

Amos E. Freel

Pioneers of 1852

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Amos E. Freel

b. 26 Sep 1809 Ohio

d. 09 Jun 1852 died on trail in Nebraska

memorial [Oregon Trail Memorial Park Cemetery](#), Bridgeport, Morrill County, Nebraska

s/o Benoni Freel and Esther Perry Wilmoth

m. 23 Jan 1828 Tippecanoe County, Indiana

Elizabeth Sophia Reynolds

b. 22 Feb 1813 Tippecanoe County, Indiana

d. 11 Jun 1852 died on trail in Nebraska

d/o Phillip and Sophia Reynolds

memorial [Oregon Trail Memorial Park Cemetery](#), Bridgeport, Morrill County, Nebraska

1850: Polk County, Iowa, August 29, 1850; Amos E. Freel, 41, farming, OH; Elizabeth, 38, OH; Maria, 15, IA; Nancy J., 13, IA; William, 11, IA; Francis M., 8, IL; Martha, 7, IA; Elizabeth, 4, IA; Aresula, 2, IA; Marcus L., 5/12, IA

Children of Amos Freel and Elizabeth Reyholds:

1. Sarah Ann Freel

b. 13 May 1829 Tippecanoe County, Indiana

d. 23 Jun 1911 Lincoln County, Oregon

buried [Mount Union Cemetery](#), Philomath, Benton County, Oregon

m. 29 Jan 1846 Mahaska County, Iowa

George Washington Kisor

b. 28 Feb 1828 Erie County, Ohio

d. 28 Mar 1896 Benton County, Oregon

buried [Mount Union Cemetery](#), Philomath, Benton County, Oregon

“DLC #2587 Benton County, George Kisor born 1822 Ohio; arrived Oregon 28 Oct 1852; settled claim 01 Oct 1853; m’d Sarah Ann 28 Feb 1845 Iowa. Affidavit: Philip Reynolds, Lewis Casteel, Wm. Speer, J.S. Sanders.” [Genealogical Material in Oregon Donation Land Claims, Volume II, p. 5]

“DLC #1568 Freel, William, Martha E., Elizabeth L. & Arsula, orphans of Amos E & Elizabeth Freel, Benton County; 05 June 1855 A.W. Locke, Judge of Probate, Benton County, appointed William Kisor guardian of these orphans. 16 Nov 1855 Philip Reynolds gave affidavit he was personally acquainted with Amos E. Freel who traveled with him on the plains and died on his way to Oregon. 02 Mar 1869 David Hawley, Starrs Point, Benton County asked that any question regarding this claim be directed to him. 21 Mar 1870 George W. and Sarah A. Kisor gave affidavit that they were acquainted with Amos E and Elizabeth Freel in their lifetime and that said Amos E. Freel died on the plains 09 Jun 1852 on his way to Oregon and Elizabeth Freel died on the plains 11 June 1852. Amos E. was a native born of US

over 21. Children were all minors at time of his death.” [Genealogical Material in Oregon Donation Land Claims, Volume III p. 112]

[The following letter was written to John L. Hughes who was married to a sister of Elizabeth (Reynolds) Freel and was contributed by Freel descendant Christopher J. Schell]

“Ash Hollow – June 23, 1852
140 miles from Fort Laramie

“Dear Uncle – I find here a station for the purpose of conveying letters to the states and I hasten to inform you of our travels and the incidents pertaining thereof. First of all I would mention the sickness we have had and I am sorry to say the deaths. First of all Frances Freel died June 4th, 1852, and Maria Freel followed the 6th. Next was Polly Carsner, who died the 8th, and Amos Freel next, he died the 9th and Lafayette Freel soon followed – he died the 10th. Elizabeth Freel, wife of Amos, died the 11th, and her baby died the 17th. So, you see we have lost seven persons in a few short days, all died of cholera. Although I know this will be a sad epistle of news to send you, still I feel it a duty to let you know how matters are progressing, and, thank God, we are all well and likely to do well for we have had no sickness since the baby died. Please allow Sophia Parkinson to read this letter when you have perused it and let all our good friends know of our affliction. We have had very good luck with our teams, and have prospered well except for the sickness and deaths.

