

Samuel Henry McBee
Pioneer of 1852
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Sameul Henry McBee

b. 02 Jan 1837 Tennessee/Missouri

d. 01 Aug 1900 Lane County, Oregon

buried [Hyland Cemetery](#), Lowell, Lane County, Oregon

s/o Samuel McBee and Milea Maxwell

m. 09 Apr 1867 Dexter, Lane County, Oregon

Sarah Ellen Mathews

b. 15 Jan 1842 Ohio

d. 17 Jun 1928 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

buried [Hyland Cemetery](#), Lowell, Lane County, Oregon

d/o Thomas and Eliza (Cope) Mathews

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SUDDEN DEATH.—Samuel H McBee who resided with his son, C J McBee, Fairmount, retired in usual health last night, and when his door was opened this morning he was found dead. He had been troubled with heart disease, hence it is supposed he died from heart failure. He was born in Tennessee in 1837, hence was 63 years of age. He resided in Fall Creek precinct for a number of years. Was a veteran of the Indian wars of 1855-6, and enlisted in 1864-5. He leaves a wife and six grown sons and daughters. The funeral and burial will takeplace at Fall Creek tomorrow afternoon.

[The Twice A Week Guard, Eugene, Oregon, Saturday, August 4, 1900 p.7]

Samuel H Mcbee.

Mr Samuel H Mcbee died at Fairmount, August 1, 1900, where he had only lived a few days, having moved from Winberry to Fairmount so as to be treated for heart trouble which had troubled him for some time. He leaves a wife and six children, and a host of relation to mourn his loss. His children are Clarence, Jesse, Charley, Elsie, Elsie and Ida, all of which are single but Elsie who is married to Mr George Young of this place and has two children.

It was the writer's pleasure to have a talk with Mr Mcbee a few days before his departure from Winberry about death and religion. He said he realized the end was near and that he had nothing to fear. Though not a member of any denomination his peace was made with God and he was ready to go at his calling and when the end came, sudden as it was, a smile was on his countenance and an expression that seemed to say, "All is well, goodby."

Mr Mcbee was 63 years old. He was a soldier during the Indian wars of '56 and '57 and the rebellion of '61-'65 and pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month.

I know not the time of his coming,
The hour of the day is not known
But I know I am ready
I'll not walk the dark valley alone.
I know not whether the summons
Will come in the day or the night,
I have faith in the plea he has called me
I shall enter the portals of light.

W. H. SHARP.

[The Register-Guard, Eugene, Oregon, Tuesday, August 21, 1900, p.4]

PIONEER OF LANE, SARAH M'BEE, DIES

Mrs. Sarah E. McBee, 86 years old, resident of the vicinity of Lowell, Ore., since 1853 when she crossed the plains by ox team with her parents, died at 12 midnight Sunday, June 17, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. H. Hyer, 1171 Sixth avenue west, Eugene.

Mrs. McBee is survived by three sons, Jess McBee, Charles McBee and Clarence McBee, all of Lowell; by two daughters, Mrs. Elfie Hyer and Mrs. Elsie Driscoll, both of Eugene; by 10 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and a number of other relatives. She was a member of the United Brethren church.

Born in Illinois, Jan. 15, 1842, Sarah E. Mathews came with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Mathews, in an immigrant train to Oregon in 1853, being six months on the way. She celebrated her 11th birthday a few months after arriving on Oregon soil. The family settled on a claim near Dexter and proceeded to build their own home.

IN 1861 SARAH BATHNEWS MARRIED Samuel A. McBee, and they continued to make their home in the Lowell vicinity. She was the last of a family of six children, and one of the last survivors of the immigrant train with which she came to Oregon.

Up until a short time ago Mrs. McBee, or "Grandma" McBee, as she was affectionately known, lived by herself in her trim little cottage on the outskirts of Lowell, amid scenes she had known for almost three-quarters of a century. On her 85th birthday she entertained at dinner a large company of her children and children's children, cooking the dinner herself, all except the birthday cake baked by one of her granddaughters.

She enjoyed living independently, doing her own housework, and often told stories of the pioneer days when women had only an iron pot and skillet as kitchen utensils. When her family first came to Oregon they lived for six weeks on a diet which consisted chiefly of potatoes, as that was the only foodstuff they could buy anywhere nearer than Oregon City. As a girl she with her sister often walked from their ranch to Cloverdale to trade butter and eggs for groceries.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday, June 20, at the Lowell cemetery, conducted by Rev. Henry W. Davis. Branstetter funeral home of Eugene has charge of arrangements. The body will lie in state at the funeral home until 1 p. m. Wednesday, when cars will leave the chapel for Lowell.

[The Eugene Guard, Eugene, Oregon, Monday, June 18, 1928 p.1]

Children of Samuel and Sarah McBee

i. Charles J. McBee

b. 14 Feb 1868 Lane County, Oregon

d. 21 May 1944 Lane County, Oregon

buried [Hyland Cemetery](#), Lowell, Lane County, Oregon

m.

