

# William Gregory Steen

Pioneer of 1852

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William Gregory Steen

b. 16 Mar 1813 Daviess County, Indiana

d. 27 Sep 1883 Marion County, Oregon

buried [Bethany Pioneer Cemetery](#), Bethany, Marion County, Oregon

s/o Richard Steen and Nancy McDonald

m. 04 Feb 1832 Knox County, Indiana

Naomi Robinson

b. 1813 Ohio

d. 1885 Marion County, Oregon

buried [Bethany Pioneer Cemetery](#), Bethany, Marion County, Oregon

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1880: East Salem, Marion County, Oregon, June 2, 1880; Wm Steen, 67, carpenter, IN SC SC; Naomi, 67, wife, OH NC NC; C. E., 48, son, laborer, IN IN OH

—William Gregory Steen, the fifth child and fourth son of Richard and Nancy McDonald Steen, and a grandson of Lieutenant-Colonel James Steen, who was killed in the battle of Kings Mountain, October 7, 1780, was born near Wheatland, Knox County, Ind., March 16, 1813, and died in Salem, Ore., September 27, 1883. He continued to reside in Knox County, Indiana, until 1843, when at the age of thirty he removed with his family to Sullivan County, Indiana, where he remained one year. In 1844 he removed again to Marion, Grant County, Ind., where he resided for eight years. In March, 1852, he removed with his family to the far Northwest, and settled permanently in Salem, Marion County, Ore., where he continued to reside until his death. He was by occupation a carpenter and house builder. He was married in Knox County, Indiana, April 4, 1832, to Naomi Robinson, who survived him nearly five years, and died in Salem, Ore., July 21, 1888. To them were born ten children, as follows:

[The Steen Family in Europe and America, by Rev. Moses D. A. Steen, D.D., Worthington, Ohio, Cincinnati, Ohio, Monfort & Company 1917]

Children of William Steen and Naomi Robinson:

1. Clanton Enoch Steen

b. 05 Dec 1832 Knox County, Indiana

d. 25 Aug 1880 Marion County, Oregon

buried [Bethany Pioneer Cemetery](#), Bethany, Marion County, Oregon

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1852: ODLIC: #3132 Marion County, Clanton E. Steen, b. 1832 Knox County, Indiana, arrived Oregon about 10 Nov 1852; settled claim 07 Nov 1854. Signed Oath of Allegiance 21 Mar 1866. Aff: Wm. Steen, Wm. W. Morgan

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1870: Walla Walla Pct, Umatilla County, Oregon, July 18, 1870; William M. Steen, 33, farmer, \$500 \$4927, IN; Narvesta A., 23, keeping house, MO; Frank B., 1, OR; Clanton E., 37, farm laborer, IN

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**Clanton Enoch Steen, the eldest son of William G. and Naomi R. Steen, was born in Wheatland, Ind., December 5, 1832, and died in Salem, Ore., August 25, 1880.**

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2. Lodema Brittain Steen

b. 1833 Knox County, Indiana

d. 1883 Whitman County, Washington

buried [Onecho Cemetery](#), Whitman County, Washington

m1. 17 Nov 1853 Marion County, Oregon

William Morgan

b.

d.

“William W. Morgan and Lodmia Steen, m. 17 Nov 1853; Thomas H. Small, M.G.” [Marion County Marriage Records, Vol 1 by Wade and Custer]

m2. 1867

Joel Anderson Kirby [Pioneer of 1852]

b. 28 Aug 1836 Jennings County, Indiana

d. 06 Sep 1919 Chelan County, Washington

buried [Peshastin Cemetery](#), Peshastin, Chelan County, Washington

s/o John B. Kirby and Elizabeth Johnson

1850: Marion Twp, Grant County, Indiana, October 2, 1850; William G. Steen, 36, carpenter, \$900, IN; Naomi, 36, OH; Clanton E., 17, IN; Lodema B., 15, IN; William M., 13, IN; Richard P., 8, IN; Naomi L., 5, IN; Abner M., 5, IN; Nancy A., 3, IN; Mary E., 1, IN

1870: McMinnville, Yamhill County, Oregon, July 2, 1870; Joel Kirby, 35, farmer, \$750 \$1663, IN; Lodema, 36, keeping house, IN; Walter, 2, at home, OR; George Morgan, 15, farm laborer, OR; Benjamin Morgan, 13, at home, OR; Josephine Arthur, 11, at home, OR

Joel submitted a short biography to Frank Gilbert's Historic Sketches of the Washington Territory:

JOEL A. KIRBY: lives west of Almota on Long Hollow; is a farmer and stock man; owns 320 acres of land; address is Almota. He was born in Jennings Co., Indiana, August 28 1836; came to Washington Co., Oregon, in 1852, to the Territory in 1861, and to this county in 1878.