And I would say a word about traveling and tell it to all of your friends that may think of coming on this vast prairie, it is this, do not as you value your lives ever drink water out of springs or sunken wells, on the side of the road or anywhere else. Always use the Platte river water and you will have no sickness. Even if you have to go a mile or two miles, do it rather than drink out of these cursed pit holes of death. For it is nothing else than that caused all our sickness.

We didn’t know anything about it, and as the water is generally good and pleasant to drink, we thought we were using the best. So remember this and, as I said before, advise your friends to do the same. I have no time to write more at present, for we are stopping our teams in the middle of the road, for the purpose of writing this, so good-bye for the present.

George Kisor

Ann Kisor (Sarah Ann Freel)”

Fifty Years Wedded.

An enjoyable event was the celebration at Philomath, a week ago today, January 29, 1896, of the fiftieth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Kisor. Children and grand children from far and near were there to make the occasion memorable as a family reunion. Mr. Kisor who has for a long time been afflicted with paralysis, was helped out of his bed to the head of the table where he presided for the first time in four years. Mr. and Mrs. Kisor came to Oregon in 1852 and settled near Monroe, where they remained until 1864, when they removed to Philomath, where they have ever since resided. They have many friends in Benton county.

Mr. and Mrs. Kisor were married in Mahaska county, Iowa, January 29, 1846. There were present on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the event the following children: Mr. and Mrs. George Kisor, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Kisor, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Mason, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Copeland, William Kisor, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kisor, Biddle Kisor, Chester Mason and Mrs. Elias Rowe.

[The Weekly Gazette Times, Corvallis, Oregon, Wednesday, February 5, 1896 p. 3]

NEWPORT PIONEER DIES

MRS. SARAH ANN KISOR SUR-
VIVED BY SEVEN CHILDREN.

Father and Five Sisters Victims of
Cholera When Party Crossed
Plains in Early '50s.

NEWPORT, Or., July 1.—(Special.)—
Mrs. Sarah Ann Kisor, who died at
the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. G.
Copeland, in this city, June 23, was
born in Tippecanoe County, Ind., May
13, 1829.

While making the journey to Ore-
gon in 1852, Mrs. Kisor's father and
five sisters, who were in the party of
immigrants, died of cholera. She and
her husband first settled at Corvallis,
and in 1865 they moved to Philomath,
where they lived until 1896.

In January, 1896, Mr. and Mrs. Kisor
celebrated their golden wedding anni-
versary, at which all the children liv-
ing were present. Mr. Kisor died in
March of the same year.

Mrs. Kisor was stricken with paraly-
sis in 1906, from which she never fully
recovered. She was the mother of 11
children, seven of whom survive her.
They are: Amos E. Kisor and Mrs.
C. G. Copeland, of Newport; Mrs. Alex-
ander Campbell and Mrs. J. Mason, of
Corvallis, Or.; William E. Kisor, of
Portland; Walter E. Kisor, of Philo-
math, and A. B. Kisor, of Eastern
Washington.

[The Sunday Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Sunday, July 2, 1911 p.44]

MRS. SARAH ANN KISOR CALLED

Mrs. Sarah Ann Kisor died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. G. Copeland, in Newport, Friday, June 23, 1911, aged 82 years, one month and ten days. She was born in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, March 13, 1829, near Lafayette, but came West in early life and had spent the larger part of the intervening years in Benton county, Oregon.

When about 11 years of age, she

with her parents moved to Livingston county, Illinois, and about one year later moved again to Muscatine, Iowa. In the year 1846 she was united in marriage to George M. Kisor and settled temporarily near Des Moines, Iowa.

In the year 1852 they joined a large company bound for Oregon. This trip was one of great hardship. Mrs. Kisor having lost on the way her father and mother, besides several brothers and sisters, from cholera. They arrived in Portland, Ore., in mid-winter, poorly clothed, out of food and nothing to do, besides having several orphan children to care for.

In the Spring of 1853 they came to Corvallis, then called Marysville, where they resided a short time when they took up a donation claim near Monroe. In 1865, when the town of Philomath was first laid out, they were among the first to move there. It was here they spent the greater part of the remaining years of life. Her husband died March 28, 1896.

In the year 1901 she suffered a slight stroke of paralysis, from which she never fully recovered, and another stroke in 1906, and a third in 1909, all together leaving her almost helpless and speechless, yet her mind was clear and memory accurate, and her interest in events and her loved ones did not wane.

