# John P. Hays

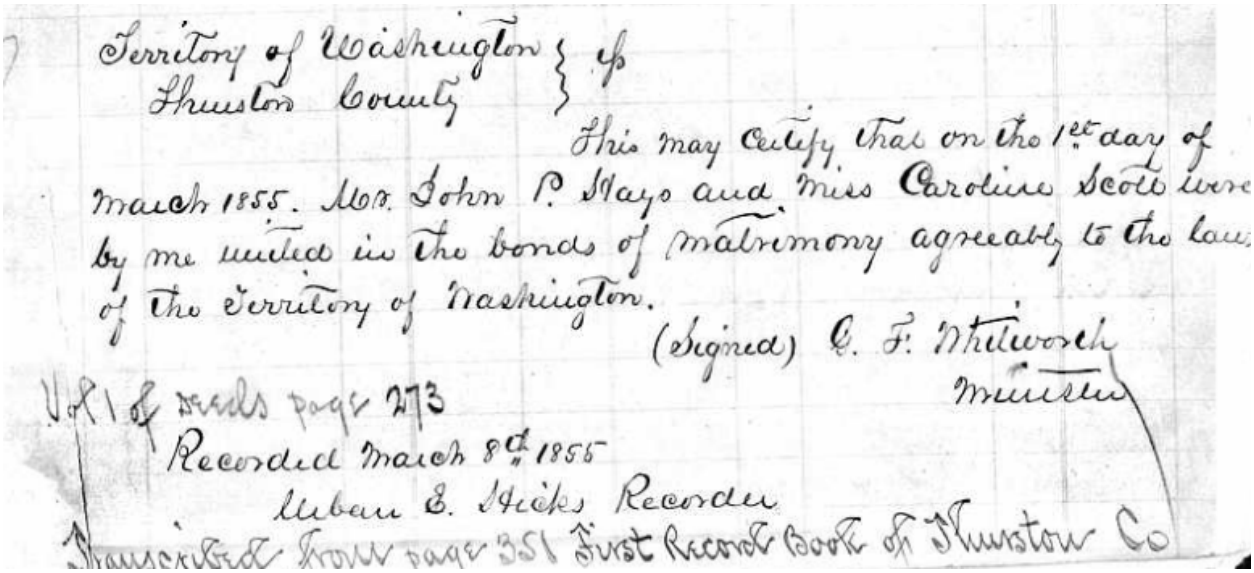
## Pioneer of 1852

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John P. Hays
b. 26 Jan 1833 Kentucky
d. 08 May 1910 Newport Beach, Orange County, California
buried Long Beach Municipal Cemetery, Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California
s/o Samuel and Jerusha (Logan) Hays

m. 01 Mar 1855 Thurston County, Washington
Caroline Scott
b. 12 Jun 1830 Tennessee
d. 20 Sep 1904 Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California
buried Masonic Memorial Park, Tumwater, Thurston County, Washington

m2: 28 Aug 1907 Los Angeles County, California
Mrs. Laura M. Gray
b.
d.



Territory of Washington } ss
Thurston County

This may certify that on the 1st day of March 1855. Mr. John P. Hays and Miss Caroline Scott were by me united in the bonds of matrimony agreeably to the laws of the Territory of Washington.

(Signed) C. F. Whitworth
Minister

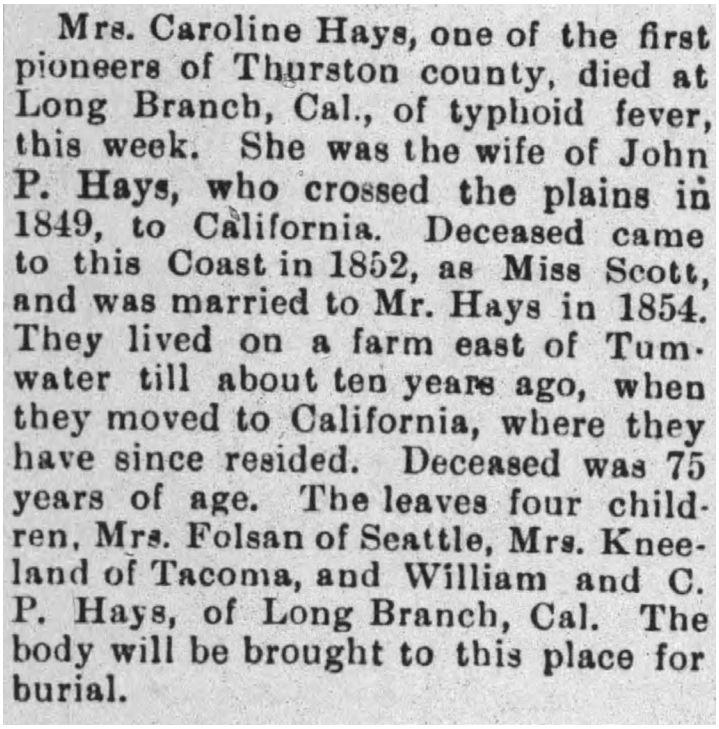
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1860: Olympia PO, Thurston County, Washington, July 2, 1860; J. P. Hays, 27, farmer, KY; Caroline, 27, TN; Chas P., 4, WT; W. T., WT

