Elijah Bristow Family

Pioneers of 1845 & 1848

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Elijah Lafayette Bristow
b. 28 Apr 1788 Russell County, Virginia
d. 19 Sep 1872 Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon
buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon
s/o James Bristow and Delilah Elkins

m. 02 Nov 1812 Overton County, Tennessee
Susannah Gabbert
b. 23 Aug 1791 Overton County, Tennessee
d. 07 Mar 1874 Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon
buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon
d/o Michael Gabbert and Rachel Reed

DLC #2634 Lane County; Elijah Bristow born 1788 Caswell County, Virginia; arrived Oregon 13 Jun 1848; settled claim 20 Oct 1848; m'd Susannah 07 Nov 1811 Cumberland County, Kentucky. Affidavit: William Bowman, Michael Shelley (has known them since 1827) [Genealogical Material in Oregon Donation Land Claims Volume 2, p. 7]

1850: Benton County, Oregon, September 25, 1850; Elijah Brister (sic), 62, blacksmith, VA; Susannah, 59, TN; Wm W., 23, KY; Eliza S., 18, IL; Sarah, 32, KY; Lylphite [sic - Lafayette], 16, IL; Catharine, 22, IL

1860: Pleasant Hill PO, Lane County, Oregon, July 18, 1860; E. Briston (sic), 72, farmer, $3200 $2000, VA; Susanna, 68, housewife, VA; Sarah, 43, IL

1870: Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon, August 1, 1870; E. Bristow, 82, farmer, $3000 $600, VA; Susanna, 78, keeps house, TN; Sarah, 53, TN, Idiotic

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[Centennial History of Oregon by Joseph Gaston, Volume 4, p. 64-5]

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[Illistrated History of Lane County by A. G. Walling, 1884 p. 475]

During the Creek War Elijah Bristow distinguished himself as a sharpshooter and gained the admiration of Andrew Jackson. When the latter offered him a military commission he refused. Later he became a notable figure on the Oregon Trail. From his letters written to his wife from the North Fork of La Platto [*sic*], 556 miles west of Independence, Missouri, one gets a somewhat more than modest self-appraisal:

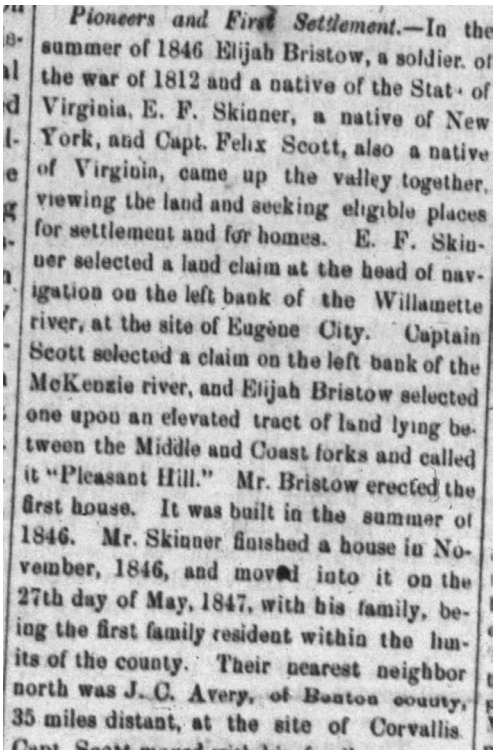
> I have made myself somewhat conspicuous here, he says, sometimes by argument, sometimes by integrity, and sometimes by the gun.[34]

Wesley Shannon, one of his companions on the Trail, wrote a eulogy that closed with:

> He (Elijah Bristow) was a natural leader of men and had his ascendant [*sic*] over all who approached him from natural qualities, cordial and graceful manners, elevated mind, fearless spirit, generosity, and unassailable integrity.[35]

The children of Elijah Bristow were: Dr. John Kennedy Bristow, Abel King Bristow, Elijah Lafayette Bristow, Henry Gabbert Bristow, Delilah Bristow, Elizabeth Bristow, Catherine Bristow, Zilphia Bristow, and William Wiltshire Bristow, one of the subjects of this study who was born July 18, 1826, in Cumberland County, Kentucky, and died in Lane County, Oregon, December 8, 1874.[36]

[Genealogies of Kentucky Families from The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society Vol III]

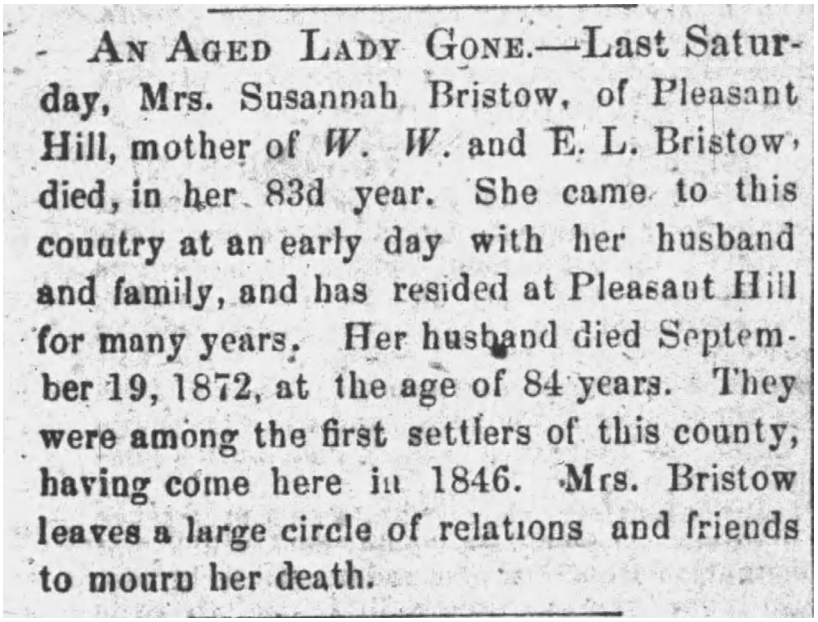


Pioneers and First Settlement.—In the summer of 1846 Elijah Bristow, a soldier of the war of 1812 and a native of the State of Virginia, E. F. Skinner, a native of New York, and Capt. Felix Scott, also a native of Virginia, came up the valley together, viewing the land and seeking eligible places for settlement and for homes. E. F. Skinner selected a land claim at the head of navigation on the left bank of the Willamette river, at the site of Eugene City. Captain Scott selected a claim on the left bank of the McKenzie river, and Elijah Bristow selected one upon an elevated tract of land lying between the Middle and Coast forks and called it "Pleasant Hill." Mr. Bristow erected the first house. It was built in the summer of 1846. Mr. Skinner finished a house in November, 1846, and moved into it on the 27th day of May, 1847, with his family, being the first family resident within the limits of the county. Their nearest neighbor north was J. C. Avery, of Benton county, 35 miles distant, at the site of Corvallis.

[The Twice-A-Week Guard, Eugene, Oregon, Saturday, July 8, 1876, p. 2]

DEAD.—Again we are called upon to record the departure of one of our oldest and most respected citizens to "that bourne from whence no traveller returns." Elijah Bristow died at his residence in Pleasant Hill, on Thursday, September 19th, at the ripe old age of eighty-four years, having been born in April, 1788. Father Bristow was born in the State of Virginia, where he resided during the earlier part of his life; from thence he moved to Kentucky and thence to Illinois, when it was but the frontier of the far west. He crossed the plains in 1845 to California, where he remained but a short time, coming to Oregon in 1846. In the spring of that year he settled in Pleasant Hill, and was the first settler within the present boundaries of Lane county. He was in the war of 1812, under General Jackson, and was an active participant in the battle of Taladego with the Creek nation. He was a man of strong and active mind, a kind and generous neighbor, and many have been the recipients of his generous hand. He leaves a numerous family to mourn his loss, and the entire community feels that a good and noble man has been taken from among them. His funeral took place from his late residence at 3 o'clock yesterday.

[The Twice-A-Week Guard, Eugene, Oregon, Saturday, September 21, 1872, p. 3]



AN AGED LADY GONE.—Last Saturday, Mrs. Susannah Bristow, of Pleasant Hill, mother of *W. W.* and E. L. Bristow, died, in her 83d year. She came to this country at an early day with her husband and family, and has resided at Pleasant Hill for many years. Her husband died September 19, 1872, at the age of 84 years. They were among the first settlers of this county, having come here in 1846. Mrs. Bristow leaves a large circle of relations and friends to mourn her death.

[The Twice-A-Week Guard, Eugene, Oregon, Satruday, March 14, 1874, p.3]

Children of Elijah Bristow and Susannah Gabbert:

1. Michael Bristow
b. 28 Jun 1813 Overton County, Tennessee
d. 28 Jul 1813 Overton County, Tennessee

2. James Bristow
b. 28 Jun 1813 Overton County, Tennessee
d. 28 Jul 1813 Overton County, Tennessee

3. John Kennedy Bristow [Pioneer of 1852]
b. 26 Mar 1814 Overton County, Tennessee
d. 28 Jan 1887 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon
buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon

m1. Nov 1846 Warren County, Illinois
Emeline Hatch
b. 02 Sep 1825 Erie County, Illinois
d. 28 Oct 1849 Illinois

m2. 11 Nov 1850 Hancock County, Illinois
Josephine Massie
b. 1831 Kentucky
d. 1852 on Oregon Trail
d/o Nathan Massie and Elizabeth Steele

m3. 24 Mar 1857 Lane County, Oregon
Mary A Stone

b. 08 Dec 1822 Tennessee
d. 13 Feb 1901 Lane County, Oregon
buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon

DLC: #1111 Lane County; John E. Bristow born 1814 Overton County, Tennessee; arrived Oregon 27 September 1852; settled claim 10 Apr 1855. [Genealogical Material in Donation Land Claims Volume 3 p. 76]

1860: Coast Fork Pct, Eugene City PO, Lane County, Oregon, July 13, 1860; John K. Bristow, 46, physician, $600 $1000, TN; Mary A., 37, housewife, IN; Elijah J., 11, IL; Susan J., 6/12, OR; William Crow, 15, IN

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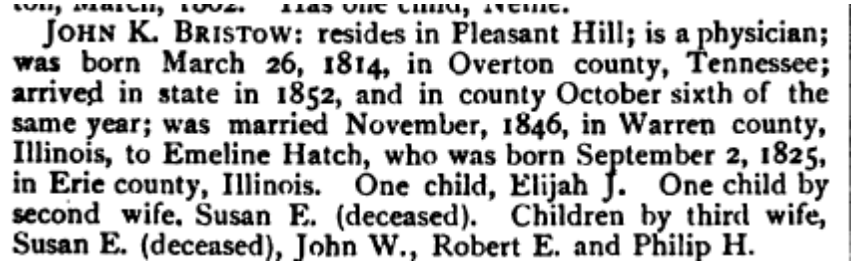
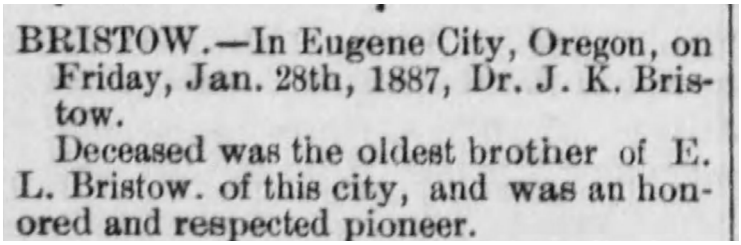


JOHN K. BRISTOW: resides in Pleasant Hill; is a physician; was born March 26, 1814, in Overton county, Tennessee; arrived in state in 1852, and in county October sixth of the same year; was married November, 1846, in Warren county, Illinois, to Emeline Hatch, who was born September 2, 1825, in Erie county, Illinois. One child, Elijah J. One child by second wife, Susan E. (deceased). Children by third wife, Susan E. (deceased), John W., Robert E. and Philip H.

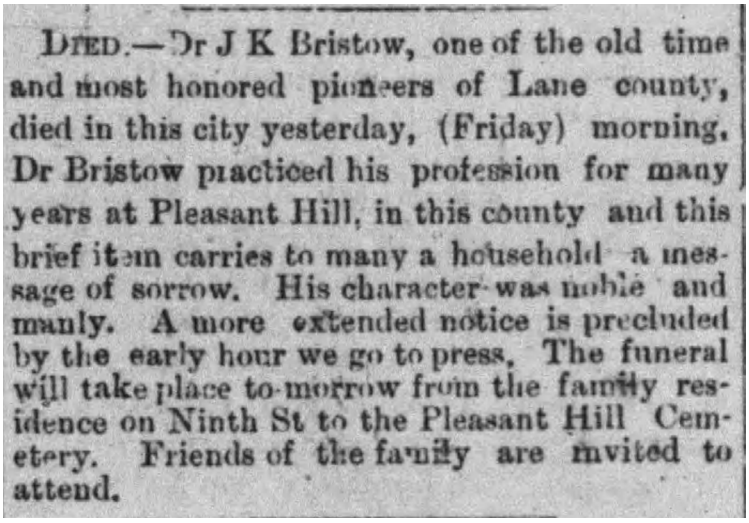
[Illustrated History of Lane County, A. G. Walling, 1884, p. 497]



BRISTOW.—In Eugene City, Oregon, on Friday, Jan. 28th, 1887, Dr. J. K. Bristow.