She was the mother of seven children: four sons and three daughters, of whom are living: Amos E. Kisor and Mrs. C. G. Copeland, of Newport, Ore.; Mrs. J. Mason and Mrs. Alex. Campbell, of Corvallis; Walter Kisor, of Philomath; William Kisor, of Marshfield, and A. B. Kisor, of Washington.

She was a woman of unusually strong and large frame, forceful character, yet kind and benevolent and possessing all the womanly qualities in high degree. About the Fall of 1853 she united with the Church of Christ and was baptized by Elder Castile, near Monroe, Ore. She was an every-day Christian. Her Bible was her constant companion, and she loved nature and life and people and her Lord constantly and vividly. The beautifying influences of a pure religion were spread over a life and character as spotless and charming as was ever possessed by any of the noble women who have lived and died during the ages that are gone. Her life was a blessing and a benediction to all within the sphere of its influence and it is difficult to pay just tribute to a life whose full measure of praise cannot be expressed with tongue or pen. No one was more willing to aid the needy or cheer the despondent or comfort with Christian counsel the erring or distressed. And thus she died, cheerful to the end, full of hope in the rest of the redeemed and a plain path before her to the ever-green shore.

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[Corvallis Gazette Times, Corvallis, Oregon, Monday, June 26, 1911 p.2]

The death of George Kisor, of Philomath, has been daily expected for a fortnight. Life seems to have left the lower limbs, several days ago, and the fact that he continues conscious, with a fair appetite under many complications, makes his case remarkable. He is about 70 years of age, and has, for four years, been a paralytic.

[The Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Monday, March 23, 1896 p. 3]

DEATH OF ANOTHER PIONEER.

After a lingering illness, George W. Kisor, an Oregon pioneer, died at his home in Philomath Saturday night, aged 73 years.

The deceased was born near Sandusky, Ohio, on the 28th of Feb., 1823. In his early manhood, he moved to Mahaska county, Iowa, where on the 29th day of January, 1846, he was united in marriage with Sarah Ann Freel, who survives him. As a result of this union seven sons and four daughters have been born. Of these, four sons and three daughters survive, all of whom were present during his last illness. In 1852 he, with his family, crossed the plains to Oregon, and the following spring settled in Benton county, where he constantly remained until his death. In the year 1844 he united with the Christian church, of which he was a devoted member when he died on the 28th day of March, 1896. At the time of his death his age was 73 years and one month. He was paralyzed four years ago last December. His wife has faithfully attended at his side in all the years of this prolonged affliction, ministering to his wants, and caring for him by day and by night.

For weeks his children have been with him, each day, thinking it would be his last; he desired them to be present, for he was an affectionate husband and parent. But on the night of the 28th of March, after 73 years and one month of life had been allotted him, the weary wheels of life stood still at last, and his body, so long afflicted, rested in death. The family bid him a long farewell as husband and father, hoping to meet him in the immortal world when their day of life has fled. The funeral services took place at the family residence in Philomath on Monday at 9 a. m., conducted by Bishop Dillon at the United Brethren church. The remains were followed to the grave by a large concourse of sorrowing friends. The interment occurred at Mount Union cemetery.

[Corvallis Gazette, Corvallis, Oregon, Thursday, April 2, 1896 p.3]

Children of George Kisor and Sarah Ann Freel:

- i. Amos Edward Kisor (1846-1936)
- ii. Sarah Jane Kisor (1848-1920)
- iii. Phoebe Ann Kisor (1849-1885)
- iv. Clarinda Gertrude Kisor (1852-1929)
- v. George W. Kisor (1855-1965)
- vi. Elizabeth Margaret Kisor (1857-1857)
- vii. William Earl Kisor (1859-1942)
- viii. John Lewis Kisor (1863-1863)

ix. Walter Ellis Kisor (1867-1942)

x. Albert Biddle Kisor (1870-1960)

2. Sophia Freel [started with Freel family but turned back]

b. 01 Mar 1831 Tippecanoe County, Indiana

d. 03 Apr 1913 Franklin County, Kansas

buried [Woodlawn Cemetery](#), Pomona, Franklin County, Kansas

m. 28 Feb 1850 Polk County, Iowa

Jonathan W. Parkinson

b. 11 Mar 1826 Greene County, Pennsylvania

d. 18 Jul 1886 Franklin County, Kansas

buried [Woodland Cemetery](#), Pomona, Franklin County, Kansas

Children of Jonathan Parkinson and Sophia Freel:

i. Lucinda Parkinson (1850-1873)

ii. Experience Elen Parkinson (1852-1936)

iii. Amos Freel Parkinson (1855-1939)

iv. Mary Elizabeth Parkinson (1856-1944)

v. Martha Ann Parkinson (1858-1940)

vi. Jonathan H. Parkinson (1862-1943)

