Edward White Family

Pioneers of 1845

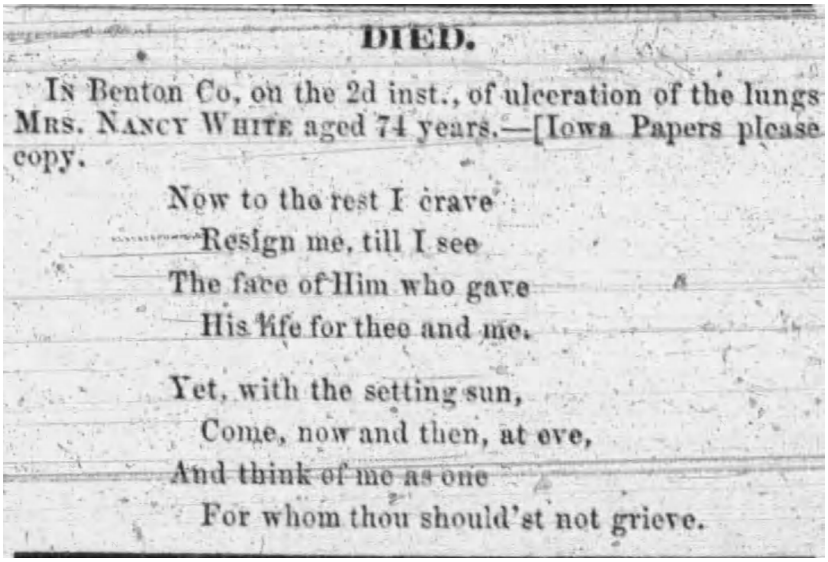
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Edward M. White [died prior to emigration]
b. 29 Oct 1790 Maryland
d. 07 Jul 1840 Hancock County, Illinois
buried Tull Cemetery, Pontoosuc, Hancock County, Illinois
s/o Edward White and Margaret Edwards

m. 1807 Kentucky
Nancy Atherton
b. 01 Apr 1794 Marshall County, Kentucky
d. 11 Apr 1864 Benton County, Oregon
buried Locke Cemetery, Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon
d/o Aaron Atherton and Margaret Whitehead
*3 believed to have taken Meek Cutoff

1850: Clackamas County, Oregon Territory, September 20, 1850; S. S. White, 39, farmer, $10,000, IN; Nancy, 59 [mother], KY; Hulda, 38, [wife], KY; Edward M., 18, IL; Nancy Jane, 16, IL; William T. White, 11, IA

1860: Albany PO, Linn County, Oregon, August 16, 1860; Newton White, 32, farmer, $4000 $5430, IL; Cynthia, 8, OR; Abigal, 6, OR; Jennett, 3, OR; Nancy, 70, KY; Elijah Miller, 23, IL



DIED.

In Benton Co, on the 2d inst., of ulceration of the lungs Mrs. Nancy White aged 74 years.—[Iowa Papers please copy.

Now to the rest I crave
Resign me, till I see
The face of Him who gave
His life for thee and me.

Yet, with the setting sun,
Come, now and then, at eve,
And think of me as one
For whom thou should'st not grieve.

[The Albany Journal, Albany, Oregon, Saturday, April 8, 1864, p. 3]

Children of Edward White and Nancy Atherton:
1. Phebe White [did not emigrate west]
b. 01 Oct 1807 Kentucky
d. 01 Jan 1845 Hancock County, Illinois
buried Tull Cemetery, Hancock County, Illinois

m. 1824
Amos Doolittle
b. 16 Jun 1803 Madison County, New York
d. 08 Oct 1878 Hancock County, Illinois
buried Tull Cemetery, Hancock County, Illinois

2. Garon White [did not emigrate west]
b. 18 Aug 1809 Clark County, Indiana
d. 15 Oct 1839 Hancock County, Illinois

3. Martha White [did not emigrate west]
b. 1810 Clark County, Indiana
d. probably Iowa
m. Mr. Harrison

4. Samuel Simpson White
b. 14 Dec 1811 Butler County, Ohio
d. 06 Jan 1901 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
buried Greenwood Hills Cemetery, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
*3 believed to have taken Meek Cutoff

m. 06 May 1831 Warren County, Illinois
Hulda Jennings
b. 11 May 1811 Jessamine County, Kentucky
d. 10 Jan 1893 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
buried Greenwood Hills Cemetery, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
d/o Thomas Carter Jennings

DLC: #634 Clackamas County; Samuel S. White, born 1811 Franklin County, Indiana; arrived Oregon 1845; settled claim 15/30 Mar 1850; m'd Huldah 10 May 1831 Mercer County, Illinois (?). Affidavit: William Holmes, Samuel N. Vance, Benjamin Jennings

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JUDGE WHITE DEAD.

He Was the First Probate Judge in the State of Oregon.

