# William Hoffman

## Pioneer of 1851

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William Hoffman/Huffman
b. 19 Jan 1816 Virginia
d. 03 Jul 1851 Big Sandy River, Wyoming
s/o Lewis Huffman and Barbara Friermood
burial location unknown

m. 09 Sep 1835 Clark County, Ohio
Martha Drake
b. 14 Feb 1816 Ohio
d. 14 May 1885 Junction City, Lane County, Oregon
buried Monroe Cemetery, Monroe, Benton County, Oregon
m2. Lemuel Alexander Clark 1852 Oregon

1835: "John Michael a Justice of the Peace in and for Clark County, Ohio do hereby certify that I joined William Huffman and Martha Drake in marriage on the 8th day of Sept. 1835. Given under my hand and seal Sept the 12th 1835. Recorded 12th Sept 1835"

1850: Sangamon County, Illinois, Nov 18, 1850; Wm Hoffman, 40, farmer, $2200, VA; Martha, 36, OH; Sarah, 14, OH; Elizabeth, 13, OH; Mary, 12, OH; Nancy, 9, IL; James, 8, IL; Wm, 6, IL; Eliza, 4, IL; Thos, 2, IL; Lucy, 3/12 IL

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1870: Harrisburg, Linn County, Oregon, August 27, 1870; Alexander Clark, 64, carpenter, $3000, VA; Martha, 54, keeping house, OH; Henry Huffman, 25, works on farm, $6000, IL; Thomas Huffman, 22, works in mines, IL; Lucy Huffman, 20, IL; Martha Clark, 17, OR; George Clark, 16, OR; Frances B., 14, OR

1880: Lancaster, Lane County, Oregon, June 4, 1880; L. A. Clark, 64, farmer, VA; Martha, 64, wife, keeping house, OH PA PA; Frances, 24, at home, OR VA OH

Note: one account says William Hoffman died on the trail at Big Sandy River, Wyoming area of mountain fever. That is the most likely account. The obituary of a daughter says he was killed by Indians while trying to keep them from running off his stock. No indication this type of event took place in Wyoming at that time; family went on to Oregon

Children of William Hoffman and Martha Drake:
1. Sarah Ellen Hoffman
b. 28 Feb 1836 Ohio
d. 30 Nov 1883 Medical Lake, Spokane County, Washington
buried Monroe Cemetery, Monroe, Benton County, Oregon

m. 03 Oct 1852 Oregon
Harlow E. Bundy

b. 27 Aug 1825 Stark County, Ohio
d. 19 Jul 1896 Junction City, Lane County, Oregon
buried Monroe Cemetery, Monroe, Benton County, Oregon
m2. Deborah Malinda Stark Holmes 1896 Oregon

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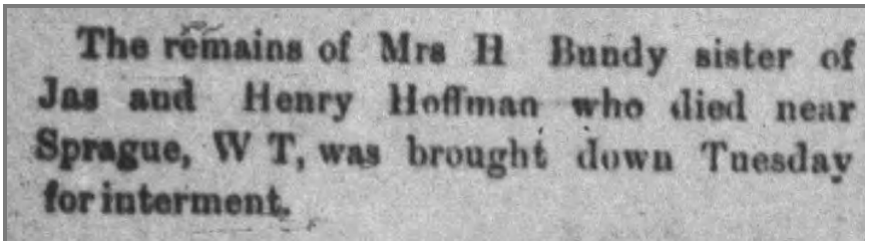
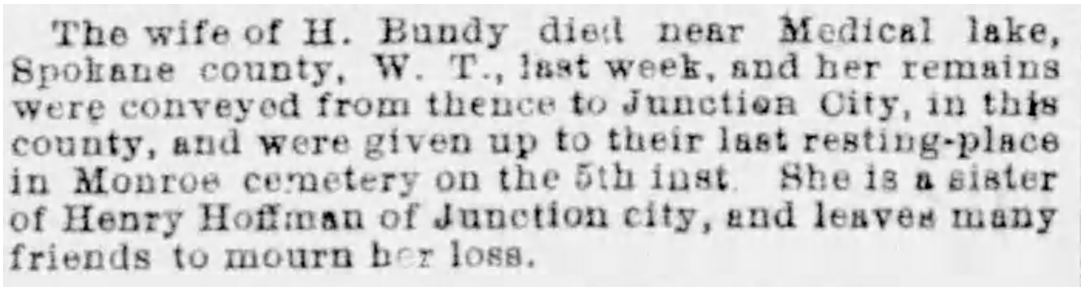
1860: Starrs Point PO, Butte, Benton County, Oregon, June 27, 1860; Harlow Bundy, 34, farmer and stock raiser, $3000 $1461, OH; Sarah, 24, OH; William, 6, OR; Charles, 5, OR, James, 3, OR

1870: Starrs Point PO, Subdivision 5, Benton County, Oregon, August 6, 1870; Harlow Bundy, 45, farmer, $8000 $2500, OH; Sarah E., 34, keeping house, OH; William, 17, farm hand, OR; Chas E., 15, farm hand, OR; John, 8, farm hand, OR; Lewis, 2, OR; J. Fassmaun, 30, farm hand, $0 $300, Wertinger