Elizabeth Emma Warnstaff

b. 01 Apr 1867 Yuba County, California

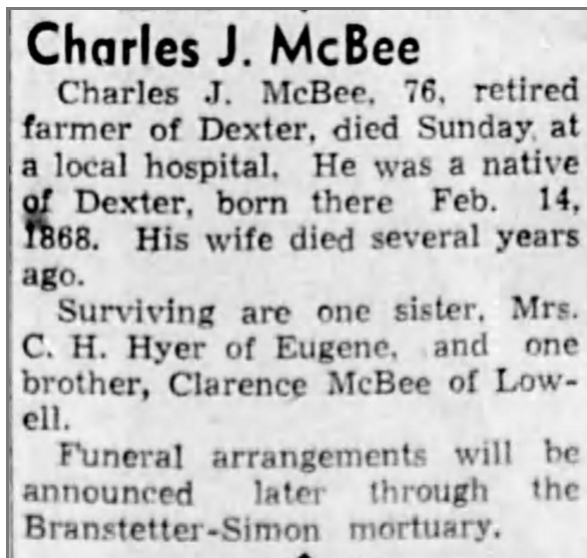
d. 23 Aug 1932 Lane County, Oregon

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[The Register Guard, Eugene, Oregon, Monday, May 1944 p.3]

ii. Henry Clay McBee

b. Jan 1869 Lane County, Oregon

d. 1942 Lane County, Oregon

buried [West Lawn Memorial Park](#), Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

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McBEE—Henry C. McBee passed away at 1029 W. 11th ave. yesterday afternoon at the age of 73. He was born in Benton county, Oregon, in 1869, and has lived all his life in Oregon. He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Mary Couch, and two nephews, Lawrence and Robert Couch, all of Eugene. Funeral services will be held Friday, 10 a.m., at the Branstetter-Simon chapel. Interment will take place at the I. W. O. cemetery No. 1

[The Register-Guard, Eugene, Oregon, Thursday, June 11, 1942 p.14]

Was Born in County—A funeral service was held at 10 o'clock Friday morning in Eugene for the late Henry C. McBee, who passed away at the Eugene home Wednesday afternoon at the age of 73. Mr. McBee was born in Benton county and was a member of a pioneer family of this vicinity. He had lived all his life in this state. A sister, Mrs. Mary Couch, and two nephews, Lawrence and Robert Couch, all of Eugene, survive him.

[Corvallis Gazette Times, Corvallis, Oregon, Saturday, June 13, 1942 p.5]

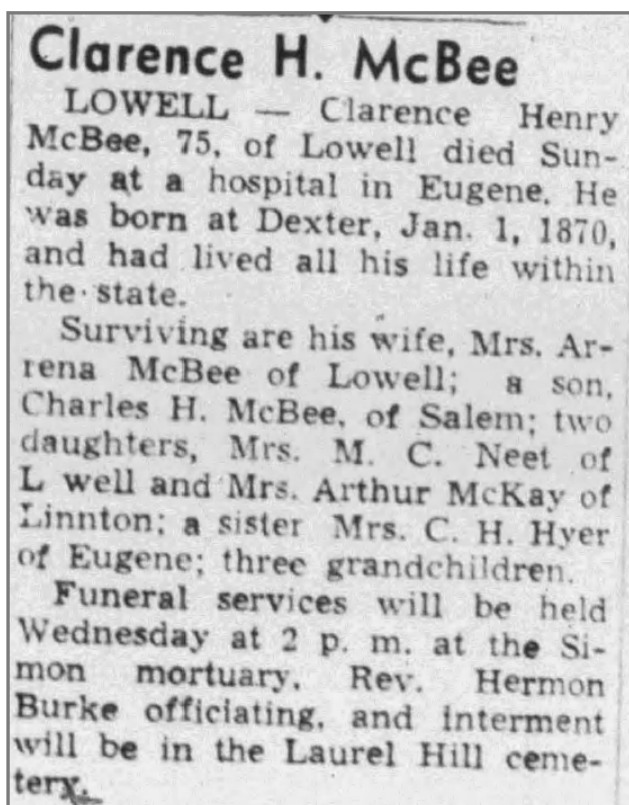
iii. Clarence Henry McBee

b. 01 Jan 1870 Lane County, Oregon

d. 25 Feb 1945 Lane County, Oregon

buried [Laurel Grove Cemetery](#), Springfield, Lane County, Oregon

m. 23 Apr 1902 Eunice Arrena Sharp



[The Register-Guard, Eugene, Oregon, Monday, February, 26, 1945 p.4]

- iv. Thomas Jesse McBee
- b. 26 Jul 1872 Dexter, Lane County, Oregon
- d. 22 May 1939 Lowell, Lane County, Oregon
- buried [Hyland Cemetery](#), Lowell, Lane County, Oregon
- m. Susie Mable McMaster

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Thomas Jesse McBee

Thomas Jesse McBee, 67, died Monday morning in Lowell. He was born January 26, 1872, in Dexter, and lived in Dexter and Lowell all his life. He is survived by his wife, Susie; three sons, Otis, Willard and Alfred; one daughter, Mrs. Mary Nelson; two brothers, Charles and Clarence McBee, both of Lowell; two sisters, Mrs. Effie Hyer and Mrs. Elsie Driscoll, both of Eugene; and one grandchild.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p. m. at the Lowell Open Bible Standard church, Rev. Dan Anderson, officiating.

