

William Churchill

Pioneer of 1851

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William Churchill

b. 04 Apr 1825 KY

d. 19 May 1912 Eugene, Lane County, OR

buried Fir Grove Cemetery, Cottage Grove, Lane County, Oregon
s/o John A. Churchill and Sarah Scoggin

m. 17 Nov 1846 Sangamon County, IL

Sarah Elizabeth Lemmons

b. 01 Aug 1830 Sangamon County, IL

d. 31 Aug 1912 Eugene, Lane County, OR

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1900: Cottage Grove, Lane County, Oregon, June 15, 1900; Wm. Churchill, head, Apr 1825, 75, m-53yrs, KY KY KY, farmer; Sarah E., wife, Aug 1830, 69, m-53yrs, 9 children-6 living, IL KY? KY?

1910: Eugene, Lane County, Oregon, April 15 & 16, 1910; William Churchill, 85, boarder, m-63yrs, KY KY KY, retired farmer; Elizabeth boarder, 80, m-63yrs, 9 children-5 living, IL IL IL [enumerated in James F. Buchanan household]

OREGON PIONEER IS DEAD

William Churchill, Who Crossed
Plains in Ox-Cart, Dies.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., May 18.—
(Special)—The funeral of William
Churchill, head of one of the first dozen
families to settle in Oregon, was held
here Thursday morning from the Chris-
tian Church, V. E. Hoven officiating.
Death occurred May 12 from paralysis.
Mr. Churchill had passed his 87th birth-
day and was in good health and his
mind sound up to a week before his
death.

Mr. Churchill was born in Kentucky,
moving to Illinois and Iowa, being mar-
ried in the latter state. In 1851 Mr.
and Mrs. Churchill and two children
crossed the plains with ox team.

Mr. Churchill lived in Illinois dur-
ing one of the famous Lincoln cam-
paigns and liked to recall the happen-
ing and speeches of those stirring
times. A widow and six children sur-
vive him. The children are A. P.
Churchill and Mrs. L. C. Knox, of Cot-
tage Grove; J. S. Churchill, of Marcola;
H. H. Churchill, of Santa Rosa, Cal.,
and Mrs. C. Alley, of Roseburg.

[Oregonian, Sunday, May 19, 1912 Section 1 p.8]

EUGENE PIONEER, 82, DEAD

**Mrs. Sarah E. Churchill Crossed
Plains by Ox Team in 1851.**

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 31.—(Special.)—Mrs. Sarah E. Churchill, a pioneer of 1851, died last night at her home in Eugene, aged 82 years. Her husband, William Churchill, died a few months ago. Mrs. Churchill leaves five children—J. S. Churchill, of Marcola; Mrs. Sarah Knox, Cottage Grove; H. H. Churchill, Santa Rosa, Cal.; A. P. Churchill, Bohemia; Mrs. Frank Alley, Roseburg.

Mrs. Churchill was born in Sangamon County, Illinois, August 1, 1830, and was married to William Churchill in 1846. She crossed the plains by ox team with her husband in 1851 and settled in Douglas County. In 1866 they moved to Polk County, and ten years later returned to Lane County, spending the rest of their lives near Eugene or Cottage Grove.

The body was taken to Cottage Grove today for interment beside her late husband.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Sunday, September 1, 1912 Section 1 p.3]

Children of William and Elizabeth Lemon:

1. John S. Churchill

b. 30 Dec 1847 (bio) or 31 Dec 1845 (obit) Iowa

d. 18 Dec 1929 Springfield, Lane County, OR

buried Laurel Grove Cemetery, Springfield, Lane County, OR

m. 1872 divorced 1907

Ann E. Drinkwater

b. 1855

d. 1914

buried Laurel Grove Cemetery, Springfield, Lane County, OR

m2. 14 Jul 1908 Lane County, OR

Theodora G. Meriau

b. 1862

d. 27 Mar 1933 Lane County, OR

buried Eugene Pioneer Cemetery, Eugene, Lane County, OR
m1. 31 Oct 1881 James Baker
m2. 05 Sep 1895 Milton Washington McMurry
m3. 14 Jul 1908 John S. Churchill