J. A. Kirby who has been sick for several weeks passed to his rest Saturday afternoon at the age of 83 years. A simple service was conducted at the home Sunday afternoon, burial taking place at the Peshastin cemetery.

[The Leavenworth Echo, Leavenworth, Washington, Friday, September 12, 1919 p.5]

**Lodeena Brittain Steen**, the second child and eldest daughter of William G. and Naomi R. Steen, was born in Wheatland, Ind., November 5, 1834, and died in Whitman County, Washington, May 1, 1883. She was married in Salem, Ore., in 1854, to William Morgan, and to them were born three children. She was married a second time, in Walla Walla, Wash., July 27, 1867, to Joel Anderson Kirby, he having been born in Jennings County, Indiana, August 28, 1836. Residence, Olympia, Wash. To William and Lodeena Brittain Steen Morgan were born the following children:

*I.*—George Washington Morgan, the eldest son of William and Lodeena Steen Morgan, was born about 1855. Residence, Earl, Lincoln County, Wash.

*II.*—William Harrison Morgan, the second son of William and Lodeena Steen Morgan, was born about 1858.

*III.*—Benjamin Franklin Morgan, the third son of William and Lodeena Steen Morgan, was born about 1860.

Joel Anderson and Lodeena Brittain Steen Kirby were born the following four children:

*IV.*—Walter Henry Kirby, the eldest child of Joel A. and Lodeena Brittain Steen Kirby, and the fourth child of the latter, was born in Yamhill County, Oregon, May 27, 1868. Residence, Olympia, Wash.

*V.*—Mary Lucretia Kirby, the eldest daughter of Joel A. and Lodeena Steen Kirby, was born in Yamhill County, Oregon, June 17, 1870. She was married in Colfax, Wash., December 12, 1889, to Frank M. Stason. Residence, Colfax, Wash.

*VI.*—Naomi E. Kirby, the second daughter of Joel A. and Lodena Steen Kirby, was born in Yamhill County, Oregon, June 22, 1873, and died in Umatilla County, Oregon, September 29, 1875.

*VII.*—Joel Milton Kirby, the fourth child of Joel A. and Lodena Steen Kirby, but the seventh and youngest child of the latter, was born in Umatilla County, Oregon, September 18, 1875. Residence, Olympia, Wash.

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3. William Milton Steen

b. 17 Jan 1837 Knox County, Indiana

d. 30 Jan 1895 Umatilla County, Oregon

buried [Weston Cemetery](#), Weston, Umatilla County, Oregon

m. 03 Feb 1867 Marion County, Oregon

Narvesta Ann McAlpin

b. 1848

d. 27 Jun 1923 Umatilla County, Oregon

buried [Weston Cemetery](#), Weston, Umatilla County, Oregon

“William M. Steen & Narvesta H. McAlpin, m. 03 Feb 1867 at house of Robert McAlpin; T.H. Small, M.G. Wit: John Wilson & H. Smith” [Marion County Marriage Records, Vol 1 by Wade and Custer]

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William Milton Steen, the third child and second son of William G. and Naomi R. Steen, was born in Knox County, Indiana, January 17, 1837, and brought up in his father's family. He was educated in Willamette University, owned a large farm, and was a member of the State Legislature. He was married in Marion County, Oregon, February 3, 1867, to Narvesta Ann McAlpin, she having been born in Andrew County, Missouri, January 22, 1848. Hon. William M. Steen died near Weston, Ore., January 30, 1895. Family residence, Walla Walla, Wash. To the Hon. William M. and Narvesta A. Steen were born, in Umatilla County, Oregon, the following nine children:

*I.*—Frank Baker Steen was born June 28, 1869. He was married in Umatilla County, Oregon, October 28, 1891, to Cora May Andross, she having been born in Rice County, Minnesota, April 26, 1870.

*II.*—Claude Walter Steen was born April 23, 1871.

*III.*—Bertha Steen was born March 8, 1875, and died October 27, 1875:

*IV.*—William Hershell Steen was born August 17, 1877.

