

Philip Laffer

Pioneer of 1852

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Phillip Laffer

b. 23 Jan 1795 Pennsylvania

d. 07 Jul 1871 St. Helens, Columbia County, Oregon

buried [Masonic Cemetery](#), St. Helens, Columbia County, Oregon

s/o Bartholomew Laffer and Anna Maria Drum

m. 11 Jun 1816 Tuscarawas County, Ohio

Mary Caples

b. 31 Mar 1798 Middletown, Washington County, Pennsylvania

d. 24 Nov 1876 St. Helens, Columbia County, Oregon

buried [Masonic Cemetery](#), St. Helens, Columbia County, Oregon

d/o William Caples and Elizabeth Green

1850: Jefferson County, Missouri, November 30, 1850; Phillip Laffer, 56, farmer, \$1655, PA; Mary 52, PA; Daniel Mesner, 22, farmer, OH; Edna Messner, 17, NC; Charles Townsend, 9, NC

DLC: #2830 Columbia County; Philip Laffer, born 1796 Pennsylvania; arrived Oregon 23 Sep 1852; settled claim 20 Aug 1853; m'd Mary June 1816 Ohio. Affidavit: Jacob Nessly, Robert S. Fullerton, William Watts, Benjamin Watts

1860: Union, Columbia Co, OR, June 11, 1860; Philip Laffer, 66, farmer, \$1620 \$1172, PA; Mary, 63, PA; Joseph Caples, 58, farmer, \$1280 \$0, MD

1870: St. Helens PO, Columbia County, Oregon, July 26, 1870; Phillip Laffer, 75, farmer, \$2500 \$800, PA; Mary, 73, keeping house, PA; Mary S. Misner, 16, at school, OR [lived with Laffer family as foster/adopted child, d/o Daniel Messner (1794-1829 and Christiana Elizabeth Messner (1798-1829)]

SUDDEN DEATH.—We learn that an old resident of Columbia county, living two miles above St. Helens, on Scappoose Bay, named Loffer, died suddenly on Friday, July 7th. He had just finished his dinner, and walked out, when he dropped dead. He was 77 years of age.

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In the County Court of the
State of Oregon for the
County of Columbia. In Probate.

To the Honorable County Court of said County.
Your petitioner, F. A.
Lemont, of said County respectfully represents:
That Mary Loffer died in said County on
The 24 day of November, A. D. 1876.
That at and immediately preceding the time
of her death, said deceased was a resident of,
said County, and was possessed of real and

personal property therein; That the names, age and residence of the heirs at law of said deceased, so far as known, are as follows—

Names.	Age.	Residence
Joseph Caples	74 Years.	Columbia City, Oregon
William Caples	about 70 "	St. Johns. "
Robert Caples,	85 "	Tuscarawa Co. Ohio.
Charles Caples.	83 "	" " "
Elizabeth McChesney.	62. "	Kansas.
Henry, G. Caples.	28 "	Andrew Co. Mo.
Mary, A. Caples.	26 "	" " "

John, W. Caples	36 "	Pekin, Washington Territory
Mary, E. Caples.	23 "	Columbia Co., Oregon
Flora, J. Calhoun	25 "	Astoria Oregon
Lottie, G. Woods	33 "	Columbia City, Oregon

That said deceased left a will wherein

your petitioner is named as executor, which is
 herewith presented and filed in this court as
 the last will and testament of said Mary Saffer, deceased;
 That the devisees under said will are;

Sottis, C. Woods.	age 33 years.	residence at, Oregon
Flora, J. Calhoun	" 25 "	" Astoria Oregon
Mary, E. Caples	" 23 "	" Columbia Co. "
John W. Caples.	" 36 "	" Pkmi. Washington Co.
William Caples	^{about} " 70 "	" St. John. Oregon
Christina Gilmore	" 50 "	Marion Co. "

Philip H. Mesner.	" 19 "	Oregon Washington Co. " "
William L. Mesner	" 16 "	Oregon Washington Co. " "
Louisa, E. Mesner	" 13 "	" " " "
Edward, G. Mesner	" 11 "	" " " "

and Joseph Caples's three children L. G. Caples.

age 44 years. Hyeleiah Caples, age 42 years and
 Joanna Caples (now Joanna Mayvold) age 41 years,
 residing in Columbia City, Oregon;

Wherefore your petitioner prays that said will
may be admitted to Probate and letters testa-
mentary be issued to him, and that all necessary
and proper orders may be made in the premises.-

J. A. Lemont

State of Oregon }
County of Columbia } J. A. Lemont

being first duly sworn, say that I and
the petitioners herein, and that the foregoing
petition is true as I verily believe.

Subscribed and sworn to }
before me this 18th } J. A. Lemont
day of December, A.D. 1876 }
George Merrill }
County Clerk