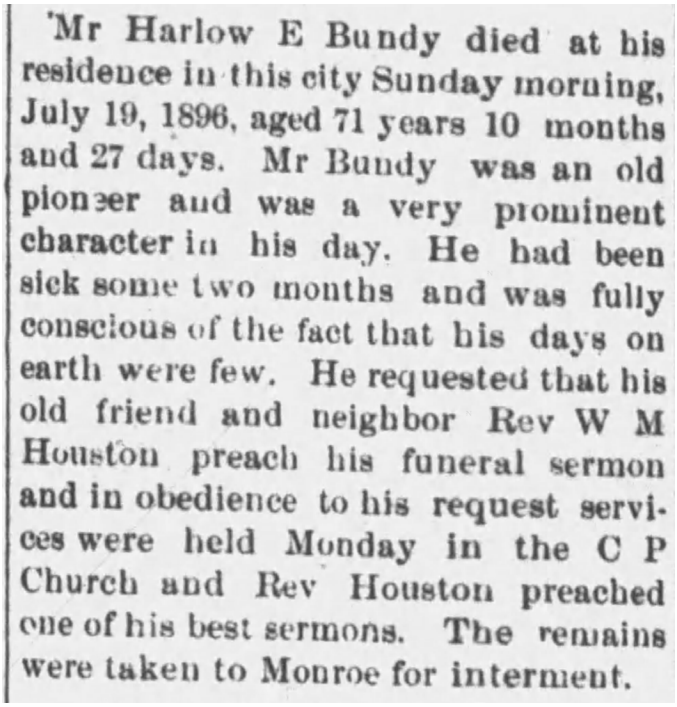
1880: Junction City, Lane County, Oregon, June 1, 1880; H. Bundy, 54, farmer, OH NY MA; Sarah E., 44, OH VA OH; Wm, 26, son, farmer, OR OH OH; Charles E., 25, son, farmer, OR OH OH; John W., 18, son, attending school, OR OH OH; George Lewis, 12, son, attending school, OR OH OH


The remains of Mrs H Bundy sister of Jas and Henry Hoffman who died near Sprague, W T, was brought down Tuesday for interment.

[The Twice-A-Week Guard, Eugene, Oregon, Saturday, December 8, 1883, p. 4]


The wife of H. Bundy died near Medical lake, Spokane county, W. T., last week, and her remains were conveyed from thence to Junction City, in this county, and were given up to their last resting-place in Monroe cemetery on the 5th inst. She is a sister of Henry Hoffman of Junction city, and leaves many friends to mourn her loss.

[The Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Saturday, December 8, 1883, p. 3]



Mr Harlow E Bundy died at his residence in this city Sunday morning, July 19, 1896, aged 71 years 10 months and 27 days. Mr Bundy was an old pioneer and was a very prominent character in his day. He had been sick some two months and was fully conscious of the fact that his days on earth were few. He requested that his old friend and neighbor Rev W M Houston preach his funeral sermon and in obedience to his request services were held Monday in the C P Church and Rev Houston preached one of his best sermons. The remains were taken to Monroe for interment.

[The Eugene Guard, Eugene, Oregon, Monday, July 27, 1896, p. 3]

2. Elizabeth Jane Hoffman
b. 07 May 1837 Ohio
d. 24 May 1871 Benton County, Oregon
buried Monroe Cemetery, Monroe, Benton County, Oregon

m. 10 Feb 1856 Oregon
George Roberts
b. 02 Sep 1827 Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania
d. 07 Apr 1884 Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania
buried Saint John United Methodist Church Cemetery, Harrisonville, Gloucester County, New Jersey

1850: Sangamon County, Illinois, Nov 18, 1850; Wm Hoffman, 40, farmer, $2200, VA; Martha, 36, OH; Sarah, 14, OH; Elizabeth, 13, OH; Mary, 12, OH; Nancy, 9, IL; James, 8, IL; Wm, 6, IL; Eliza, 4, IL; Thos, 2, IL; Lucy, 3/12 IL

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1870: Starrs Point PO, Subdivision 5, Benton County, Oregon, August 11, 1870; Geo Roberts, 43, carpenter, $4000 $400, PA; Jane E., 33, keeping house, OH; Edw F., 13, at school, OR John E., 11, at school, OR

1880: Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, June 1, 1880; George Roberts, pattern maker, PA NY NY; Sarah J., 53, wife, keeping house, PA PA PA; Edwin F., 22, son, clerk in confectionary, OR PA MO; John E., 20, son, clerk in confectionary, OR PA MO; Harriet E. Kaufman, 22, servant, servant, PA PA PA

3. Mary Elizabeth Hoffman
b. 05 Oct 1838 Ohio
d. 09 Sep 1905 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
buried Mount Hope Cemetery, Baker City, Baker County, Oregon

m. 1870
Francis Marion Alfred
b. 17 Feb 1832 Calhoun County, Illinois
d. 20 Feb 1913 Baker City, Baker County, Oregon
buried Mount Hope Cemetery, Baker City, Baker County, Oregon

