

William Gale

Pioneer of 1853

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William Gale

b. 27 Jun 1803 Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky
d. 27 Jul 1881 Jacksonville, Jackson County, Oregon
buried Phoenix Pioneer Cemetery, Phoenix, Jackson County, Oregon
s/o John Wesley Gale and Phebe Everitt

m. 17 Apr 1825

Rebecca Elizabeth Jones

b. 13 Oct 1804 South Carolina
d. 1870 Oregon

1850: Wells, Appanoose County, Iowa, December 4, 1850; William Gale, 47, farmer, \$1000, KY; Rebecca, 45, SC; James N., 19, farmer, IA; Melissa E., 17, IA; Joseph M., 16, IL; William J., 12, IL; Rebecca E., 9, IL; Phebe A., 5, IL; Henry H., 4, IL; Thomas M., 2, IA

1860: Bries, Lane County, Oregon, August 8, 1860; Wm Gale, 57, farmer, \$1000 \$800, KY; Rebecca, 55, housewife, SC; Elizth, 19, school teacher, IL; Phoebe, 16, IL; Henry H., 14, IL; Thomas J., 11, IA

1870: Eugene, Lane County, Oregon, June 8, 1870; William Gale, 66, clerk in law office, \$0 \$40, KY; Rebecca, 65, invalid, SC

1880: Eden, Jackson County, Oregon, June 28, 1880; William Gale, 76, boarder, gardener, KY MD MD [enumerated in John Holton household]

Children of William Gale and Rebecca Jones:

1. Martha Jane Gale

b. 07 Oct 1826 Posey County, Indiana
d. 19 Mar 1903 Jackson County, Oregon
buried Phoenix Cemetery, Phoenix, Jackson County, Oregon

m. 10 Jan 1847 Davis County, Iowa
Jackson Smith Hockersmith

b. 10 Jul 1818 Kentucky
d. 28 Mar 1897 Ashland, Jackson County, Oregon
buried Phoenix Cemetery, Phoenix, Jackson County, Oregon

Children of Jackson Hockersmith and Martha Gale:

i. Joseph William Hockersmith

b. 26 Feb 1848 Davis County, Iowa

d. 1910 California

ii. John Newton Hockersmith

b. 27 Dec 1849 Davis County, Iowa

d. 27 Aug 1936 Ashland, Jackson County, Oregon

buried Eastwood IOOF Cemetery, Medford, Jackson County, Oregon

iii. Jefferson Marion Hockersmith

b. 18 Feb 1852 Davis County, Iowa

d. 11 Jan 1857 Junction City, Lane County, Oregon

iv. Sarah Ann "Sally" Hockersmith

b. Mar 1854 Junction City, Lane County, Oregon

d. 09 Mar 1928 Pierce County, Washington

buried Mountain View Memorial Park, Lakewood, Pierce County, Washington

m. George Nelson Vantine

v. Rebecca E. Hockersmith

b. 24 Feb 1857 Junction City, Lane County, Oregon

d. 22 May 1905 Klamath Falls, Klamath County, Oregon

buried Linkville Pioneer Cemetery, Klamath Falls, Klamath County, Oregon

m. Pleasant Luther Fountain

vi. Mary Emily Hockersmith

b. Oct 1859 Junction City, Lane County, Oregon

d. 22 Nov 1933 Medford, Jackson County, Oregon

buried Eastwood IOOF Cemetery, Medford, Jackson County, Oregon

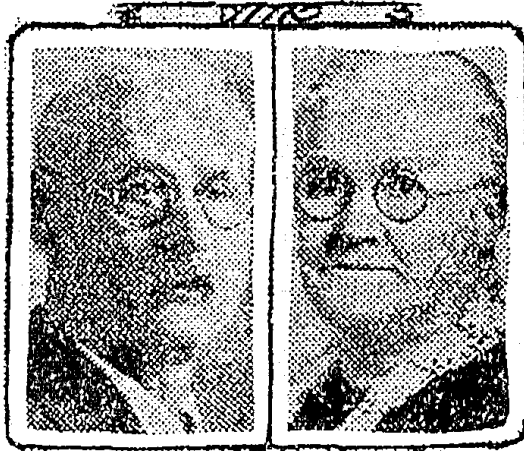
m. Abraham Phillip Weiss

Oregon Couple Observe 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Weiss Honored
at Home of Daughter.

