William Lynch Watkins

Pioneer of 1852

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William Lynch Watkins
b. 18 Oct 1807 North Carolina
d. 26 Jun 1852 on Oregon Trail of cholera
s/o Kicheonth Watkins and Sarah Lynch
burial location unknown

m. 19 Mar 1829 Union County, Indiana
Sarah Smith
b. 11 Sep 1810 Decatur County, Indiana
d. 17 Aug 1852 Wyoming on Oregon Trail
d/o Nathan Smith and Mary Tucker

1830: Union County, Indiana; William L. Watkins; 1 male (-20), 1 female (15-19)

1840:

1850: Fugit Twp, Decatur County, Indiana, July 20, 1850; William L. Watkins, 43, saddler, $6000, GA; Sarah, 41, GA; Sarah Jane, 16, GA; Wm H. H., 11, GA; James Perry, 9, GA; Samuel Bigger, 9, GA; Robert M., 5, GA

1852: children of William Lynch Watkins went on to the home of James and Fanny (Smith) Hunt in Marion County, Oregon;

1. Mary Jane Watkins
b. 12 Apr 1835 Decatur County, Indiana
d. 06 Nov 1904 Salem, Marion County, Oregon
buried Mount Hope Cemetery, Waldo Hills, Marion County, Oregon

> m. 04 Jul 1852 on the Oregon Trail near Independence Rock
> Calvin Walker
> b. 1832 Indiana
> d. 1852
> died upon arrival at Fosters burial location unknown
> s/o John Hogan Walker and Elizabeth Mennet
> 1850: District 97, Rush County, Indiana, enumerated in household of parents; Calvin Walker, 18, farmer, born Indiana
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> m2. 22 Dec 1852 Marion County, Oregon
> George Palgriffe Smith Riches
> b. 01 Apr 1821 Norfolk, England
> d. 09 May 1891 Sublimity, Marion County, Oregon
> buried Mount Hope Cemetery, Waldo Hills, Marion County, Oregon
> m1. Mary L. Hunt 22 May 1851 Oregon

PIONEER PASSED AWAY.

Mrs. Mary Riches of Waldo Hills Succumbs at Age of 69 Years.

SILVERTON, Novermer 6. — The county suffered the loss of another pioneer when Mrs. Mary Riches passed away Sunday afternoon at her home in the Waldo Hills, at the age of 69 years, 6 months, and 25 days.

Mrs. Mary J. Riches was born in Clarksburg, Wayne county, Indiana, April 12, 1835. Early in the year of 1852, she with her parents started for Oregon. While on the plains her parents contracted the cholera, both dying within a few hours. Upon the wagon train reaching Independence Rock, July 4th, she was married to Calvin Walker, a member of the party, who died shortly afterwards, at Foster, Oregon, from an attack of the mountain fever.

Mrs. Walker finished the trip with four younger brothers and on September 18th, 1852, they arrived at the old Jimmy Hunt place near Sublimity, where she resided until December 22, 1852, when she was united in marriage to Geo. P. S. Riches, and moved onto his donation land claim at Willard Oregon, where she has since resided, Mr. Riches having died May 9, 1891.

Mrs. Riches was a member of the Christian church, and loved by all who knew her.

Besides a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss, she leaves the following children: Thomas W. Riches, postmaster at Silverton, Oregon; Jno. H. and Chas. R. Riches, of Willard, Oregon; and Mrs. Sarah Adamson, Mrs. Estella Mlukey and Mrs. Florence Givens, all of Willard, Oregon. The funeral services were held Thursday, November 8th, interment at the Warren cemetery, Rev. R. C. Ramsby conducting the services.

