Daniel Bolton

Pioneer of 1853

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Daniel Bolton
b. 01/31 May 1820 Giles County, Virginia
d. 11 Nov 1887 The Dalles, Wasco County, Oregon
buried IOOF Cemetery, The Dalles, Wasco County, Oregon
s/o Henry Frederick Bolton and Nancy Mann

m. 14 Nov 1845 Cedar County, Iowa
Elizabeth Jane Fulwider
b. 15 Jun 1830 Greenbrier County, Virginia
d. 22 Aug 1897 The Dalles, Wasco County, Oregon
buried IOOF Cemetery, The Dalles, Wasco County, Oregon

1850: Center Twp, Cedar County, Iowa, September 9, 1850; Daniel Bolton, 30, farmer, $600, VA; Elizabeth, 20, VA; Nancy H., 2, IA

1851: The Daniel Bolton family is shown as part of the 1851 Bushnell Train, which is an error. The family actually emigrated in 1853

"Daniel did not arrive in Oregon in 1852. He was not with Absalom on the Oregon Trail. Since Ally Ann died in 1852 in Cedar County IA, the trip west was postponed until 1853. There is no extant documents listing which wagon train Daniel and family were on. Daniel settled on the Long Tom near his nephew Absalom in the Fall of 1853. In August 1855, the Indians stole his horses, and Daniel sold his claim for $100 to Samuel White, and a letter of Nov 29, 1855 in White's Donation Land Claim (#1186) regards Daniel: "Bolton some 3 months ago abandoned claim & removed his family east of the Cascade Mts. I have nothing new to write. Wars and rumors of war are the order of the day in this part of the valley." So Daniel filed his October 1, 1855, Donation Land Claim (#4441) for the land at Fifteen Mile Creek in Wasco County, and brought his family back over to east of the Cascades. In 1858 Absalom also came over to Wasco County, and bought adjoining land to Daniel's claim." [per Bolton Researcher, Pam Bolton]

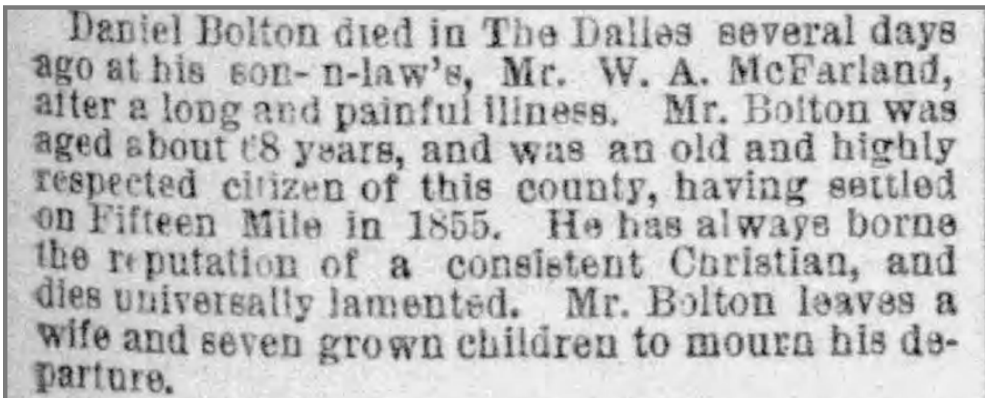
DLC: #5023 Lane County, Daniel Bolton born 1820 Giles County, Virginia; arrived Oregon September 26, 1853; settled claim 15 Dec 1853; m'd Elizabeth J. 14 Nov 1845 Cedar County, Iowa; settled claim affidavit: Absalom D. Bolton, Augustus l. Humphrey. [Claim rejected so Bolton family moved to Wasco County]

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Daniel Bolton died in The Dalles several days ago at his son-in-law's, Mr. W. A. McFarland, after a long and painful illness. Mr. Bolton was aged about 68 years, and was an old and highly respected citizen of this county, having settled on Fifteen Mile in 1855. He has always borne the reputation of a consistent Christian, and dies universally lamented. Mr. Bolton leaves a wife and seven grown children to mourn his departure.