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Children of John Churchill and Ann Drinkwater:

i. Myrtle May Churchill

b. 04 May 1874 Independence, Polk County, OR

d. 13 Jul 1946 Eugene, Lane County, OR

buried Laurel Grove Cemetery, Springfield, Lane County, OR

ii. Karl Churchill

b. 16 Jul 1876

d. 24 Sep 1942 Lakeview, Lake County, OR

buried Sunset Park Cemetery, Lakeview, Lake County, OR

iii. Ollie Fay Churchill

b. 30 May 1878 Ventura, Ventura County, CA

d. 27 Feb 1949 Eugene, Lane County, OR

buried Laurel Grove Cemetery, Springfield, Lane County, OR

iv. Earl Churchill

b.

d.

v. Howard Churchill

b.

d.

vi. Raymond Churchill

b.

d.

vii. Zuleika Churchill

b.

d.



J. S. CHURCHILL

JOHN S. CHURCHILL is a well-known druggist and property owner in Marcola. He has had a broad experience, having been a rancher, business man and educator of prominence. He was born in Iowa, December 30, 1847, a son of William and Elizabeth (Lemon) Churchill, the father a native of Kentucky and the mother of Illinois. Both parents are still living. They were married in Illinois, where they resided until 1851, when they crossed the great American plains by ox teams and settled at Santiam. After remaining there for a short time they removed to Coles valley, in Douglas county, where the father took up a donation claim of three hundred and twenty acres of land and began to clear it and make improvements without delay. He remained on this farm

until 1866, when he sold out and removed to Polk county. After arriving in that county he purchased various tracts of land at different times, residing there until in 1880, when he removed to Lane county and retired. He is at present residing in Eugene at the age of eighty-seven years, while his wife has reached the age of eighty-five years. To them were born the following children, of whom J. S. Churchill, of this review, is the eldest, the others being: Mrs. Sarah L. Knox, of Cottage Grove, Oregon; Henry, of Santa Rosa, California; Alva, a resident of Bohemia, Lane County, Oregon; Mary, the deceased wife of E. J. Fenton, of San Francisco, California; Corinne, the wife of Frank E. Alley, of Roseburg, Oregon; and two who passed away in infancy.

John S. Churchill received a common-school education and later attended college in Oregon, in which state he was reared. At the age of twenty-two years he began his business career when he purchased an interest in a general mercantile store at Independence, in Polk county. He retained his connection with that business for two years, when, selling his interests there, he purchased a stock ranch in Marion county, which he operated for two years and then sold in 1874, removing to California. In that state he again became engaged in ranching and

other occupations for four years. At the end of that time he sold his interests in the golden state and returned to Lane county, Oregon, where he taught school and conducted a nursery on a ranch which he purchased until 1903, when he became bookkeeper for the Fischer Lumber Company at Marcola, a position which he held for six years. In 1909 he purchased the drug store at Marcola which he still continues to operate, and in addition to the regular drug line he also handles many other articles. He owns a fine home in this city and also has various other properties including a livery barn,

Mr. Churchill was married in 1872 to Miss Ann E. Drinkwater, a native of Oregon, and unto this union were born seven children, as follows: Myrtle, the wife of E. B. Doane, of Springfield, Oregon; Karl, a resident of Pendleton; Ollie, who married William McDougal, of Washington; Earl, deceased; Howard, living in Springfield; Raymond, also of Springfield; and Zuleika, who has also passed away. From his first wife Mr. Churchill was legally separated in 1907 and later was again married, his second union being with Mrs. T. G. McMurry, the widow of Milton McMurry, and a daughter of Stephen Meriau. Mr. Churchill in his political views is an adherent of the republican party, having taken a commendable interest in politics as affecting the common good. He has been a justice of the peace, a notary public and a member of the school board for many years. Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic lodge, of which he has been secretary, and is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having filled all chairs in that order. Mr. Churchill, who is prominent in business and fraternal affairs of Marcola, is a well-known business man and the success which he has achieved may be attributed to his own well directed efforts. Starting out in life with practically nothing, he has succeeded in building up a substantial competence and as he is still vigorous and ambitious he continues in a business which is very satisfactory. He has an extended acquaintance in business, fraternal and social circles throughout the community and in the business world he is regarded as being one of the most reliable and solid men in Marcola." [Centennial History of Oregon by Gaston Vol III p.492]

EARLY-DAY CITIZEN DIES

**JOHN S. CHURCHILL WIDELY
KNOWN ALONG VALLEY.**

**Normal Graduate Taught School in
Lane County Many Years and
Was Quite Prominent.**

SPRINGFIELD, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—John S. Churchill, well-known Lane county resident, died at his home at Marcola Monday. He was born in Iowa on December 31, 1845, and came to Oregon with his parents in 1851, settling near Roseburg. He attended the Monmouth Normal school for several years, and later taught school in Lane and other counties. He became one of the most prominent men in the county in its early days.