Deceased was the oldest brother of E. L. Bristow. of this city, and was an honored and respected pioneer.

[Weekly Oregon Statesman, Salem, Oregon, Friday, February 4, 1887, p. 8]



DIED.—Dr J K Bristow, one of the old time and most honored pioneers of Lane county, died in this city yesterday, (Friday) morning. Dr Bristow practiced his profession for many years at Pleasant Hill, in this county and this brief item carries to many a household a message of sorrow. His character was noble and manly. A more extended notice is precluded by the early hour we go to press. The funeral will take place to-morrow from the family residence on Ninth St to the Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

[The Twice-A-Week Guard, Eugene, Oregon, Saturday, January 29, 1887, p. 5]

Children of John Bristow and Emeline Hatch:
i. Elijah J. Bristow [Pioneer of 1848]
b. 31 Oct 1847 Illinois
d. 21 Apr 1928 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

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Children of John Bristow and Mary Stone:
i. Susan E. Bristow
b. 02 Jan 1860 Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon
d. 26 Sep 1860 Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon

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ii John Wesley Bristow
b. Jan 1862 Oregon

d. 14 Mar 1930 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
m. Augusta Bushka 1893 Multnomah County, Oregon

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iii. Robert Edgar "Ed" Bristow
b. Mar 1863 Oregon
d. 29 Apr 1925 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
m1. Flora Edna Hollenbeck 18 Nov 1890 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon
m2. Katie Clare Warren 07 Apr 1904 Pierce County, Washington

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iv. Philip Harrison Bristow
b. 24 Apr 1865 Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon
d. 05 Jul 1941 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
m. Margaret Burnetta "Nettie" Churchill 28 Jul 1908 Multnomah County, Oregon

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4. Elizabeth Elkins “Betsy” Bristow [Pioneer of 1848]
b. 09 Oct 1815 Overton County, Tennessee
d. 03 Jan 1878 Lane County, Oregon
buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon

m. 07 Sep 1834 McDonough County, Illinois
James Madison Hendricks [Pioneer of 1848]
b. 05 Feb 1809 Kentucky
d. 20 Mar 1878 Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon
buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon

DLC #1017 Lane County; James M. Hendricks born 1809 Bourbon County, Kentuck; arrived Oregon October 25, 1848; settled claim 30 October 1848; m’d Elizabeth 07 Sep 1834 McDonough County, Illinois [Genealogical Material in Donation Land Claim Volume 3, p. 70]

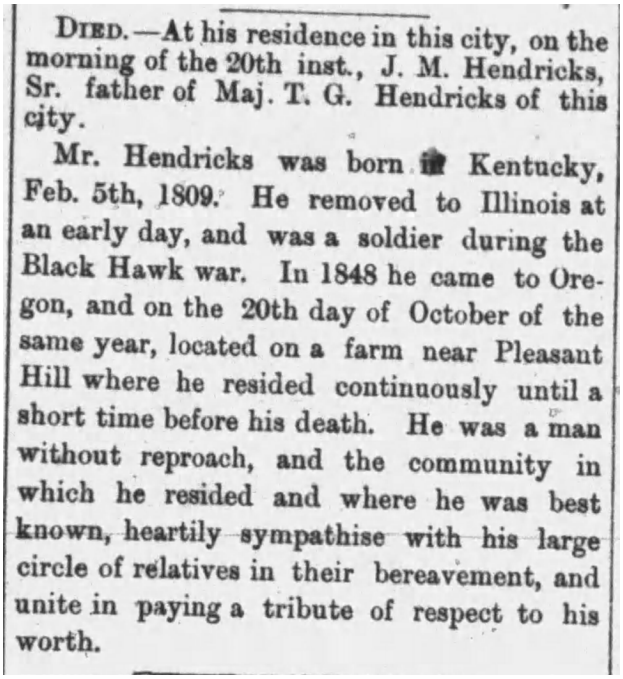
1850: Benton County, Oregon, September 25, 1850; James Hendricks, 40, farmer, KY; Eliz, 34, KY; Franklin, 14, IL; Thomas, 13, IL; Susan J., 10, IL; Sarah, 8, IL; Harriet, 5, IL; Elijah, 4, IL; James M., 1, OT

1860: Pleasant Hill Pct, Pleasant Hill PO, Lane County, Oregon, July 17, 1860; James Hendricks, 51, farmer, $6000 $1000, KY; Elizth, 42, housewife, KY; Elijah B, 12, IL; James M., 10, OR; Columbus, 9, OR; M Del, 6, OR; A. M. ,5, OR; O. E., 3, OR

1870: Pleasant Hill Twp, Cloverdale PO, Lane County, Oregon, July 30, 1870; J. M., 59, farmer, $8000 $1450, KY; Elizabeth, 53, keeps house, KY; Christopher, 19, at home, OR; Marcus, 17, at home, OR; Albert, 16, at home, OR; Olive E., 12, at home, OR


DIED.—Near Pleasant Hill, on the morning of the 11th inst., Mrs. Elizabeth Hendricks, wife of J. M. Hendricks, aged 64 years.

[The Twice-A-Week Guard, Eugene, Oregon, Saturday, January 12, 1878, p. 3]



DIED.—At his residence in this city, on the morning of the 20th inst., J. M. Hendricks, Sr. father of Maj. T. G. Hendricks of this city.

Mr. Hendricks was born in Kentucky, Feb. 5th, 1809. He removed to Illinois at an early day, and was a soldier during the Black Hawk war. In 1848 he came to Oregon, and on the 20th day of October of the same year, located on a farm near Pleasant Hill where he resided continuously until a short time before his death. He was a man without reproach, and the community in which he resided and where he was best known, heartily sympathise with his large circle of relatives in their bereavement, and unite in paying a tribute of respect to his worth.

[The Twice-A-Week Guard, Eugene, Oregon, Saturday, March 23, 1879, p. 3]

Children of James Hendricks and Elizabeth Bristow:

i. Benjamin Franklin Hendricks [Pioneer of 1848]
b. 05 Oct 1835 Henderson County, Illinois
d. 13 Apr 1915 Lane County, Oregon
m. Margaret Ann Elliott 1860 Lane County, Oregon

> 1850: Benton County, Oregon, September 25, 1850; James Hendricks, 40, farmer, KY; Eliz, 34, KY; Franklin, 14, IL; Thomas, 13, IL; Susan J., 10, IL; Sarah, 8, IL; Harriet, 5, IL; Elijah, 4, IL; James M., 1, OT

ii. Thomas Grundy Hendricks [Pioneer of 1848]
b. 17 Jun 1838 Henderson County, Illinois
d. 12 Dec 1919 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon
m1. Mary Jane Hendricks 1861 Lane County, Oregon
m2. Martha Angeline Stewart 1869 Lane County, Oregon

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iii. Susan Jane Hendricks [Pioneer of 1848]
b. 30 Jun 1841 Henderson County, Illinois
d. 10 Nov 1898 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon
m. John A. Winter 1855 Lane County, Oregon

1850: Benton County, Oregon, September 25, 1850; James Hendricks, 40, farmer, KY; Eliz, 34, KY; Franklin, 14, IL; Thomas, 13, IL; Susan J., 10, IL; Sarah, 8, IL; Harriet, 5, IL; Elijah, 4, IL; James M., 1, OT

iv. Harriette Emeline Hendricks [Pioneer of 1848]
b. 17 Apr 1844/5 Henderson County, Illinois
d. 28 Mar 1860 Lane County, Oregon

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v. Sarah Ann Hendricks [Pioneer of 1848]
b. 22 Sep 1845 Henderson County, Illinois
d. 22 Mar 1917 Jackson County, Oregon
m. James W. Skaggs 16 Nov 1857 Lane County, Oregon

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vi. Elijah Bristow Hendricks [Pioneer of 1848]
b. 08 Dec 1846 Henderson County, Illinois
d. 27 Nov 1921 Spokane, Spokane County, Washington
m. Sarah Elizabeth Blew 01 Jan 1868 Lane County, Oregon

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vii. James Madison “Matt” Hendricks
b. 22 Jul 1849 Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon
d. 29 Dec 1893 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon
m. Mary Bethana Holloway 08 Jun 1879 Lane County, Oregon

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viii. Christopher Columbus Hendricks
b. 08 Apr 1851 Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon
d. 12 Nov 1913 Woodburn, Marion County, Oregon
m. Martha Jane Sweeney 08 Sep 1901 Union County, Oregon

1860: Pleasant Hill Pct, Pleasant Hill PO, Lane County, Oregon, July 17, 1860; James Hendricks, 51, farmer, $6000 $1000, KY; Elizth, 42, housewife, KY; Elijah B, 12, IL; James M., 10, OR; Columbus, 9, OR; M Del, 6, OR; A. M. ,5, OR; O. E., 3, OR

1870: Pleasant Hill Twp, Cloverdale PO, Lane County, Oregon, July 30, 1870; J. M., 59, farmer, $8000 $1450, KY; Elizabeth, 53, keeps house, KY; Christopher, 19, at home, OR; Marcus, 17, at home, OR; Albert, 16, at home, OR; Olive E., 12, at home, OR

ix.. Marquis de Lafayette Hendricks
b. 20 Feb 1853 Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon
d. 14 May 1936 Woodburn, Marion County, Oregon
m. Inez E. Franklin 1881

1860: Pleasant Hill Pct, Pleasant Hill PO, Lane County, Oregon, July 17, 1860; James Hendricks, 51, farmer, $6000 $1000, KY; Elizth, 42, housewife, KY; Elijah B, 12, IL; James M., 10, OR; Columbus, 9, OR; M Del, 6, OR; A. M. ,5, OR; O. E., 3, OR

1870: Pleasant Hill Twp, Cloverdale PO, Lane County, Oregon, July 30, 1870; J. M., 59, farmer, $8000 $1450, KY; Elizabeth, 53, keeps house, KY; Christopher, 19, at home, OR; Marcus, 17, at home, OR; Albert, 16, at home, OR; Olive E., 12, at home, OR

x. Albert Milton Hendricks
b. 16 Apr 1854 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon
d. 02 Mar 1929 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon
m. Mary E. Whitney 1892 Lane County, Oregon

1860: Pleasant Hill Pct, Pleasant Hill PO, Lane County, Oregon, July 17, 1860; James Hendricks, 51, farmer, $6000 $1000, KY; Elizth, 42, housewife, KY; Elijah

B, 12, IL; James M., 10, OR; Columbus, 9, OR; M Del, 6, OR; A. M. ,5, OR; O. E., 3, OR

1870: Pleasant Hill Twp, Cloverdale PO, Lane County, Oregon, July 30, 1870; J. M., 59, farmer, $8000 $1450, KY; Elizabeth, 53, keeps house, KY; Christopher, 19, at home, OR; Marcus, 17, at home, OR; Albert, 16, at home, OR; Olive E., 12, at home, OR

xi. Olive E. Hendricks
b. 13 Jan 1858 Lane County, Oregon
d. 13 Mar 1939 Coos County, Oregon
m. Franklin P. Chase 1878 Lane County, Oregon

1860: Pleasant Hill Pct, Pleasant Hill PO, Lane County, Oregon, July 17, 1860; James Hendricks, 51, farmer, $6000 $1000, KY; Elizth, 42, housewife, KY; Elijah B, 12, IL; James M., 10, OR; Columbus, 9, OR; M Del, 6, OR; A. M. ,5, OR; O. E., 3, OR

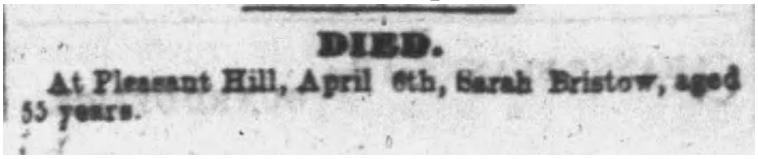
1870: Pleasant Hill Twp, Cloverdale PO, Lane County, Oregon, July 30, 1870; J. M., 59, farmer, $8000 $1450, KY; Elizabeth, 53, keeps house, KY; Christopher, 19, at home, OR; Marcus, 17, at home, OR; Albert, 16, at home, OR; Olive E., 12, at home, OR

5. Sarah Brown Bristow
b. 17 May 1817 Kentucky
d. 06 Apr 1875 Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon
buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon

1850: Benton County, Oregon, September 25, 1850; Elijah Brister (sic), 62, blacksmith, VA; Susannah, 59, TN; Wm W., 23, KY; Eliza S., 18, IL; Sarah, 32, KY; Lylphite [sic - Lafayette], 16, IL; Catharine, 22, IL

1860: Pleasant Hill PO, Lane County, Oregon, July 18, 1860; E. Briston (sic), 72, farmer, $3200 $2000, VA; Susanna, 68, housewife, VA; Sarah, 43, IL

1870: Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon, August 1, 1870; E. Bristow, 82, farmer, $3000 $600, VA; Susanna, 78, keeps house, TN; Sarah, 53, TN, Idiotic


DIED.
At Pleasant Hill, April 6th, Sarah Bristow, aged 55 years.