3. Mary "Polly" Freel

b. 05 Feb 1833 Tippecanoe County, Indiana

d. 08 Jun 1852 died on trail in Nebraska

memorial [Oregon Trail Memorial Park Cemetery](#), Bridgeport, Morrill County, Nebraska

m. 1850 Polk County, Iowa

John L. Casner

b. May 1822 Ray County, Missouri

d. aft Jun 1902 Texas

m1. 1845 Lucinda Williams

m3. 27 Aug 1882 Mrs. Anne Jane (Brown) Pitner

1850: Polk County, Iowa, August 29, 1850; Amos E. Freel, 41, farming, OH; Elizabeth, 38, OH; Maria, 15, IA; Nancy J., 13, IA; William, 11, IA; Francis M., 8, IL; Martha, 7, IA; Elizabeth, 4, IA; Aresula, 2, IA; Marcus L., 5/12, IA

Children of John Casner and Mary Freel:

i. John Lewis Casner (1851-1903)

ii. George Washington Casner (1852-1884)

4. Nancy Jane Freel

b. 22 Apr 1837

d. 05 Nov 1853 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

[burial location unknown](#)

m. 03 Feb 1853 Oregon

Samuel Arhurston Gatton

b. 02 Jun 1833 Fremont County, Ohio

d. 28 Jul 1935 Woodland, Washington

buried [Odd Fellows Cemetery](#), Woodland, Cowlitz County, Washington

1850: Polk County, Iowa, August 29, 1850; Amos E. Freel, 41, farming, OH; Elizabeth, 38, OH; Maria, 15, IA; Nancy J., 13, IA; William, 11, IA; Francis M., 8, IL; Martha, 7, IA; Elizabeth, 4, IA; Aresula, 2, IA; Marcus L., 5/12, IA

Child of Samuel Gatton and Nancy Freel:
i. Martha Ann Gatton (1853-1938)

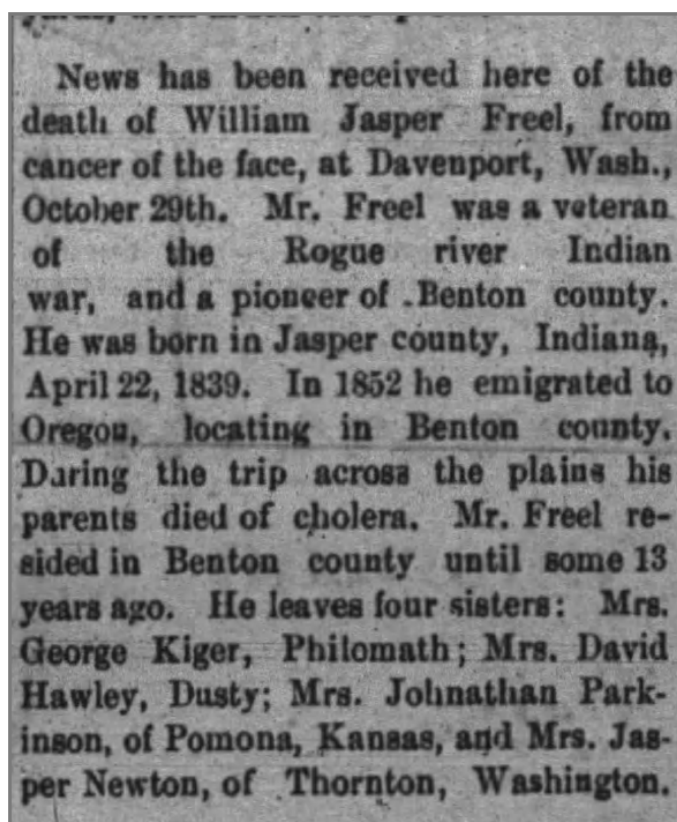
5. William Henry Jasper Freel

b. 22 Apr 1839 Tippecanoe County, Indiana

d. 29 Oct 1899 Lincoln County, Washington

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

1850: Polk County, Iowa, August 29, 1850; Amos E. Freel, 41, farming, OH; Elizabeth, 38, OH; Maria, 15, IA; Nancy J., 13, IA; William, 11, IA; Francis M., 8, IL; Martha, 7, IA; Elizabeth, 4, IA; Aresula, 2, IA; Marcus L., 5/12, IA