In 1881 he moved to California, where he lived for a while, but moved back to Oregon in 1881 and lived at West Springfield for many years on a farm which is now known as the Seaver's Eugene auto camp.

Mr. Churchill was a member of the Christian church for many years, and also belonged to several fraternal organizations. He was a member of the Mohawk lodge, No. 200, I. O. O. F., serving as grand master for one year. He also belonged to the Iliia encampment of the Rebekah lodge at Marcola.

He moved to Marcola in 1904, where he was employed as accountant and bookkeeper for the Fisher Lumber company for many years. Here he served for many years as justice of the peace, and always took an active part in all community enterprises.

Surviving Mr. Churchill are his three sons, Carl, of Bend; Raymond, of Portland, and Howard, of Oakland, Cal. He also leaves two daughters, Mrs. E. B. Doane of Crow, and Mrs. Alice Arthur of Redwood City, Cal. His wife passed away several years ago.

The funeral will be held tomorrow at 1 o'clock from the Walker-Poole chapel at Springfield. Rev. W. A. Elkins will conduct the services, and interment will be made in the Laurel Grove cemetery. The Mohawk lodge, No. 200, I. O. O. F., of Marcola, will have charge of the service at the graveside.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon December 18, 1929 p.14]

Please advise when information is posted in biographical section & I will delete this temporary posting. - Jan

John S. Churchill

*The Morning Register newspaper
Eugene, Lane County, Oregon
December 17, 1929*

J. S. CHURCHILL DIES AT MARCOLA

MARCOLA Ore. Dec. 16.- J. S. Churchill passed away at his home at Marcola early Monday at the age of 84 years. His son Howard of Oakland Cal., and his son-in-law Mr. Deane of Crow, were at his bedside at the time of his death.

Survivors, include, Mrs. Bert [Emanuel B.] Deane [Sh/be Doane], Crow—Ollie Arthur, Calif.- Howard Churchill Cal— Raymond Churchill, Portland- Carl [sh/be Karl] Churchill, unknown. Mr Churchill came to Marcola about 28 years ago and was active in the community. He was for a number of years bookkeeper for Fischer Bros. Lor. Co., for a time Postmaster Marcola, was a member of the I.O.O.F. Lodge, and Illahee Camp at Marcola. He was a teacher, and taught at Stafford school many years ago.~~~~

(NOTE: John Churchill's obituary omits his second wife, Theodora Churchill. In the 1930 Census for Lane County, she is shown living in the City of Eugene and listed as a widow.)

2. Sarah Louise Churchill

b. 31 Jan 1850 IA

d. 24 May 1920 Cottage Grove, Lane County, Oregon

buried Fir Grove Cemetery, Cottage Grove, Lane County, Oregon

m. Sep 1872

Oscar Franklin Knox Sr. [Pioneer of 1853]

b. 22 Jun 1845 Schuyler County, Missouri

d. 11 Aug 1901 Cottage Grove, Lane County, Oregon

buried Fir Grove Cemetery, Cottage Grove, Lane County, Oregon

s/o Samuel Barton Knox and Cynthia Ellen Stockton

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OSCAR F. KNOX: resides at Cottage Grove; is a butcher; was born in Schuyler county, Missouri; came to state and county in 1853; was married in September, 1872, to Sarah L. Churchill. Children, Mamie, Lottie J., Roy, Duke and Lizzie.