[The Twice-A-Week Guard, Eugene, Oregon, Saturday, April 10, 1875, p. 3]

6. Abel King Bristow [Pioneer of 1848]
b. 06 Jan 1819 Kentucky
d. 29 May 1881 Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon
buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon

m. 26 Jan 1843 Hancock County, Illinois
Almira "Mira" Kelly Gooch [Pioneer of 1848]
b. 30 May 1825 Cass County, Illinois
d. 07 Mar 1917 Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon
buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon
d/o Samuel Gooch and Ruth Powers

DLC #2583 Lane County; Abel K. Bristow born 1819 Tennessee; arrived Oregon 02 Oct 1848; settled claim 01 Nov 1849; m'd Almira K. 26 January 1843 Hancock County, Illinois. Affidavit: Robert Callison, Michael Shelley.[Genealogical Material in Oregon Donation Land Claims Volume 2, p. 4]

1850: Benton County, Oregon, September 25, 1850; Abel K. Brister (sic), 20 (sic), farmer, KY; Maria, 22, IL; Samuel E., 7, IL; John H., 7/12, OT

1860: Pleasant Hill Pct, Pleasant Hill PO, Lane County, Oregon, July 18, 1860; A. K. Bristow, 40, farmer, $2700 $1000, TN; Elmira K, 35, housewife, IL; Saml E. G., 17, IL; John H., 11, OR; Alice H., 7, OR; Isabel G., 5, OR; Wm., 2, OR

1870: Pleasant Hill Twp, Cloverdale PO, Lane County, Oregon, August 2 & 3, 1870; Abel K. Bristow, 50, farmer, $4800 $1475, TN; Almira, 45, housekeeper, IL; Samuel E., 26, farmhand, IL; John H., 20, farmhand, IL; Alice H., 17, at home, OR; Isabel G., 13, at home, OR; William, 11, at home, OR; Delila A., 9, at home, OR

1880: Pleasant Hill Pct, Lane County, Oregon, June 5 & 7, 1880; Able K. Bristow, 61, farmer, unemployed 7 months with kidney disease, TN; Almira K., 56, wife, keeps house, IL; John H., 29, son, laborer on farm, OR; William L., 21, son, laborer on farm, OR; Delilah A., 19, dau, at home, OR; Alice H. Cornelius, 27, dau, at home, OR; Jesse M. Cornelius, son, OR

Children of Abel Bristow and Almira Gooch:
i. Samuel Elijah Gooch Bristow [Pioneer of 1848]
b. 13 Nov 1843 Maccopin County, Illinois
d. 17 Feb 1915 Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon
m. Susanna J. Allen 1904 Lane County, Oregon

1850: Benton County, Oregon, September 25, 1850; Abel K. Brister (sic), 20 (sic), farmer, KY; Maria, 22, IL; Samuel E., 7, IL; John H., 7/12, OT

1860: Pleasant Hill Pct, Pleasant Hill PO, Lane County, Oregon, July 18, 1860; A. K. Bristow, 40, farmer, $2700 $1000, TN; Elmira K, 35, housewife, IL; Saml E. G., 17, IL; John H., 11, OR; Alice H., 7, OR; Isabel G., 5, OR; Wm., 2, OR

1870: Pleasant Hill Twp, Cloverdale PO, Lane County, Oregon, August 2 & 3, 1870; Abel K. Bristow, 50, farmer, $4800 $1475, TN; Almira, 45, housekeeper, IL; Samuel E., 26, farmhand, IL; John H., 20, farmhand, IL; Alice H., 17, at home, OR; Isabel G., 13, at home, OR; William, 11, at home, OR; Delila A., 9, at home, OR

ii. Mary Jane Bristow [Pioneer of 1848]
b. 15 Aug 1846 Macoupin County, Illinois
d. bef Sep 1850 Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon
buried Mary Jane Bristow Grave home farm, Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon
burial site found about 200 yards from Abel Bristow farmhouse next to tree

iii. John Henry Bristow
b. 22 Dec 1849 Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon
d. 17 May 1917 Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon
m. Martha Marthida Thomas 12 Dec 1895 Lane County, Oregon

1850: Benton County, Oregon, September 25, 1850; Abel K. Brister (sic), 20 (sic), farmer, KY; Maria, 22, IL; Samuel E., 7, IL; John H., 7/12, OT

1860: Pleasant Hill Pct, Pleasant Hill PO, Lane County, Oregon, July 18, 1860; A. K. Bristow, 40, farmer, $2700 $1000, TN; Elmira K, 35, housewife, IL; Saml E. G., 17, IL; John H., 11, OR; Alice H., 7, OR; Isabel G., 5, OR; Wm., 2, OR

1870: Pleasant Hill Twp, Cloverdale PO, Lane County, Oregon, August 2 & 3, 1870; Abel K. Bristow, 50, farmer, $4800 $1475, TN; Almira, 45, housekeeper, IL; Samuel E., 26, farmhand, IL; John H., 20, farmhand, IL; Alice H., 17, at home, OR; Isabel G., 13, at home, OR; William, 11, at home, OR; Delila A., 9, at home, OR

1880: Pleasant Hill Pct, Lane County, Oregon, June 5 & 7, 1880; Able K. Bristow, 61, farmer, unemployed 7 months with kidney disease, TN; Almira K., 56, wife, keeps house, IL; John H., 29, son, laborer on farm, OR; William L., 21, son, laborer on farm, OR; Delilah A., 19, dau, at home, OR; Alice H. Cornelius, 27, dau, at home, OR; Jesse M. Cornelius, son, OR

iv. Alice Helene Bristow
b. 10 Aug 1852 Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon

d. 14 Sep 1934 Jackson County, Oregon
m. Lewis Julius Cornelius 14 Mar 1878 Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon

1860: Pleasant Hill Pct, Pleasant Hill PO, Lane County, Oregon, July 18, 1860; A. K. Bristow, 40, farmer, $2700 $1000, TN; Elmira K, 35, housewife, IL; Saml E. G., 17, IL; John H., 11, OR; Alice H., 7, OR; Isabel G., 5, OR; Wm., 2, OR

1870: Pleasant Hill Twp, Cloverdale PO, Lane County, Oregon, August 2 & 3, 1870; Abel K. Bristow, 50, farmer, $4800 $1475, TN; Almira, 45, housekeeper, IL; Samuel E., 26, farmhand, IL; John H., 20, farmhand, IL; Alice H., 17, at home, OR; Isabel G., 13, at home, OR; William, 11, at home, OR; Delila A., 9, at home, OR

1880: Pleasant Hill Pct, Lane County, Oregon, June 5 & 7, 1880; Able K. Bristow, 61, farmer, unemployed 7 months with kidney disease, TN; Almira K., 56, wife, keeps house, IL; John H., 29, son, laborer on farm, OR; William L., 21, son, laborer on farm, OR; Delilah A., 19, dau, at home, OR; Alice H. Cornelius, 27, dau, at home, OR; Jesse M. Cornelius, son, OR

v. Isabel Genoa Bristow
b. 26 Jan 1857 Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon
d. 29 Aug 1934, Lake County, Oregon
m. William Marion Robinett 31 Oct 1877 Lane County, Oregon

1860: Pleasant Hill Pct, Pleasant Hill PO, Lane County, Oregon, July 18, 1860; A. K. Bristow, 40, farmer, $2700 $1000, TN; Elmira K, 35, housewife, IL; Saml E. G., 17, IL; John H., 11, OR; Alice H., 7, OR; Isabel G., 5, OR; Wm., 2, OR

1870: Pleasant Hill Twp, Cloverdale PO, Lane County, Oregon, August 2 & 3, 1870; Abel K. Bristow, 50, farmer, $4800 $1475, TN; Almira, 45, housekeeper, IL; Samuel E., 26, farmhand, IL; John H., 20, farmhand, IL; Alice H., 17, at home, OR; Isabel G., 13, at home, OR; William, 11, at home, OR; Delila A., 9, at home, OR

vi. William Lafayette Bristow
b. 10 Jan 1850 Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon
d. 08 Feb 1929 Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon
m Sarah Luella Handsaker 23 Jul 1890 Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon

1860: Pleasant Hill Pct, Pleasant Hill PO, Lane County, Oregon, July 18, 1860; A. K. Bristow, 40, farmer, $2700 $1000, TN; Elmira K, 35, housewife, IL; Saml E. G., 17, IL; John H., 11, OR; Alice H., 7, OR; Isabel G., 5, OR; Wm., 2, OR

1870: Pleasant Hill Twp, Cloverdale PO, Lane County, Oregon, August 2 & 3, 1870; Abel K. Bristow, 50, farmer, $4800 $1475, TN; Almira, 45, housekeeper, IL; Samuel E., 26, farmhand, IL; John H., 20, farmhand, IL; Alice H., 17, at home, OR; Isabel G., 13, at home, OR; William, 11, at home, OR; Delila A., 9, at home, OR

1880: Pleasant Hill Pct, Lane County, Oregon, June 5 & 7, 1880; Able K. Bristow, 61, farmer, unemployed 7 months with kidney disease, TN; Almira K., 56, wife, keeps house, IL; John H., 29, son, laborer on farm, OR; William L., 21, son, laborer on farm, OR; Delilah A., 19, dau, at home, OR; Alice H. Cornelius, 27, dau, at home, OR; Jesse M. Cornelius, son, OR

vii. Delilah Ann Bristow
b. 06 Mar 1861 Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon
d. 06 Feb 1949 Conta Costa County, California
m. Caleb Aurelius Todd 10 Feb 1892 Lane County, Oregon

1870: Pleasant Hill Twp, Cloverdale PO, Lane County, Oregon, August 2 & 3, 1870; Abel K. Bristow, 50, farmer, $4800 $1475, TN; Almira, 45, housekeeper, IL; Samuel E., 26, farmhand, IL; John H., 20, farmhand, IL; Alice H., 17, at home, OR; Isabel G., 13, at home, OR; William, 11, at home, OR; Delila A., 9, at home, OR

1880: Pleasant Hill Pct, Lane County, Oregon, June 5 & 7, 1880; Able K. Bristow, 61, farmer, unemployed 7 months with kidney disease, TN; Almira K., 56, wife, keeps house, IL; John H., 29, son, laborer on farm, OR; William L., 21, son, laborer on farm, OR; Delilah A., 19, dau, at home, OR; Alice H. Cornelius, 27, dau, at home, OR; Jesse M. Cornelius, son, OR

7. Mary Ann “Polly” Bristow [Pioneer of 1848]
b. 28 Oct 1820 Cumberland County, Kentucky
d. 24 Mar 1911 Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon
buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon

m. 05 Dec 1839 McDonough County, Illinois
Robert M. Callison [Pioneer of 1848]
b. 05 Jun 1819 Adair County, Kentucky
d. 15 Jan 1906 Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon
buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon
s/o Joseph Callison and Susanna Dawson

DLC: #2602 Lane County, Robert Callison born 1818 Adair County, Kentucky, arrived Oregon 28 Oct 1848; settled claim 15 Oct 1850; m'd Mary Ann 05 Dec 1839 McDonough County, Illinois. Affidavit: Harrison Shelley, Michael Shelley. Genealogical Material in Oregon Donation Land Claims Volume 2 p. 5]

1850: Benton County, Oregon Territory, September 27, 1850; Robert Killison (sic), 30, farmer, KY; Mary A., 31, KY; Josiah, 8, IL; Henrietta, 5, IL

1860: Pleasant Hill Pct, Pleasant Hill PO, Lane County, Oregon, July 17, 1860; Robert Callison, 42, merchant, $2500 $3000, KY; Mary A., 40, housewife, KY; Josiah, 18, IL; Luceta, 5, OR

1870: Pleasant Hill Twp, Cloverdale PO, Lane County, Oregon, August 2, 1870; Robt Callison, 52, farmer, $8000 $1935, KY; Mary, 49, housekeeper, KY; Lucetta, 15, at home OR

1880: Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon, June 9-10, 1880; Robert Callison, 52, farmer, KY VA VA; Mary, 59, wife, keeping house, KY VA VA

DEATH OF ROBERT CALLISON

Robert Callison, one of the early Lane county pioneers, died at his home at Pleasant Hill last night at 11 o'clock after an illness of several weeks' duration, at the age of over 87 years. The infirmities of old age was the direct cause of death. The funeral will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. with interment in the Pleasant Hill cemetery.

