

Henry Laffer Caples
Pioneer of 1852
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Henry Laffer Caples

b. 19 Aug 1823 Ashland County, Ohio

d. 07 Feb 1910 Stevens County, Washington

buried [Old Vancouver City Cemetery](#), Vancouver, Clark County, Washington

s/o Robert Francis Caples (1779-1834 Ohio) and Charlotte Laffer (1790-1852 Ohio)

m. 11 Aug 1828 Seneca County, Ohio

Margaret Kuhn Staley

b. 26 Jul 1828 Frederick County, Maryland

d. 04 Nov 1910 Stevens County, Washington

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d/o Dr. Henry Staley and Margaret Kuhn

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Another Pioneer Gone

Hon. Henry L. Caples, one of the first pioneers of the Pacific coast, died at the home of his daughter Mrs. Rosa C. Spedden at Chewelah, Monday night, at the age of 86 years. Mr. Caples was a native of Ohio. In 1852 with his young wife, who survives him, he came over the Oregon trail by ox team and settled near Vancouver, Wash., where he reared his family on a farm. From 1855 to 1862 he was continuously a member of the upper house of the territorial legislature, resigning in 1862 to engage in mining in southern Idaho, where he remained two years.

After returning to Clark county he continued farming until 1877, when he went with his family to Pataha, in Garfield county, where he engaged in the practice of law and merchandising until 1890. In the latter year he returned to Vancouver and retired from active duties, excepting that he was city magistrate of the city of Vancouver for a number of years. Five years ago Judge and Mrs. Caples came to Chewelah to live with their daughter. Two years ago they attended the annual reunion of the Stevens County Pioneer Association at Chewelah and met a number of old time acquaintances they had not seen for over 40 years. One of these was Hon. Jacob Stitzel of Colville, who came from near their home in Ohio in 1849.

Two daughters and four sons survive: Mrs. Nellie McCauley and P. L. Caples of Portland, Mrs. Rosa C. Spedden, Chewelah; H. R. Caples, Douglas Caples and Charles Caples, Vancouver. Deceased was the last of a family of ten. A brother Judge J. F. Caples, for many years district attorney of Multnomah county, and a prominent factor in early Oregon history, died in Portland two years ago. Representative Henry R. Spedden and Deputy County Auditor Will H. Spedden of Colville are grandsons of the deceased. The remains were sent to Vancouver for interment.

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The present editor of the Chronicle remembers when Judge Caples conducted a general merchandise store in Pataha City, in 1878. We hauled a load of wood to him in exchange for groceries. When through trading we had 10 cents in cash coming to us. Having our camp outfit with us we did not put up at the hotel, could not have done so possibly. Having no particular use for the 10 cents we believe we spent it for Hostettters bitters, there being nothing milder in Pataha. Our ancestors came over on the Mayflower also.

[Columbia Twice A Week Chronicle, Dayton, Washington, Saturday, February 12, 1910, p.1]

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[The Spokane Review, Spokane, Washington, Wednesday, February 8, 1910, p.1]

JUDGE CAPLES, PIONEER OF STATE, DIES AT 86

**Sits Seven Sessions in Territorial
Legislature—Crosses Plains
in 1852**

Special to Post-Intelligencer.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 9. — Judge H. L. Caples, 86 years old, a resident of Clark county from 1852 until 1905, when he took up his residence with his daughter, Mrs. H. T. Spedden, at Chewelah, Wash., died Monday at his daughter's home. The body will be brought to Vancouver.

Judge Caples came across the plains direct to Clark county, where he took up a donation land claim at Caples Landing, now in Cowlitz county, moving to Vancouver in 1864, where he practiced law. For seven sessions he was a member of the territorial legislature of Washington.

[Seattle Post Intelligencer, Seattle, Washington, Saturday, February 12, 1910, p.14]

PIONEER RESIDENT OF COUNTY DIES

**Judge H. L. Caples, Aged 86 Years,
Who Crossed the Plains in
1852, Passes Away.**

Judge H. L. Caples, 86 years old, a pioneer resident of Clarke county, died Monday evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. T. Spedden, in Chewelah, Wash., 65 miles north of Spokane. The body will be brought to Vancouver and the burial will be in the city cemetery. Definite funeral arrangements have not as yet been made.