Judge Samuel S. White, one of Oregon's early pioneers, died Sunday at the family residence in Portland aged 89 years. His career was intimately associated with early Oregon history.

Judge White was born in Franklin Mount, Indiana, in 1811. Later he lived in Sangumon county, Illinois, and continuing westward was the founder of Burlington, Ia. His wife was the first white woman ever in Burlington, and her brother, Colonel Berryman Jennings, was the first white teacher. In his early manhood he moved to Fort Madison, Ia. and was engaged in steamboating and freighting on the Mississippi, between Keokuk and New Orleans.

Judge White came to Oregon in 1845, crossing the plains with his family and three children, taking the old Meek cutoff. He engaged in farming near Oregon City, and was interested in the steamer Lot Whitcomb, the first boat built on the Willamette river. Partners with him were Colonel Jennings and Lot Whitcomb. The ownership afterward passed to Captain J. C. Ainsworth.

Judge White was the first probate judge in the state, holding office under an appointment by Governor George Abernethy in 1846. In 1849 he was one of a party of argonauts who made the trip to California in ox teams during the great gold excitement. He engaged in merchandise in Sacramento for serveral years, afterward returning to Oregon City. During his public carreer he was a member of the state legislature, a county judge for Clackamas county and a justice of the peace for six years in the South Portland precinct. Since 1873 he resided continuously in Portland, and was a well known and highly respected citizen. He was an Indian war veteran, having fought in the Sac and Fox Indian wars of 1831 and in the Blackhawk war.

[East Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Tuesday, January 8, 1901, p. 3]

Children of Samuel and Hulda Jennings:
i. Capt. Edward Milton White
b. 1832 Illinois
d. 17 Oct 1891 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
buried Greenwood Hills Cemetery, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
*3 Meek Cutoff

m. 1858 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
Nancy Malinda Hoffman [Pioneer of 1852 sic- 1851]
b. 05 Jun 1841 Sangamon County, Illinois
d. 03 Mar 1918 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
buried Greenwood Hills Cemetery, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon



PIONEER, 77, PASSES

Mrs. Nancy White Dies at Home, 348 Fourth Street.

66 YEARS SPENT IN STATE

Many Thrilling Experiences Encountered While Building Home in Oregon—Funeral Services at 11 o'Clock This Morning.

For 66 years a resident of Oregon, Mrs. Nancy M. White passed away at 11 o'clock Sunday night at her home, 348 Fourth street, at the age of 77 years. Funeral services conducted by the Christian Science Church will be held at 11 o'clock this morning from

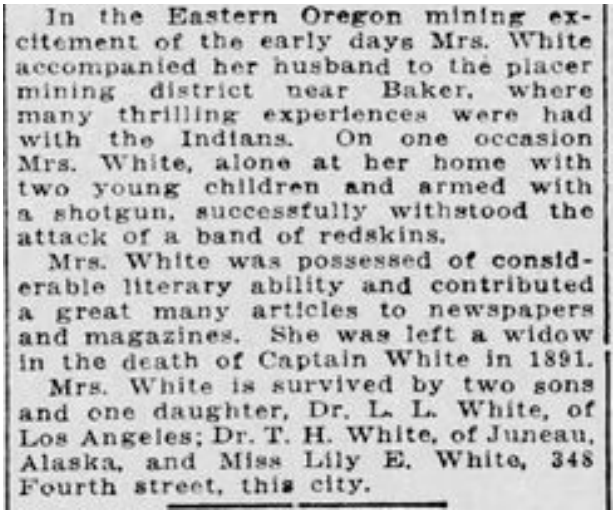


Nancy M. White, Pioneer of 1852, Who Will Be Buried Today.

Ericson's undertaking parlors. Interment, which will follow at Greenwood cemetery, will be private.

Nancy M. Hoffman was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Hoffman, being one of a family of 13 children. She was born June 5, 1841, at Springfield, Ill., and when 11 years of age started across the plains with her parents. Her father brought with him several head of fine blooded horses and cattle and it was while protecting his family from an attack of Indians who captured and drove away the stock that he lost his life on the Snake River. But the mother and her 13 children continued their perilous journey westward and late in 1852 located near Corvallis.

In 1858 she was married to Captain Edward Milton White, who, with his father, Judge S. S. White, one of the early judges in this state, was a pioneer of 1845. Captain White was one of the first steamboat captains on the Willamette River, being interested for a great many years with his father and J. C. Ainsworth in the ownership and operation of the steamer Lot Whitcom.



In the Eastern Oregon mining excitement of the early days Mrs. White accompanied her husband to the placer mining district near Baker, where many thrilling experiences were had with the Indians. On one occasion Mrs. White, alone at her home with two young children and armed with a shotgun, successfully withstood the attack of a band of redskins.