"Uncle" Robert Callison, as he was familiarly known, was born in Adair county, Ky., June 5, 1818. His parents died while he was quite young and in company with his uncle and family drove overland with an ox team to Illinois in 1833. He was married on December 5, 1839, to Miss Polly Ristow, who survives him.

They located on a farm in McDonough county, Ill., and resided there nine years. In 1848 they joined a

party coming to the Pacific coast, driving an ox team the entire distance. They came directly to Lane county, settling at Pleasant Hill, taking up a donation claim. Several years later they bought a splendid farm of 640 acres, comprising the W. W. Bristow donation claim, and made extensive improvements, all of which have increased in value from year to year, and which now forms one of the most modern and productive properties in Lane county. As early settlers on their farm, Mr. and Mrs. Callison had but two neighbors.

Several years ago they deeded their large farm to their only son, Josiah T., and their daughter, Lucetta, w ow of W. H. Baughman, their respective portions. They had since been living on 125 acres which they reserved for their home.

Mr. Callison was a member of the Christian church. He and his wife and her father were the chief promoters of the Christian church at Pleasant Hill, and they were two of the three charter members of the church.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Callison cast his first vote for William Henry Harrison. Broad minded, generous, practical and well abreast of the times, Mr. Callison commanded the best thought of his neighbors and friends, his life work placing him among the foremost of the noble band whose courage and nobility have accomplished the redemption of Oregon.

Besides his wife and two children, Mr. Callison leaves a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren and numerous other relatives. His friends were legion.

[The Twice-A-Week Guard, Eugene, Oregon, Friday, January 19, 1906, p.8]

"AUNT" POLLY CALLISON EARLY PIONEER, DIES AT PLEASANT HILL

One of First Settlers of County Expires at Age of 91 Years

"Aunt" Polly Callison, one of Lane county's first pioneers, having come here with her father, Elijah Bristow, who was the first settler in the county, died at her home at Pleasant Hill this morning at 9 o'clock after a long illness, at the age of 91 years.

Mrs. Callison and her husband, Robert Callison, who passed away a number of years ago, came across the plains from Illinois in 1848. They were married on Dec. 5, 1839. They came directly to Lane county and took up a homestead where Pleasant Hill is now, residing there continuously till death. "Uncle" Robert and "Aunt" Polly were both loved and revered by the people of the whole community. They were of the class of whole-hearted and generous pioneers that characterized the early days of this county. They were prominent members of the Christian church and were among the organizers of the church of that denomination at Pleasant Hill.

"Aunt" Polly was born in Kentucky Oct. 28, 1820. She was the aunt of Hon. T. G. Hendricks, president of the First National bank of Eugene, also the aunt of Darwin Bristow, assistant cashier of the same institution. Josiah Callison, former county commissioner of Lane, is her son and she leaves a daughter, Mrs. Lucetta Baughman, besides numerous other relatives.

The funeral wil be held at the Pleasant Hill Christian church at 11a.m. Sunday. Quite a number of Eugene people will attend the services.

[The Eugene Guard, Eugene, Oregon, Friday, March 24, 1911, p. 1]

Children of Robert Callison and Mary Ann Bristow:

i. Joseph E. Callison
b. Sep 1840 McDonough County, Illinois
d. 30 Sep 1840 McDonough County, Illinois

ii. Josiah T. Callison
b. 24 May 1842 Hancock Countpy, Illinois
d. 21 Apr 1915 Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon
m. Harriet Knox 21 Sep 1862 Lane County, Oregon

> 1850: Benton County, Oregon Territory, September 27, 1850; Robert Killison (sic), 30, farmer, KY; Mary A., 31, KY; Josiah, 8, IL; Henrietta, 5, IL
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> 1860: Pleasant Hill Pct, Pleasant Hill PO, Lane County, Oregon, July 17, 1860; Robert Callison, 42, merchant, $2500 $3000, KY; Mary A., 40, housewife, KY; Josiah, 18, IL; Luceta, 5, OR

iii. Henrietta Callison
b. 1846 Hancock County, Illinois
d. 15 Apr 1858 Lane County, Oregon
buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon

> 1850: Benton County, Oregon Territory, September 27, 1850; Robert Killison (sic), 30, farmer, KY; Mary A., 31, KY; Josiah, 8, IL; Henrietta, 5, IL

iv. Lucetta Ella Callison
b. 07 Jun 1855 Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon
d. 28 Mar 1942 Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon
m. William Howard Baughman 22 Sep 1870 Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon

> 1860: Pleasant Hill Pct, Pleasant Hill PO, Lane County, Oregon, July 17, 1860; Robert Callison, 42, merchant, $2500 $3000, KY; Mary A., 40, housewife, KY; Josiah, 18, IL; Luceta, 5, OR
>
> 1870: Pleasant Hill Twp, Cloverdale PO, Lane County, Oregon, August 2, 1870; Robt Callison, 52, farmer, $8000 $1935, KY; Mary, 49, housekeeper, KY; Lucetta, 15, at home OR

v. Marietta Callison
b. 1862 Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon
d. 24 Feb 1864 Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon

8. Delilah Cherry Bristow [Pioneer of 1852]
b. 26 Jan 1822 Cumberland County, Kentucky

d. 14 Jun 1887 Creswell, Lane County, Oregon
buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon

m. 02 Jun 1840 McDonough County, Illinois
John Thompson Gilfry [Pioneer of 1852]
b. 18 Nov 1828 Baltimore County, Maryland
d. 25 Apr 1896 Crescent, Lane County, Oregon
buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon
s/o John Gilfry and Elizabeth McHam

DLC: #1054 Lane County, John T. Gilfry born 1818 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; arrived Oregon September 27, 1852; settled claim 09 May 1853; m'd Delilah C. 02 Jun 1840 McDonough County, Illinois. {Genealogical Material in Oregon Donation Land Claims Volume 3 p. 72]

1860: Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon, July 17, 1860; John T. Gilfry, 40, merchant, $2500 $3000, PA; Deloria C. (sic), 39, housewife, KY; George L., 19, miller, IL; Henry H., 17, IL; Wm R., 8, IL; Susan E., 4, OR; John E., 1, OR

1870: Pleasant Hill Twp, Cloverdale PO, Lane County, Oregon, July 29, 1870; John T. Gilfry, 52, farmer, $4000 $1560, MD; Delila C., 46, keeps house, KY; William, 18, at home, IL; Susan E., 13, at home, OR; Sarah, 6, at home, OR

1880: Coast Fork Pct, Lane County, Oregon, June 7, 1880; John T. Gilfrey, 62, merchant, PA PA AL; Delila C., 58, wife, keeping house, sick with female disease, KY VA VA; Sarah F., 16, dau, attending school, OR PA KY; Hannah Davis, 45, hired help, house keeper, IN DE NY

A Sad Accident.

Last Sunday morning Mr. and Mrs J. T. Gilfry of Cresswell and Mrs. Chas. Wilson and two childrenof Portland started in a hack to visit some friends in the country a few miles distant. The horses had been standing in the stable for some time, and before going far they began rearing and kicking, and at last one of the horses got over the tongue when the team became unmanageable and ran away throwing Mr. Gilfry, who was driving, out upon the ground bruising him considerably about the head, rendering him unconscious for quite a time. Mr. Gilfry, we are pleased to state has nearly recovered from his injuries. Mrs. Gilfry jumped from the wagon and had her left leg badly broken between the knee and thigh, besides receiving fatal injuries at the base of the skull. Medical aid was summoned, but without avail and she lingered along until Tuesday at 3 a. m. when she passed away. She had been an invalid for nearly twenty years. The funeral took place from Cresswell to the cemetery at Pleasant Hill being attended by a large concourse of relatives and friends. Mrs. Gilfry was one of the pioneer women of Oregon. She leaves a husband, three son, George L., Henry H. and William R., many relatives and friends to mourn her death and cherish her memory. Mrs. Wilson and children escaped without any any serious injuries, although considerebly bruised.

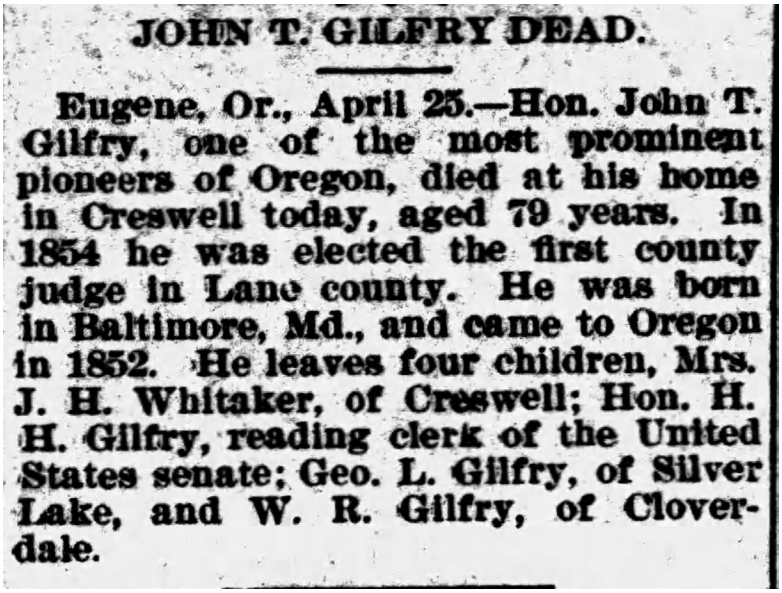
[The Twice-A-Week Guard, Eugene, Oregon, Saturday, June 18, 1887, p. 5]

MRS. GILFRY DIES.

The Result of a Runaway Accident at Cresswell---Mr. Gilfry Improving.

EUGENE CITY, Or., June 14.—Mrs. J. T. Gilfry, who was thrown from a wagon on Sunday last, near Cresswell, ten miles from this city, died this morning at 3 o'clock. Mr. Gilfry, who was also hurt in the same accident, will probably recover.

[Statesman Journal, Salem, Oregon, Wednesday, June 15, 1887, p. 1]



JOHN T. GILFRY DEAD.

Eugene, Or., April 25.—Hon. John T. Gilfry, one of the most prominent pioneers of Oregon, died at his home in Creswell today, aged 79 years. In 1854 he was elected the first county judge in Lane county. He was born in Baltimore, Md., and came to Oregon in 1852. He leaves four children, Mrs. J. H. Whitaker, of Creswell; Hon. H. H. Gilfry, reading clerk of the United States senate; Geo. L. Gilfry, of Silver Lake, and W. R. Gilfry, of Cloverdale.