[The Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Tuesday, November 22, 1887 p. 2]



Found Dead in Bed.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bolton was found dead in bed in The Dalles last Monday. About three weeks ago, while camping at the Meadows, she was stricken with paralysis, and while she appeared to be rapidly recovering from this, it was realized that a second stroke might carry her off at any moment. This is probably what happened during the night, and death was perhaps instantaneous, as she seemed very cheerful at bedtime, insisting that no one sleep in the room.

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[The Dalles Weekly Chronicle, The Dalles, Oregon, Wednesday, August 25, 1897, p. 3]

Children of Daniel Bolton and Elizabeth Fulwider:
1. Nancy Harriet Bolton
b. 17 Mar 1848 Cedar County, Iowa
d. 26 Nov 1887 Columbus, Klickitat County, Washington
buried IOOF Cemetery, The Dalles, Wasco County, Oregon
m. James Henry Jenkins

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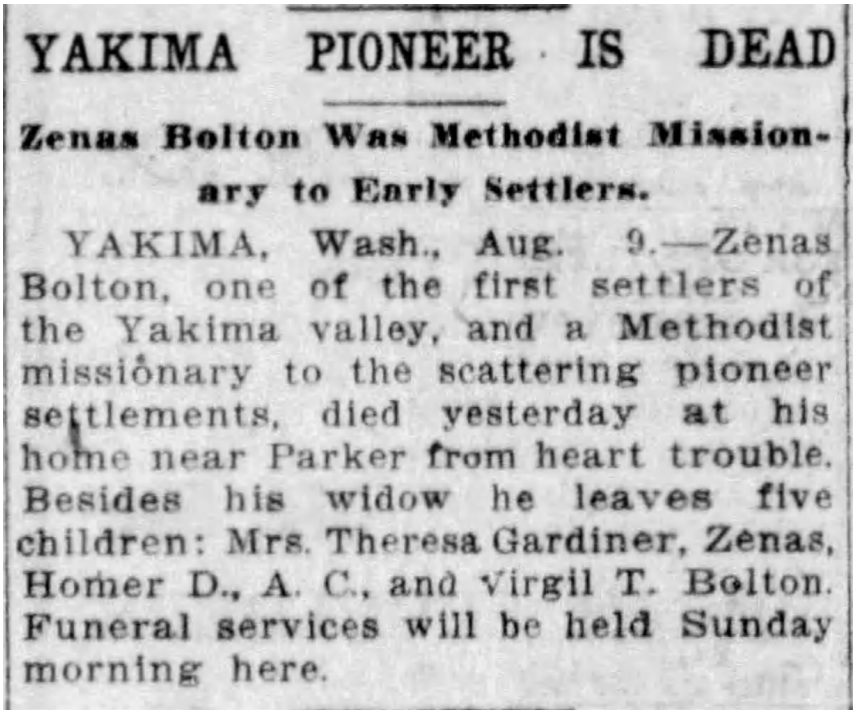
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1880: Dist 2, Klickitat County, Washington, June 9, 1880; James Jenkins, 36, farmer, MO KY TN; Harriett, 32, wife, keeping house, IA; Carey H., 5, son, OR MO IA; Edward F., 3, son, OR MO IA; Josephine, 1, dau, WA MO IA

2. Zenas Bolton
b. 27 Feb 1851 Tipton, Cedar County, Iowa
d. 08 Aug 1918 Yakima County, Washington
buried Wenas Cemetery, Selah, Yakima County, Washington
m. Nancy Salina Kelly

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YAKIMA PIONEER IS DEAD

Zenas Bolton Was Methodist Missionary to Early Settlers.