THE golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Weiss, residents of Jackson county, near Central Point, was celebrated October 6 with a reception at the home of their daughter, Mrs. M. L. Dailey, in Medford.

Both Mr. Weiss and his wife, who was Mary E. Hockersmith, were born in Lane county, Oregon, children of



Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Weiss.

pioneer parents, who crossed the plains in 1847 and 1853. They were married in Jackson county in 1880, and have made their home there ever since.

Guests at the anniversary celebration included Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Taylor, sister and brother-in-law of Mrs. Weiss, and her cousin, Mrs. Cordelia Richardson. Their children present were Mrs. Daily, Mrs. C. R. Boussum, Medford; Mrs. Ada M. Robinson, Portland, and J. L. Weiss, Medford. Another daughter, Mrs. Hattie M. Funke of Bend, was unable to be present.

OREGON PIONEER DEAD

**Mrs. A. P. Weiss Medford Resident
for Nearly 70 Years.**

MEDFORD, Or., Nov. 24.--(Special.)
Mrs. A. P. Weiss, member of an Oregon pioneer family and a resident of Medford for 68 years, died at her home here Wednesday. Born at Junction City, Or., in 1859, the daughter of Jackson and Mary Hockersmith, she lived there until coming to southern Oregon with her parents, who crossed the plains to Oregon in 1853.

October 6, 1880, she was married to A. P. Weiss at the home of her brother, J. N. Hockersmith, in this city. To the union were born five children. Three homeless youngsters were also brought up in this city by Mrs. Weiss.

The widower and the following sons and daughters survive: Mrs. M. L. Daily and Mrs. C. R. Boussum of Medford, Mrs. George M. Robinson of Portland, Mrs. H. J. Funke of Bend and J. Lester Weiss of Medford. She also leaves one brother, J. N. Hockersmith, and one sister, Mrs. H. H. Taylor, both of this city.

[Morning Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Saturday, November 25, 1933 p. 12]

vii. Florence Isadora Hockersmith

b. 25 Jun 1862 Junction City, Lane County, Oregon

d. 02 Feb 1939 Medford, Jackson County, Oregon

buried Jacksonville Cemetery, Jacksonville, Jackson County, Oregon

m. Henry Hobart Taylor

2. James Newton Gale

b. 11 Jan 1831 Posey County, Indiana

d. 23 May 1889 Olympia, Thurston County, Washington

buried Masonic Memorial Park, Tumwater, Thurston County, Washington

s/o William Gale and Rebecca Elizabeth Jones

m1.

Nancy Coonrod

b.

d. 1859

m2. 08 Sep 1859 [Oregon Statesman, September 20, 1859 p 3:1]

Elizabeth Maria Kincaid

b. 16 Feb 1842 Indiana

d. 07 Feb 1930 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

1860: Eugene, Lane County, Oregon, July 2, 1860; James N. Gale, 28, farmer, \$0 \$600, IN; Elizabeth, 18, keeps house, IN; Melissa Gale, 3, OR; Joseph M. Gale, 24, farmer, \$900 \$100, IL

1870: Olympia, Thurston County, Washington, July 19, 1870; James N. Gale, 39, printer, \$6500 \$3000, IN; Elizabeth, 28, keeping house, IN; Melissa C., 13, at home, OR

1880: Olympia, Thurston County, Washington, June 2, 1880; Jas N. Gale, 49, post master, IN MD SC; Elizabeth, 38, wife, keeping house, confinement, IN VA IN; May, 1/12 (Apr), WA IN IN