Mrs. White was possessed of considerable literary ability and contributed a great many articles to newspapers and magazines. She was left a widow in the death of Captain White in 1891.

Mrs. White is survived by two sons and one daughter, Dr. L. L. White, of Los Angeles; Dr. T. H. White, of Juneau, Alaska, and Miss Lily E. White, 348 Fourth street, this city.

[The Weekly Gazette-Times, Corvallis, Oregon, Monday, May 27, 1895, p. 3]

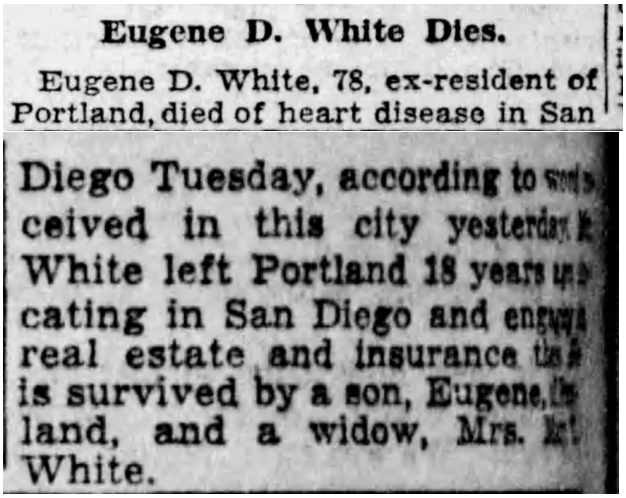
ii. Nancy Jane White
b. c 1834 Illinois
d. 05 Dec 1859 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
buried Mountain View Cemetery, Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon
*3 Meek Cutoff

m. 1851
Capt. John Commingers Ainswoth
b. 06 Jun 1822 Warren County, Ohio
d. 30 Dec 1893 California
buried Mountain View Cemetery, Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon

iii. William Linn White
b. c 1839 Des Moines County, Iowa
d. 10 Apr 1881 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
buried Greenwood Hills Cemetery, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
*3 Meek Cutoff

iv. Eugene Dolph White
b. 16 Oct 1851 Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon
d. 22 Aug 1929 San Diego, San Diego County, California
buried Greenwood Hill Cemetery, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

m. 1876 Oregon
Emma G. Gilmer
b. 15 Jun 1855 Northumberland County, Pennsylvania
d. 21 Feb 1926 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
buried River View Cemetery, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon



Eugene D. White Dies.

Eugene D. White, 78, ex-resident of Portland, died of heart disease in San Diego Tuesday, according to word received in this city yesterday. Mr. White left Portland 18 years ago, locating in San Diego and engaging in real estate and insurance business. He is survived by a son, Eugene, in Portland, and a widow, Mrs. [illegible] White.

[The Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Saturday, August 31, 1929, p. 4]

"S. S. WHITE --The pioneer experiences of Judge White are of an exceptionally interesting character. This well-known and highly valued citizen of Portland was born in Franklin county, Indiana, December 14, 1811. His father was much of a frontiersman, and, after a removal to Ohio in 1815, went three years later to Sangamon county, Illinois, settling on Sugar creek, twenty miles south of Springfield. This was then a remote and unoccupied region, Mr. White's family and those of a Mr. Ellis and Mr. Vancil being the only families within the limits of the present Sangamon and Morgan counties, and sixty miles from white settlements. Various removals were made subsequently within that state. Upon arriving at his majority, young White entered the mercantile business, and continued in it near Galesburg.

In 1831 occurred his marriage to Miss Huldah Jennings; and the next year an effort was made in company with Mr. Amzi Doolittle, and M. M. Mc· Carver, so well known as one of our early citizens, to settle on a tract of land soon to be thrown open in consequence of a treaty of relinquishment from the Indians. The land was not to be subject to settlement until June of that year; but, not apprehending any opposition, these men located lands and put up cabins in February, but were removed with much rigor by government troops under Jefferson Davis, then a lieutenant in the United States army; and their cabins were burned. Even a shed built afterwards to protect their household goods while the families were absent in Knox county was destroyed. Nevertheless, a claim was secured there and was occupied until a removal to Burlington. Taking up and closing out business at Burlington, and in Hancock county, Illinois, he entered into partnership with Mr. Doolittle in 1840 to operate a ferry at Madison. In 1845 he crossed the plains for Oregon, bringing the family of Mr. McCarver, who met them at The Dalles with a bateau and crew to transport them down the Columbia.

With difficulty provisions were obtained at that point for the eight days' trip down to Vancouver. Owing to the necessity of driving the stock, one hundred and forty-four cattle and thirty horses. The journey was prolonged to four weeks; and, after the usual food was exhausted, the nine men subsisted solely upon milk boiled and thickened with a little flour. The autumn storms were also blowing; and the buffalo robes with which the immigrants were provided became soaked with rain. They peeled off the hair and grew rank to the smell. They had no tents.