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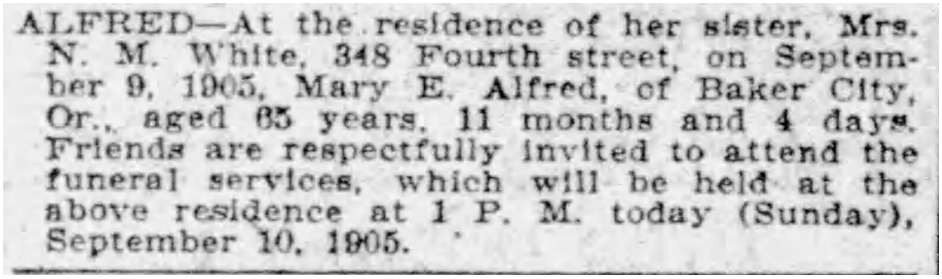
1870: Baker City, Baker County, Oregon, June 28, 1870; Frank M. Alford, 28, stage driver, $400 $0, IL; Mary E., 32, keeping house, OH; Sarah Davis, 16, MO; Alma Farman, 9, OR

1880: Baker City, Baker County, Oregon, June 15, 1880; Frank M. Alfred, 48, husband, teamster, OH OH OH; Mary E., 40, wife, works at dress making, OH OH OH; Allis Durbin, 28, works at dress making, OR OH Canada

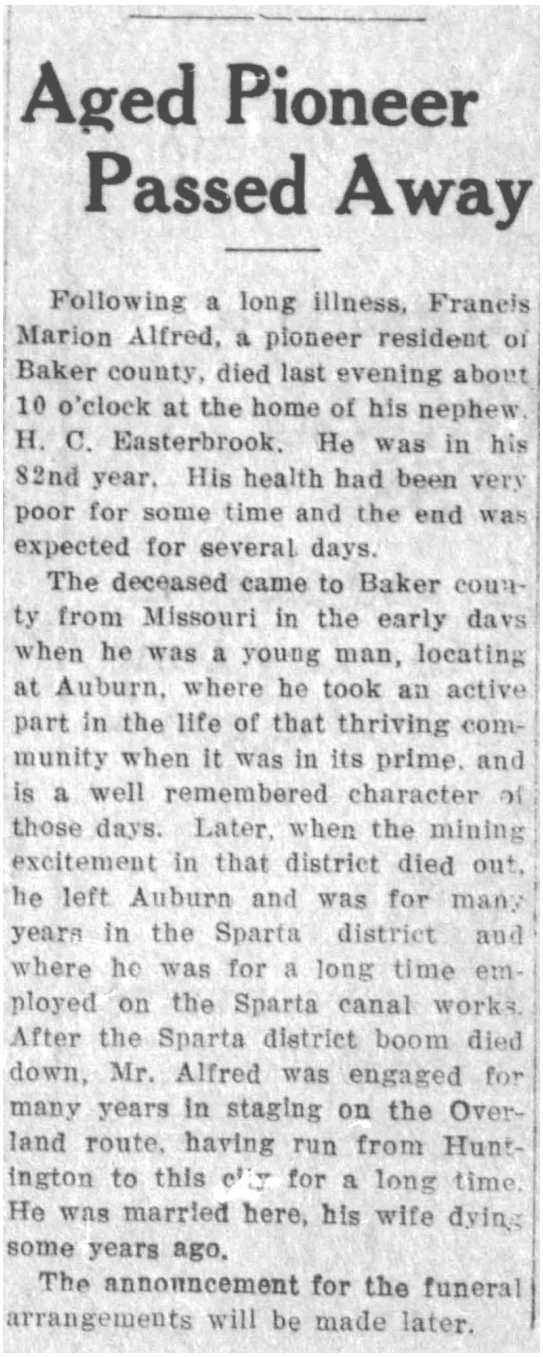
1900: Baker City, Baker County, Oregon, June 8, 1900; Frank M. Alfred, Feb 1833, 67, m-30 yrs, IL VA VA, landlord; Mary E., wife, Oct 1834, 66, m-30 yrs, 1-1 children, OH OH OH

1920: Baker City, Baker County, Oregon, June 22, 1910; Thomas E. Hoffman, head, 61, m-26 yrs, IL PA OH, miner; Margaret, wife, 47, m1-26 yrs, 1-1 children, IA Ireland Ireland; Thomas M., son, 25, s, OR IL IA, laborer; Frank M. Alfred, brother-in-law, 78, widower, IL IL IL, own income



ALFRED—At the residence of her sister, Mrs. N. M. White, 348 Fourth street, on September 9, 1905, Mary E. Alfred, of Baker City, Or., aged 65 years, 11 months and 4 days. Friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services, which will be held at the above residence at 1 P. M. today (Sunday), September 10, 1905.

[The Sunday Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Sunday, September 10, 1905, p. 19]



# Aged Pioneer Passed Away

Following a long illness, Francis Marion Alfred, a pioneer resident of Baker county, died last evening about 10 o'clock at the home of his nephew, H. C. Easterbrook. He was in his 82nd year. His health had been very poor for some time and the end was expected for several days.

The deceased came to Baker county from Missouri in the early days when he was a young man, locating at Auburn, where he took an active part in the life of that thriving community when it was in its prime, and is a well remembered character of those days. Later, when the mining excitement in that district died out, he left Auburn and was for many years in the Sparta district and where he was for a long time employed on the Sparta canal works. After the Sparta district boom died down, Mr. Alfred was engaged for many years in staging on the Overland route, having run from Huntington to this city for a long time. He was married here, his wife dying some years ago.

The announcement for the funeral arrangements will be made later.