*V.*—Jessie May Steen was born August 24, 1879.

*VI.*—Ralph Peter Steen was born July 31, 1883.

*VII.*—Louie Steen was born August 27, 1885, and died February 17, 1886.

*VIII.*—Grant Steen. *IX.*—Grace Steen. Twin children of the Hon. William M. and Narvesta A. Steen, were born July 24, 1897.

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4. Richard Perry Steen

b. 29 Feb 1840 Knox County, Indiana

d. 02 Jan 1905 Asotin County, Washington

buried [Normal Hill Cemetery](#), Lewiston, Nex Perce County, Idaho

m. 18 Jun 1863 Nez Perce County, Idaho

Elizabeth Ann Teel

b. April 1845 McHenry County, Illinois

d.

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1870: Walla Walla County, Washington, June 21, 1870; R. P. Steen, 30, farmer, \$2500 \$4000, IN; E. A., 25, keeping house, IL; Euretta, 5, WT; Geo, 1, WT; A. M., 27, farmer, \$0 \$500, IN

Richard Perry Steen, the fourth child and third son of William G. and Naomi R. Steen, was born in Wheatland, Knox County, Ind., February 29, 1840. He was brought by his parents to Salem, Ore., when twelve years of age. In July, 1861, he removed to Walla Walla County, Washington Territory, and the next year visited the Auburn mines. In 1874 he removed to Columbus County, Washington Territory, where he continued to reside for seven years. He was a member of the Oregon State Grange in 1875, was elected Sheriff of Columbus County, Washington Territory, in 1876, and reelected in 1878. He was a member of the first City Council, and President of the first fire company in Dayton, Washington Territory. In 1881 he was elected a Representative to the Territorial Legislature from Columbus County, Washington Territory. He removed to Garfield County, Washington Territory, in 1883, and engaged in sheep raising until 1887, and in 1888 removed again to Lewiston, Idaho Territory. Richard Perry Steen is a Democrat in politics and a member of the F. and A. M. and A. O. U. W. lodges in Pomeroy, Wash. He was married by the Rev. Cushing Fells, one of the early Presbyterian missionaries to the West, June 18, 1863, to Elizabeth Ann Teel, she having been born in McHenry County, Illinois, April 1, 1845. Residence, Waha, Nez Perce County, Idaho. To the Hon. Richard Perry and Elizabeth Ann Steen were born eight children, as follows:

- I.*—Euretta Armintha Steen was born in Walla Walla, Washington Territory, March 30, 1865. Residence, Waha, Idaho.
- II.*—Infant daughter was born and died in Walla Walla, Washington Territory, in 1867.
- III.*—Infant son was born and died in Walla Walla, Washington Territory, in 1868.
- IV.*—Ulysses Leroy Steen was born in Walla Walla, Washington Territory, December 20, 1868, and died March 28, 1869.
- V.*—Richard Robinson Steen was born in Walla Walla, Washington Territory, January 14, 1869. Residence, Waha, Idaho.
- VI.*—Mary Naomi Steen was born in Walla Walla, Washington Territory, January 8, 1871. Residence, Waha, Idaho.
- VII.*—John Byron Steen was born in Walla Walla, Wash-

ington Territory, November 7, 1873, and died of scarlet fever in Dayton, Washington Territory, April 7, 1879.

*VIII.*—Luella May Steen, the youngest child of Hon. Richard P. and Elizabeth A. Steen, was born in Dayton, Washington Territory, January 20, 1879. Residence, Waha, Idaho.

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5. Abner Marion Steen (twin)

b. 19 May 1843 Knox County, Indiana

d. 23 Nov 1909 Marion County, Oregon

buried [Bethany Pioneer Cemetery](#), Bethany, Marion County, Oregon

m. 1872

Emma Phoebe Leabo

b. 22 Feb 1866 Marion County, Oregon

d. 03 Dec 1939 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

buried [Rose City Cemetery](#), Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

m2. Charles Lincoln Thayer 24 Jan 1882 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

“Mr. A. M. Steen & Miss Emily P. Leabo, m. 24 Jan 1872 at house of Isaac Leabo; L. L. Roland, M.G. Wit: Mr. Wm & Mrs. Steen. Consent of Isaac & Mary Leabo.” [Marion County Marriage Records, Vol 2 by Wade and Custer]

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# GRAND JURY TO PROBE DEATH

DISTRICT ATTORNEY M'NARY TO  
INVESTIGATE DEATH OF A.  
M. STEEN.