Reaching the valley, however, without sickness or disaster, Judge White purchased a farm near Oregon City but was soon sought by Governor Abernethy as the very man wanted for associate judge of Clackamas county under the Provisional government. The year following he was advanced to the position of chief justice of Clackamas county. The judicial work of those days, although of comparatively small volume, was exacting; and the fidelity with which it was done may serve as a perpetual admonition to the future. Judge White was also elected to the Oregon legislature, and upon taking his seat in 1847 was almost immediately called upon to prepare legislation with reference to the Whitman atrocity, just perpetrated, being appointed on a committee of three to draft a bill to authorize raising a military force. The bill prepared by him was adopted, notwithstanding some vigorous opposition from Colonel Nesmith.

In 1848, as the news of gold in California came to our settlements, the judge consented, after

hesitation, of the proposition of Peter H. Burnett to go with wagons to the mines. Letting their purpose be known, and naming the 13th of September as the day of their departure, but five days distant, they were joined by forty-two wagons, and under the guidance of Thomas McKay made the journey to the Sacramento. The open pine woods offered little obstruction; and no difficulty was experienced until reaching a belt of fir with underbrush and fallen logs, near the divide of Feather river. After passing Pitt river, they followed in the tracks of wagons coming in at that point from the East and overtook a band of utterly discouraged and worn-out immigrants tangled in the forest. This was a party under one Lawson; and, with teams and provisions exhausted, they were giving themselves up for lost. A hundred Oregon axes, however, made short work of cutting a road forty miles through the fir woods; and Oregonians and immigrants went on together to the Sacramento. They were none too early, as the mountains were white with snow as they left them in their rear.

Six weeks' work on the Yuba brought them about a hundred ounces of dust apiece; and the mines were left, and San Francisco reached in time to take passage on a bark for Oregon, the same vessel that brought up General Lane and his escort. The journey was uncomfortable from the crowd; and the passengers were on an allowance of water six of the eighteen days of the passage. The trip from Astoria was by canoe, there being no other means of transportation.

Expecting to return to dig gold the following spring, Judge White made all preparations, but, learning that his partners Jennings and Hannah had engaged in the mercantile business, he deemed it best to remain in our state, and engaged in building the Lot Whitcomb, of which he was a one-fourth owner, the first steamer built on our waters. This boat was sold to advantage in San Francisco after a few years.

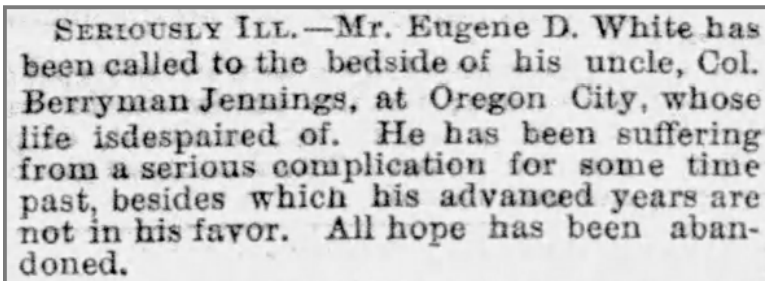
The Judge resided principally on his farm until his removal to Portland in 1873. For a number of years subsequently he was himself engaged at Tacoma in erecting buildings for business purposes and in providing a residence for his family. The failure of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, however, induced his return to Portland; and he is there well known as a justice of the peace, an office which he held for six years.

Although age has not left him without its impress, it sits lightly upon his shoulders; and he is still, at the age of seventy-eight years, full of vigor, and does the work of a very active man." [History of the Pacific Northwest - Oregon and Washington, Volume 2 p. 629]

5. Lucinda White
b. 1813 Jessamine County, Kentucky
d. 1845 Glenns Ferry, Elmore County, Idaho on trail
burial location unknown