[Corvallis Gazette, Corvallis, Oregon, Friday, November 17, 1899 p.3]

6. Francis Marion Freel

b. 27 Sep 1841 Illinois

d. 04 Jun 1852 died on trail in Nebraska

memorial [Oregon Trail Memorial Park Cemetery](#), Bridgeport, Morrill County, Nebraska

1850: Polk County, Iowa, August 29, 1850; Amos E. Freel, 41, farming, OH; Elizabeth, 38, OH; Maria, 15, IA; Nancy J., 13, IA; William, 11, IA; Francis M., 8, IL; Martha, 7, IA; Elizabeth, 4, IA; Aresula, 2, IA; Marcus L., 5/12, IA

7. Martha Ellen Freel

b. 08 Dec 1843 Mahaska County, Iowa

d. 24 Dec 1929 Benton County, Oregon
buried [Alpine Cemetery](#), Alpine, Benton County, Oregon

m. 1859

David Hawley (Pioneer of 1848)

b. 28 Dec 1828 Licking County, Ohio

d. 12 Apr 1913 Alpine, Benton County, Oregon

buried [Alpine Cemetery](#), Alpine, Benton County, Oregon

“DLC #1607 Benton County; David Hawley born 1828 Ohio; arrived Oregon 13 Sep 1848; settled claim 20 Nov 1852/25 Oct 1853. Affidavit: Philander Gilbert, Lee McCain.” [Genealogical Material in Oregon Donation Land Claims, Volume III p. 115]

1850: Polk County, Iowa, August 29, 1850; Amos E. Freeland, 41, farming, OH; Elizabeth, 38, OH; Maria, 15, IA; Nancy J., 13, IA; William, 11, IA; Francis M., 8, IL; Martha, 7, IA; Elizabeth, 4, IA; Aresula, 2, IA; Marcus L., 5/12, IA

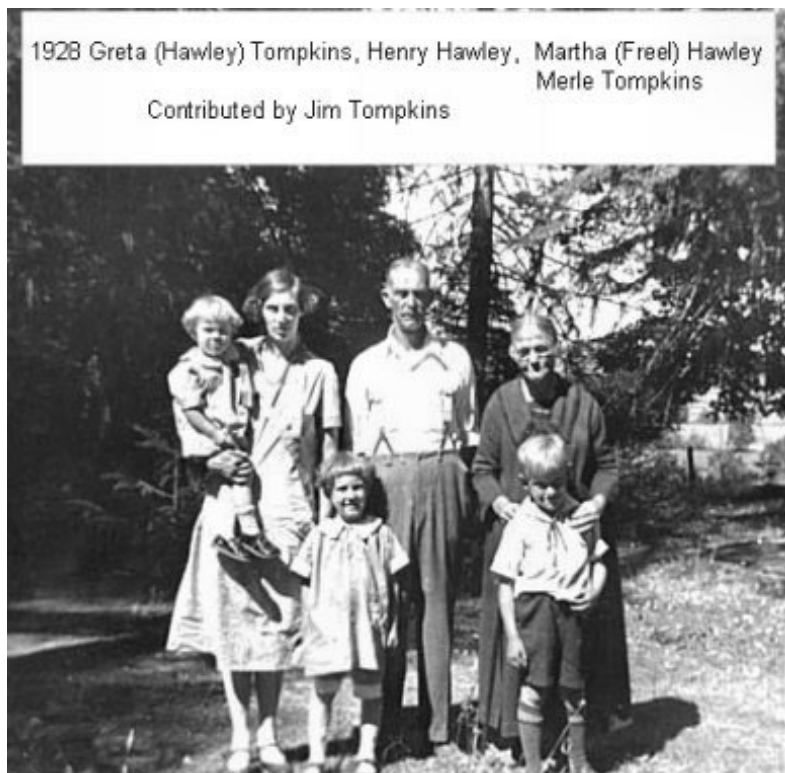
1854: Benton Co Census; David Hawley, legal voter, 1 male +21