Judge Caples in his boyhood days lived in Fostoria, Ohio, later moving to Iowa and then to western Missouri whence he started west across the plains in 1852 coming direct to Clarke county. He took up a donation land claim at Caples Landing near Washougal, which tract was then in Clarke county, but is now in Cowlitz county. He moved to Vancouver in 1864 and was a continuous resident here till 1905, when he went to Chewelah to live with his daughter.

In Vancouver he practiced law and was for several years justice of the peace. For seven sessions he was a representative of Clarke county in the territorial legislature of Washington. He formerly owned what is called the Ricker place in Fruit Valley, where the S. P. & S. railway yards now are.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. H. T. Spedden of Chewelah, and Mrs. Lilly Macauley of Portland; four sons, H. R. Caples, D. Caples and C. W. Caples of Vancouver, and Phil L. Caples of Portland; and many grand children.

[The Columbian, Vancouver, Washington, Wednesday, February 8, 1910, p.1]

"GRANDMA" CAPLES DIES

**WOMAN PIONEER PASSES AWAY
AT CHEWELAH HOME.**

**Judge H. L. Caples Representative Six
Terms in Territorial
Legislature.**

CHEWELAH, Wash., Nov. 5.—Margaret K. Caples, age 82, died yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. T. Spedden. She had been confined to her bed for more than two years.

"Grandma" Caples was born in Fredericksburg, Md., July 26, 1828, and at Tiffin, Ohio, August 11, 1846, she was married to Judge Henry L. Caples. In 1852 she crossed the plains and located in Clark county. Judge Caples represented that county in the territorial legislature seven consecutive terms.

From 1878 to 1890 Judge Caples was engaged in the mercantile business in Garfield county, after which he moved to Vancouver, Wash., where he served four years as deputy county clerk and city justice.

Mrs. Caples was the mother of 10 children. She has 28 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

[The Spokesman Review, Spokane, Washington, Sunday, November 6, 1910, p.10]

DEATH CALLS MRS. MARGARET CAPLES

Chewelah Woman Passes Away at Age of Eighty- Two Years.

CHEWELAH, Wash., Nov. 5.—(Special Correspondence.)—Mrs. Margaret K. Caples died at 1 o'clock p. m. Friday at the home of her daughter, H. T. Spedden. Funeral services are being held this afternoon. Rev. H. A. Lukenbauch will deliver the last rites, after which the remains will be taken to Vancouver, Wash., and laid to rest in the family burying ground.

Mrs. Caples was born at Fredricksburg, Maryland, July 26, 1828; was married at Tiffin, Ohio, August 11, 1846, to Henry L. Caples, who came to the state in 1852, and located in Clark county. She was the mother of 10 children, six of whom are living. There are 28 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

For the last seven years Mrs. Caples made her home with her daughter, Mrs. H. T. Spedden, of Chewelah. The other surviving children are Mrs. Lillie McCalley of Portland, H. R. Douglas of Vancouver, Charles W. and Phillip L. Caples of Portland.

[Spokane Chronicle, Spokane, Washington, Saturday, November 5, 1910, p.2]

Children of Henry Caples and Margaret Staley:

1. Edith Forrester Caples

b. 02 Oct 1847 Seneca County, Ohio

d. 22 Dec 1849 Seneca County, Ohio

2. Robert Francis Caples

b. 17 Sep 1849 Seneca County, Ohio

d. 20 Oct 1873 Vancouver, Clark County, Washington

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3. Henry "Hal" Rush Caples

b. 05 Dec 1851 Shety County, Ohio

d. 16 Mar 1926 Vancouver, Clark County, Washington

buried [Old Vancouver City Cemetery](#), Vancouver, Clark County, Washington

m. Emma Jane Hathaway

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HENRY R. CAPLES FATALLY STRICKEN

Henry Rush Caples, 74, pioneer resident of Clark county, died following a stroke of paralysis suffered Sunday evening at 7 o'clock, at the family home, 712 East 17th street, early today. Mr. Caples has lived in Clark county since 1852.

He was born in Freemont county, Iowa, December 5, 1851, and at the age of six months journeyed to the unknown west with his parents and a group of other immigrants. After six months travel by ox team the group finally reached Portland and a short time later took up the Caples donation land claim located at the point known as Caples Landing near Woodland. Mr. Caples lived on the farm until 1863, when he moved to Vancouver where he has lived since. On September 13, 1876, he married Miss Emmi J. Hathaway of Vancouver.