[Statesman Journal, Salem, Oregon, Sunday, April 26, 1896, p. 1]

Children of John Gilfry and Delilah Bristow:

i. George Law Gilfry

b. 10 Mar 1841 McDonough County, Illinois

d. 30 Jul 1929 Creswell, Lane County, Oregon

m1. Sarah Ann Hazelton 25 Mar 1862 Cottage Grove, Lane County, Oregon

m2. Louise M. Tunnell 1872 Lane County, Oregon

> 1860: Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon, July 17, 1860; John T. Gilfry, 40, merchant, $2500 $3000, PA; Deloria C. (sic), 39, housewife, KY; George L., 19, miller, IL; Henry H., 17, IL; Wm R., 8, IL; Susan E., 4, OR; John E., 1, OR

ii. Henry Harold Gilfry

b. 04 Nov 1843 McDonough County, Illinois

d. 07 Feb 1925 Washington, D. C.

buried Rock Creek Cemetery, Washington DC

m Margaret Wade Stouffer 30 Aug 1878 Alameda County, California

> 1860: Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon, July 17, 1860; John T. Gilfry, 40, merchant, $2500 $3000, PA; Deloria C. (sic), 39, housewife, KY; George L., 19, miller, IL; Henry H., 17, IL; Wm R., 8, IL; Susan E., 4, OR; John E., 1, OR

iii. William Rodney Gilfrpy

b. Sep 1850 Illinois

d. 16 Dec 1933 Lane County, Oregon

m. Caroline B. Wizenreld 06 Aug 1879 Oregon

1860: Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon, July 17, 1860; John T. Gilfry, 40, merchant, $2500 $3000, PA; Deloria C. (sic), 39, housewife, KY; George L., 19, miller, IL; Henry H., 17, IL; Wm R., 8, IL; Susan E., 4, OR; John E., 1, OR

iv. Susan E. Gilfry
b. 29 Oct 1856 Lane County, Oregon
d. 15 Sep 1881 Creswell, Lane County, Oregon
m. John William Miller 1880 Lane County, Oregon

1860: Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon, July 17, 1860; John T. Gilfry, 40, merchant, $2500 $3000, PA; Deloria C. (sic), 39, housewife, KY; George L., 19, miller, IL; Henry H., 17, IL; Wm R., 8, IL; Susan E., 4, OR; John E., 1, OR

1870: Pleasant Hill Twp, Cloverdale PO, Lane County, Oregon, July 29, 1870; John T. Gilfry, 52, farmer, $4000 $1560, MD; Delila C., 46, keeps house, KY; William, 18, at home, IL; Susan E., 13, at home, OR; Sarah, 6, at home, OR

v. John E. Gilfry
b. 1859 Lane County, Oregon
d. 16 Jun 1864 Lane County, Oregon
died of croup [Oregon Statesman, June 27, 1864, p. 2]

1860: Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon, July 17, 1860; John T. Gilfry, 40, merchant, $2500 $3000, PA; Deloria C. (sic), 39, housewife, KY; George L., 19, miller, IL; Henry H., 17, IL; Wm R., 8, IL; Susan E., 4, OR; John E., 1, OR

vi. Sarah F. Gilfry
b. 1864 Lane County, Oregon
d.

1870: Pleasant Hill Twp, Cloverdale PO, Lane County, Oregon, July 29, 1870; John T. Gilfry, 52, farmer, $4000 $1560, MD; Delila C., 46, keeps house, KY; William, 18, at home, IL; Susan E., 13, at home, OR; Sarah, 6, at home, OR

1880: Coast Fork Pct, Lane County, Oregon, June 7, 1880; John T. Gilfrey, 62, merchant, PA PA AL; Delila C., 58, wife, keeping house, sick with female disease, KY VA VA; Sarah F., 16, dau, attending school, OR PA KY; Hannah Davis, 45, hired help, house keeper, IN DE NY

9. Henry Gabbert Bristow [did not emigrate west]
b. 21 Aug 1824 Cumberland County, Kentucky
d. 07 May 1914 Peoria County, Illinois
buried Oakland Cemetery, Warsaw, Hancock County, Illinois

m. 04 Dec 1846 McDonough County, Illinois
Sarah Bradshaw Cherry
b. 12 Jun 1832 Macoupin County, Illinois
d. 13 Oct 1892 Hamilton, Hancock County, Illinois
buried Oakland Cemetery, Warsaw, Hancock County, Illinois



LAST SON OF PIONEERS IS DEAD

Henry Bristow Passes Away in Illinois At Age of 90.

(Register Lane County Special)

PLEASANT HILL, Ore., May 30. — The Oregon relatives of Henry Bristow of Peoria, Ill., were pained on receiving the sad intelligence of his death which occurred May 7 at Peoria. Mr. Bristow was born in Cumberland county, Kentucky, August 21, 1824, and consequently was in his 80th year.

He was the last to be taken of 13 children of Elijah and Susana Bristow. He visited Oregon 64 years ago and again 22 years ago. His wife preceded him 21 years ago. He leaves one son and three daughters.

[The Register Guard, Eugene, Oregon, Thursday, March 21, 1914, p. 2]

Children of Henry Bristow and Sarah Cherry:
i. Etna Clementine Bristow (1854-1929)
ii. Addie Geraldine Bristow (1859 – 1922)
iii. Jennie May Bristow (1865 – 1929)
iv. Harry Lafayette Bristow (1869-1933)

10. William Wilshire Bristow [Pioneer of 1848]
b. 18 Jul 1826 Cumberland County, Kentucky
d. 08 Dec 1874 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon
buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon

m1. 17 Oct 1850 Silverton, Marion County, Oregon
Elizabeth Coffey [Pioneer of 1848]
b. 08 Mar 1830
d. 01 Nov 1863 Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon
buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon
d/o Nebuzaradan Coffey and Elizabeth Easley

m2. 28 Apr 1865 Lane County, Oregon
Martha Ann McCall

b. 03 Aug 1843
d. 18 Aug 1868 Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon
buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon

m3. 16 Sep 1869 Lane County, Oregon
Mary Jane Richardson [Pioneer of 1853]
b. 01 May 1822 New York
d. 25 Dec 1898 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
buried Lone Fir Pioneer Cemetery, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
m1. Capt. William B. Wells 1844

DLC #1476 Lane County; William W. Bristow born 1826 Cumberland County, Kentucky; arrived Oregon 31 Aug 1848; settled claim 19 Mar 1851; m'd Elizabeth 17 Oct 1850 Marion County, Oregon Territory. Affidavit: Michael Shelley, Elijah L. Bristow. [Genealogical Material in Oregon Donation Land Claims, Volume 1 p. 60]

1850: Benton County, Oregon, September 25, 1850; Elijah Brister (sic), 62, blacksmith, VA; Susannah, 59, TN; Wm W., 23, KY; Eliza S., 18, IL; Sarah, 32, KY; Lylphite [sic - Lafayette], 16, IL; Catharine, 22, IL

1860: Pleasant Hill Pct, Pleasant Hill PO, Lane County, Oregon, July 17, 1860; W. W. Bristow, 34, farmer, $6000 $2000, KY; Elizth C., 30, housewife, KY; John N., 5, OR; Edith C., 2, OR; Calestar [sic-Celeste], 7/12, OR

1870: Eugene City, Eugene City PO, Lane County, Oregon, June 10, 1870; W. W. Bristow, 43, merchant, $1000 $4000, KY; Mary J., 41, keeping house $12,500 $0, NY; Lola N., 16, at home, OR; Edith C., 12, at home, OR; Addie C., 9, at home, OR; Darwin, 7, at home, OR; Lizzie, 2, at home, OR

WILLIAM WILSHIRE BRISTOW, (Deceased.)—Was born in Kentucky, July 18, 1826, but when quite young accompanied his parents to Illinois, from whence he came across the plains to Oregon in 1848, settling at Pleasant Hill, Lane county. Like all other young men in Oregon, at that time he went with the rush to the California gold-mines in the spring of 1849, but returning from there the same fall he commenced the improvement of a land claim. In the spring of 1850 or 1851 he taught the first school at Pleasant Hill—and in fact the first school within the county. In 1852–3 he was the justice of the peace for the precinct, and for a number of years was post-master at Pleasant Hill. In 1857 he was elected a delegate to the Constitutional Convention which met at Salem, August 3, 1857, for the purpose of framing a state constitution, and participated in the deliberations of that body until its close. In June, 1858, he was elected one of the first state senators from Lane county, and was a prominent actor in all the scenes incident to setting in motion the machinery of the new state government. In 1872 he was re-elected to the same position, serving with credit to himself and constrtuency through the two sessions of 1872 and 1874. In 1865 he sold his farm at Pleasant Hill, and going to Eugene City, bought a one-third interest in the mercantile business of Bristow & Co., in which he continued until his death, which occurred at his home in that town, on December 8, 1874. He was stricken down in the prime of manhood and in the midst of his usefulness, leaving behind him an untarnished name and regretted by all who knew him. He was long a member of the Masonic fraternity, by which order he received due recognition and burial.

[Illustrated History of Lane County by A. G. Walling, 1884 p. 475]

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In early life Mr. Bristow married Miss Elizabeth Coffey, who with her parents crossed the great American plains from Kentucky in 1846, the family home being established at Aumsville, Marion county, Oregon. Here Mr. and Mrs. Bristow were married and unto them were born four children of whom only one, Darwin Bristow, survives. For his second wife William Bristow married Miss Martha McCall, whose home was near Pleasant Hill, and unto them was born one daughter, Lizzie, who is now the wife of John H. Stevens, congressman at Washington, D. C., from Texas.

Mr. Bristow was a charter member and past master of Eugene Lodge, No. 11, F. & A. M. An important event in his life work was the part which he took as a leading factor in the establishment of the University of Oregon, at Eugene. Both he and his wife were members of the Christian church, the first organization of that denomination having been founded by Elijah Bristow at Pleasant Hill, Oregon.

[The Centennial History of Oregon by Joseph Walling, Volume 4, p. 696]

The Daily Oregonian.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 9, 1874.

W. W. BRISTOW.

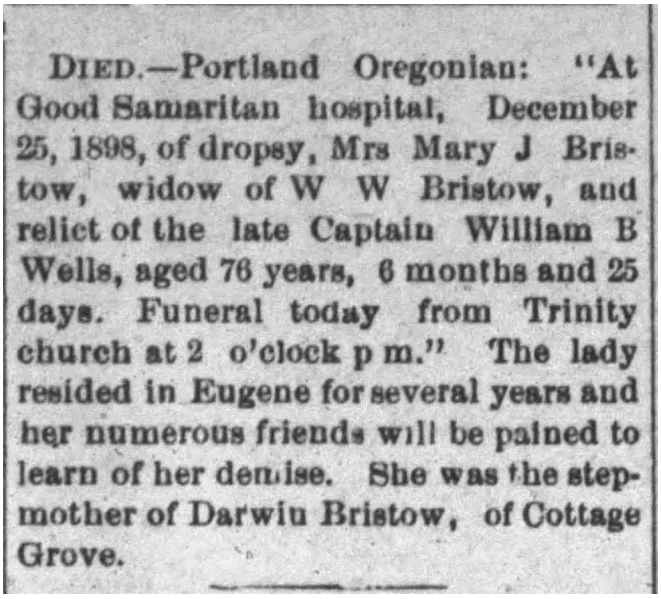
We are called upon this morning to make the sad announcement of the death of another prominent citizen of Oregon. Hon. W. W. Bristow, State Senator from Lane county, died yesterday morning at his residence at Eugene, of typhoid fever. He was taken with the fever while on a business visit to the more southern part of the State, but so far recovered as to be able come home, and his final recovery was considered certain; but a relapse hurried him off to the grave.

Mr. Bristow was 48 years of age. He was born in Kentucky, and came to Oregon 26 years ago, with his parents, brothers and sisters. The family settled early in Lane county. So the deceased Senator was one of Oregon's pioneers. He was a member of the Convention that framed our State Constitution, and his firmness and unswerving loyalty to his convictions of right won him the respect and esteem of that body. He served the people in other positions afterwards, and in 1872 was elected a State Senator for Lane county, and served in that capacity in two sessions of the Legislature. His term would have expired in 1876 had not death terminated it. He was a Republican in politics, but too conscientious in following his

itics, but too conscientious in following his convictions of duty to be a strict party man. To him more than to any other man Eugence City is indebted for the location there of the State University, and the aid obtained in constructing the buildings. This institution was nearest his heart, and he labored for it with an earnestness and zeal that thought of no such thing as failure. Our personal relations to him were such that he often conversed with us very freely on public matters, and he seldom omitted to mention in such conversations some plan he had for helping along the State University. In all other matters, however, that concerned the prosperity, growth and happiness of this young State, he took a lively and appreciative interest. With clear views, strong convictions, definite purposes, and an absorbing attachment to the State in which he had spent all the years since his youth, Bristow was one of the men whom Oregon could least afford to lose. But Providence willed that he should go hence, and he is cut down in the flower of his manhood and in the midst of his usefulness.

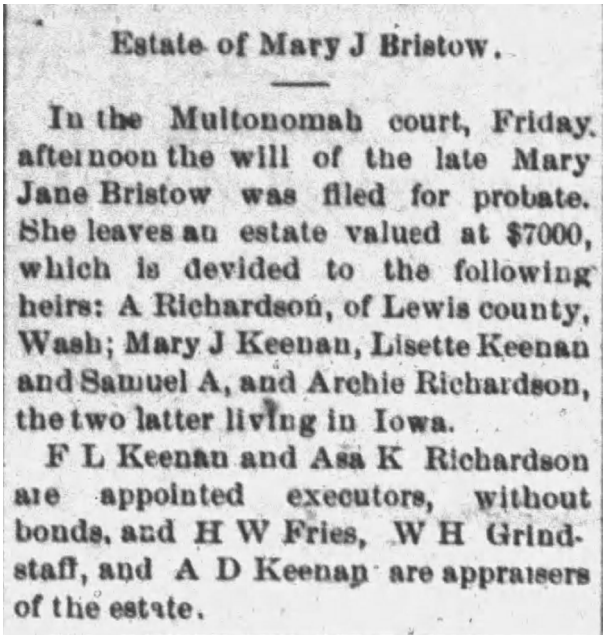
With less poignant, but not less sincere grief than theirs, we mingle our tears with those of the bereaved family of our departed friend.