1855: Benton Co, Tax Roll, David Hawley, Provisional and Territorial Record #14001

1860: Corvallis PO, Lloyds Pct, Benton Co, OR, July 17, 1860; David Halley (sic-Hawley), 31, farmer, OH; Martha E., 16, IA; Warren C., 1, OR; Leonidas H., 9, OR

1870: Corvallis PO, Subdivision 5 Pct, Benton Co, OR, August 11, 1870; David Hawley, 41, farmer, \$1200 \$300, OH; Martha E., 26, keeping house, IA; Warren C., 11, OR; Angenorah, 9, OR; Sarah L., 5, OR; Henry C., 3, OR

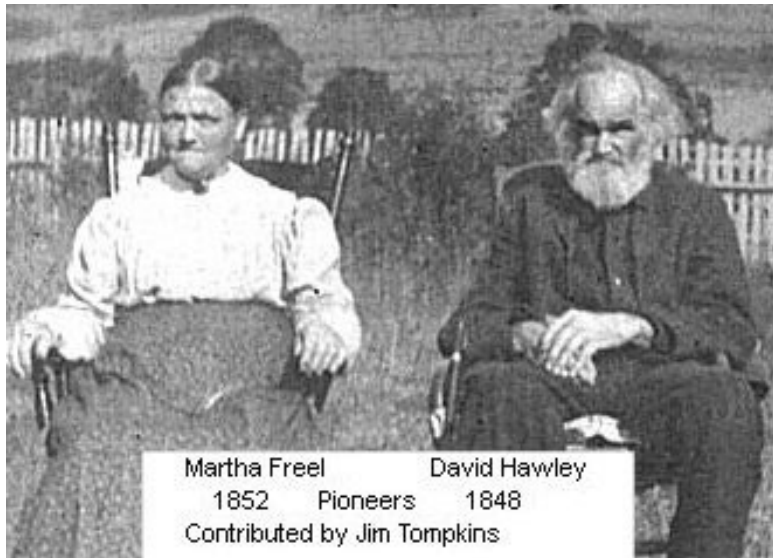
1880: Alsea Pct, Benton Co, OR, June 2 & 4, 1880; David Hawley, 51, farmer, OH NY NY; Martha E., 36, wife, keeping house, IA; Angenora U., 19, dau, OR OH IA; Lucetta S., 15, dau, OR OH IA; Henry C., 13, son, OR OH IA; Iola, 8, dau, OR OH IA; Jessie, 5, dau, OR OH IA; Sylvia C., 1, dau, OR OH IA



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PIONEER OF 1848 IS DEAD

David Hawley Passes Away at Home Near Bellfountain.

Monroe, Or., April 18.—David Hawley, a pioneer of '48, died at his home near Bellfountain, April 12. Mr. Hawley was born in Licking county, Ohio, in 1828, and came to Oregon with his parents. He was married in July, 1858, to Miss Ellen Freel.

Four children survive him, Mrs. Lusetta Myers, of Hanford, Cal.; H. C. Hawley and Mrs. Iola Graves, of Alpine, and Mrs. Jessie Powell, of Albany. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Sarah Rycraft, of Alsea; a brother, L. H. Hawley, of Blodgett; 17 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral took place from the Methodist church in Bellfountain last Sunday, Rev. M. M. Waltz and Rev. Crozier officiating.

[The Eugene Guard, Eugene, Oregon, Friday, April 18, 1913 p.4]

DEATH TAKES ONE OF BENTON COUNTY PIONEERS TUESDAY

Mrs. Martha Freel Hawley of Alpine Crossed Plains to Oregon in 1852

One of Oregon's early pioneers who crossed the plains in 1852 passed with the death at Alpine, south Benton county, on Christmas eve, of Mrs. Martha Freel Hawley. Mrs. Hawley's death occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Graves, where she had resided for a number of years.

Mrs. Hawley, who was Martha Ellen Freel, was born in Iowa December 8, 1843. With her parents and other members of the family, she crossed the plains to Oregon at the age of nine. The emigrant train of which the family was a part was attacked by an epidemic of cholera and the parents and several brothers and sister died within a few days. Martha Ellen, herself, was stricken lightly with the dread disease.