[Illustrated History of Lane County by A.G. Walling p.495]

"O.F. Knox, a hardware merchant of Cottage Girove, was born in Schuyler county, Missouri, in 1845. His parents, Samuel B. and Cynthia (Stockton) Knox, were natives of Kcntucky and Tennessee, respectively. Emigrating to Missouri in 1843, Mr. Knox followed farming until 1853, when with his wife and ten children he started for Oregon. His outfit consisted of four wagons, sixteen yoke of oxen, 100 head of loose cattle and several fine mares. The trip was successfully accomplished, losing very few cattle, and landing in the Willamette valley, by the Barlow route, in September. Spending the first winter at Lebanon, in the spring of 1854 he came to Lane county and bought a claim of 160 acres, two miles east of Cottage Grove, to which he afterward added more than a thousand acres. He engaged in the live-stock trade, and made a specialty of raising fine horses. In 1876 Mrs. Knox died and he divided his property among his children, with whom he is passing the closing years of his life. O. F. Knox was educated in the common schools, at Willamette University and at Monmouth College, Polk county, where he graduated in 1871. He lived with his parents until 1873, when he was married in Polk county to Miss Sarah L. Churchill, who was also a graduate of Monmouth College and a daughter of William Churchill, pioneer of

1851. After marriage Mr. Knox settled upon his farm of 370 acres, one mile east of Cottage Grove. and engaged in fanning and the raising of livestock, keeping Cotswold shesp, graded Holstein cattle and a fine breed of horses. Of his farm twelve acres are in hops, 100 acres in grain and the balance is in pasture land. In 1881 he rented his farm and embarked in the butchering business at Cottage Grove, which he followed for five years. He then retired until 1890, when he former a co-partnership with I. M. White and opened a store for the sale of stoves, tin and hardware, which he still conducts.

Mr. and Mrs. Knox are the parents of six children: Mamie, Lottie, Roy, Duke, Lizzie and Frank. Mr. Knox is a member of the Knights of Pythias, is the present Mayor of Cottage Grove and is a representative citizen of the commonwealth." [Illustrated History of the State of Oregon by Hines p. 484-5]

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Sarah Louise Churchill's parents were Sarah Elizabeth [Lemmons] and William Churchill. Their daughter was born in Iowa. The family arrived in Oregon, in Sept 1851, when their daughter, Sarah Louise, was about 2 years old.

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Oregonian Donation Land Claim, No. 190
U. S. Land Office, Roseburg, Douglas, Oregon
Claim Location: Douglas County, Oregon
Name: William Churchill
Birth: Kentucky, in 1825
Arrival: Sept 1851
Secured Claim: 3 May - 1 June 1854
Married: Sarah Elizabeth, 17 Nov 1846,
in Sangamon Co., Ill..

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Mrs. Sarah Louise Knox is the wife of Mr Oscar Franklin Knox, Sr.

Buried in the same plot is her daughter, Lottie J. Knox. She was born in Cottage Grove, Lane, Oregon, and died at aged 22 Years, on 04 Sept 1898. in Cottage grove.

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Oregon, Death Index, 1898-2008
Name: Sarah Louise Knox
Death Date: 24 May 1920
Death Place: Cottage Grove, Lane Co.

Certificate: 176

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Married to Oscar Franklin Knox, Sr.,
who died in 1901. They were married,
on 14 Sep 1873, in Polk County, Oregon.

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Oregon States Archives, Salem
Oregon Historical Records
Case #: 3415
Name: Knox, Sarah Louise
Date: 1920
Record Type: Estate
County: Lane
Source: County
Note: Probate

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The Register-Guard
Eugene, Oregon
Sat., July 1, 1933
Page 6, Column 4

**A. P. Churchill
Dies in Eugene**

Alvah P. Churchill of Cottage Grove, and for many years active in the work of the Bohemia mines, died Friday night at 907 Eleventh avenue west at the age of 78 years.

He is survived by several nieces and nephews in Eugene, Cottage Grove, and Roseburg.

Mr. Churchill was born in Coles valley, Douglas county, July 1, 1855. He lived most of his life at Cottage Grove.

Funeral services are to be held Sunday at 2 o'clock at the Masonic cemetery in Cottage Grove, Rev. J. C. Templeton officiating. Veatch chapel is in charge of arrangements.

[contributed by Bob Wilson]

- 5. Mary C. Churchill
- b. 1858 OR
- d.
- m. Mr. Fenton

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6. Henry H. Churchill

b. 1859 OR

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1910: Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, CA, April 23, 1910; Henry H. Churchill, head, 57, m-21yrs, OR KY IA, foreman-cannery; Emma, wife, m-21yrs, 2-2, CA MA Ger

1912 Santa Rosa, CA

7. Corinne Churchill

b. 1873 OR

d.

m. Frank E. Alley (1870-1938) buried Eugene Pioneer Cemetery, Eugene, Lane Co, OR

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