[The Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Wednesday, December 9, 1874, p. 2]



DIED.—Portland Oregonian: "At Good Samaritan hospital, December 25, 1898, of dropsy, Mrs Mary J Bristow, widow of W W Bristow, and relict of the late Captain William B Wells, aged 76 years, 6 months and 25 days. Funeral today from Trinity church at 2 o'clock p m." The lady resided in Eugene for several years and her numerous friends will be pained to learn of her demise. She was the stepmother of Darwin Bristow, of Cottage Grove.

[The Eugene Guard, Eugene, Oregon, Monday, December 26, 1898, p. 4]



Estate of Mary J Bristow.

In the Multonomah court, Friday afternoon the will of the late Mary Jane Bristow was filed for probate. She leaves an estate valued at $7000, which is devided to the following heirs: A Richardson, of Lewis county, Wash; Mary J Keenan, Lisette Keenan and Samuel A, and Archie Richardson, the two latter living in Iowa.

F L Keenan and Asa K Richardson are appointed executors, without bonds, and H W Fries, W H Grindstaff, and A D Keenan are appraisers of the estate.

[The Eugene Guard, Eugene, Oregon, Saturday, December 31, 1898, p. 2]

Children of William Bristow and Elizabeth Coffey:
i. Iola/Lola N Bristow
b. 24 Feb 1854
d. 02 Spe 1876

1860: Pleasant Hill Pct, Pleasant Hill PO, Lane County, Oregon, July 17, 1860; W. W. Bristow, 34, farmer, $6000 $2000, KY; Elizth C., 30, housewife, KY; John [sic-Iola] N., 5, OR; Edith C., 2, OR; Calestar [sic-Celeste], 7/12, OR

1870: Eugene City, Eugene City PO, Lane County, Oregon, June 10, 1870; W. W. Bristow, 43, merchant, $1000 $4000, KY; Mary J., 41, keeping house $12,500 $0,

NY; Lola N., 16, at home, OR; Edith C., 12, at home, OR; Addie C., 9, at home, OR; Darwin, 7, at home, OR; Lizzie, 2, at home, OR

ii. Edith Clyde Bristow
b. 03 Aug 1857
d. 22 Dec 1872

1860: Pleasant Hill Pct, Pleasant Hill PO, Lane County, Oregon, July 17, 1860; W. W. Bristow, 34, farmer, $6000 $2000, KY; Elizth C., 30, housewife, KY; John [sic-Iola] N., 5, OR; Edith C., 2, OR; Calestar [sic-Celeste], 7/12, OR

1870: Eugene City, Eugene City PO, Lane County, Oregon, June 10, 1870; W. W. Bristow, 43, merchant, $1000 $4000, KY; Mary J., 41, keeping house $12,500 $0, NY; Lola N., 16, at home, OR; Edith C., 12, at home, OR; Addie C., 9, at home, OR; Darwin, 7, at home, OR; Lizzie, 2, at home, OR

iii. Adeline Celeste "Addie" Bristow
b. 28 Dec 1859
d. 01 Nov 1881 Lane County, Oregon

1860: Pleasant Hill Pct, Pleasant Hill PO, Lane County, Oregon, July 17, 1860; W. W. Bristow, 34, farmer, $6000 $2000, KY; Elizth C., 30, housewife, KY; John [sic-Iola] N., 5, OR; Edith C., 2, OR; Calestar [sic-Celeste], 7/12, OR

iv. Darwin B. Bristow
b. 21 Dec 1862 Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon
d. 15 Dec 1951 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

1870: Eugene City, Eugene City PO, Lane County, Oregon, June 10, 1870; W. W. Bristow, 43, merchant, $1000 $4000, KY; Mary J., 41, keeping house $12,500 $0, NY; Lola N., 16, at home, OR; Edith C., 12, at home, OR; Addie C., 9, at home, OR; Darwin, 7, at home, OR; Lizzie, 2, at home, OR

Child of William Bristow and Martha McCall:
i. Lisette "Lizzie" Bristow
b. 06 Aug 1867 Lane County, Oregon
d. 11 Jul 1962 Los Angeles County, California
m1. Fredrick Larkin Keenan 13 Jul 1882 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
m. John Hall Stevens 22 Dec 1911 Washington DC [congressman in Washington, D. C. from Texas]

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12. Baby Bristow
b. 1827 Illinois
d. 1827 Illinois

13. Catherine Sims "Kate" Bristow [Pioneer of 1848]
b. 21 Sep 1828 Macoupin County, Illinois
d. 05 Mar 1913 Rickreall, Polk County, Oregon
buried City View Cemetery, Salem, Marion County, Oregon

m. 08 Sep 1850 Polk County, Oregon
George Johnston Baskett
b. 25 Feb 1817 Shelby County, Kentucky
d. 15 Jan 1883 San Luis Obispo County, California
buried City View Cemetery, Salem, Marion County, Oregon
s/o William Baskett and Susan Phillips

DLC #3065 Polk County, Goerge J. Baskett born 1817 Shelby County, Kentucky; settled claim 05 Oct 1850; m'd Catherine T., 08 Sep 1850 Lane County, Oregon Territory. Signed Oath of Allegiance 16 Nov 1865. Affidavit: Nathaniel Ford, David Goff. [Genealogical Material in Oregon Donation Land Claims Volume 2 p. 30]

1850: Benton County, Oregon, September 25, 1850; Elijah Brister (sic), 62, blacksmith, VA; Susannah, 59, TN; Wm W., 23, KY; Eliza S., 18, IL; Sarah, 32, KY; Lylphite [sic - Lafayette], 16, IL; Catharine, 22, IL

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1870: Rickreall PO, Polk County, Oregon, June 28, 1870; Geo J. Baskett, 53, farmer, $12,000 $3730, KY; Catherine, 42, keeping house, IL; Wm., 18, OR; Louisa, 14, OR; Josephine, 12, OR; Fredrika, 10, OR; Jessie, 5, OR; James Taylor, 16, MO; John West, 9, OR

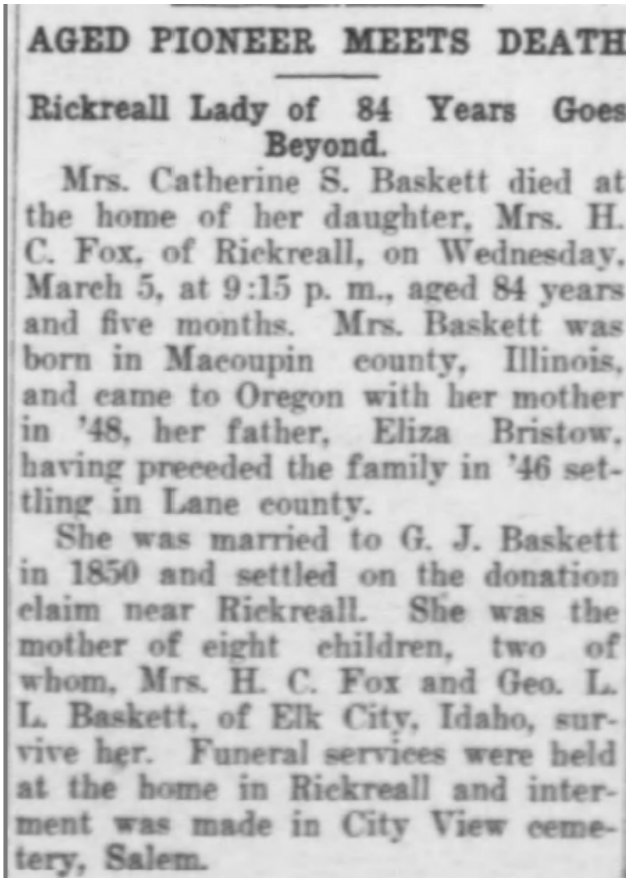
1880: Derry Pct, Polk County, Oregon, June 1, 1880; J. George Baskett, 63, farmer, KY VA KY; Catherine, 52, wife, keeping house, IL VA TN; Josephine, 24,, dau, OR KY IL; Jessie, 16, dau, OR KY IL; Lafayette, 9, son, OR KY IL; Henry White, 37, boarder, farm laborer, NY Nova Scotia Nova Scotia; Albert Waugh, 28, boarder, farm laborer, Nova

Scotia Nova Scotia Nova Scotia; William Hayley, 20, boarder, farm laborer, OR IL MO; John Starr, at home, OR unknown unknown

Death of G. J. Baskett.

Among the pioneers of Oregon few are better known than G. J. Baskett, who came to Oregon in 1848 and settled upon a donation claim apjoining Col. Nesmith's place at Dixie, Polk county, and his death will be read with regret by all who knew him. He died at San Louis Obispo, Cal., last Thursday. For some time Mr. Baskett has been in poor health, and through advice of his physician he sought a milder climate in hopes of improvement, but the disease—dropsy—had taken too firm a hold, and on last Thursday the sad news was received by his family that he was dead. Mr. Baskett was married at Pleasant Hill in Lane county in 1850, to the sister of E. L. Bristow, of this city, who, with a family of grown children survive him. Mr. B. always took a special interest in the improvement of horses, and some of the best ever run on our turf were raised and owned by him. He was a gentleman in every sense of the word, a good neighbor, husband and father. His remains will arrive on the Oregon and be taken to Dixie for interment.—Standard.

[The Twice-A-Week Guard, Eugene, Oregon, Saturday, January 13, 1883, p. 5]



AGED PIONEER MEETS DEATH

Rickreall Lady of 84 Years Goes Beyond.

Mrs. Catherine S. Baskett died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. C. Fox, of Rickreall, on Wednesday, March 5, at 9:15 p. m., aged 84 years and five months. Mrs. Baskett was born in Macoupin county, Illinois, and came to Oregon with her mother in '48, her father, Eliza Bristow, having preceded the family in '46 settling in Lane county.

She was married to G. J. Baskett in 1850 and settled on the donation claim near Rickreall. She was the mother of eight children, two of whom, Mrs. H. C. Fox and Geo. L. L. Baskett, of Elk City, Idaho, survive her. Funeral services were held at the home in Rickreall and interment was made in City View cemetery, Salem.

[The Polk County Itemizer and Observer, Dallas, Oregon, Friday, March 7, 1913, p. 1]

Children of George Basket and Catherine Bristow:

i. Susan Ethel Baskett

b. 28 Jul 1851 Oregon

d. 25 Dec 1865 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

> 1860: Gold Pct, Gold PO, Polk County, Oregon, June 21, 1860; G. J. Baskett, 42, farmer $8000 $4615, KY; C S, 30, IL; E. S., 8, OR; W. A., 7, OR; L. C., 5, OR; M. J., 3, OR; F. F., 2, OR

ii. William Aurelius Baskett

b. 29 Jul 1853 Oregon

d. 17 Feb 1887 Rickreall, Polk County, Oregon

> 1860: Gold Pct, Gold PO, Polk County, Oregon, June 21, 1860; G. J. Baskett, 42, farmer $8000 $4615, KY; C. S, 30, IL; E. S., 8, OR; W. A., 7, OR; L. C., 5, OR; M. J., 3, OR; F. F., 2, OR
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> 1870: Rickreall PO, Polk County, Oregon, June 28, 1870; Geo J. Baskett, 53, farmer, $12,000 $3730, KY; Catherine, 42, keeping house, IL; Wm., 18, OR; Louisa, 14, OR; Josephine, 12, OR; Fredrika, 10, OR; Jessie, 5, OR; James Taylor, 16, MO; John West, 9, OR

iii. Louisa Catherine Baskett
b. 02 Nov 1854 Oregon
d. 29 Jan 1889 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

1860: Gold Pct, Gold PO, Polk County, Oregon, June 21, 1860; G. J. Baskett, 42, farmer $8000 $4615, KY; C S, 30, IL; E. C., 8, OR; W. A., 7, OR; L. C., 5, OR; M. J., 3, OR; F. F., 2, OR

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iv. Margaret Josephine Baskett
b. 27 Apr 1856 Oregon
d. 24 Nov 1940 Marion County, Oregon

1860: Gold Pct, Gold PO, Polk County, Oregon, June 21, 1860; G. J. Baskett, 42, farmer $8000 $4615, KY; C S, 30, IL; E. C., 8, OR; W. A., 7, OR; L. C., 5, OR; M. J., 3, OR; F. F., 2, OR