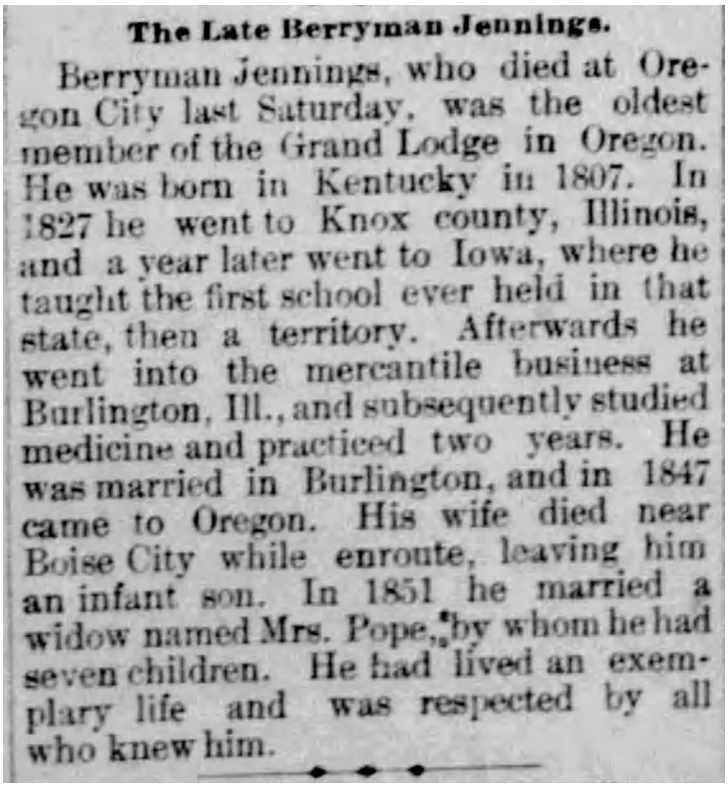
m. 06 May 1837 Warren County, Illinois
Berryman Jennings
b. 16 Jun 1807 Jessamine County, Kentucky
d. 22 Dec 1888 Jennings Landing, Clackamas County, Oregon
s/o Thomas Carter Jennings and Jane P. Zimmerman
m2. Martha Hull 24 Aug 1850 Clackamas County, Oregon

DLC: #4984 Clackamas County; Berryman Jennings, no birth date given, Jessamine County, Kentucky; arrived Oregon Mar 1851 (?); settled claim 01 Nov 1851; m'd Martha 24 Aug 1850 Clackamas County, Oregon Territory. Affidavit: George W. Walling, Charles Pope Jr, T. J. McCarver



SERIOUSLY ILL.—Mr. Eugene D. White has been called to the bedside of his uncle, Col. Berryman Jennings, at Oregon City, whose life isdespaired of. He has been suffering from a serious complication for some time past, besides which his advanced years are not in his favor. All hope has been abandoned.

[The Sunday Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Sunday, December 9, 1888, p. 5]



The Late Berryman Jennings.

Berryman Jennings, who died at Oregon City last Saturday, was the oldest member of the Grand Lodge in Oregon. He was born in Kentucky in 1807. In 1827 he went to Knox county, Illinois, and a year later went to Iowa, where he taught the first school ever held in that state, then a territory. Afterwards he went into the mercantile business at Burlington, Ill., and subsequently studied medicine and practiced two years. He was married in Burlington, and in 1847 came to Oregon. His wife died near Boise City while enroute, leaving him an infant son. In 1851 he married a widow named Mrs. Pope, by whom he had seven children. He had lived an exemplary life and was respected by all who knew him.

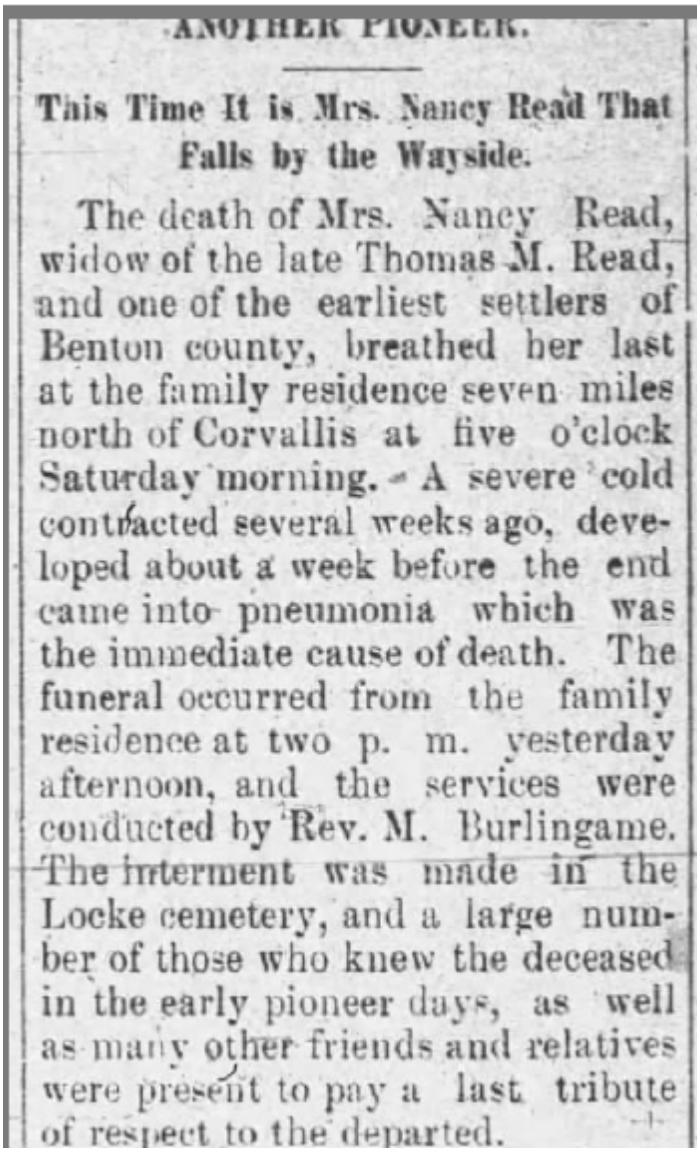
[East Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Saturday, December 29, 1888, p. 2]