[The Register-Guard, Eugene, Oregon, Tuesday, May 23, 1939 p.3]

v. Mary Ellen McBee

b. 29 Mar 1874 Lane County, Oregon

d. 04 Aug 1891 Fall Creek, Lane County, Oregon

buried [Hyland Cemetery](#), Lowell, Lane County, Oregon

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Died, at the residence of her parents, near Big Fall Creek bridge, of scarlet fever, Miss Mary McBee, aged 17 years: The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community.

There is considerable sickness in this part of the country this summer. Mr. McBee's family are nearly all sick with scarlet fever, and considerable fear is expressed by some that the fever will become epidemic.

[The Twice A Week Guard, Eugene, Oregon, Saturday, August 15, 1891 p.1]

vi. Elfie M. McBee

b. 23 Mar 1878 Lane County, Oregon

d. Mar 1948 Lane County, Oregon

buried [Laurel Grove Cemetery](#), Springfield, Lane County, Oregon

m. Christian H. Hyer

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Elfie Hyer

Elfie Hyer, 69, of 1171 Sixth Ave. W. died Saturday at a local hospital. She was born March 23, 1878 in Dexter and was married in Eugene in October of 1902 to Christian H. Hyer.

Affiliated with ladies of the Moose and the Degree of Honor, she was also a member of the Evangelical Church.

She is survived by her husband; two daughters, Lenora Hyer of Eugene and Mrs. Colly McCord of Junction City; and two grandsons.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, March 24 at 2 p.m. at the Simon Chapel. Rev. Charles Fogg will officiate with interment in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

[The Register-Guard, Eugene, Oregon, Monday, March 22, 1948, p. 3]

vii. Elsie A. McBee

b. 23 Mar 1878 Lane County, Oregon

d. 06 Sep 1942 Lane County, Oregon

buried [Marcola Pioneer Cemetery](#), Marcola, Lane County, Oregon

m1. George Franklin Young 21 Dec 1894

m2. Charles Anton Anderson

m3. Robert Driscoll

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Elsie A. Driscoll, Creswell, Dies After Lingering Illness

Mrs. Elsie A. Driscoll of Creswell died in Eugene Sunday evening after a lingering illness. Mrs.

Driscoll was 64 years old. She was born in Oregon, March 23, 1878. She was a member of the Church of the Latter Day Saints, Royal Neighbors, and the Degree of Honor.

Mrs. Driscoll is survived by her husband, Dan R. Driscoll, Creswell; a daughter, Mrs. Gladys Morley, Aberdeen, Wash.; three grandchildren, Elsie Ashbaugh, Creswell, Laverne Morley, Aberdeen; Mrs. Leona Waterston, Boise, Idaho; a twin sister, Mrs. Elfie Hyer, Eugene; two brothers, Clarence and Charles MacBee of Lowell.

Mrs. Driscoll was a cook on the University campus for 25 years, before her health failed.

Funeral services will be held at the Branstetter-Simon funeral

chapel at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Intersent will be made in the Marcola cemetery.

[The Register Guard, Eugene, Oregon, Monday, September 7, 1942 p.3]

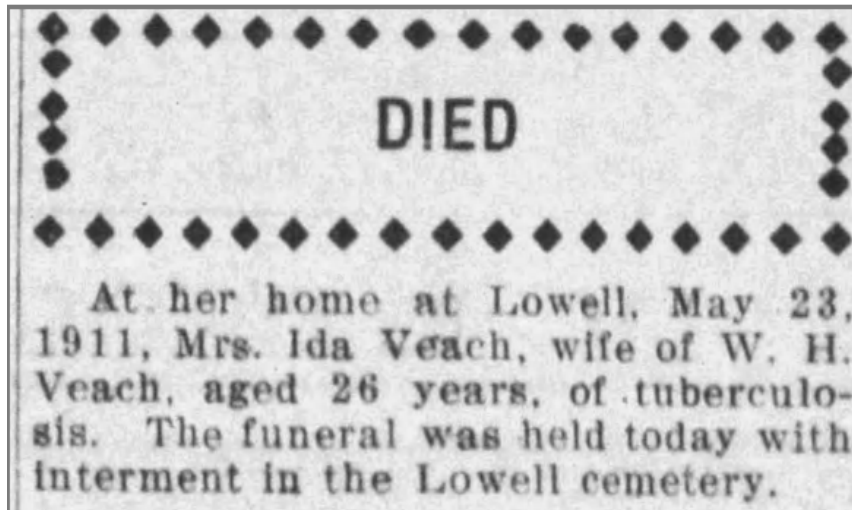
viii. Ida Mae McBee

b. 30 Jan 1885 Fall Creek, Lane County, Oregon

d. 23 May 1911 Lowell, Lane County, Oregon

buried [Hyland Cemetery](#), Lowell, Lane County, Oregon
m. 1905 William Horace Veach

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[The Eugene Guard, Eugene, Oregon, Wednesday, May 24, 1911 p.5]