The surviving relatives include his wife, five daughters, Mrs. W. P. Davis and Mrs. Allen P. Blaker, Vancouver, Mrs. J. S. Harris, Sara, Mrs. A. L. Harper, Kelso, and Mrs. Collis Garr, Portland, four sons, Captain R. F. Caples, Portland, A. H. Caples, Long Beach, Harry R. Caples, jr., and Elmer J. Caples, Skamania, 23 grandchildren, three great grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Rosa Stedden, Condon, and three brothers, Douglas Caples, Vancouver, C. W. Caples, Sifton, and Philip L. Caples, Portland.

[The Columbian, Vancouver, Washington, Monday, March 15, 1926, p. 1]

4. Lillian "Lillie" Caples

b. 29 Mar 1854 Skamania County, Washington

d. 16 Jun 1915 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

buried [Old Vancouver City Cemetery](#), Vancouver, Clark County, Washington

m. Charles Thomas Stiles Sr. 12 Dec 1873 Clark County, Washington

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5. Rosa C. Caples

b. 11 Apr 1857 Clark County, Washington

d. 09 Feb 1939 Walla Walla, Walla Walla County, Washington

buried [Old Vancouver City Cemetery](#), Vancouver, Clark County, Washington

m. Harrie Thompson Spedden 02 Dec 1879 Garfield County, Washington

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Former Community Leader Is Victim of Pneumonia

Mrs. Rosa Spedden, former Colville resident and active community leader, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Bowen, Walla Walla, Thursday following a seige of pneumonia. Mrs. Spedden came to Stevens county in 1896, locating at Chewelah.

Moving to Colville in 1914, she was a member of the Eastern Star and past worthy matron. She was the leader of the woman's relief corps, and an active church worker.

Surviving are her daughter and two sons, Henry R. Spedden, Seattle, and Will C. Spedden, Lewiston, Idaho; two brothers, Charles W. Caples, Vancouver, and Phillip Caples, Portland; a step-daughter, Mrs. William Glendinning, Astoria; 12 grandchildren and six great grandchildren. The body was taken to Vancouver for burial.

[The Colville Examiner, Colville, Washington, Saturday, February 18, 1939, p.1]

ROSA CAPLES SPEDDEN

WALLA WALLA, Feb. 10 (Special)—Mrs. Rosa Caples Spedden, 81, died Thursday at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Rev. and Mrs. Frank A. Bown. She had spent her entire life in this state.

She was born at Vancouver and was educated in the Sisters academy there. In 1877 she moved to near Pataha City, where she was married in 1879 to Herrie T. Spedden.

[The Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Saturday, February 11, 1939 p.13]

6. May C. Caples

b. 12 May 1860 Clark County, Washington

d. 21 Jan 1890 Vancouver, Clark County, Washington

buried [Old Vancouver City Cemetery](#), Vancouver, Clark County, Washington

m. George Alvin Norton 23 Oct 1878 Vancouver, Clark County, Washington

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7. Douglas Caples

b. 09 Dec 1862 Clark County, Washington

d. 28 Oct 1934 Vancouver, Clark County, Washington

buried [Old Vancouver City Cemetery](#), Vancouver, Clark County, Washington

m1. Kate McAndrew 12 Feb 1887 Vancouver, Clark County, Washington

m2. Luella 29 Mar 1899 Vancouver, Clark County, Washington

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DOUGLAS CAPLES

Douglas Caples, 73, a native of Clark county, died suddenly at his home, 2409 Kauffman ave., Sunday. Mr. Caples, who was born in Clark county and who had lived here all of his life, was caretaker of Esther Short park at the time of his death. He was a member of the Vancouver camp, No. 85, Woodmen of the World.

Besides the widow, Mrs. Luella Caples, survivors include one son, D. Elwood Caples of Vancouver; two daughters, Mrs. James Sheasley of Eugene, and Mrs. Sydney Allen of Vancouver; three grandchildren; two brothers, Charles Caples in Hockinson and Phillip Caples in Portland; and one sister, Mrs. Rosa Stedden in Walla Walla.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Knapp's chapel with the Rev. Stuart Goude officiating. Woodmen of the World will be in charge of the committal services and pallbearers will be members of the Clark county Tillicum club.