Children of Berryman Jennings and Lucinda White:
i. Edward Thomas Jennings
b. 1838 Hancock County, Illinois
d. 17 Oct 1921 Coos County, Oregon

6. Nancy White
b. 22 Jan 1815 Hamilton County, Ohio
d. 25 May 1895 Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon
buried Locke Cemetery, Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon
*3 believed to have taken Meek Cutoff

n1. 18 Oct 1832 Hancock County, Illinois
Zachariah Hawkins
b. 06 Jan 1812 Hardin County, Kentucky
d. 29 Aug 1845 Glenns Ferry, Elmore County, Idaho
burial location unknown

m2. 1846
Thomas Micah Read
b. 28 Mar 1812 Cheshire County, New Hampshire
d. 25 Aug 1892 Benton County, Oregon
buried Locke Cemetery, Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon



ANOTHER PIONEER.

This Time It is Mrs. Nancy Read That Falls by the Wayside.

The death of Mrs. Nancy Read, widow of the late Thomas M. Read, and one of the earliest settlers of Benton county, breathed her last at the family residence seven miles north of Corvallis at five o'clock Saturday morning. A severe cold contracted several weeks ago, developed about a week before the end came into pneumonia which was the immediate cause of death. The funeral occurred from the family residence at two p. m. yesterday afternoon, and the services were conducted by Rev. M. Burlingame. The interment was made in the Locke cemetery, and a large number of those who knew the deceased in the early pioneer days, as well as many other friends and relatives were present to pay a last tribute of respect to the departed.

the six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins, only one survives, Edward Hawkins of Eugene, who was present at the mother's bedside when the end came. On the 29th day of November 1846 Mrs. Hawkins was united in marriage to Thomas Read, and they came at once to Benton county and settled on the well known Read donation land claim. Here they both lived constantly until death came to each, the husband passing away on the 25th day of August 1892. A curious fact in connection with the death of this husband and wife is that both died on the same day of the month, and that when called by the grim Reapor each was aged 80 years and four months, the husband's additional days being 27 and the wife's three.

Nancy White was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, January 22nd, 1815. In 1818 she moved to Schuyler county, Illinois, and shortly after moved to Hancock county the same state, where October 17, 1832 she was married to Zachariah Hawkins. After her marriage she went to Lee county, Iowa, and there resided until the spring of 1845, when with her husband and children she started across the desert and dangerous roads for Oregon. En route the husband sickened, and about the time the train reached Boise City, Idaho, he died. The brave wife resolutely took up the work laid down by her husband, and with her own hand drove the unwieldly ox team the rest of the trip, until the destination was reached, in Tualatin plains, Washington county. Of

Mrs. Read is survived by five of the Read children as follows: Perry Read, Prineville; Mrs. Clara Norton, Corvallis; Columbia Read, Corvallis; Sumner Read, Seattle; and Charles Read, Corvallis. Mrs. J. F. Benson, another daughter, died about seven years ago.

[The Weekly Gazette-Times, Corvallis, Oregon, Monday, May 27, 1895, p. 3]

Children of Zachariah Hawkins and Nancy White:

i. Samuel Simpson Hawkins

b. 03 Oct 1833 Lee County, Iowa

d. 23 Apr 1907 Yakima County, Washington
buried Tahoma Cemetery, Yakima, Yakima County, Washington

m. 1858
Cynthia J. Cahoon
b.
d.

ii. Mary Anne Hawkins
b. 29 Aug 1835 Lee County, Iowa
d. 07 Jul 1870 Benton County, Oregon
buried Locke Cemetery, Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon

iii. Martha Ann Hawkins
b. 11 Oct 1837
d. 17 Mar 1893 Benton County, Oregon
buried Locke Cemetery, Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon

m1. 1851
Francis Marion Pyburn
b. 1828
d. 1892

m2. 1874
Louis Troy Berry
b.
d.

iv. Laura Emily Hawkins
b. 15 Feb 1840 Lee County, Iowa
d. Sep 1845 near Meek Cutoff on Oregon Trail
burial location unknown

v. Edward Harrison Hawkins
b. 17 Feb 1842 Lee County, Iowa
d. 07 Mar 1921 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon
buried Mulkey Cemetery, Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

m1. 1866
Susan Caroline Norton
b.
d.