[Baker City Herald, Baker City, Oregon, Friday, February, 21, 1913, p. 1]

4. Nancy Malinda Hoffman
b. 05 Jun 1841 Sangamon County, Illinois
d. 03 Mar 1918 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
buried Greenwood Hills Cemetery, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

m. 1858
Edward Milton White [Pioneer of 1845]
b. 1832
d. 17 Oct 1891 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
buried Greenwood Hills Cemetery, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
s/o Samuel White and Hulda Jennings

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1860: Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon, June 14, 1860; Edward M. White, 28, IL; Nancy M., 19, IL; Clarence M., 1, OR

1870: Auburn Pct, Baker County, Oregon, June 10, 1870; Edward M. White, 38, R grocer & dry goods, $250 $16000, IL; Nancy, 29, keeping house, IL; Clarence, 12, OR; Fanny, 10, OR; Lewis, 8, OR; Lillie, 5, OR; Thomas, 4, OR; Lavinia E. Howland, 12, OR

1880: Baker City, Baker County, Oregon, June 15, 1880; Edward M. White, 48, miner, IA; Nancy M., 38, wife, keeping house, IL PA OH; Lyllia E., 14, dau, attending school, OR IA IL; Thomas H., 11, son, OR IA IL; Rosco, 1, son, OR IA IL

1900: Portland, Ward 5, Multnomah County, Oregon, June 2, 1900; Samuel White, head, Dec 1811, 90, widow, m-62 yrs, IN MD OH, retired; Nancy White, dau-in-law, Mar 1845, m-25yrs, 6-4 children, IL OH IL, housekeeper; Lillie White, g-dau, Nov 1864, 35, s, OR IL IL, artist; Lizzie Fuchner, servant, Dec 1883, 16, s, OR Spaniard Switzerland, cook; Chas Kuaff, roomer, May 1870, 30, s, NE OH PA, grocery clerk

1910: Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, April 18, 1910; Nancy M. White, head, 68, widow, 6-4 children, IL OH OH, housekeeper-rooming house Lilley E., dau, 46, s, OR IL OH, artist-studio; Lewis L., son, 46, m1-18 yrs (?), OR IL OH, dentist-dental office; Thomas H., son, 39, m1-18 yrs (?), OR IL OH, dentist-dental office; Kate, dau, 43, m1-18yrs (?), OR IL OH,



# PIONEER, 77, PASSES

## Mrs. Nancy White Dies at Home, 348 Fourth Street.

## 66 YEARS SPENT IN STATE

**Many Thrilling Experiences Encountered While Building Home in Oregon—Funeral Services at 11 o'Clock This Morning.**

For 66 years a resident of Oregon, Mrs. Nancy M. White passed away at 11 o'clock Sunday night at her home, 348 Fourth street, at the age of 77 years. Funeral services conducted by the Christian Science Church will be held at 11 o'clock this morning from



**Nancy M. White, Pioneer of 1852, Who Will Be Buried Today.**

Ericson's undertaking parlors. Interment, which will follow at Greenwood cemetery, will be private.

Nancy M. Hoffman was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Hoffman, being one of a family of 13 children. She was born June 5, 1841, at Springfield, Ill., and when 11 years of age started across the plains with her parents. Her father brought with him several head of fine blooded horses and cattle and it was while protecting his family from an attack of Indians who captured and drove away the stock that he lost his life on the Snake River. But the mother and her 13 children continued their perilous journey westward and late in 1852 located near Corvallis.

In 1858 she was married to Captain Edward Milton White, who, with his father, Judge S. S. White, one of the early judges in this state, was a pioneer of 1845. Captain White was one of the first steamboat captains on the Willamette River, being interested for a great many years with his father and J. C. Ainsworth in the ownership and operation of the steamer Lot Whitcom.

In the Eastern Oregon mining excitement of the early days Mrs. White accompanied her husband to the placer mining district near Baker, where many thrilling experiences were had with the Indians. On one occasion Mrs. White, alone at her home with two young children and armed with a shotgun, successfully withstood the attack of a band of redskins.

Mrs. White was possessed of considerable literary ability and contributed a great many articles to newspapers and magazines. She was left a widow in the death of Captain White in 1891.

Mrs. White is survived by two sons and one daughter, Dr. L. L. White, of Los Angeles; Dr. T. H. White, of Juneau, Alaska, and Miss Lily E. White, 348 Fourth street, this city.

[The Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Tuesday, March 5, 1918, p. 9]

# Death of Capt. E. M. White.

Baker Democrat.

The news of the death of Captain E. M. White, which was received in this city last Sunday by telegram from Portland, occasioned a feeling of profound sorrow among all of the old residents of the community, and called up many reminiscences of the past. Capt., or Milt White, as he was more familiarly called, was one of the earliest pioneers of Baker county, arriving at Auburn in 1862, the era of the first discovery of gold in Eastern Oregon. He was one of the first promoters of the Auburn canal constructed to supply water for mining purposes and was for several years engaged in the mercantile business there. Later he moved to Gem Town, then the seat of the placer mines of Sparta district, Union county, and carried on a mercantile business and was interested more or less in mining. For the past seven or eight years he devoted his entire time operating the Dolly Varden mine in Sanger district. About three months ago his health was such that he was compelled to go to Portland, where his wife had preceded him, in the hope of being benefitted. He gradually grew worse, and on last Saturday evening at 8 o'clock he passed away peacefully, surrounded by all the near members of his family. Capt. White was born in Illinois in March, 1832, and came to Oregon in 1845. Was captain of steamers owned by the O. S. N. Co. on the Columbia and Willamette rivers for several years and was always an enterprising and energetic citizen.