HAD ROW WITH FENCE BUILDER  
SUNDAY AND DIES IN HOS-  
PITAL TUESDAY.

Witnesses State that Neighbor, Fence  
Builder, In No Way at Fault for the  
Death of Steen—Claimed Steen  
Showed Signs of Violent Temper and  
Apoplexy Was the Result.

A. Marion Steen, who suffered a stroke of apoplexy Sunday morning died yesterday morning at the Salem hospital.

Just before Mr. Steen was stricken he had had a quarrel with a carpenter over where a fence should be built between the house he was living in and the next dwelling. The circumstances surrounding the quarrel are such that District Attorney John McNary has stated that a full grand jury investigation, into the causes that brought on the death, will be made at the next meeting of the jury. William J. Tarpley, who lives at 724 North High street, had hired J. Neighbor to build a line fence between his house and the dwelling occupied by Steen. The carpenter started his work Sunday morning and had just drawn a line when Steen came out and disputed with him in regard to the place for the fence. Neighbor, it is stated, told him that he was putting the fence where Mr. Tarpley wished it. Upon this Steen picked up a piece of board and started for the workman. Mr. Tarpley, who was on the ground, called to Neighbor not to strike the old man.

Witnesses to the quarrel say that Neighbor dodged the blow aimed at him and held his assailant until his anger had left him. In grappling with Steen he forced him onto a pile of



boards. When Neighbor released Steen, the man did not rise, and it was seen that he could not move. Dr. J. N. Smith was called and the man was removed to the Salem hospital. Where it was found that apoplexy had caused a paralysis of the right side, brought on, no doubt, by excitement.

Mr. Tarpley and Samuel Phillips, who were witnesses to the affair, state that Neighbor was in no way to blame and only protected himself from being struck with the board. Dr. Smith, who examined Steen, says that there were no marks on the body to show of any rough usage, there only being one or two flesh scratches on the face. The death certificate will give apoplexy as the cause of death. A. M. Steen was 65 years of age, and had lived in Salem a greater portion of his life.

He was married but had lived alone for the past 20 years. He was a carpenter by trade and was a staunch friend and worker for the W. C. T. U.

[Statesman Journal, Salem, Oregon, Wednesday, November 24, 1909 p.1]

Abner Marion Steen, the sixth child and fourth son of William G. and Naomi R. Steen, was born in Wheatland, Ind., May 19, 1843, a twin brother of the preceding. He was brought by his parents to Salem, Ore., when nine years old. He is by occupation a house carpenter. He was married in Marion County, Oregon, January 24, 1872, to Emma Phoebe Leabs, she having been born in Marion County, Ore., February 22, 1854. No children. Residence, Salem, Ore.

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6. Naomi Lucretia Steen (twin)

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d. 01 Aug 1862 Salem, Marion County, Oregon [not in 1860 census??]

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7. Nancy Ann Steen

b. 08 Sep 1846 Grant County, Indiana

d. 06 Mar 1909 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

buried [Mountain View Cemetery](#), Walla Walla County, Washington

m1. 27 Nov 1870 Marion County, Oregon

Joseph Tate Halpenny

b. 14 Feb 1835 Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

d. 10 Feb 1876 McMinnville, Yamhill County, Oregon

s/o John Halpenny and Martha Carter

“Joseph Halpenny & Miss Nancy A. Steen, m. 24 Oct 1870 at house of & by L. L. Rowland, M.G. Wit: Joseph G. Halpenny & Miss Janie Steen.” [Marion County Marriage Records, Vol 1 by Wade and Custer]

m2. 25 Apr 1880 Columbia County, Washington

John Henry Cornelius Kennedy, M.D.

b. 01 Apr 1850 Wapello County, Iowa

d. 01 Feb 1922 San Francisco, San Francisco County, California

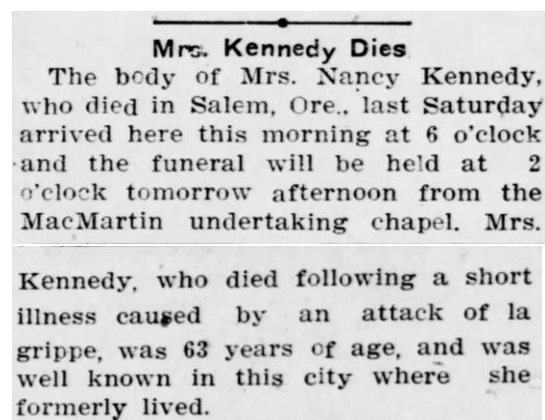
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m1. 1875 Mary Jane Seat (1857-1877)