[The Columbian, Vancouver, Washington, Monday, October 29, 1934 p.7]

Mrs. Caples Dies, Aged 80

One of Clark county's early pioneers, Mrs. Luella Princess Caples, 2049 Kauffman ave., died at the Columbia River Nursing home here yesterday. Mrs. Caples was 80 years old. The widow of the late Douglas Caples, Mrs. Caples came to Clark county in 1882 from Iowa. She made the trip in a covered wagon driven by her mother, her father having preceded them to California.

Funeral services will be held at the Knapp chapel on Monday at 2 p.m. and interment will be in the family plot in the Vancouver cemetery.

Mrs. Caples was born on February 26, 1870, at Des Moines, Iowa. She was a member of the Church of God at Felida.

She is survived by a son, D. Elwood Caples, and daughter, Mrs. Sydney Allen, Vancouver; stepdaughter, Mrs. Lulu Sheasley, McKenzie River Bridge, Oregon; brother, James Woolf, Lake Shore; sisters, Mrs. Margaret Corman, Felida; Mrs. Lottie McFarland and Mrs. Cora Rusk, Portland; three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mrs. Caples had been failing in health due to a hip fracture late in August of last year.

D. ELWOOD CAPLES

Strong, purposeful and self-reliant, D. Elwood Caples earned the funds necessary for his higher education and now occupies a place of prominence in legal circles of Vancouver. A native of the city, he was born in 1900 and represents one of the honored pioneer families of Washington. He is a son of Douglas and Luella P. (Woolf) Caples, the former of whom was born at Caples Landing, Washington, while the latter is a native of Iowa. H. R. Caples, the father of Douglas Caples, left Sidney, Ohio, in 1852 and traveled by slow stages to the Pacific northwest, making the trip across the plains in a covered wagon drawn by oxen. He secured a donation land claim at what is now known as Caples Landing, just across the river from Columbia City, but afterward sold the place, taking up a preemption claim near Woodland in Cowlitz county, Washington. There he remained until 1864, when he located in Vancouver in order to give his children better educational advantages. For many years he was regarded as one of the city's foremost attorneys and also served in the territorial legislature of Washington. His capital was invested in land, and his first speculation in local property was a tract of one hundred and eight acres, which he purchased from John Springer. It is now in the city limits and lies just north of Twenty-sixth street. For this farm Mr. Caples paid ten dollars an acre and after a few years sold it at the same price. Later he bought a quarter section of land in the Battleground district, paying a dollar and a quarter an acre for the second ranch.

During his youth Douglas Caples followed the occupation of mining for some time and was also engaged in other lines of work. He learned the carpenter's trade and for about thirty-five years has devoted his attention to contracting. His work is performed with thoroughness and efficiency, and many of Vancouver's substantial buildings exemplify his skill in the art of construction. Along fraternal lines he is connected with the Woodmen of the World, and in politics he is a democrat. He was appointed deputy county clerk and filled the position for several years. His wife's parents were Peter J. and Margaret Woolf, both of whom are deceased. Mr. Woolf went to California with the object of selecting a desirable location on the Pacific coast and while he was in San Francisco there was an epidemic of smallpox in Iowa and his wife, deciding that it was unwise to remain in the state, started across the plains in 1881 with her family of eight children. The youngest was but nine months old and the daughter Luella was a child of eleven years. Mrs. Woolf drove a team of oxen to the coast and did the cooking for three families as well as her own. After her arrival in Washington she notified her husband of the trip she had made on her own initiative and as soon as possible he rejoined the family.

D. Elwood Caples attended the grammar and high schools of Vancouver and during the World war was a member of the Students Army Training Corps, being connected with the University of Washington unit. For about three months he was stationed at Camp Washington, after which he worked in the shipyard at Vancouver and was also a newspaper reporter. After an absence of about two years he returned to the University of Washington and was graduated with the class of 1924, receiving the degree of LL. B. He worked his way through that institution of learning and for three years worked as an assistant in its law library. In January, 1925, he was admitted to the bar and has since followed his profession in Vancouver, maintaining an office in the Schofield building. He devotes much time and thought to the preparation of his cases, which he presents with clearness, forcefulness and skill, and has already established a large and lucrative clientele.