[The Dalles Times Mountaineer, The Dalles, Oregon, Saturday, October 24, 1891, p. 3]

5. James S. Hoffman
b. 21 Dec 1842 Sangamon County, Illinois
d. 20/28 Oct 1904 Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon
buried Eugene Pioneer Cemetery, Eugene, Lane County, Oregon
s/o William Hoffman and Martha Drake

m. 1870
Phillipia Eugenia "Jennie" Milliorn
b. 30 Mar 1849 Missouri
d. 28 Jan 1937 Aberdeen, Grays Harbor County, Washington
buried Eugene Pioneer Cemetery, Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

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1880: Junction City, Lane County, Oregon, June 1, 1880; James Hoffman, 37, money loaner, IL VA OH; Jennie, 32, wife, keeping house, ILMO PA VA OH; Edith M., 8, dau, OR IL MO

1900: Eugene, Lane County, Oregon, June 12, 1900; James Hoffman, head, Dec 1842, 57, m-30 yrs, IL PA OH, landlord; Eugena, wife, Mar 1848, 52, m-30 yrs, 1-1 children, MO VA TN; Edith, dau, Mar 1875, 25, s, OR IL MO

"The life of the pioneer of this great northwest was often filled with unknown peril. In journeying thither, he almost invariably traversed the intervening plain and desert with ox-teams, the slowest possible mode of locomotion, being many months on the road. Oftentimes dangers from hostile Indians, wild animals and troublesome insects were encountered, and illness overtook the weary traveler. Although a boy of but nine years when he came to Oregon, James Hoffman, one of the most prosperous residents of Eugene, and the owner of the Hoffman House, has a vivid realization of the trials and tribulation that beset the original settlers of this section of the state. A native of Sangamon county, Ill., he was born December 21, 1842, about eight miles north of the city of Springfield, a son of William Hoffman.

Born and reared in Pennsylvania, William Hoffman removed to Sangamon county, Ill., in 1832, and was there engaged in general farming for nearly twenty years. On April 1, 1851, accompanied by his wife and ten children, he started for Oregon, but, being taken ill with mountain fever, died at Big Sandy, and was buried there. His widow, whose maiden name was Martha Drake, was a native of Ohio. A woman of energy, determination and decision, she continued the journey westward with her children. The train with which she traveled consisted of six wagons, each drawn by six yoke of oxen, a fine band of horses, twenty-five mares and two stallions, and one hundred cows, four of the horses belonging to the Hoffman family. The day after the train passed Fort Hall it came in contact with the Indians, who stole seventy-five horses, and killed an old lady, Mrs. Clark, and her son, and wounded a Miss Clark and a Mr. Sperry. About fifty men of the company gave chase, following the savages over the desert for two days. Finding the enemy strongly entrenched in the valley, a skirmish ensured, but, as several of the men from the train were killed in the encounter the chase was given up, and the journey continued. The party arrived in Oregon in September 1851, with but two wagons, ten yoke of oxen, and ten head of loose cattle, the others having been lost in the Indian stampede, or through the carelessness of the train leaders, Mrs. Hoffman losing every one of her horses.

Locating with her family in Corvallis, Ore., Mrs. Hoffman engaged in the hotel business for ten years, being quite successful. Subsequently marrying L. A. Clark, she settled on a farm about twelve miles south of Corvallis, on the Long Tom. She afterward lived in Linn county ten years, then removed to Junction City, Lane county, where she resided until her death, at the age of seventy-three years. She reared ten children, namely: Mrs. Sarah Bundy, who died in Benton county, Ore.; Mrs. Jane Roberts, who died in the same county; Mrs. Mary Alfred, of Baker City, Ore.; Nancy, wife of E. M. White, of Portland; Lucy F., who married R. C. George, died in Baker county; Mrs. Martha Esterbrook, who died in Baker county; Mrs. Fannie Watkins, of Douglas county; James, the especial subject of this sketch; Henry, resident of Eugene; and Thomas, a stockman and miner, living in Baker county.

While in his ninth year, James Hoffman started for Oregon with his parents, crossing the river at Council Bluffs. Arriving in Corvallis with his widowed mother and her family in September 1851, he attended the district school for a short time. Going with two of his brothers, in 1852, to get horses at the farm of H. C. Owens, in Lane county, he came through the present site of the city of Eugene, which at that time was a tract of wild land covered with tall grass and oak trees, the cabin and store of Eugene Skinner being hidden by the butte. From 1859 until 1873 Mr. Hoffman was successfully engaged in mining pursuits, being employed at various mines, including those at Orofino, Florence, Baker City, Boise Basin, John Day, South Boise, Idaho City, Owyhee, Clear Water, Buffalo Hump, Salmon river, Warren's Diggings, and many others, making most of the trips from mine to mine on foot, or with pack horses, occasionally having trouble with the Indians. Having invested a part of his savings in a ranch of three thousand acres, in Linn county, Mr. Hoffman returned to the valley in 1872, and embarked in business as a stock-raiser, his large farm lying about ten miles east of Harrisburg. Selling out at the end of seven years to Joseph Keel and B. Goldsmith, he bought a section of land, and for three years was engaged in farming on an extensive scale, raising large quantities of grain. Removing to Junction City in 1883, he operated his farms in Linn and Lane counties for about twelve years, and while there invested heavily in Eugene property, in 1886 building the Hoffman House, which is 40 x 116 feet, three stories in height. Taking up his residence in Eugene in 1895, Mr. Hoffman has since devoted his time and attention to the management of his various interests, which keeps him busily employed. He owns different farms, aggregating about one thousand acres, has a large extent of timber land, and possesses valuable property in Eugene, having in his active career accumulated much wealth, and gained a position of prominence among the respected and esteemed citizens of Lane county.