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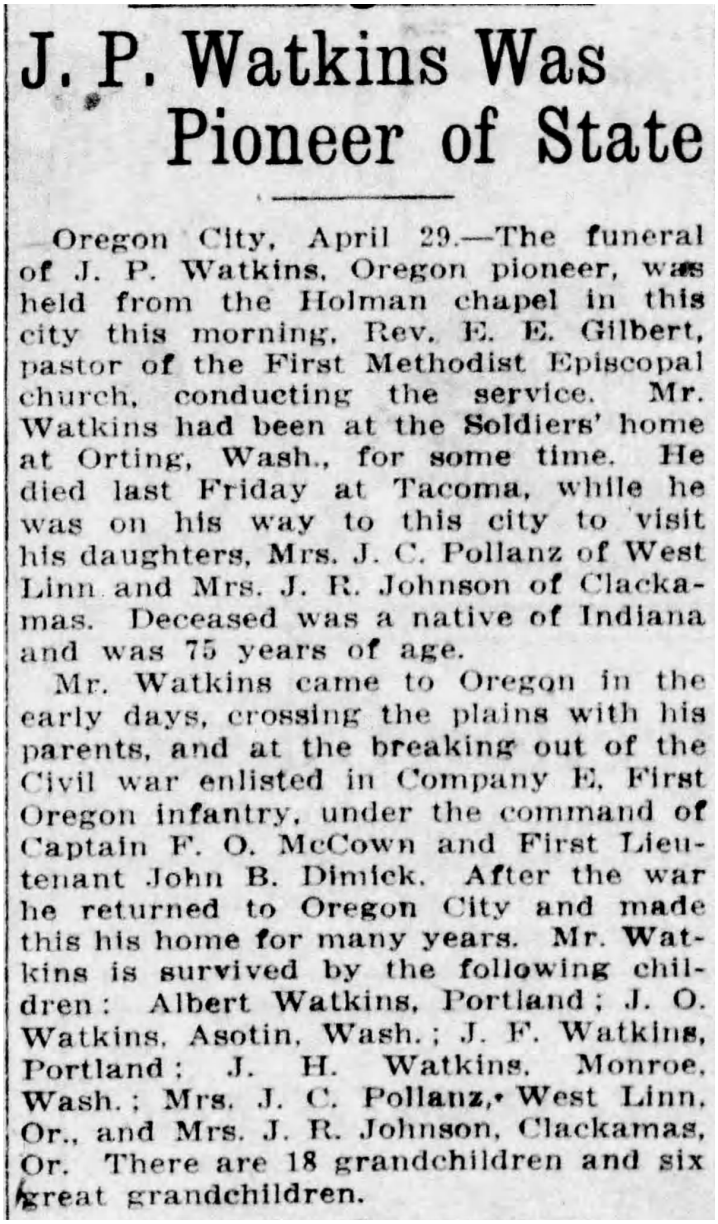
2. William Henry Harrison Watkins
b. 17 Aug 1838 Wayne County, Indiana
d. 31 Mar 1918 Asotin, Asotin County, Washington
buried Asotin City Cemetery, Asotin, Asotin County, Washington

m1. 08 Nov 1859
Mary Elizabeth Beauchamp
b. 1846 Clay County, Missouri
d. 1879 Sublimity, Marion County, Oregon
buried Mount Hope Cemetery, Waldo Hills, Marion County, Oregon

m2. Jul 1875
Emily Retta Fordyce
b. 07 May 1853 Wabash County, Indiana
d. 30 Mar 1923 Asotin, Asotin County, Washington
buried Asotin City Cemetery, Asotin, Asotin County, Washington
d/o James H Fordyce and Mary Elizabeth Gregg

3. James Perry Watkins
b. 10 May 1842 Decatur County, Indiana
d. 25 Apr 1918 Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington
buried Mountain View Cemetery, Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon

m. 09 Jan 1862
Martha Jane Powell
b. 14 Mar 1846 Marion County, Oregon
d. 1891 Marion County, Oregon
buried Mountain View Cemetery, Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon
d/o Theophilus Powell and Rachel Ruth Center