YAKIMA, Wash., Aug. 9.—Zenas Bolton, one of the first settlers of the Yakima valley, and a Methodist missionary to the scattering pioneer settlements, died yesterday at his home near Parker from heart trouble. Besides his widow he leaves five children: Mrs. Theresa Gardiner, Zenas, Homer D., A. C., and Virgil T. Bolton. Funeral services will be held Sunday morning here.

[The Spokesman Review, Spokane, Washington, Saturday, August 10, 1918, p. 8]

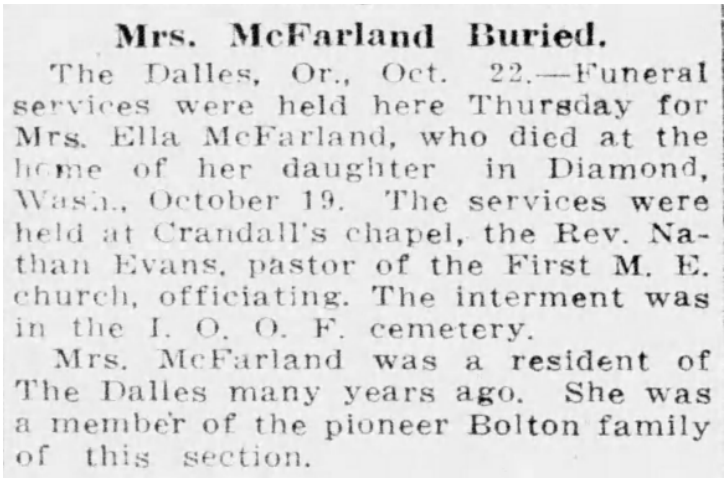
3. Ally Ann Bolton
b. 1852 Cedar County, Iowa
d. 1852 Cedar County, Iowa

4. Ella Bolton
b. 20 Jul 1853 Utah
d. 18 Oct 1915 Whitman County, Washington
buried IOOF Cemetery, The Dalles, Wasco County, Oregon
m. William Albert McFarland 02 Mar 1871 Wasco County, Oregon

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Mrs. McFarland Buried.

The Dalles, Or., Oct. 22.—Funeral services were held here Thursday for Mrs. Ella McFarland, who died at the home of her daughter in Diamond, Wash., October 19. The services were held at Crandall's chapel, the Rev. Nathan Evans, pastor of the First M. E. church, officiating. The interment was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Mrs. McFarland was a resident of The Dalles many years ago. She was a member of the pioneer Bolton family of this section.

[The Oregon Daily Journal, Portland, Oregon, Friday, October 22, 1915, p. 20]