Mr. Hoffman married, in Lane county, Eugenia Milliorn, who was born in Missouri, and came with her parents to this county in 1853, locating on the present site of Junction City. Her father kept Milliorn station, on the overland stage route, for twenty or more years, it being a celebrated stopping place for travelers in pioneer days. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman have one child only, Edith, who was graduated from the University of Oregon. Politically Mr. Hoffman is a sound Republican, and fraternally he is a Knight of Pythias, and a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He takes great interest in the early history of the state and belongs to the State Pioneers' Association and the Lane County Historical Society." [Portrait and Biographical Record of the Willamette Valley p. 1481]

# JAS. HOFFMAN PASSED AWAY

## DIED SUDDENLY AT PENDLETON YESTERDAY.

### Had Gone to Baker City, Hoping to Recover from His Illness, and and Died En Route ome.

James Hoffman, a pioneer of Lane county, died at Pendleton, Saturday morning, October 28, 1904, aged 62 years.

Deceased had been complaining for some time and recently went to Baker City with the hope of improving his condition, which grew worse, and started to return home, in company with his brother, Thomas Hoffman, and sister, Mrs. F. M. Alford, when he had to be taken from the train at Pendleton, to die.

In response to the telegram yesterday announcing his death, his daughter Edith, accompanied by W. H Hoffman, left for Portland to meet the body and bring it to Eugene today on the afternoon train. Funeral arrangements will be made later.

Deceased was born in Sangamon county and came across the plains with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hoffman. The father died at Sandy while en route, the mother going on to Corvallis, where she engaged in the hotel business. In 1872 Mr. Hoffman located near Harrisburg in the stock business. In 1883 he located in Junction City, and three years later built the Hoffman house, one of Eugene's leading hotels. In 1895 he became a permanent resident of Eugene, as a center from which he looked after his extensive property intersts.

Dceased belonged, fraternally, to the Masons, K. of P. and A. O. U. W. He leaves a wife, daughter and many friends, who will be surprised to learn of his sudden death.

[The Register Guard, Eugene, Oregon, Sunday, October 30, 1904, p. 8]

# WEALTHY EUGENE MAN DIES AT PENDLETON

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Eugene, Or., Oct. 29.—James Hoffman, a prominent and wealthy Eugene citizen, died at Pendleton this morning of heart trouble. He had been to Baker City for the benefit of his health. He became worse and started for home, but was compelled to stop at Pendleton at 10 o'clock last night. He was acompanied by a brother and sister at the time of his death. He was aged 62 years, and leaves a widow and daughter in Eugene. He came across the plains with his parents from Illinois in 1853.

He has been prominent in Benton, Linn and Lane counties as a farmer and capitalist. He is reputed to be one of Eugene's wealthiest men. His brother, W. H. Hoffman, went to Portland this afternoon to meet the body, and bring it to Eugene for burial Monday. He was a Mason, K. of P., and Workman.

[The Oregon Daily Journal, Portland, Oregon, Sunday, October 30, 1904, p. 19]

# Mrs. Hoffman Dies In Aberdeen, Wash., Funeral to Be Here

Mrs. Phillipia Eugenia Hoffman, long-time resident of Eugene and member of a prominent pioneer family, died Thursday in Aberdeen, Wash. The body will be brought to Eugene for funeral services and burial Saturday. Funeral services will be held at the Veatch Funeral Home Saturday at 2 p. m. with Rev. H. R. White officiating. Interment will be in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Mrs. Hoffman's husband and his brother built the Hoffman hotel here. Among survivors is a daughter, Mrs. Edith Keegan Earl of Aberdeen, who is a former Eugene resident. Complete obituary notice will be given later.

[The Register Guard, Eugene, Oregon, Friday, January 29, 1937, p. 1]

Child of James Hoffman and Phillipia Milliorn:
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d. 11 Jan 1965 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon
m. George William Earle 1936 Oregon

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1880: Junction City, Lane County, Oregon, June 1, 1880; W. H. Hoffman, 35, farmer & money loaner, IL VA OH; Helen H., 28, wife, keeping house, MO VA VA

1900: South Eugene Pct, Eugene, Lane County, Oregon, June 12 & 13, 1900; Henry Hoffman, head, Jul 1844, 55, m-28 yrs, IL PA OH, landlord; Helen H., wife, Feb 1852, 48, m-28 yrs, 3-0 children, MO VA TN

# W. H. HOFFMAN DROPS DEAD

**Resident of Oregon for Over Half a Century Dies at Eugene.**

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 8.—(Special.)—W. H. Hoffman, a resident of Oregon for more than half a century, dropped dead in his home here today from heart failure. He was standing talking to his wife and friends when he suddenly fell to the floor dead.

Mr. Hoffman was born in Springfield, Ill., July 4, 1844, and started across the plains with his parents and elder brother James, in 1855. The father died on the way to Oregon, but the family pushed on and settled at Marysville, Or., now Corvallis, to which city they gave its name. The family later moved to Junction City, where Mr. Hoffman was married July 4, 1871, to Miss Helen H. Millicorn, who survives her husband.