She married David Hawley in 1858, the wedding taking place in Oregon. To this union were born seven children, four of whom survive. They are Mrs. Setta Mires of Handford, Cal.; Mrs. Iola Graves, of Alpine; Mrs. Jessie Powell, Albany, and Henry Hawley, Alpine. Mr. Hawley died 17 years ago.

Mrs. Hawley had lived practically all of her life in Benton county. She celebrated her 86th birthday with a party at the home of her daughter on December 8, and apparently was in her usual health. Her death followed a short illness.

The funeral service will be from the Alpine chapel in south Benton county at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon and will be in charge of the J. B. Hollingsworth funeral home. Interment will be in the Alpine cemetery.

[Corvallis Gazette, Corvallis, Oregon, Thursday, December 26, 1929 p.1]

Children of David Hawley and Martha Freel:

- i. Warren C. Hawley (1859-)
- ii. Angenora U. Hawley (1861-) m'd Mr. Hammer
- iii. Sarah Lucetta Hawley (1865-) m'd Mr. Miers
- iv. Henry Chatman Hawley (1867-1940)
- v. Iola Hawley (1872-) m'd Mr. Graves
- vi. Jessie Hawley (1875-) m'd J.F. Powell
- vii. Sylvia C. Hawley (1879-) m'd M.L. Buckingham

8. Elizabeth Lucy Freel

b. 27 Mar 1846 Mahaska County, Iowa

d. 27 Jun 1883 Benton County, Oregon

buried [Crystal Lake Cemetery](#), Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon

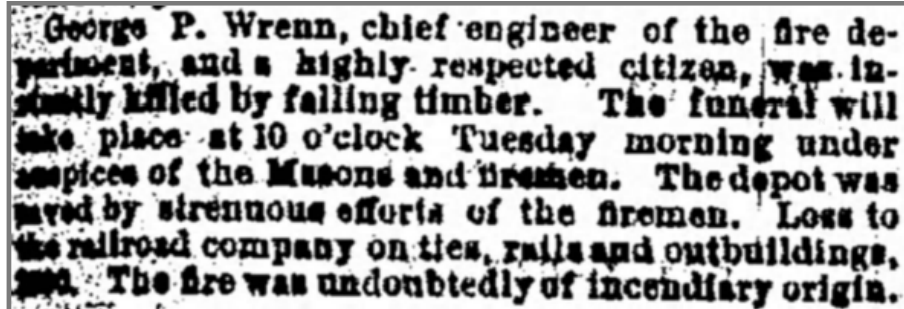
m. 25 Apr 1867 Benton County, Oregon

George Peake Wrenn

b. 09 May 1825 Fairfax County, Virginia

d. 26 Feb 1882 Benton County, Oregon
buried [Crystal Lake Cemetery](#), Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon

1850: Polk County, Iowa, August 29, 1850; Amos E. Freel, 41, farming, OH; Elizabeth, 38, OH; Maria, 15, IA; Nancy J., 13, IA; William, 11, IA; Francis M., 8, IL; Martha, 7, IA; Elizabeth, 4, IA; Aresula, 2, IA; Marcus L., 5/12, IA



George P. Wrenn, chief engineer of the fire department, and a highly respected citizen, was instantly killed by falling timber. The funeral will take place at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning under auspices of the Masons and firemen. The depot was saved by strenuous efforts of the firemen. Loss to the railroad company on ties, rails and outbuildings, \$200. The fire was undoubtedly of incendiary origin.

[The Morning Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Monday, February 27, 1882 p.3]

Children of George Wrenn and Elizabeth Freel:

- i. Andy Caldwell Wrenn (1866 - 1945)
- ii. Eva Rosamond Wrenn (1868-1951)
- iii. Myrtle Ernestine Wrenn (1869-1930)
- iv. Richard Evans Wrenn (1870-1927)
- v. Lorena Wrenn (1871-1967)
- vi. William Alfred Wrenn (1874-1949)

9. Ursula Freel
b. 15 Jun 1848 Iowa
d. 02 Jun 1917
buried [Molson Cemetery](#), Molson, Okanogan County, Washington

m. 1863
Jasper Newton
b. 14 Apr 1843 VanBuren County, Iowa
d. 23 Sep 1925 Molson, Okanogan County, Washington
buried [Molson Cemetery](#), Molson, Okanogan County, Washington