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1880: Derry Pct, Polk County, Oregon, June 1, 1880; J. George Baskett, 63, farmer, KY VA KY; Catherine, 52, wife, keeping house, IL VA TN; Josephine, 24, dau, OR KY IL; Jessie, 16, dau, OR KY IL; Lafayette, 9, son, OR KY IL; Henry White, 37, boarder, farm laborer, NY Nova Scotia Nova Scotia; Albert Waugh, 28, boarder, farm laborer, Nova Scotia Nova Scotia Nova Scotia; William Hayley, 20, boarder, farm laborer, OR IL MO; John Starr, at home, OR unknown unknown

v. Francis Fredricka “Freddie” Baskett
b. 16 May 1857 Oregon
d. 18 Sep 1877 Polk County, Oregon

1860: Gold Pct, Gold PO, Polk County, Oregon, June 21, 1860; G. J. Baskett, 42, farmer $8000 $4615, KY; C S, 30, IL; E. C., 8, OR; W. A., 7, OR; L. C., 5, OR; M. J., 3, OR; F. F., 2, OR

1870: Rickreall PO, Polk County, Oregon, June 28, 1870; Geo J. Baskett, 53, farmer, $12,000 $3730, KY; Catherine, 42, keeping house, IL; Wm., 18, OR;

Louisa, 14, OR; Josephine, 12, OR; Fredrika, 10, OR; Jessie, 5, OR; James Taylor, 16, MO; John West, 9, OR

vi. Etna Pauline Baskett
b. 29 Apr 1861 Oregon
d. 06 Apr 1865 Polk County, Oregon

vii. Jessie Shelby Baskett
b. 20 Aug 1864 Oregon
d. 1894 Oregon

1870: Rickreall PO, Polk County, Oregon, June 28, 1870; Geo J. Baskett, 53, farmer, $12,000 $3730, KY; Catherine, 42, keeping house, IL; Wm., 18, OR; Louisa, 14, OR; Josephine, 12, OR; Fredrika, 10, OR; Jessie, 5, OR; James Taylor, 16, MO; John West, 9, OR

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viii. George Lee Lafayette Baskett
b. 10 Jan 1871 Oregon
d. 10 Jun 1929 Oregon
m. Maud Emily Parr 06 Jun 1895 Marion County, Oregon

1880: Derry Pct, Polk County, Oregon, June 1, 1880; J. George Baskett, 63, farmer, KY VA KY; Catherine, 52, wife, keeping house, IL VA TN; Josephine, 24,, dau, OR KY IL; Jessie, 16, dau, OR KY IL; Lafayette, 9, son, OR KY IL; Henry White, 37, boarder, farm laborer, NY Nova Scotia Nova Scotia; Albert Waugh, 28, boarder, farm laborer, Nova Scotia Nova Scotia Nova Scotia; William Hayley, 20, boarder, farm laborer, OR IL MO; John Starr, at home, OR unknown unknown

14. Elijah Lafayette “Lafe” Bristow
b. 02 Jan 1832 McDonough County, Illinois
d. 21 May 1887 Salem, Marion County, Oregon
buried Salem Pioneer Cemetery, Salem, Marion County, Oregon

m1. 13 Mar 1853 Lane County, Oregon
Minerva Jane Jones
b. 20 Jul 1836 California

d. 14 Mar 1862 Lane County, Oregon
buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon

m2. 05 Nov 1865 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon
Harrietta "Hattie" Eugenia Hill
b. 23 Apr 1848 Springfield, Greene County, Missouri
d. 12 Nov 1944 Alameda County, California
buried Salem Pioneer Cemetery, Salem, Marion County, Oregon

DLC #1116 Lane County, Oregon; Elijah L. Bristow born 1832 McDonough County, Illinois; arrived Oregon 20 October 1848; settled claim 22 March 1853; m'd Minerva Jane 13 Mar 1853 Lane County, Oregon Territory. Affidavit: John F. Wolley, William R. Jones, John T. Gilfry (Judge of Probate, Lane County 1855) [Genealogical Material in Oregon Donation Land Claim Volume III p. 76]

1850: Benton County, Oregon, September 25, 1850; Elijah Brister (sic), 62, blacksmith, VA; Susannah, 59, TN; Wm W., 23, KY; Eliza S., 18, IL; Sarah, 32, KY; Lylphite [sic - Lafayette], 16, IL; Catharine, 22, IL

1860: Eugene City Pct, Eugene City PO, Lane County, Oregon, June 20, 1860; E. L. Bristow, 28, clerk in [?] office, $700 $125, IL; H. E., 24, CA; J. R., 6, OR; L. L., 4, OR; W.E., 1, OR

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ELIJAH LAFAYETTE BRISTOW—Was born in McDonough county, Illinois, January 2, 1832, and crossing the plains to Oregon in 1848, joined his father Elijah Bristow, the pioneer resident of Lane county, in October of that year. He at once embarked in agricultural pursuits and improved a farm at Pleasant Hill, and while a resident there served as Justice of the Peace during the years 1857 to 1859 inclusive. He now sold his farm taking up his abode in Eugene City, and in 1859 was a clerk in the office of the Surveyor General. In 1860 he abandoned this position and engaged in a mercantile business, and erected the first brick building in Eugene City in 1866. In 1871 Mr. Bristow was elected Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows for Oregon, Washington and Idaho, and in 1882 was chosen Grand Patriarch of the Encampment branch of that order, serving in each capacity one year. In 1873 he was appointed one of the Capitol Building Commissioners and held the office for one year. In 1874 he sold his business and moved to Salem where he purchased the newspaper *Mercury*, which he edited and published for five years and a half. After a residence of thirty-six years in Oregon, Mr. Bristow is still as active as when he first made the acquaintance of the *Wim-a-wha-la illahe*, with its beautiful woods and undulating prairie lands. When others went to the mines in quest for gold he remained at home, and, finding the lack of companionship hang heavy on his hands he studied the dialects of the Indians in Lane county and from them learned many of their traditions, with which his memory to-day is well stored. In business he has always stood as a pattern of honor and integrity, while the distinguished marks of favor bestowed upon him by the fraternities to which he belongs is a true test of the high estimation in which he is held. To Mr. Bristow we are indebted for much valuable information concerning the history of Lane county; may his honorable career accompany him to a green old age.

{Illustrated History of Lane County by A. G. Walling, 1884 p. 476]

DIED.

BRISTOW.—At his home in Salem, on Saturday, May 21, 1887, at 11 o'clock a. m., E. L. Bristow, aged 55 years.

Lafe Bristow is dead. To all who were acquainted with him and who knew his sterling qualities, this simple announcement will bring a pang of sincere sorrow, for the subject of this sketch, now free from the cares and sorrows of this world, was a good man and citizen, and an honest and faithful friend.

He was born on January 21, 1832, in McDonough county, Illinois, and came to Oregon in the early pioneer days, and settled in Lane county. He was first married at Cloverdale, Lane county, to Jane Jones, and this union was blessed with four children, two of whom are dead. The two living are Paul L. Bristow, of Lane county, and Mrs. H. C. Perkins, of the same county. He was married to Hattie E. Hill at Eugene City on Nov. 5th, 1865, and they have lived a happy life together until the union was severed by his death. The issue of this marriage was two children, one of whom is dead, the other, Eugene Hill Bristow, of Salem.

Mr. Bristow was in the mercantile business in Eugene City, in partnership with Hon. T. G. Hendricks, of that city, who is a relative of the deceased, for a number of years, but sold out to his partner and came to Salem in 1874. He was editor and manager of the Salem Daily Mercury for a few years, and afterwards a partner with John G. Wright in the grocery business. He sold out to Mr. Wright, and was for a time assistant warden at the penitentiary. He afterwards went to Portland, and was for several years manager of the Daily Standard in that city. He was a member of Anniversary Lodge, No. 13, I. O. O. F., of Salem, and had been a zealous worker in this order for many years. He was Past Grand Master and also Past Grand Patriarch. He was representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge held in San Francisco in 1869.

Mr. Bristow had not been well for a long time. Several weeks ago he was tendered the position of special agent of the state for the investigation of swamp land matters, but his failing health would not permit of his acceptance, and since that time he has rapidly sunk, nearing the end with calm resignation. He died as he had lived, an honest and honorable man, against whose name was never even whispered the taint of scandal or corruption.

The funeral will take place to-morrow (Monday), May 23d, at 2 o'clock p. m., under the auspices of the Odd Fellows, and his remains will be laid to their final rest in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Grand Master Dosch, Grand Secretary Bacon, Past Grand Master Walton, Past Grand Master Backensto, Grand Representative Gamble, Grand Representative Tweedale, and other prominent Odd Fellows from abroad will be present and assist in the ceremonies.

[Statesman Journal, Salem, Oregon, Sunday, May 22, 1887, p.3]

Children of Elijah Bristow and Minerva Jones:

i. James "Jimmie" Rodgers Bristow

b. 24 Dec 1853 Lane County, Oregon

d. 01 Jan 1876 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

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ii. Lillie Llewelly Bristow
b. 14 Dec 1855 Lane County, Oregon
d. 1876 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

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iii. William “Willie” Elijah Bristow
b. 30 Dec 1858 Lane County, Oregon
d. 21 Jan 1876 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

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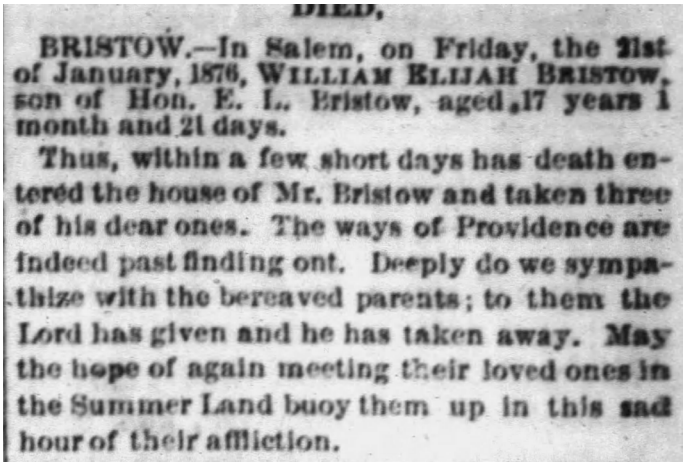

DIED,

BRISTOW.—In Salem, on Friday, the 21st of January, 1876, WILLIAM ELIJAH BRISTOW, son of Hon. E. L. Bristow, aged 17 years 1 month and 21 days.

Thus, within a few short days has death entered the house of Mr. Bristow and taken three of his dear ones. The ways of Providence are indeed past finding out. Deeply do we sympathize with the bereaved parents; to them the Lord has given and he has taken away. May the hope of again meeting their loved ones in the Summer Land buoy them up in this sad hour of their affliction.

[Albany Democrat, Albany, Oregon, Monday, January 24, 1876, p. 3]

iv. Paul Lafayette Bristow
b. 21 Mar 1861 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon
d. 16 Feb 1952 Alameda County, California
m1. Eva Acruna Shelley 10 Jun 1883 Lane County, Oregon
m2. Mary West 20 Apr 1887 Salem, Marion County, Oregon
Adopted by his Aunt Zelphia Bristow and her husband Stephen Rigdon after the death of his mother

Children of Elijah Bristow and Hattie Hill:
i. Eugene Hill Bristow
b. 12 Aug 1866 Eugene, Lane County Oregon
d. 28 Apr 1958 Washington County, Oregon
m. Agnes Pugh 17 Mar 1886 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