Mr. Hoffman and wife moved to Eugene over 20 years ago.

[The Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Tuesday, February 9, 1909, p. 6]

# DEATH SUMMONS HENRY HOFFMAN

## Expires Suddenly While Chatting at Home

## DUE TO HEART FAILURE

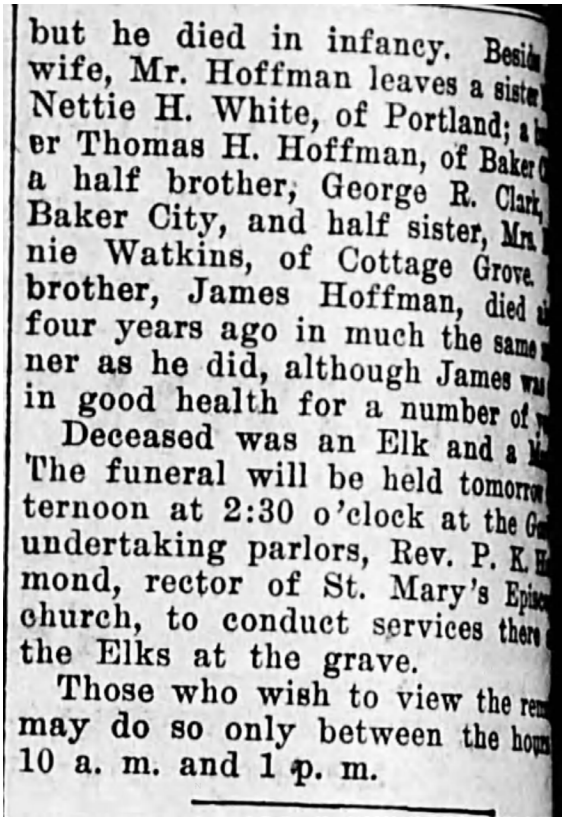
**WAS IN HIS USUAL GOOD HEALTH AND SPIRITS BEFORE STRICKEN.**

W. H. Hoffman, for many years a highly respected citizen of Eugene and Lane county, expired suddenly last Sunday in the apartments of himself and wife in the Pickett block.

The end came at 10:30 o'clock Sunday forenoon and heart disease is assigned as the cause of death. Mr. Hoffman was feeling in his usual good health and spirits and when the death summons came he was chatting with his home circle, Mrs. Hoffman, niece, Mrs. Frederic Swanton and Mrs. Will Stevens of Bellingham who have been visiting with the Hoffmans for some time, and Mrs. Winifred Bennett of this city, who had dropped in for a friendly call. Mrs. Swanton and Mrs. Stevens were packing up to continue their journey to Los Angeles and the conversation had drifted around to the Charity ball of the previous night which event all had attended. Mr. Hoffman was just in the act of making some remark when he suddenly paused and fell to the floor, expiring immediately. Two passersby responded to the call for assistance and conveyed the stricken man to a couch and a physician who arrived very soon afterwards applied powerful restoratives all to no avail, he was beyond all human aid. When the full purport of the tragic occurrence dawned upon Mrs. Hoffman her grief was pitiful to witness and the news, spreading about the city, cast a gloom which could not be dispelled.

Mr. Hoffman was admired for his manly traits of character which included unswerving loyalty to his friends and unusually tender devotion to his wife, sterling attributes so seldom possessed..

W. H. Hoffman was born in Shangman county, Ill., July 4, 1844. He came across the plains with his parents in 1855, his father dying enroute. Mrs. Hoffman and the children settled at Marysville, Benton county, now Corvallis, and later came to Lane county. Henry was married at Junction City on July 4, 1871, to Miss Helen H. Milliorn. One child was born to them



but he died in infancy. Besid
wife, Mr. Hoffman leaves a siste
Nettie H. White, of Portland; a
er Thomas H. Hoffman, of Baker
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nie Watkins, of Cottage Grove.
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four years ago in much the same
ner as he did, although James wa
in good health for a number of
Deceased was an Elk and a
The funeral will be held tomorrow
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the Elks at the grave.
Those who wish to view the re
may do so only between the hour
10 a. m. and 1 p. m.

[The Register Guard, Eugene, Oregon, Tuesday, February 9, 1909, p. 8]

# HOFFMAN ESTATE VALUED AT $20,000

## Will Leaves All Property to the Widow, Who Is Named As Executrix

The last will of Henry Hoffman, who died suddenly at his home in this city last Sunday, was admitted to probate yesterday afternoon. The will, which was drawn up on September 4, 1885, bequeathes all of the property of the estate, both real and personal, to the widow, Mrs. Helen H. Hoffman. It also names her as executrix without bonds.

In the petition for the admission of the will to probate it is stated that the estimated value of the property of the estate is $20,000. It consists of the Hoffman hotel property in Eugene and considerable other real estates in the county.