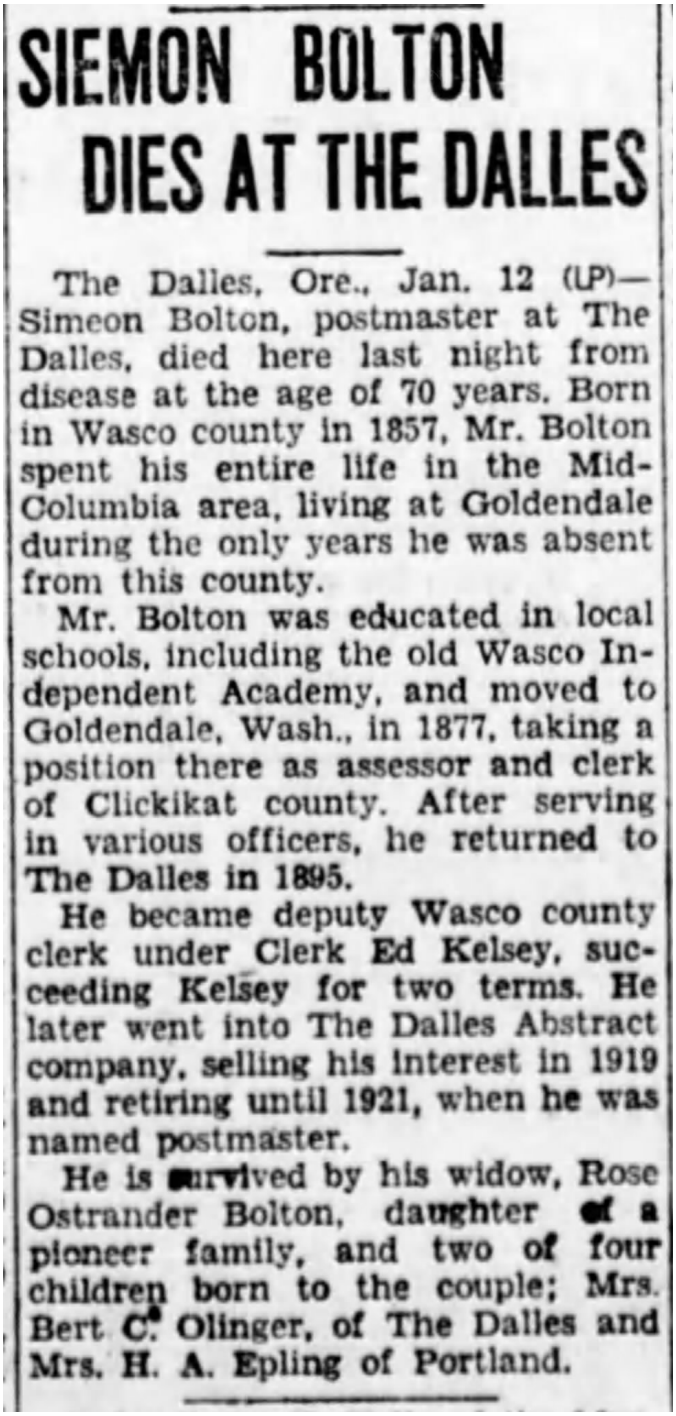
5. Alvin Bolton
b. 16 Jul 1855 Lane County, Oregon
d. 1862 Wasco County, Oregon

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6. Simeon Bolton
b. 13 Sep 1856 Fifteen Mile, Wasco County, Oregon
d. 11 Jan 1928 The Dalles, Wasco County, Oregon
buried IOOF Cemetery, The Dalles, Wasco County, Oregon
m. Rose Bell Ostrander 1879 Oregon

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SIEMON BOLTON DIES AT THE DALLES

The Dalles, Ore., Jan. 12 (LP)—Simeon Bolton, postmaster at The Dalles, died here last night from disease at the age of 70 years. Born in Wasco county in 1857, Mr. Bolton spent his entire life in the Mid-Columbia area, living at Goldendale during the only years he was absent from this county.

Mr. Bolton was educated in local schools, including the old Wasco Independent Academy, and moved to Goldendale, Wash., in 1877, taking a position there as assessor and clerk of Clickikat county. After serving in various officers, he returned to The Dalles in 1895.

He became deputy Wasco county clerk under Clerk Ed Kelsey, succeeding Kelsey for two terms. He later went into The Dalles Abstract company, selling his interest in 1919 and retiring until 1921, when he was named postmaster.

He is survived by his widow, Rose Ostrander Bolton, daughter of a pioneer family, and two of four children born to the couple; Mrs. Bert C. Olinger, of The Dalles and Mrs. H. A. Epling of Portland.

[The Capital Journal, Salem, Oregon, Thursday, January 12, 1928, p.9]

7. Wilbur Daniel Bolton
b. 29 Oct 1860 Fifteen Mile, Wasco County, Oregon
d. 21 Apr 1931 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
buried IOOF Cemetery, The Dalles, Wasco County, Oregon
m. Nancy Jane Gilmore December 25, 1883 Oregon

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WILBUR BOLTON, who stands at the head of the mercantile firm under the style of Bolton & Company, in Antelope, has in charge the largest general mercantile establishment in the town. His trade is extended, and he does a large business each year. His stock is always kept up to date with a fine assortment and he has constantly on hand about fifteen thousand dollars worth of goods. Mr. Bolton is an enterprising and substantial business man and a very influential citizen, whose labors are constantly for the improvement and betterment of the country.