In January, 1925, Mr. Caples married Miss Martha B. Glass, who was born in Iowa but has spent the greater part of her life in the state of Washington. She is a

daughter of H. J. and Amy M. Glass, who reside in the vicinity of Vancouver. Mr. and Mrs. Caples have one child, Barbara Ann, who was born in 1927.

Mr. Caples was elected commander of Vancouver Post of the American Legion in 1927 and is now district commander of that organization, exerting a strong and beneficial influence in its affairs. He is clerk of the local camp of the Woodmen of the World, and his interest in the agricultural advancement of his state is indicated by his affiliation with the Prunarians. While attending the University of Washington he joined the Lambda Chi Alpha and Delta Theta Phi fraternities and is also a member of the Clark County and Washington State Bar Associations. Mr. Caples is a young man of exceptional worth, and his industry and ability insure his success in a most exacting profession.

[History of the Columbia River Valley from The Dalles to the Sea, 1928 by Fred Lockley, 1928 Volume 2 p. 839-40]

8. Charles William Caples

b. 12 Apr 1865 Clark County, Washington

d. 04 Jan 1936 Vancouver, Clark County, Washington

buried [Brush Prairie Cemetery](#), Brush Prairie, Clark County, Washington

m. Anna Marie Jacobsen 26 Jan 1898 Vancouver, Clark County, Washington

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CAPLES—Feb. 22, Charles William, aged 78 years, late of Hockinson; father of Mrs. Adam A. Stephensen, Portland; Mrs. Ruth Jaukola, Raymond, Wash.; Charles William Jr., Portland; Philip C., Vancouver; brother of Philip L., Portland; 10 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild. Funeral services Saturday, Feb. 26, 2 P. M., at Knapp's Chapel, Vancouver. Interment Brush Prairie cemetery.

[The Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Thursday, February 24, 1944 p.11]

ANNE MARIE CAPLES

Mrs. Anne Marie Caples, 60, died Saturday evening at her home in Hockinson following several years of failing health and a few days of serious illness. Mrs. Caples, born in California, had lived in Clark county for the past 56 years and was a member of the Riverside Rebekah lodge, No. 48.

Besides the husband, Charles W. Caples, survivors are two sons, Charles W. Caples, Jr., of Portland, and Philip C. Caples of Vancouver; two daughters, Mrs. Fred Stephensen of Vancouver and Mrs. Hugh Jauhola of Lebam, Wash., two sisters, Mrs. Marie C. Dawson of Vancouver and Mrs. T. Matilda Jones of Oakland, Calif.; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 1 o'clock in Knapp's chapel with the Rev. Paul L. Kunzman officiating. Interment will be in the Brush Prairie cemetery.

[The Columbian, Vancouver, Washington, Monday, January 6, 1936 p.7]

9. Phiip Laffer Caples

b. 28 Jan 1868 Clark County, Washington

d. 29 Jun 1951 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

buried [Old Vancouver City Cemetery](#), Vancouver, Clark County, Washington

m. Cora Belle Fleming 04 Jan 1893 Vancouver, Clark County, Washington

1870: Vancouver, Clark County, Washington, June 21, 1870; Henry Caples, 46, farmer, \$3,000 \$1,000, OH; Margaret, 43, keeping house, MD; Robert F., 26, at home, OH; Henry R., 19, at home, IA; Lillie, 16, at home, WT; Rose, 14, at home, WT; May, 10, at school, WT; Douglas, 8, at home, WT; Charles W., 5, WT; Phillip, 2, WT

1880: Dist 3, Columbia County, Washington, June 5, 1880; Henry L. Caples, 57, general merchandise, OH MD PA; M.K., 51, wife, keeping house, MD MD MD; Douglas, 17, son, at school, WT OH MD; Charles, 15, son, at school, WT OH MD; Phillip L., 13, son, at school, WT OH MD

Services Set For Tuesday

Funeral services will be held at Knapp's chapel at 2 p. m. Tuesday for Philip L. Caples, 83, life-long resident of Vancouver, who died Friday.

He is survived by his son, Delbert R. Caples of rt. 5, Vancouver. From 1900 until his retirement in 1940 he was associated with the Honeyman Hardware company of Portland.

Services will be held at the chapel by the Irvington lodge 185 of Portland, of which he was a past master and charter member. Burial will be at City cemetery.

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