1850: Polk County, Iowa, August 29, 1850; Amos E. Freel, 41, farming, OH; Elizabeth, 38, OH; Maria, 15, IA; Nancy J., 13, IA; William, 11, IA; Francis M., 8, IL; Martha, 7, IA; Elizabeth, 4, IA; Aresula, 2, IA; Marcus L., 5/12, IA

DEAD WOMAN PIONEER

**MRS. JASPER NEWTON, OF MOLSON,
CAME TO OREGON IN 1852.**

**Early Settler in Benton County, Oregon,
Survived by Widower and Nine
Children.**

Mrs. Jasper Newton, who died recently at her home in Molson, Wash., was among the early Oregon pioneers, having come to Oregon in 1852 over the old Oregon trail.

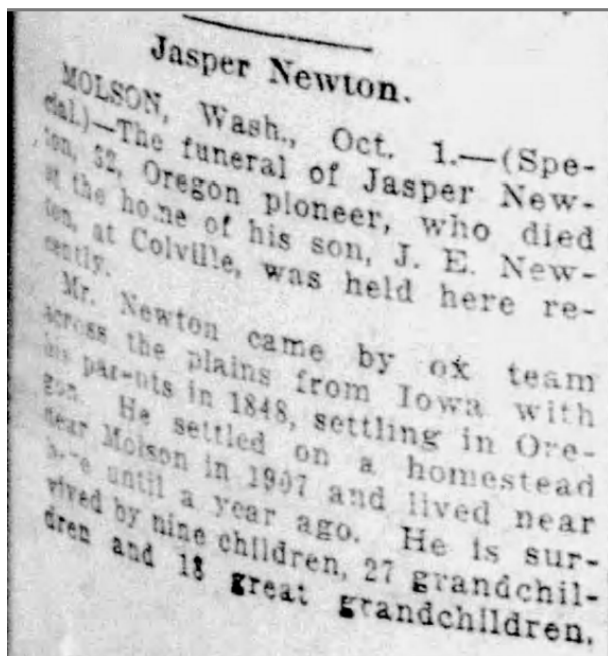
She was born in Iowa, June 16, 1848, and came to Oregon with her parents. The trip over the rough trail was a severe one and was made when cholera was prevalent among the westward immigrants. Her father, mother and five brothers and sisters died of the malady while on the trip and the little girl continued her journey in company with her two remaining brothers and sister.

They arrived at the site of Portland, which was then only a small settlement. Here the sister died. The children then continued to Benton County, Oregon, and arrived there just six months after they began the trip from Iowa.

Before her marriage to Jasper Newton, December 9, 1863, she was Ursula Freel. The Newtons moved from Benton County to the Palouse country shortly after their marriage. In 1906 they located on a homestead near Molson, Wash., and later moved to the town.

Mrs. Newton had been a pioneer in every locality in which she had lived since a little girl and always had been

[The Sunday Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Sunday, February 11, 1917 p.26]



[The Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Friday, October 2, 1925 p. 27]

Children of Jasper Newton and Ursula Freel:

- i. Martha Newton (1864-1957)
- ii. Rachel Newton (1866-1960)
- iii. Gennette Newton (1868-1940)
- iv. William Jonathan Newton (1870-1948)
- v. E. Newton (1875-)
- vi. Ammariah Peter Newton (1872-1962)
- vii. Sophia Mary Newton (1875 -1960)
- viii. George Evans Newton (1877-1925)
- ix. Lidia M. Newton (1880-1980)
- x. James Edward Newton (1885-1960)

10. Marquis LaFayette Freel

b. Mar 1850 Illinois

d. 10 Jun 1852 died on trail in Nebraska

memorial [Oregon Trail Memorial Park Cemetery](#), Bridgeport, Morrill County, Nebraska

1850: Polk County, Iowa, August 29, 1850; Amos E. Freel, 41, farming, OH; Elizabeth, 38, OH; Maria, 15, IA; Nancy J., 13, IA; William, 11, IA; Francis M., 8, IL; Martha, 7, IA; Elizabeth, 4, IA; Aresula, 2, IA; Marcus L., 5/12, IA

11. Charles Wesley Freel

b. 15 Jan 1852

d. 17 Jun 1852 died on trail in Nebraska

memorial [Oregon Trail Memorial Park Cemetery](#), Bridgeport, Morrill County, Nebraska