

William Riley Privett

Pioneer of 1852

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William Riley Privett

b. Aug 1847 Missouri

d. 17 Apr 1901 Baker County, Oregon

buried [Mount Hope Cemetery](#), Baker City, Baker County, Oregon

s/o Unknown parents who died on trail in 1852. Taken in by uncle, Riley Privett.

m. 08 Oct 1876 Oregon

Mary Shelton

b. Jan 1858 Oregon

d. 02 Jan 1934 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

buried [Lincoln Memorial Park](#), Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

d/o William S. Shelton and Evaline Jones

m2. James M. Privett 1906

1860: Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon, September 14, 1860; Riley Privett, 36, farmer, \$1000 \$1193, TN; Polly, 34, MO; Silas, 16, farming, MO; Ambrose, 14, MO; Andrew, 11, MO; Lucinda, 9, MO; John, 5, OR; Mary, 3, OR; Sylvester, 5/12, OR; William Riley, 12, MO

1870: Subdivision #5, Benton County, Oregon, August 22, 1870; W. R. Privett, 25, student, MO; F. Crabtree, 20, student, OR; L.V. Liggett, 18, student, OR

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1920: Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, January 6 & 7, 1920; Mary Privett, head, 61, wid, OR MO WI; Bertha M., dau, 35, s, OR MO OR, teacher-music; Winifred M., dau, 22, s, OR MO OR, saving clerk-bank

1930: Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, April 3, 1930; Mary Privett, head, 71, wid, OR VA IL; B. Mable, dau, 46, s, OR MO OR, music teacher; Chester G. Davis, son in law, 33, m-age 31yrs, OR IN MO, bank teller; Winifred M. Davis, dau, 31, m-age 30yrs, OR MO OR

THE LATE W. R. PRIVETT.

**Superintendent of Schools of Baker
County.**

BAKER CITY, April 18.—W. R. Privett, Superintendent of Schools of Baker County, died at his home in this city yesterday morning of consumption. He had been a resident of Oregon for 40 years, coming to the state when 5 years old from Missouri, where he was born in 1847. His parents died while crossing the plains, leaving the boy an orphan. He was taken to the home of an uncle, near Scio, where he lived until 16 years old, when he began teaching school, having received



W. R. Privett.

his education in the common schools. He taught school for five years, when he entered the Agricultural College at Corvallis, and graduated in 1871. He again took up school work, Linn and Marion Counties being the fields of his work. In 1888 he removed to Baker County, where he had resided up to the time of his death. In 1892 he was elected County Superintendent of Schools. He succeeded himself in 1896, and was re-elected last Fall for another term of four years. He was regarded as one of the most prominent and thorough men in educational matters in Eastern Oregon.

Mr. Privett leaves a wife and four children—Floyd Lamar, Lella Vivian, Bertha Mabel and Winnifred Myrtle. The oldest daughter, Miss Lella, has conducted the business of the County Superintendent's office for several months, during her father's illness. Mrs. Privett was formerly Miss Mary Shelton, of Linn County, where the couple were married in 1876. The funeral was held this afternoon from the Baptist Church, and was conducted by the Odd Fellows Lodge, of which deceased was a member. He was also a member of the Masonic and Woodmen orders.

Children of William Privett and Mary Shelton:

1. William L. Privett

b. 18 Oct 1877 Oregon

d. 26 May 1891 Baker County, Oregon

buried [Mount Hope Cemetery](#), Baker City, Baker County, Oregon

1880: William Privett, 30, school teacher, b. OR (sic-MO); Mary, 32, wife, keeping house, OR MO MO;
William, 3, son, OR OR OR

2. Leila V. Privett

b. Dec 1881

d.

m. Elmer A. Clark September 1902

buried [Canyon Hill Cemetery](#), Caldwell, Canyon County, Idaho

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1910: Caldwell Ward 2, Canyon County, Idaho

THEIR WEDDING.

Marriage of Elmer Clark and Miss Leila Privett at Baker City.

At the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Mary Privett, Baker City at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning the marriage of Elmer A Clark formerly of Corvallis and Miss Leila Privett, of Baker City, was solemnized, Rev George T Ellis, of Baker City, officiating. Edwin M Clark, of Corvallis, brother of the groom, officiated as best man, and Miss Lola I Dorsett, of Baker City as bridesmaid.

The wedding march was played by Miss Mabel Privett, sister of the bride, preceded by the attendants. The young couple entered the parlor, and took their places under a beautiful arch of trailing vines and clusters of sweet peas, where the solemn words were spoken, which made them husband and wife. After congratulations the company repaired to the dining room, where a delicious wedding breakfast was served, during which, telegrams from absent friends were read. The bride was beautifully gowned in white silk mull, and carried a bouquet of white astors. Only relatives and a few friends were present. Many valuable and useful presents were received.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark left on the noon train for a brief wedding trip to eastern points, and will be at home to their many friends at Vale, Oregon, after September 25th, where the groom holds a position as cashier of the bank. The best wishes of friends go with them to the newly furnished home that awaits them.

[The Weekly Gazette Times, Corvallis, Oregon, September 20, 1902 p.2]

3. Bertha M. Privett

b. Mar 1884

d. 1939 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

buried [Lincoln Memorial Park](#), Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

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4. Floyd Lamar Privett

b. 24 Apr 1892 Baker City, Baker County, Oregon

d. 21 Oct 1970 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

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

m. Elnora Whitson 09 Sep 1937 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

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5. Winifred Myrtle Privett

b. Apr 1898

d.

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