

William A. Bunton

Pioneer of 1844

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William A. Bunton (probably son of Elijah but no proof)

b. 07 Jun 1822 Perry Co, TN

d. 08 Feb 1886 Grant Co, OR

buried Izee Cemetery, Izee, Grant Co, OR

m. 27 Feb 1841 Andrew Co, MO

Julia Ann Hungate

b. Jan 1826 IL

d. 19 Nov 1906 Canyon City, Grant Co, OR

ODLC: #1123 Clackamas Co; b. 1823 Perry Co, TN; SC 15 Jun 1847; m'd Julia Ann 27 Feb 1841 Andrew Co, MO. Aff: Wm H. Vaughan, Harrison Wright, John K. Dickey

1845: Tuality/Clackamas Co, OR; Census, William Bunton, Provisional and Territorial Record #12194

1848: Oregon Spectator Index; William Bunton, Cayuse War volunteer April 6, 1848 p.1:5

1849: Clackamas Co, OR; Census, William Bunton, Provisional and Territorial Record #3452

1850: Clackamas Co, OR, September 16, 1850; William Bunton, 25, farmer, \$2000, TN; Julia A., 25, IL; Nancy J., 8, MO; Vienna, 5, OT; Eliza Emeline, 4, OT; Linda E., 1, OT

1853: Oregon Statesman Index; Wm Bunton, Cayuse war claim awarded, June 1, 1853 p.2:7

1855: Clackamas Co, OR; Tax Roll, William Bunton, Provisional and Territorial Record #8025

1856: Oregon Statesman Index; Wm Bunton, Delegate from Upper Molalla precinct to Clackamas Democratic convention at Oregon City 10 May 1856, May 20 1856 p.2:6

1856: Clackamas Co, OR; Census, William Bunton, Provisional and Territorial Record #5913

1856: Clackamas, Co, OR; Tax Roll, William Bunton, Provisional and Territorial Record #12275

1858: Wasco Co, OR; Tax Roll, William Bunton, Provisional and Territorial Record #14203

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1876: Transactions of the Oregon Pioneer Association 1876 p.41, emigrant of 1844, William Bunton

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Mrs. Bunton, who is very old, is sick at the residence of her daughter Mrs. John Hyde.

Death of Pioneer Woman.

Mrs Julia Bunton, one of the earliest settlers of the John Day valley died at the home of her daughter, Mrs John Hyde, in Canyon City on Monday the 19th day of November the deceased, together with her husband, who constructed the wagon road to Izee after blazing the trail, was one of the builders of business and social institutions in this part of the inland empire. She also raised a good sized family of children four surviving her. They are Mrs John Hyde of Canyon, a daughter in Pendleton and two in California. She was likewise the grandmother of Mrs Ed Luce, Mrs Tyler and Miss Anna Officer of John Day. The remains were taken to Izee for interment Wednesday.

[John Day Newspaper, John Day, Oregon November 1906 contributed by descendant, Julie Holland Looney]

"William A Bunton worked as a blacksmith and shod oxen. He was kicked in the head by one of the animals and died from a brain hemorrhage on February 8, 1886 in Izee, Grant County, Oregon.

Julia lived with her daughter Nancy and husband Joseph Albright in Watsonville, Santa Cruz County, California. Then she lived in Jacksonville, Jackson County, Oregon with her daughter Mary/Molly and husband, John Hyde." [per descendant, Julie Holland Looney]

Children of William Bunton and Julia Holgate:

1. Nancy Jane Bunton

b. 24 Jun 1842 MO

d. 28 Nov 1940 Watsonville, Santa Cruz Co, CA

m. 1867

Joseph Albright

b. 18 Aug 1841 Wayne Co, OH

d. 15 Jul 1908 Watsonville, CA

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2. Vianna Bunton

b. 15 May 1845 MO

d. 01 Jan 1889 Grant Co, OR

m. 09 Dec 1859 Wasco Co, OR

Robert Volney Officer

b. 02 Mar 1837 Clay Co, MO

d. 17 Jun 1916 Grant Co, OR

buried Izee Cemetery, Izee, Grant Co, OR

s/o James Officer and Eveline Cooley

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3. Eliza Emeline Bunton

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d. 08 Oct 1881 OR

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4. Linda E. Bunton

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5. Martha Bunton

b. 08 May 1853 OR

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6. Francelia Bunton

b. 1854 OR

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7. Josephine Bunton

b. 1857 OR

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8. Mary Letitia Bunton

b. 01 Oct 1859

d. 17 Oct 1915 Grant Co, OR
buried Canyon City Cemetery, Canyon City, Grant Co, OR

m. 1878 Grant Co, OR

John Hyde

b. Oct 1854 Jackson Co, OR

d. 1927

buried Masonic Cemetery, Harrisburg, Linn Co, OR

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“JOHN HYDE - Under the stars of the occident, where he has remained since, was born the subject of this sketch, and faithfully has he wrought to augment the wealth of the county and has earned a place for himself among the leading stockmen of the county, since he has displayed an unswerving integrity and intrinsic worth that can but commend him to the esteem and draw forth the encomiums of his fellows, and it would be serious incompleteness in our volume were there failure to incorporate in its pages a resume of the salient points of his interesting career.

In 1854 John Hyde was born in Jackson county, this state, being the son of Perry and Eliza (Tyler) Hyde. The parents came across the plains in 1852 with ox teams from Missouri and lived at Harrisburg, in Linn county. When our subject had attained the years of his majority he embarked in the industry of raising cattle, and therein continued, near Prineville, this state, for some time, about six years in all. From that place he came direct to Grant county and selected a homestead near Izee, where he lives at the present time. His place has been increased by the purchase of one

hundred and sixty acres and his estate lies two miles northwest from Izee. Cattle raising has occupied his attention since settling here and he has been attended with gratifying success in his endeavors.

In 1878 Miss Mary, daughter of William and Julia (Hungate) Bunton, became the wife of Mr. Hyde, and to them have been born the following children: Maude, Perry, Ollie and Nellie.

An interesting reminiscence that occurred on the journey of his parents across the plains is worthy of mention here. There was in the train one young man of a very aggressive and boastful disposition. It was his delight to constantly affirm, despite the reprovals of his elders, that he was determined to shoot the first redskin that he should see, whether it were man or woman. One luckless day the foolish bravado spied a harmless and innocent Indian woman, and in cold blood he shot her down. Not long after an overwhelming force of redskins equipped for war, surrounded the train. A hasty corral was formed and the women and children protected as well as possible. A messenger from the Indians announced that no harm would be done to the train if the murderer of the Indian woman was delivered to them. Justice demanded that the young man be delivered, and accordingly it was done. The enraged savages chained him to a tree and burned him to a crisp." [A History of Baker, Grant, Malheur and Harney Counties p.484]

9. J. Walter Bunton

b. 08 May 1861

d. 13 Oct 1881 Grant Co, OR

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10. Johnnie Y, Bunton

b. 21 Jul 1864

d. 24 Apr 1892 Grant Co, OR
buried Izee Cemetery, Izee, Grant Co, OR

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