[The Eugene Guard, Eugene, Oregon, Friday, February 12, 1909, p. 5]

Children of William Hoffman and Helen Milliorn:
i. William Walter Hoffman
b. 23 May 1872 Lane County, Oregon
d. 12 Feb 1873 Lane County, Oregon
reburied Eugene Pioneer Cemetery, Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

7. Laura Eliza Hoffman
b. 30 Jan 1846 Sangamon County, Illinois
d. 19 Apr 1857 Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon
buried Crystal Lake Cemetery, Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon

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8. Thomas Ezekiel Hoffman
b. 25 Dec 1848 Sangamon County, Illinois
b. 25 Sep 1922 Baker City, Baker County, Oregon
buried Mount Hope Cemetery, Baker City, Baker County, Oregon

m. 22 Dec 1883
Margaret Duffy
b. 09 Nov 1862 Ireland
d. 05 May 1951 Baker City, Baker County, Oregon
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1880: Baker City, Baker County, Oregon, June 5, 1880; Thos. Hoffman, 30, s, miner, IL PA OH; living in hotel

1900: Baker City, Baker County, Oregon, June 8, 1900; Ezekiel Huffman, head, Dec 1848, 51, m-16 yrs, IL PA PA, miner-gold ore; Margaret, wife, Nov 1862, 37, m-16 yrs, 1-1 children, Ireland Ireland Ireland; Milton, son, Oct 1884, 15, s, OR IL IL, at school

1910: Baker City, Baker County, Oregon, June 22, 1910; Thomas E. Hoffman, head, 61, m-26 yrs, IL PA OH, miner; Margaret, wife, 47, m1-26 yrs, 1-1 children, IA Ireland Ireland; Thomas M., son, 25, s, OR IL IA, laborer; Frank M. Alfred, brother-in-law, 78, widower, IL IL IL, own income

# DEATH CALLS THOMAS HUFFMAN FOR 57 YEARS RESIDENT OF BAKER

Ezekial Thomas Huffman, resident of Baker County for over 57 years died this morning at his home on Elm street. Mr. Huffman has been ill for over four years suffering from heart touble, being confined to his home the last several months. About ten days ago complications set in which resulted in his death early this morning.

Tom, as he was known to a host of friends was born near Springfield, Illinois, December 25th, 1848, and crossed the plains with his family in 1851. His father died on this trip, but with his mother he made the trip on to the Willamette Valley In 1865 they moved to Auburn, then the principal town in Eastern Oregon, where he engaged in mining, which occupation he followed up until a few years ago. The deceased was married December 23rd, 1883 to Miss Margaret Duffy, who has been his constant companion and during the trials of his long illness has devoted her entire attention to his needs and comforts.

In the passing of Mr. Huffman, Baker looses one of her finest citizens, a man prominent in all pioneer affairs, generous and big hearted, a man that has been active in the growth of Baker from the time it was a stage station to its present development. He leaves a large circle of friends who will mourn his death.

He is survived by his widow and one son, Thomas Milton Huffman, and a half sister, Mrs, J. E. Watkins, of Eugene, Oregon.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

[The Baker City Herald, Baker City, Oregon, Monday, September 25, 1922, p. 1]

9. Lucinda Ann “Lucy” Hoffman
b. Sep 1850 Sangamon County, Illinois
d. May 1894 Baker County, Oregon
buried Mount Hope Cemetery, Baker City, Baker County, Oregon

m. 25 May 1873
Robert Columbus George
b. 20 Jan 1840 Cooper County, Missouri
d. 09 Jul 1909 Burns, Harney County, Oregon
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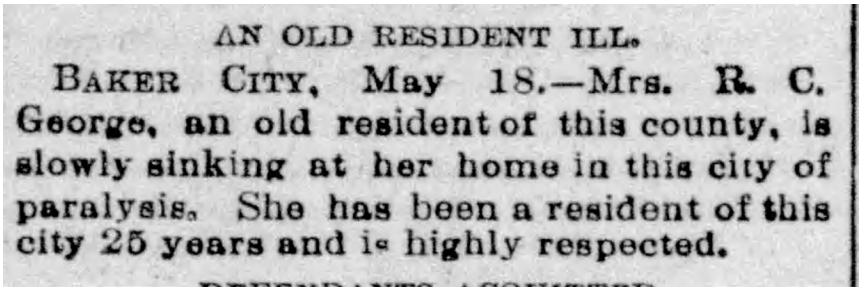

AN OLD RESIDENT ILL.

BAKER CITY, May 18.—Mrs. R. C. George, an old resident of this county, is slowly sinking at her home in this city of paralysis. She has been a resident of this city 25 years and is highly respected.

[The Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Saturday, May 19, 1894, p. 3]

## ROBERT C. GEORGE.

Another Eastern Oregon pioneer has passed to the beyond. R. C. George died yesterday morning at 1 o,clock and the funeral was held this morning, the services being conducted by Rev. A. J. Irwin of the Presbyterian church. Mr. George had been in declining health for several months and his two children, Lynn George and Mrs. Lelah Millar were with him at the end.

Deceased was born in Bonnville, Cooper county, Missouri, Jan. 17, 1840, where he remained until enlisting in the confederate army. At the close of the war he came west and followed mining during the latter '60's coming to Baker City later and in 1873 was married to Lucy A. Hoffman. The two children mentioned above were born to them. Mr. George followed mining, ranching and freighting in the early days. He served two terms as sheriff of Baker county beginning his first term in 1878. His wife died in May 1894 and he is survived by his two children.

Mr. George came to this city about nine years ago where he had since resided. He served one term as marshal of Burns. The remains were interred in the Burns cemetry this morning. The bereaved ones have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends in Harney, Grant and Baker counties.

[The Times Herald, Burns, Oregon, Saturday, July 10, 1909, p. 3]