Wilbur Bolton was born in Wasco county, Oregon, on October 29, 1860, the son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Fullweider) Bolton, natives of Virginia. The father died in The Dalles, in 1887. His father was a native of England. The mother's parents were of Irish extraction. She died in The Dalles. The parents were married in Iowa and came across the plains with ox teams in 1854, settling first in the Willamette valley. Shortly thereafter they came to The Dalles, and later took land on Fifteen Mile creek, securing a donation claim and a homestead. He did stock-raising and farming and dwelt many years in The Dalles with his family. Our subject was educated in the Wasco Independent Academy, under the tuition of Prof. Gatch, now president of the Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis. After school days, Wilbur was on the ranch with his father several years, then spent a year with the Wasco Warehouse Company at The Dalles, and in 1887 came to Antelope and engaged in the general merchandise business with his brother, Virgil, and McFarland & French of The Dalles. In 1891 the firm dissolved and re-

organized without Mr. McFarland. In 1893, Virgil Bolton died leaving his interest to his widow, Nellie French Bolton, who is the daughter of J. W. French, of The Dalles. Thus the firm is comprised today.

On December 25, 1883, at The Dalles, Mr. Bolton married Miss Jennie Gilmore, a native of the Willamette valley, and sister of Mrs. Judge Fulton. Mr. Bolton has the following named brothers and sisters: Zenas, a farmer in Yakima county, Washington; Simeon, county clerk in Wasco county; Virgil, deceased; Mitchell, deceased; Ella, wife of W. A. McFarland, of Seattle. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Bolton are: Vivian Gatch and Vernon, students at Corvallis; and Virgil and Wilbur, Jr., at home. Mr. Bolton is a member of the A. F. & A. M., while he and his wife both belong to the O. E. S. She has served several terms as matron and has also been delegate to the grand lodge several times. They are both members of the Methodist church, and are progressive people, highly esteemed and of excellent standing.

[An Illustrated History of Central Oregon, Western Historical Publishing Company, 1905, p. 420-1]

WILBUR BOLTON

Wilbur Bolton, 70, 772 Pettygrove street, retired merchant, died this morning. He was born in The Dalles and came to Portland from Antelope four years ago. He was the father of D. Vivian Bolton, Antelope; L. Gatch Bolton, Tigard; G. Vernon Bolton, Milwaukie; Virgil G. Bolton, The Dalles, and Dr. Wilbur M. Bolton, Portland. The body is at Finley's chapel.

[The Oregon Daily Journal, Portland, Oregon, Tuesday, April 21, 1931, p, 15]

8. Grifford "Virgil" Bolton
b. 27 Jan 1863 Oregon
d. 07 Mar 1895 The Dalles, Wasco County, Oregon
buried IOOF Cemetery, The Dalles, Wasco County, Oregon
m. Nellie J. French 28 Mar 1889 Oregon