1870: Tumwater, Thurston County, Washington, John P. Hays, 37, farmer, $2,000 $600, KY; Caroline, 37, keeping house, TN; Charles P., 14, at home, WT; William T., 9, at home, WT; Nellie, 6, at home, WT; Sarah, 4, at home, WT; Isaac A., 38, farm laborer, KY

1880: Thurston County, Washington, June 28, 1880; John P. Hays, 47, farmer, KY KY KY; Caroline, 49, wife, keeping house, TN NC NC; Charles P., 23, son, farm laborer, WA KY TN; William P., 20, son, works on farm, WA KY TN; Nellie, 16, dau, at school, WA KY TN; Sarah, 14, dau, at school, WA KY TN; Isaac A., 49, brother, laborer, KY KY TN

1900: Long Beach Twp, Los Angeles County, California, June 4, 1900; John P. Hays, head, Jan 1833, 67, m-46 yrs, KY KY KY, farmer; Caroline, wife, June 1830, m-46 yrs, TN NC NC; Isaac A., brother, Oct 1842, 57, s, KY KY KY



Mrs. Caroline Hays, one of the first pioneers of Thurston county, died at Long Branch, Cal., of typhoid fever, this week. She was the wife of John P. Hays, who crossed the plains in 1849, to California. Deceased came to this Coast in 1852, as Miss Scott, and was married to Mr. Hays in 1854. They lived on a farm east of Tumwater till about ten years ago, when they moved to California, where they have since resided. Deceased was 75 years of age. The leaves four children, Mrs. Folsan of Seattle, Mrs. Kneeland of Tacoma, and William and C. P. Hays, of Long Branch, Cal. The body will be brought to this place for burial.

[The Washington Standard, Olympia, Washington, Friday, September 23, 1904, p. 3]

# JOHN P. HAYS, EARLY COMER, PASSES AWAY

**Came to This State in 1852 With George Frye and Thomas Prather**

John P. Hays, a pioneer of Washington, died at Newport Beach, California, last night, at the age of 83 years. He came across the plains from Missouri, his birthplace, in 1852, accompanied by George Frye, of Seattle, and Thomas Prather, of Olympia. He settled in Olympia and served as Indian agent in the early days. Later he bought a farm just outside of Olympia. Ten years ago he retired and removed to Southern California. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. F. H. Folsom, of Seattle, and Mrs. Ira F. Kneeland, of Toppenish, and by a son, William Hays, who is in Arizona.

[Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Seattle, Washington, Wednesday, May 11, 1910, p. 3]

# JOHN P. HAYS WAS WASHINGTON PIONEER

## Man Who Died Here May 8 Has Most Interesting Life History

John P. Hays, who died in this city May 8 was a pioneer of Olympia, Washington, and was for many years one of that city's most prominent and respected citizens. He was born in Pulaski county, Kentucky, June 26, 1833, and was one of five children. The family removed to Saline county, Missouri, where the father extensively engaged in farming.

After his father's death Mr. Hays hearing of the gold excitement in California in 1850, came to this state his destination being Sacramento. He was engaged in the excitement accompanying the historic gold craze in California. He located about forty miles east of Sacramento at a point on the American river where he was engaged in mining for one year, at the end of which he returned to Saline county, Missouri, where he remained but a short time, soon purchasing stock and going to Texas, December, 1857, with a drove of cattle and mules. In Red River county he sold the stock, proceeding south to Alexander, Erath county, and thence to Galveston where he went by boat across the Gulf to New Orleans and up the Mississippi and Missouri rivers to Saline county, Missouri.