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[The Evening Statesman, Walla Walla, Washington, Monday, March 8, 1909 p.8]

# OREGON

## MILTON.

MILTON, Ore., March 11.—Mrs. Nancy Kennedy, wife of D. H. Kennedy, for many years a resident of Milton and Freewater, was buried yesterday at Walla Walla, the Rev. D. C. Sander-son and the Rev. Mr. Hilton officiating. She was born in Indiana 60 years ago and crossed the plains with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. William Steen, when a child. She died at Salem, Ore., while on a visit to her children. In addition to her husband she leaves two daughters, Misses Faith and Ruby, and one son, Bliss Kennedy.

[The Spokesman-Review, Spokane, Washington, Tuesday, March 16, 1909 p.2]

### **Aged Milton Woman Dead.**

MILTON, Ore., March 11.—Mrs. Nancy Kennedy, wife of D. H. Kennedy, for many years a resident of Milton and Freewater, was buried yesterday at Walla Walla, the Rev. D. C. Sander-son and the Rev. Mr. Hilton officiating. She was born in Indiana 60 years ago and crossed the plains with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. William Steen, when a child. She died at Salem, Ore., while on a visit to her children. In addition to her husband she leaves two daughters, Misses Faith and Ruby, and one son, Bliss Kennedy.

[The Spokesman-Review, Spokane, Washington, Saturday, March 13, 1909 p.1]

**DR. JOHN H. KENNEDY.**— Doctor Kennedy was born in Iowa in 1850. His father, John K. Kennedy, was born in Tennessee in 1811, and figured in the Mexican war as well as in local politics. In 1862 the parents crossed the plains to Union county, Oregon. They had given their children the advantages of a good early education. In 1865 his father's house and personal effects were destroyed by fire; and the Doctor was obliged to assist his parents, as well as to care for himself. In 1871, having studied at Whitman Seminary and taken a course in the Medical Department of Willamette University, he received a diploma with first honors as M. D. Since then he has been practicing medicine in the Inland Empire, and has acquired a flattering reputation for success; although he is one of those whom notoriety must seek rather than seeking it himself. He has had his tribulations withal, having buried his first wife and three children all within one year,—in 1877. On April 25, 1880, he married Nancy A., daughter of William Stein, a pioneer of Salem; and there are three children as a result of this union, two girls and one boy: Faith,

born February 10, 1881; Hope, born April 30, 1884; and Bliss, born August 19, 1888.

While crossing the plains in 1862, near American Falls, as they were plodding their weary way westward, a horseman came dashing up to his father—the captain of the train—with the report that the company just ahead had been attacked by Indians and were in need of assistance. The captain immediately ordered a corral, and after posting pickets and guards took the available men and proceeded to the relief of the distressed. He found the train almost totally annihilated. Men, women and children were scattered along the road dead, dying, disabled, crying, pleading, or running back towards his train for refuge. The road at that point passed through a rocky *coulée*; and as the company hurriedly passed up they found other men, women and children secreted among the rocks, as well as a few of the Indians looking for more victims; while the majority of the Indians were engaged in driving off the stock from the train assailed. Captain Kennedy brought up his own train and encamped, having a strong guard out. The next morning, not having stock enough to haul the wounded and the little ones, as well as the supplies for the remnant of the train attacked, he took twenty-five men and went to reconnoiter and if possible recapture enough of the stock to pull the extra wagons. They were partially cut off from their camp and did some bloody fighting on their return, losing seven men killed, while the captain and five others were wounded.

After graduating he located at La Grande, Oregon, where he followed the practice of medicine for two years, and in 1873 moved to Dayton, Washington Territory, where he remained until 1887; he then moved to Sprague, and from there again to Spokane Falls, coming from there to Weston, Oregon, where he now resides. The Doctor is building up a fine medical practice; and we predict a successful future to this man of worth.