m2. 1885
Nancy Ellen Taylor
b.
d.

vi. Nancy Hawkins
b. 18 Apr 1844 Polk County, Iowa

d. 31 Aug 1886 Oregon
buried Locke Cemetery, Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon

m1.
James Ford
b.
d.

m2. 1875
Peter H. Wigle
b. 14 Apr 1834 Adams County, Illinois
d. 08 Jul 1893 Linn County, Oregon
buried Wigle Cemetery, Brownsville, Linn County, Oregon

6. Mary Ann White
b. 1818 Franklin County, Indiana
d. 03 Sep 1835 Hancock County, Illinois

7. Cynthia White [did not emigrate west]
b. 1822
d.
m. William G. Albright

8. Edward Newton White
b. 27 Apr 1827 Hancock County, Illinois
d. 18 Jan 1916 Prineville, Crook County, Oregon
buried Juniper Haven Cemetery, Prineville, Crook County, Oregon
*3 believed to have taken Meek Cutoff

m1. 02 Jul 1848 Linn County, Oregon
Catherine Jane Burkhart [Pioneer of 1847]
b. 01 Dec 1832 Greene County, Illinois
d. 26 Sep 1859 Albany, Linn County, Oregon
buried Riverside Cemetery, Albany, Linn County, Oregon
d/o John Burkhart and Rebecca Ann Margaret Baltzell

m2. 1860 Oregon
Anna Woodside [Pioneer of 1847]
b. b. Nov 1828 Warren County, Ohio
d. 29 Oct 1915 Prineville, Crook County, Oregon
buried Juniper Haven Cemetery, Prineville, Crook County, Oregon
d/o Thomas Woodsides and Anna White

DLC: #666 Linn County; Edward N. White, born 1828 Hancock County, Illinois; arrived Oregon December 1845; settled claim 04 Aug 1850; m'd Cathrine Jane 02 Jul 1848 Linn County, Oregon Territory. Affidavit: Anderson Cox, Abram Hackleman, C. D. Burkhart, Robert Houston.

1860: Albany PO, Linn County, Oregon, August 16, 1860; Newton White, 32, farmer, $4000 $5430, IL; Cynthia, 8, OR; Abigal, 6, OR; Jennett, 3, OR; Nancy, 70, KY; Elijah Miller, 23, IL

Children of Edward White and Catherine Burkhart:
i. Cynthia L. White
b.
d.

ii. Adalia A. White
b.
d.

iii. M. T. White
b.
d.

Children of Edward White and Anna Woodsides:
iv. Jane White
b.
d.

v. Eudocia White
b.
d.

vi. Grant White
b.
d.

vii. Aaron White
b.
d.

viii. Bertha White
b.
d.

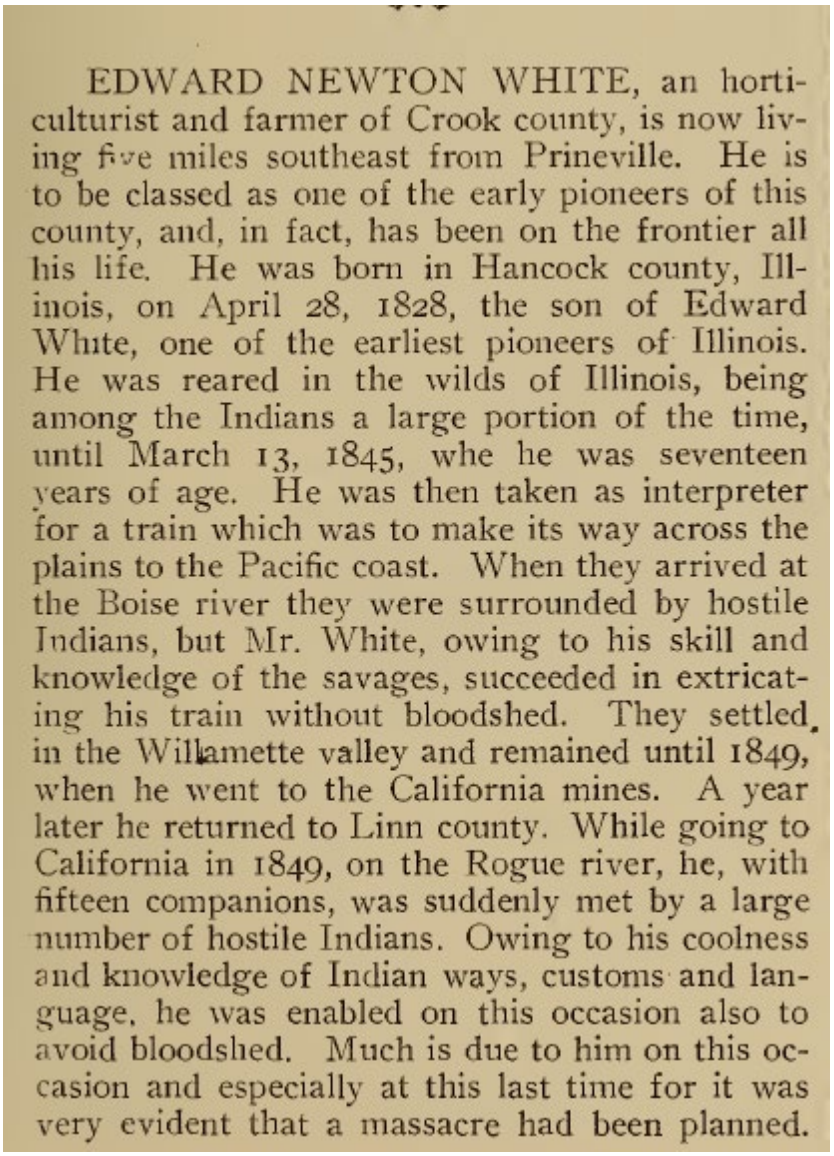
ix. Eleanor White
b.
d.