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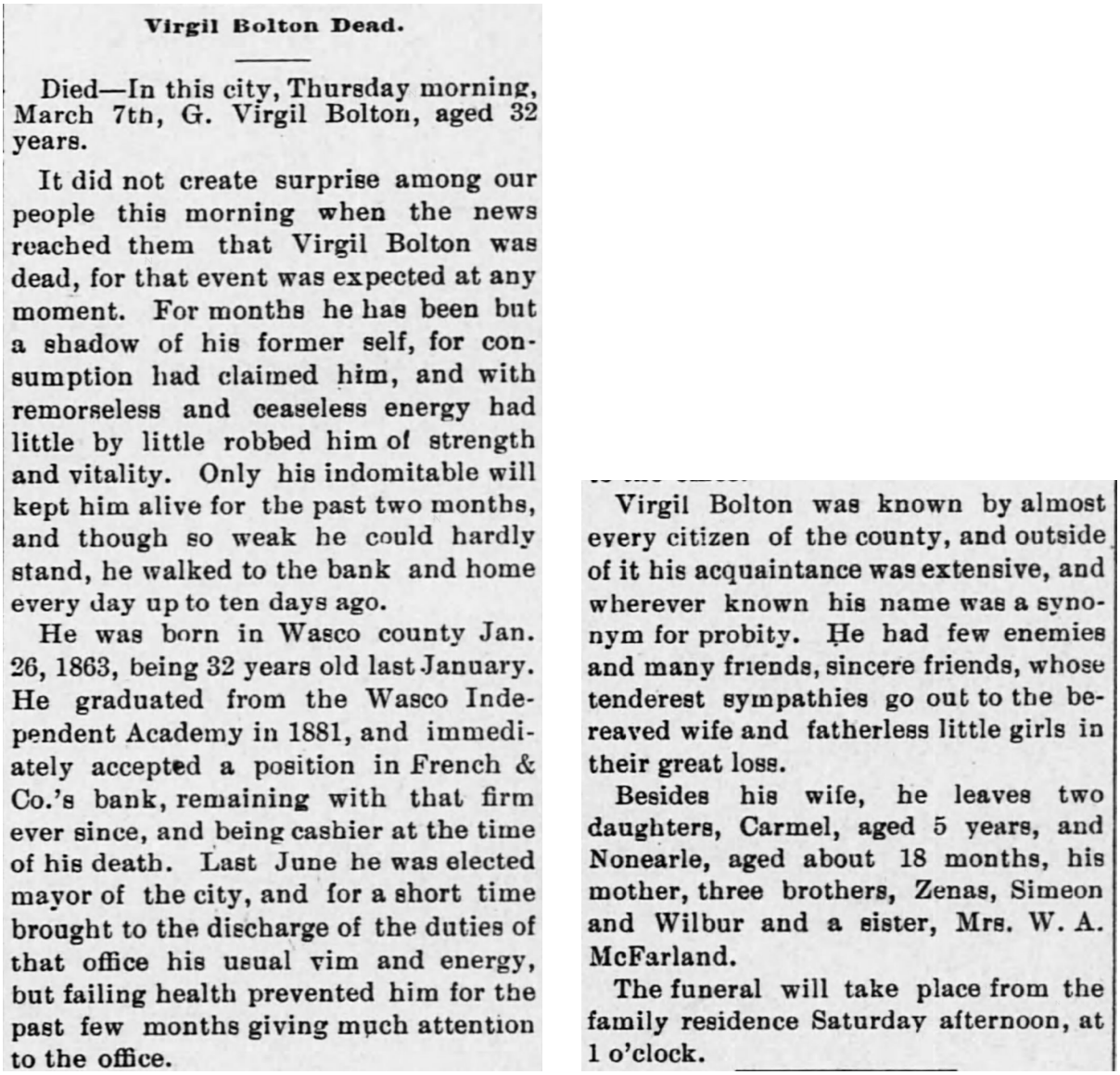
GRIFFORD VIRGIL BOLTON.

An interesting story of earnest endeavor, intelligently directed, constitutes the life record of Grifford Virgil Bolton, who was for many years actively and prominently associated with banking interests of The Dalles. Moreover, he was a native son of Oregon and throughout his life was a supporter of all the well devised plans and measures for the upbuilding of his city and state. His birth occurred near The Dalles in the year 1863, his parents being Daniel and Elizabeth (Fulwider) Bolton. Both were natives of Virginia and representatives of old families of that state. At an early day they journeyed westward to become residents of Oregon and took up their abode on a farm in the vicinity of The Dalles on Fifteen Mile creek, where occurred the birth of their son Virgil.