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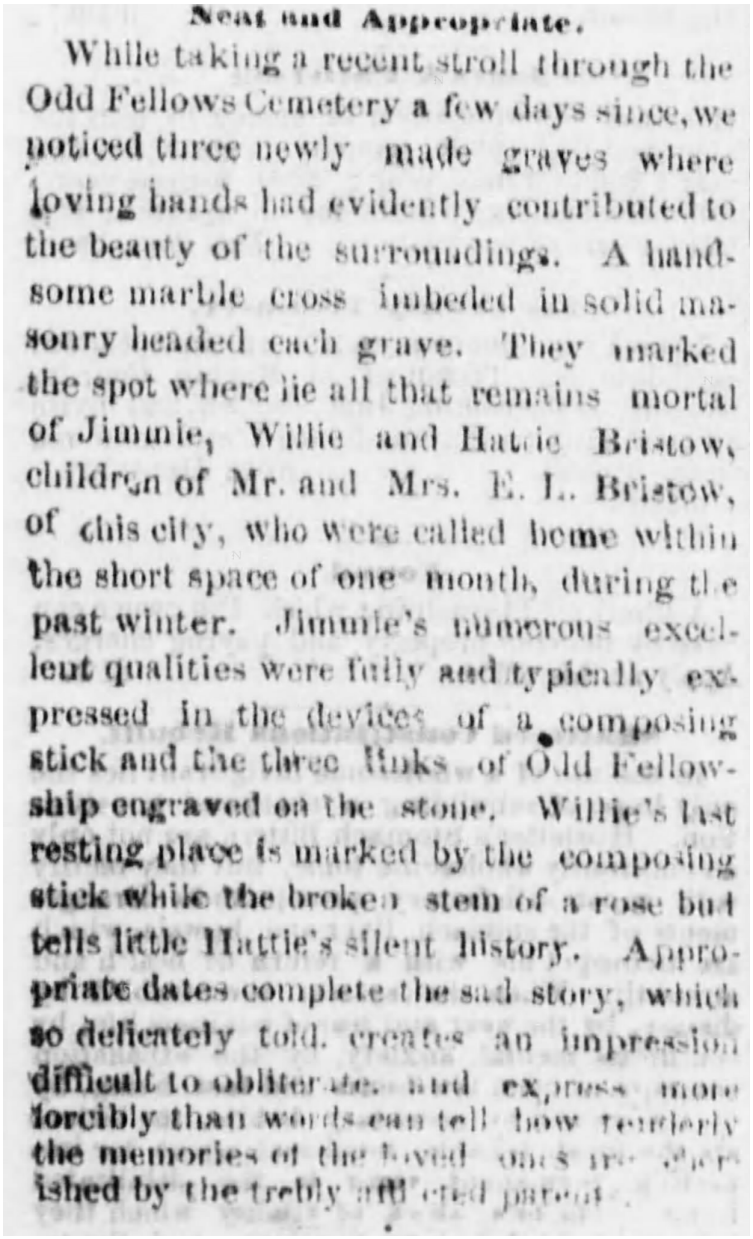
ii. Mary Jane Bristow
b. 30 Aug 1873 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon
d. 02 Jan 1876 Salem, Marion County, Oregon



Neat and Appropriate.

While taking a recent stroll through the Odd Fellows Cemetery a few days since, we noticed three newly made graves where loving hands had evidently contributed to the beauty of the surroundings. A handsome marble cross imbeded in solid masonry headed each grave. They marked the spot where lie all that remains mortal of Jimmie, Willie and Hattie Bristow, children of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Bristow, of this city, who were called home within the short space of one month, during the past winter. Jimmie's numerous excellent qualities were fully and typically expressed in the devices of a composing stick and the three links of Odd Fellowship engraved on the stone. Willie's last resting place is marked by the composing stick while the broken stem of a rose bud tells little Hattie's silent history. Appropriate dates complete the sad story, which so delicately told, creates an impression difficult to obliterate, and express more forcibly than words can tell how tenderly the memories of the loved ones are cherished by the trebly afflicted parent.

[Weekly Oregon Statesman, Salem, Oregon, Friday, June 9, 1876, p. 5]

15. Zelphia Etna Bristow [Pioneer of 1848]
b. 09 Sep 1834 McDonough County, Illinois
d. 11 May 1903 Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon
buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon

m. 23 Apr 1854 Lane County, Oregon
Stephen Rigdon [Pioneer of 1852]
b. 11 May 1829 Richland County, Ohio
d. 01 Aug 1904 Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon
buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon
s/o Rev John Rigdon and Catherine Logan

1860: Pleasant Hill Pct, Pleasant Hill PO, Lane County, Oregon, July 18, 1860; Stephen Rigdon, 31, farmer, $0 $674, OH; Zelpha, 25, housewife, IL; G. Gillman, 25, carpenter, $600 $655, PA

1870: Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon, August 1, 1870; Steven Rigdon, 41, farmer, $1500 $2351, OH; Zelphie, 35, keeps house, IL; Paul Y Bristow, 9, at home, OR

PLEASANT HILL LOSES BELOVED PIONEER LADY

Miss Zilpha Rigdon, Wife of Stephen Rigdon, Passes Away.

Monday morning at 6 o'clock, death's grim reaper called to her reward Zilpha, a beloved pioneer lady of Pleasant Hill neighborhood, and wife of Stephen Rigdon. Deceased was aged 69 years and pneumonia was the cause of death.

Funeral and interment will take place today commencing at 2 p. m. Remains will be laid to rest in Pleasant Hill cemetary. Rev. R. G. Callison will perform the obsequies.

Deceased was born in McDonough Illinois in 1834, came to Oregon in 1848 and settled in Lane county. Her father Elijah Bristow, deceased, built the first house in the county which structure still stands on the family estate at Pleasant Hill. The husband still survives. At the time of her death deceased was engaged in the compilation of historical data pertain- to the Argonauts of Oregon, for the Oregon Historical society. Her death has cast a gloom over the whole commonwealth.

[The Register-Guard, Eugene, Oregon, Tuesday, May 12, 1903, p. 1]

MRS. RIGDON DIED THIS MORNING

Pioneer of 1848 Joins the Great Majority---Resident of Pleasant Hill.

(Daily Guard, May 11.)

Mrs. Zilphia Etna Rigdon, wife of Stephen Rigdon, of Pleasant Hill, passed away this morning at 6 o'clock at her home, surrounded by her friends and relatives. She was 69 yers old and one of the first settlers of this country.

She came to Oregon in 1848 with her parents from Illinois, where she was born n 1834. Elijah and Susan Bristow were her parents. They settled on the original Bristow donation claim and there have lived all these years.

In 1856 she married Captain Stephen Rigdon and they made their home on Pleasant Hill.

The deceased was well known and respected by the whole community. She was active in all pioneer work and at the time of her death she was engaged in writing a book upon incidents of the early pioneer days of Oregon for the Oregon Historical Society. The book contains many important passages and as it is, will be treasured by the Society. Among her friends she numbered all who came within the circle of her acquaintance. Esteem and honor have rested on her brow.

The husband of the departed survives his faithful helpmate.

The funeral will be held tomorrow from the residence on Pleasant Hill, conducted by Rev. R. G. Callison, with inter-ment in the Pleasnat Hill cemetery.

[The Twice-A-Week Guard, Eugene, Oregon, Saturday, May 16, 1903, p. 5]

STEPHEN RIGDON. PIONEER.

Died at His Pleasant Hill Home, Saturday, August 13, 1904.

On Saturday last, death closed the busy and useful career of Stephen Rigdon, pioneer, who was closely identified with Lane's early industrial and social life. He died at his Pleasant Hill home from the effects of a paralytic stroke sustained some time ago.

The funeral was held Sunday, followed with interment in the Pleasant Hill cemetery. Rev. R. G. Callison of the Christian church faith, and an old friend of deceased, conducted the obsequies.

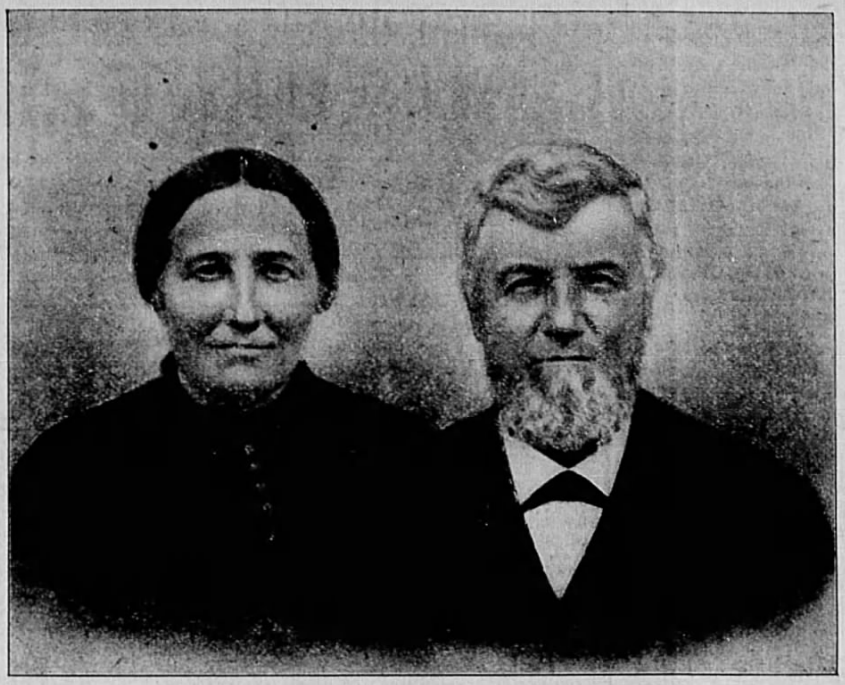
Born and reared on the farm of his father in the middle west, Stephen Rigdon left there in 1850 by ox team for California, taking four and a half months for the journey. He remained in California till 1853, when he left to join his people, who had emigrated and settled in Lane county, Oregon.

In 1854, he married Zilphia Bristow, daughter of Elijah Bristow, and went to housekeeping on part of his father-in-law's D. L. C., which he farmed and to which he added until he owned 275 acres of fine grazing land, with modern barns and outbuildings.

Mr. Rigdon engaged in stock raising and small farming. Having no son, Mr. Rigdon and his wife adopted Paul L. Bristow, a nephew of Mrs. Rigdon, and son of E. L. Bristow. Mrs. Rigdon died May 11, 1903.

Stephen Rigdon was republican in politics and had held many positions of public trust.

[The Register Guard, Eugene, Oregon, Wednesday, August 17, 1904, p. 8]



Stephen Rigdon

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Stephen Rigdon was born in Ohi o May 11, 1829. In 1832 his father, Rev John Rigdon, moved to Fulton county, Ill.; later to McDonough county, Ill., and in 1848, to Iowa. In 1850 Stephen Rigdon, becoming imbued with the gold fever, joined a party of gold-seekers and crossed the plains with an ox team to California, arriving at Hangtown in October of that year. When yet 200 miles from their destination their provisions gave out, and eight of them started on foot, leaving two men to bring up the teams and wagons. Before starting they baked up all their flour, and spreading their blankets on the ground, the cook tossed a biscuit on each man's blanket till it had all been divided equally, each man receiving eight biscuits. With only that between them and starvation, they started from the sink of the Humboldt to walk to the Sacramento valley. At camp the third night one man had no bread. After a moment's silence one man cut a biscuit in half and tossing him one piece, said: "There, d—n your greedy soul, take that!" Mr. Rigdon and the others divided their scanty store with him. Next day one of the party threw down his blankets, saying he could carry them no farther. Mr. Rigdon carried them till night and traded them for ten pounds of flour, which carried them to Hangtown in a starving condition. Once there, they obtained work and soon were doing well.

Deceased remained in the mines till January, 1853, when he came to Oregon to join his father, who had crossed the plains in 1852. He was married to Zilphia E. Bristow on April 23, 1854, and settled on a claim on Pleasant Hill, on which he made his home till his death.

In 1856 he and his wife and brother-in-law, John K. Bristow, and a party of others started on horseback to the newly-discovered mines at Colville, Wash. They got as far as the old Catholic mission on Coeur d'Alene lake, and hearing discouraging news about the mines turned back.

As they went up they saw a number of Indians who seemed friendly, but coming back they saw very few. They were gathering then for the Cayuse war, which broke out before Mr. Rigdon's party reached home.

One day they met two Indians on foot and a squaw on horseback. As soon as the Indians saw them they jumped behind trees and began loading their guns, the squaw remaining on her horse in the trail. After a few moments Mr. Rigdon told his wife to ride up and meet the squaw. As Mrs. Rigdon started to ride forward the squaw started to meet her. Mrs. Rigdon had her lunch in a little bag at her saddle-horn, and when they met she gave this to the Indian woman, who in return gave her a gourd full of huckleberries. As soon as the Indians saw this exchange of presents they left their covert and came forward. The whites rode up and quite a friendly talk ensued.

In 1863, Mr. Rigdon was commissioned recruiting officer for Lane, Benton and Douglas counties. On March 3, 1864, he was commissioned captain of Company E, Third Regiment, Second Brigade, Oregon National Militia. On May 16, 1865, he was again elected captain of the same company; on May 18, 1866 was commissioned first lieutenant of the same company; May 19, 1867 was re-elected captain of the company, in which capacity he served until 1867. He was always identified with educational improvements, serving as director of school district No. 1 at Pleasant Hill for 30 years.

On May 30, 1904, he was stricken with paralysis and never recovered. He died at 12 o'clock midnight, Saturday, August 13, 1904. His wife died May 11, 1903.

They had no children of their own, but adopted a nephew of Mrs. Rigdon's, Paul L. Bristow, who lives at Pleasant Hill.

[The Eugene Morning Register, Eugene, Oregon, Thursday, August 18, 1904, p. 3]