Nancy Ann Steen, the seventh child and third daughter of William G. and Naomi R. Steen, was born in Marion, Grant County, Ind., September 8, 1846, and brought by her parents to Salem, Ore., in 1852, where she was brought up. She was married in Salem, Ore., November 27, 1870, to Joseph Tate Halfpenny, he having been born in Ottawa, Canada, about 1840, and died in McMinnville, Ore., February 10, 1876. No children by this marriage. Nancy A. Steen Halfpenny was married a second time in Dayton, Columbia County, Washington Territory, April 25, 1880, to John Henry Kennedy, M.D., he having been born in Wapello County, Iowa, April 1, 1850, and graduated in medicine in 1871. To them were born three children at their residence, Dayton, Wash.:

*I.*—Faith Goldie Kennedy, the eldest daughter of J. H. and Nancy A. Steen Kennedy, was born February 11, 1881.

*II.*—Hope Ruby Kennedy, the second daughter of Dr. J. H. and Nancy A. Steen Kennedy, was born April 3, 1884.

*III.*—Bliss Emerald Kennedy, the third child and only son of Dr. J. H. and Nancy A. Steen Kennedy, was born in Spokane Falls, Washington Territory, August 19, 1888.

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8. Mary Ellen Steen

b. 25 Jan 1849 Grant County, Indiana

d. 08 Jun 1852 on Oregon Trail north side of the Platte, 17 miles west of Loup Fork Ferry, of diarrhea, in Illinois Ranger Company. Mentioned in Alvah Isaiah Davis Diary, 1852 [Death on the Oregon Trail, Richard Rieck, Professor Emeritus, Western Illinois Univ "]

1850: Marion Twp, Grant County, Indiana, October 2, 1850; William G. Steen, 36, carpenter, \$900, IN; Naomi, 36, OH; Clanton E., 17, IN; Lodema B., 15, IN; William M., 13, IN; Richard P., 8, IN; Naomi L., 5, IN; Abner M., 5, IN; Nancy A., 3, IN; Mary E., 1, IN

"Tuesday, June 8—West wind; cool and pleasant; traveled fifteen miles on the south side of the Loup Fork; Stein's child died of diarrhea." [Alvah Isaiah Davis Diary, 1852]

"Wednesday, June 9—Wind northerly, dry and pleasant; traveled about twenty miles; buried Stein's child one or two miles on the way." [Alvah Isaiah Davis Diary, 1852]

**Mary Ellen Steen, the eighth child and fourth daughter of William G. and Naomi R. Steen, was born in Marion, Grant County, Ind., January 25, 1849, and died in Nebraska, near the North Fork of Loup River, while her parents were on the journey to Oregon, June 8, 1852.**

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9. John Estes Steen

b. 12 Sep 1851 Grant County, Indiana

d. 26 Jan 1932 Spokane County, Washington

1860: Salem, Marion County, Oregon, July 26, 1860; W. Stein, 43, farmer, \$140 \$1195, IN; N., 43, OH; C.E., 25, farmer, IN; M., 23, farmer, IN; L., 15, IN; R.P., 18, farmer, IN; A.M., 16, farmer, IN; N.A., 13, IN; J., 8, IN; L., 4, OR

1870 East Salem, Marion County, Oregon, June 10, 1870; W. G. Steen, 56, carpenter, \$0 \$100, IN; N., 56, housekeeper, \$1000, \$0, OH; N.A., 21, IN; J.E., 19, IN; L.J., 16, at school, OR

**STEEN, John E.**—Age 79 years. Home was at E1507 Pacific. Survived by his wife; 2 daughters, Mrs. Ethel Merriam of Spokane; Mrs. Alice Shireman of Santa Monica, Cal.; 1 son, Roy, of Spokane. He was a pioneer of the Coeur d'Alene mining district. Funeral this afternoon at 2:30 p. m. from the NEW ENGLAND FUNERAL HOME (JOHNSGAARD & SWANSON). J. B. Patterson will read the Christian Science service. The body will be shipped to Santa Monica, Cal., for interment.

[Spokane Chronicle, Spokane, Washington, Friday, January 29, 1932 p.24]

John Estes Steen, the ninth child and fifth son of William G. and Naomi R. Steen, was born in Marion, Grant County, Ind., September 12, 1851, and brought by his parents to Oregon the next year. He resided with his parents until he was grown, and became a farmer. He was married in Columbia County, Washington Territory, April 14, 1879, to Celeste Isabel Miller, a granddaughter of Hon. E. Ping, she having been born in Dayton, Washington Territory, January 24, 1862. Residence, Murray, Shoshone County, Idaho. To them were born three children:

*I.*—Alice Celeste Steen, the eldest daughter of John E. and Celeste I. Steen, was born near Pomeroy, Garfield County, Washington Territory, February 14, 1881.