x. Edward White
b.
d.

xi. Unknown White
b.
d.

"WHITE, EDWARD NEWTON--Born April 27, 1828, in Illinois. Settled in Linn County, Oregon. Married July 1848, Miss Catharine J. Burhart [sic-Burkhart]. *They had three children Cynthia L., Adalia A., and M. T. Mrs. White died in 1859, and Anna Woodsides became his second wife. Eight children were born to this union, seven being now alive Jane, Eudocia, Grant, Aaron, Bertha, Eleanor,*

and Edward. Mr. White resides mainly at Prineville, Crook County, being engaged in the stock business." [History of the Willamette Valley by Herbert Lang p. 650]



EDWARD NEWTON WHITE, an horticulturist and farmer of Crook county, is now living five miles southeast from Prineville. He is to be classed as one of the early pioneers of this county, and, in fact, has been on the frontier all his life. He was born in Hancock county, Illinois, on April 28, 1828, the son of Edward White, one of the earliest pioneers of Illinois. He was reared in the wilds of Illinois, being among the Indians a large portion of the time, until March 13, 1845, whe he was seventeen years of age. He was then taken as interpreter for a train which was to make its way across the plains to the Pacific coast. When they arrived at the Boise river they were surrounded by hostile Indians, but Mr. White, owing to his skill and knowledge of the savages, succeeded in extricating his train without bloodshed. They settled in the Willamette valley and remained until 1849, when he went to the California mines. A year later he returned to Linn county. While going to California in 1849, on the Rogue river, he, with fifteen companions, was suddenly met by a large number of hostile Indians. Owing to his coolness and knowledge of Indian ways, customs and language, he was enabled on this occasion also to avoid bloodshed. Much is due to him on this occasion and especially at this last time for it was very evident that a massacre had been planned.

In the spring of 1855 he went to Colville, Washington, on account of his health, and in the fall, when he returned to the Willamette valley, he enlisted to fight the Indians. He was in the service for three months and then returned to the valley, where he farmed until 1871. In that year he came to Crook county and settled on the upper Ochoco, eight miles east from where Prineville now stands. He engaged in stock raising for ten years and then purchased a place one and a half miles from Prineville, where he remained about fifteen years with the exception of three years, which he spent at Dufur, for the benefit of his health. Three years since he came to his present location and secured one hundred and sixty acres of land. He has put out one of the choicest orchards to be found in eastern Oregon and doubtless the best one in Crook county. He also retains his farm near Prineville, but pays especial attention to the home place. Mr. White has taken great pains to beautify and improve his place and is very skillful in horticulture.

In 1848 Mr. White married Catherine J. Burkhart, a native of Greene county, Illinois. Her father, John Burkhart, was a pioneer of 1847. Aftr her death Mr. White married Anna Woodsides, the latter wedding occurring in 1860. This Mrs. White was born in Ohio. Her father, Thomas Woodsides, was a pioneer of 1847. He started across the plains in that year with his family and he and four of his children died before they reached the Willamette valley, the last one being buried at The Dalles. To Mr. and Mrs. White the following named children have been born: Mrs. Cynthia L. Harshler, of Dufur; Mrs. Adelia A. Baker, of Benton county; Mrs. Jane McCullos, of Prineville; Mrs. Udosica Zeace, of Boise; Grant, of British Columbia; Aaron W., in Harney county; Mrs. Grace E. Cham, and Edward C. Mr. White has passed a long and eventful career and is now hale and hearty and has the great privilege of spending the golden years of his life supplied with the competence that his labor and thrift have secured, while he has the esteem, confidence and good will of all who know him.

[An Illustrated History of Central Oregon, 1905, p. 755]