1900: Eugene, Lane County, Oregon, June 5, 1900; Elizabeth Gale, head, Feb 1842, 58, wid, IN VA OH; Lenora, dau, Apr 1881, 19, at school, WA IN IN

1910: Eugene, Lane County, Oregon, April 18, 1910, Elizabeth M. Gale, head, 68, m1-50yrs, 5-1, IN VA OH; Lenore E. Davis, dau, 29, m1-6yrs, 0-0, WA IN IN, Guy Davis, son in law, 39, m1-6yrs, OR MO IN, carpenter-house

1920: Eugene, Lane County, Oregon, January 8 & 9, 1920, Elizabeth M. Gale, head, 77, wid, IN VA OH; Lenore G. Davis, dau, 35, wid, WA IN IN, stenographer-law office

ELIZABETH M. GALE DIES

PIONEER OF 1853 LONG RESIDENT OF EUGENE.

Early Oregon Pioneer Among First Women Typesetters on Pacific Coast.

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 8.—(Special.)—Death yesterday removed one of the early pioneer women of Oregon, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Gale, widow of James Newton Gale, a well-known citizen of the state. Mrs. Gale had been an invalid for several years past. She was the mother of five children, one of whom, Lenore Gale Barette of Eugene, survives. Surviving also is a stepdaughter, Mrs. Caroline M. Budlong, San Francisco, and a nephew, Webster L. Kincaid, Portland.

Mrs. Gale was born Elizabeth Maria Kincaid, daughter of Thomas and Nancy Kincaid, February 16, 1842, in Indiana. The family came to Oregon by wagon in 1853. They passed over the Barlow route and settled in the vicinity of Eugene in October of that year.

Mrs. Gale was educated in the schools at Eugene, and in 1859 married James Newton Gale, editor and later owner of the State Republican. The paper was moved to Salem and consolidated with the Argus. About a year later Mr. Gale started the Portland Daily Union, and following that the Marine Gazette, at Astoria. For some years he was editor and publisher of the Olympia (Wash.) Transcript.

Mrs. Gale learned typesetting and was one of the first women on the Pacific coast in that trade. For many years she set type on newspapers operated by her husband. She had written many stories of pioneer events.

[Sunday Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, February 9, 1930 p. 3]

Children of James Gale and Elizabeth Kincaid:

- i. Paul R. Gale
- b. 1876 Thurston County, Washington
- d. Sep 1879 Olympia, Thurston County, Washington

PASSED AWAY.

From the Olympia Curier of Sept. 26th we take the following: "Diphtheria, that scourge of childhood, has again made its dreaded presence known among us and has robbed another household of its choicest treasure. Last Sunday evening Paul Junie, the only child of J. N. and E. M. Gale, died after a brief but painful illness, aged 2 years, 10 months and 9 days. This family have had to endure a greivous burden of affliction, this being the fourth they have lost within a few years. They have the consciousness that the deep and tender sympathy of the entire community is with them in their hoar of sorrow."

[Oregon State Journal, Eugene, Oregon, Saturday, October 4, 1879 p.5]

ii. May Gale

b. Apr 1880

d.

iii. Lenore Eunice Gale

b. Apr 1881 Thurston County, Washington

d. 09 Nov 1964 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

m. Guy Davis

3. Melissa Everett Gale

b. 1833

d. 16 Jul 1853 on Green River in childbirth

m. 05 Feb 1852 Appanoose County, Iowa

John P. Kennedy

b.

d.

4. Joseph Marion Gale

b. 09 Mar 1836 Pike County, Illinois

d. 17 Mar 1913 Pierce County, Washington

buried Washington Soldier's Home, Orting, Pierce County, Washington

m1. 04 Apr 1865 (div)

Eliza Moody

b.

d.

m2. c1901

Isabelle

b.

d.