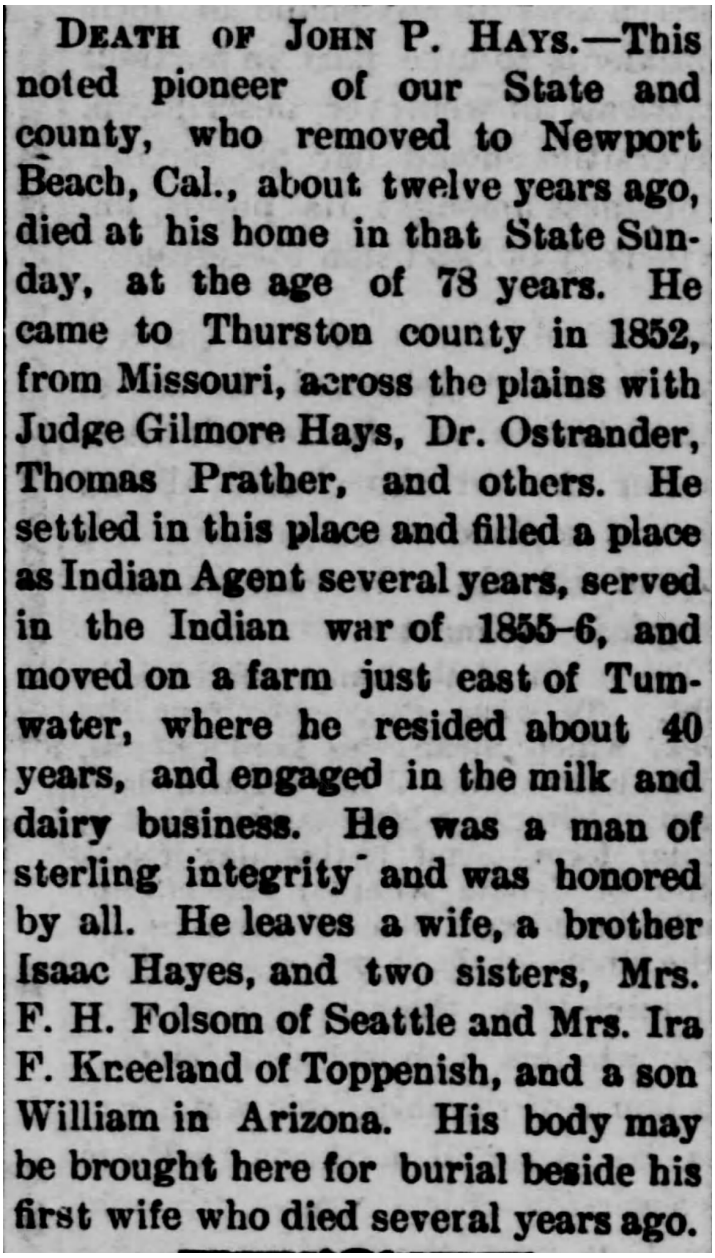
April 1, 1852, Mr. Hays again started across the plains by ox team with Portland, Oregon, as a destination, going to Milwaukee in the same territory where he remained until 1854 when he went to Olympia, Washington, where he resided many years.

At his death Mr. Hays owned a valuable farm near Olympia of about seventy acres under excellent cultivation also a large orchard of various fruits. He cleared his land from a dense forest, an undertaking requiring a vast amount of labor. For the past ten years he was engaged in the dairy business. In 1855 Mr. Hays was married to Miss Carolina Scott who came across the plains to Washington with her father, John Scott in an early day. He was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge No. 1, Olympia. Four children survive: Charles P. Hays; William T. Hays, Thurston county, Wash.; Nellie F. Folsom, Everett, Washington; Mrs. Ira Kneeland, Tacoma.

In his various relations he was a man of unvarying integrity and marked generosity.

For several years, Mr. and Mrs. Hays have been residents of Long Beach, living on Chestnut avenue. Mrs. Hays died in this city. In 1907 Mr. Hays removed to Harper, Cal., where he purchased 18 acres. He was married to Mrs. Laura M. Gray of Red Oak, Iowa, August 28, 1907.

[Press Telegram, Long Beach, California, Wednesday, May 18, 1910, p. 8]



DEATH OF JOHN P. HAYS.—This noted pioneer of our State and county, who removed to Newport Beach, Cal., about twelve years ago, died at his home in that State Sunday, at the age of 78 years. He came to Thurston county in 1852, from Missouri, across the plains with Judge Gilmore Hays, Dr. Ostrander, Thomas Prather, and others. He settled in this place and filled a place as Indian Agent several years, served in the Indian war of 1855-6, and moved on a farm just east of Tumwater, where he resided about 40 years, and engaged in the milk and dairy business. He was a man of sterling integrity and was honored by all. He leaves a wife, a brother Isaac Hayes, and two sisters, Mrs. F. H. Folsom of Seattle and Mrs. Ira F. Kreeland of Toppenish, and a son William in Arizona. His body may be brought here for burial beside his first wife who died several years ago.

[The Washington Standard, Olympia, Washington, Friday, May 13, 1910, p. 2]

Children of John Hays and Caroline Scott:

1. Charles P. Hays

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d.

2. William T. Hays

b.

d.

3. Nellie Hays
b. 18 Aug 1863 Olympia, Thurston County, Washington
d. 27 Nov 1910 Seattle, King County, Washington
m. Frank Howard Folsom 1890

4. Sarah Hays
b.
d.