*II.*—Sarah Ethel Steen, the second daughter of John E. and Celeste I. Steen, was born near Pomeroy, Washington Territory, August 26, 1882.

*III.*—John Leroy Steen, the third child and only son of John E. and Celeste I. Steen, was born near Pomeroy, Washington Territory, April 6, 1884.

Louisa Jane Steen, the tenth child and fifth daughter of William G. and Naomi R. Steen, was born in Salem, Ore., where she was brought up. She was married in Salem, Ore., October 24, 1875, to John Amos Florence, a farmer and stock raiser, he having been born in Chariton County, Missouri, December 12, 1838. Residence, Creston, Lincoln County, Wash. To them were born six children:

*I.*—Jessie Maud Florence, the eldest daughter of John A. and Louisa Steen Florence, was born in Salem, Ore., August 20, 1876.

*II.*—Eugene Albert Florence, the second child and eldest son of John A. and Louisa Steen Florence, was born in Umatilla County, Oregon, January 24, 1879.

*III.*—Infant son of John A. and Louisa Steen Florence was born in Whitman County, Washington Territory, January 20, 1884, and died the next day.

*IV.*—Daisy Blanch Florence, the fourth child and second daughter of John A. and Louisa Steen Florence, was born in Whitman County, Washington Territory, March 27, 1885.

*V.*—Cleveland Florence. *VI.*—Carlisle Florence. Twin children of John A. and Louisa Steen Florence, were born in Lincoln County, Washington Territory, June 22, 1890, at their father's residence, Creston, Lincoln County, Wash.

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10. Louisa Jane Steen

b. Jan 1856 Marion County, Oregon

d. 01 Mar 1926 Lincoln County, Washington

buried [Creston Cemetery](#), Creston, Lincoln County, Washington

m. 24 Oct 1875 Marion County, Oregon

John Amos Florence [Pioneer of 1850]



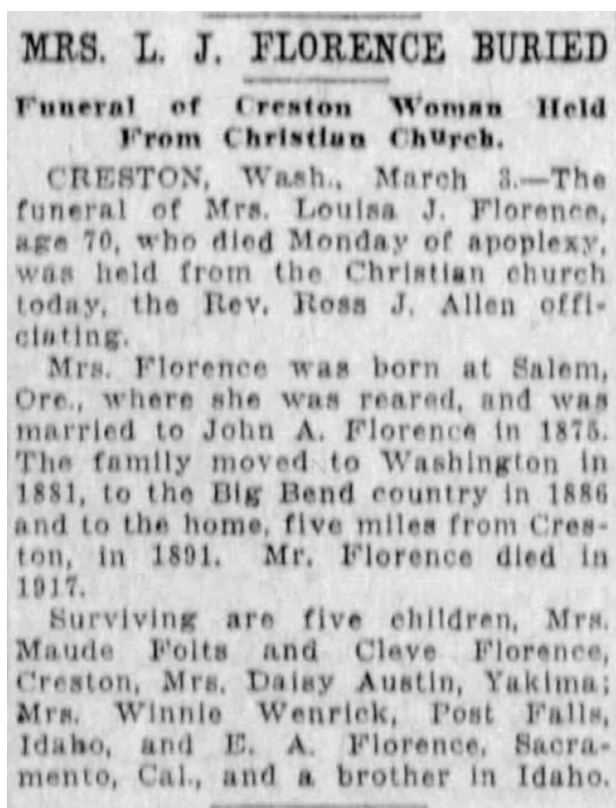
b. 12 Dec 1838 Chariton County, Missouri  
d. 13 May 1917 Lincoln County, Washington  
buried [Creston Cemetery](#), Creston, Lincoln County, Washington  
s/o Albert Florence and Lucinda Catherine Skinner

“John A. Florence of Umatilla Co., over 21 and Louisa J. Steen, over 18, m. 24 Oct 1875 at house of Mr. William Steen. Samuel Heininger, M.G. Wit: A. Mc Steen & Emily V. Steen.” [Marion County Marriage Records, Vol 3 by Wade and Custer]

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