The latter in the acquirement of his education attended the public schools of The Dalles and then initiated his business career by entering the bank of French & Company when he was a youth of nineteen years. He first served in a clerical capacity but bent every energy toward acquainting himself with the banking business in principle and detail and his thoroughness, his industry and loyalty won him promotions from time to time until he soon became cashier and one of the chief executive officers of the institution. He continued to hold that position until his death, which occurred on the 7th of March, 1895, when he was but thirty-two years of age. Although he passed away at a comparatively early age he had accomplished much more than many a man of twice his years. He had made for himself a most creditable position in financial circles, enjoying an unassailable reputation for business integrity as well as enterprise.

On the 28th of March, 1889, Mr. Bolton was united in marriage to Miss Nellie J. French and they became the parents of two daughters: Carmel French, who is now the wife of Frank A. Ryder of Portland; and Nonearle French, who is at home with her mother. Mr. Bolton was always keenly interested in public affairs at The Dalles and recognition of his public spirit and his devotion to the general good was manifest in his election to the mayoralty. He belonged to the Masonic fraternity of which he was an exemplary representative and his entire life was characterized by those qualities which in every land and clime awaken confidence and respect. His widow is now living at Alexandra Court, in Portland and is well known in the best circles of the Rose City.

[History of Oregon, Charles Henry Carey, 1922, Volume 3 p. 17]



Virgil Bolton Dead.

Died—In this city, Thursday morning, March 7th, G. Virgil Bolton, aged 32 years.

It did not create surprise among our people this morning when the news reached them that Virgil Bolton was dead, for that event was expected at any moment. For months he has been but a shadow of his former self, for consumption had claimed him, and with remorseless and ceaseless energy had little by little robbed him of strength and vitality. Only his indomitable will kept him alive for the past two months, and though so weak he could hardly stand, he walked to the bank and home every day up to ten days ago.

He was born in Wasco county Jan. 26, 1863, being 32 years old last January. He graduated from the Wasco Independent Academy in 1881, and immediately accepted a position in French & Co.'s bank, remaining with that firm ever since, and being cashier at the time of his death. Last June he was elected mayor of the city, and for a short time brought to the discharge of the duties of that office his usual vim and energy, but failing health prevented him for the past few months giving much attention to the office.

Virgil Bolton was known by almost every citizen of the county, and outside of it his acquaintance was extensive, and wherever known his name was a synonym for probity. He had few enemies and many friends, sincere friends, whose tenderest sympathies go out to the bereaved wife and fatherless little girls in their great loss.

Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Carmel, aged 5 years, and Nonearle, aged about 18 months, his mother, three brothers, Zenas, Simeon and Wilbur and a sister, Mrs. W. A. McFarland.

The funeral will take place from the family residence Saturday afternoon, at 1 o'clock.

[The Dalles Weekly Chronicle, The Dalles, Oregon, Saturday, March 9, 1895, p. 3]

9. Daniel "Mitchell" Bolton
b. 10 Jul 1870 Oregon
d. 17 Sep 1891 The Dalles, Wasco County, Oregon
buried IOOF Cemetery, The Dalles, Wasco County, Oregon

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Died.

In this city, last night, a few minutes after midnight, Mitchel Bolton, youngest son of the late Daniel Bolton, aged twenty-one years, two months, and seven days. Mitchell Bolton was a young man of much promise and his death is a serious blow to his brothers and sisters and widowed mother. He had long been sufferlng from consumption and his death was not unexpected. He will be buried from the residence of G. V. Bolton on Fourth street, between Union and Liberty, at 2 o'clock p. m. tomorrow.

[The Dalles Weekly Chronicle, The Dalles, Oregon, Friday, September 18, 1891, p. 3]

10. Mannie Bolton
b. 16 Apr 1874 Fifteen Mile, Wasco County, Oregon
d. 1876 Fifteen Mile, Wasco County, Oregon