JOSEPH MARION GALE DIES

War Veteran, Member of Oregon's
First, Passes Away at Orting.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 19.—(Special)—Joseph Marion Gale, a veteran of the Civil War, a pioneer of the West, who hit the trail for Oregon in 1853, and who served in the Indian war in the Rogue River engagements and the uprising of the red men at Colville, is dead in the Soldiers' Home at Orting.

Mr. Gale was born in Illinois in 1835 and was only a boy when he responded to the call of the West. During the Civil War he enlisted with the First Regiment of Oregon and was made a recruiting officer, serving to the end of the war.

He followed the profession of teaching, having been principal of Roseburg Academy, and also of Washington Academy. He also had experience in journalism, having served as editor of two Oregon newspapers and all through his life he had been a constant contributor of Sunday articles in both poetry and prose, and on a varied line of subjects. While engaged in his newspaper work he formed the acquaintance of Joaquin Miller, the poet of the Sierras, and the two were friends, though often they found themselves on opposite sides of a subject.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Thursday, March 20, 1913 p.2]

Children of Joseph Gale and Eliza Moody:

i. Elias Gale

b. c1840

d.

ii. William R. Gale

b. c1843

d.

iii. Zachariah T. Gale

b. c1845

d.

iv. Joseph A. Gale

b. c1847

d. 22 Sep 1901 Olympia, Thurston County, Washington

JOSEPH A. GALE IS DEAD

Succumbed to His Injuries in This City
Last Night.

Joseph A. Gale, who suffered severe injuries by being kicked by a horse at Old Kamilchie on Sunday last, died at St. Peter's hospital in this city last evening at 7:45 o'clock. Mr. Gale was brought to Olympia for treatment of his injuries yesterday afternoon, his wife accompanying him. On the previous night he began to fail, but it was thought he might rally if he was where he could receive the best of treatment, and it was therefore decided to bring him to the hospital. He was carefully transferred to the Shelton, and arrived in this city during the afternoon. But he did not revive from the unconsciousness into which he sank at the time he was injured.

Mr. Gale was a native of Illinois, and was 53 years of age. He came to Puget Sound about 25 years ago and was one of the best known oystermen in this section. A wife, and two children by a former marriage, survive him. Mr. Gale's home was at Schley, in Mason county, and he had but recently built a handsome residence at that place. He was prominent in the Puget Sound Oystermen's association, and a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles of this city.

[Morning Olympian, Olympia, Washington, Wednesday, September 25, 1901 p. 3]

5. William Jones Gale
 - b. 05 Apr 1838 Illinois
 - d. 04 Apr 1859 Lane County, Oregonburied Milliorn Cemetery, Junction City, Lane County, Oregon

6. Rebecca Elizabeth "Lizzie" Gale
 - b. 08 Jul 1841 Pike County, Illinois

d. 13 Oct 1873 Lane County, Oregon
buried Eugene Pioneer Cemetery, Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

m'd 12 Apr 1866
Joshua Jones Walton [Pioneer of 1849]
b. 06 Apr 1838 Rush County, Indiana
d. 20 Dec 1909 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon
buried Eugene Pioneer Cemetery, Eugene, Lane County, Oregon
m2. Emma Fisher
s/o Joshua James Walton and Anna M. Shockley

DIED.

At her home in this city, October 13th, 1873, Mrs. Lizzie, wife of J. J. Walton, Jr., aged 32 years 3 months and 5 days.

[Oregon State Journal, Eugene, Oregon, Saturday, October 18, 1873 p.3]

7. Phebe Ann Gale
b. 04 Feb 1844 Illinois
d. 30 May 1871 Lane County, Oregon
buried Masonic Cemetery, Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

m'd 05 Jul 1866
Fredrick W. Folsom
b. 1825
d. 08 Mar 1915 Lane County, Oregon
buried Rest Lawn Memorial Park, Junction City, Lane County, Oregon

Mrs. F. W. Folsom has been lying
quite ill for several weeks.

