregon
Elizabeth "Lizzie" A. Johnson
b. 27 Sep 1875 Kentucky
d. 1953 Oregon

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1900: Jordan Pct, Linn County, Oregon, June 11, 1900; Pliney Crabtree, head, Apr 1847, 53, 2, MO TN KY, farmer; Walter W. Crabtree, nephew, Feb 1875, 25, s, OR IL MO, farmer

1910: Kingston, Linn County, Oregon, May 1910; Pliney Crabtree, head, 62, m1-8yrs, MO TN KY, general farm; Elizabeth, wife, 35, m1-8yrs, 1-0, KY KY KY

1920: Kingston, Linn County, Oregon, January 19-21, 1920; Pliney P. Crabtree, head, 72, MO TN KY, farmer-stock; Elizabeth A., wife, 45, KY KY KY; Edna A., adopted dau, 11, s, OR US US

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