[Oregon State Journal, Eugene, Oregon, Saturday, May 20, 1871 p. 3]

**PIONEER AND FORMER REV-
ENUE COLLECTOR FOR TWO
COUNTIES PASSES AWAY.**



Colonel Frederick W. Folsom.

JUNCTION CITY, Or., March 13.—(Special.)—Colonel Frederick W. Folsom, an Oregon pioneer, died at his home here Monday, aged 89. He was born in Caledonia County, Vermont, on October 2, 1825. When 13 years old he moved to Boston and then to Platte County, Missouri, where he taught music in the Camden Point Academy. In 1857 he came to California, where he resided for a month, thence proceeding to Portland, and Walla Walla. He came to Lane County in 1859, and for two years taught school in the Oak Grove and Harmony districts.

When Company D, Third Regiment of the Oregon Cavalry Brigade, was organized at Grand Prairie, Lane County, he was elected Captain of one company. In 1864 he received the appointment as revenue collector for Lane and Linn counties.

Colonel Folsom married three times. He wedded Miss Nancy Harris. After the death of his wife Mr. Folsom came West. In 1866, in Eugene, he married Phoebe Gale. There were two children born to this union. Mrs. Folsom died. Then in 1872 Colonel Folsom married Laura S. Crow in Eugene. He is survived only by an adopted daughter, Miss Nellie Folsom, of this city.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Sunday, March 14, 1915 Sec I p. 9]

Children of Fredrick Folsom and Phebe Gale:

i. Charles Fredrick Folsom

b. May 1868

d. 20 Sep 1868 Lane County, Oregon

buried Masonic Cemetery, Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

ii. Mabel Phebe Folsom

b. 08 Feb 1871

d. 04 Aug 1871 Lane County, Oregon

buried Masonic Cemetery, Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

8. Henry Harrison Gale

b. 10 May 1846 Illinois

d. 15 Nov 1879

9. Thomas Moore Gale
b. 02 Sep 1848 Clinton County, Iowa
d. 10 Oct 1878 Ashland, Jackson County, Oregon
buried Phoenix Cemetery, Phoenix, Jackson County, Oregon

m. 29 Apr 1872

Clara C. Cook

b.

d.

Death of Thomas M. Gale.

Thomas Moore Gale, after years of suffering from consumption, died at Ashland, Friday, Oct. 11. He was born in Bloomfield, Davis county, Iowa, Sept. 2, 1848. His parents came to Oregon in 1853, when he was a small child, and settled in Lane county a few miles below Eugene City. He was raised in this county and has resided here nearly all the time until recently when he went to Ashland to engage in the newspaper business with which he has been more or less connected for some years past. He was a brother to J. N. Gale, of Olympia, an old resident of this county, who published newspapers in Eugene City, Salem, Portland, Astoria and Olympia, and a brother to Marion Gale and Henry H. Gale, known to many through their connection with the press of the State. He was brother-in-law to Judge J. J. Walton and Col. F. W. Folsom of this county. He leaves a wife and one child to mourn his early departure from the busy and perplexing scenes of this world. The wife is a niece of Mrs. Capt. Packard, formerly Mrs. Eugene F. Skinner, of Eugene city. The mother of Thomas, who died some years ago, possessed gentleness of disposition and moral and social worth. The father and brothers mentioned are still living. Thomas was a very intelligent, steady, honest, industrious man, with no bad habits, and in every sense reliable and trustworthy. He has many friends here and wherever he is known who will be grieved to hear the sad news of his death.

[Oregon State Journal, Eugene, Oregon, Saturday, October 19, 1878 p. 3]

Children of Thomas Gale and Clara Cook:

- i. Nina Imo Gale
- b. 1870 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon
- d. 19 Jan 1874 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

DIED.

**In this city, Monday morning, Jan. 19th, 1874, of
Bronchitis, Nina Imo, aged 11 months, daughter of
Thos. M. and Clara A. Gale.**

[Oregon State Journal, Eugene, Oregon, January 24, 1874 p. 2]