J. P. Watkins Was Pioneer of State

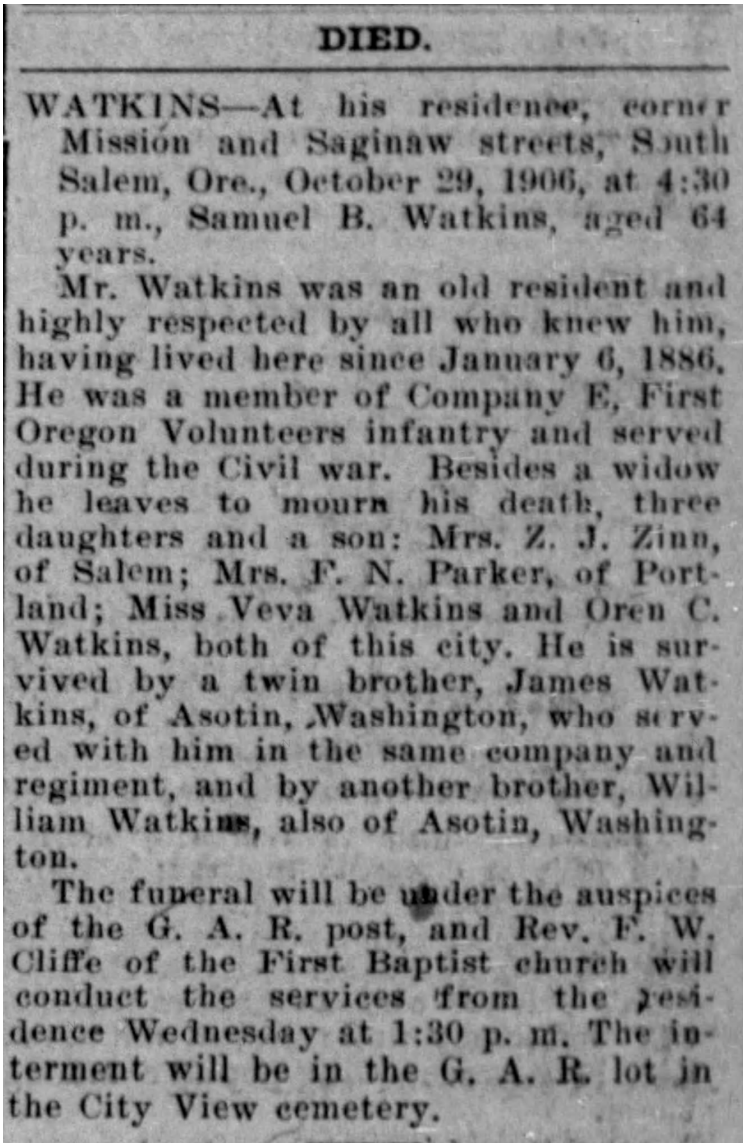
Oregon City, April 29.—The funeral of J. P. Watkins, Oregon pioneer, was held from the Holman chapel in this city this morning, Rev. E. E. Gilbert, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church, conducting the service. Mr. Watkins had been at the Soldiers' home at Orting, Wash., for some time. He died last Friday at Tacoma, while he was on his way to this city to visit his daughters, Mrs. J. C. Pollanz of West Linn and Mrs. J. R. Johnson of Clackamas. Deceased was a native of Indiana and was 75 years of age.

Mr. Watkins came to Oregon in the early days, crossing the plains with his parents, and at the breaking out of the Civil war enlisted in Company E, First Oregon infantry, under the command of Captain F. O. McCown and First Lieutenant John B. Dimick. After the war he returned to Oregon City and made this his home for many years. Mr. Watkins is survived by the following children: Albert Watkins, Portland; J. O. Watkins, Asotin, Wash.; J. F. Watkins, Portland; J. H. Watkins, Monroe, Wash.; Mrs. J. C. Pollanz, West Linn, Or., and Mrs. J. R. Johnson, Clackamas, Or. There are 18 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

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4. Samuel Bigger Watkins
b. 10 May 1842 Decatur County, Indiana
d. 30 Oct 1906 Salem, Marion County, Oregon
buried City View Cemetery, Salem, Marion County, Oregon

m. 1871
Caroline Elizabeth Carey
b. 10 Jun 1852 Dayton, Yamhill County, Oregon
d. 31 Jul 1938 Salem, Marion County, Oregon
buried City View Cemetery, Salem, Marion County, Oregon
d/o John Carey and Ruth Odell



DIED.

WATKINS—At his residence, corner Mission and Saginaw streets, South Salem, Ore., October 29, 1906, at 4:30 p. m., Samuel B. Watkins, aged 64 years.

Mr. Watkins was an old resident and highly respected by all who knew him, having lived here since January 6, 1886. He was a member of Company E, First Oregon Volunteers infantry and served during the Civil war. Besides a widow he leaves to mourn his death, three daughters and a son: Mrs. Z. J. Zinn, of Salem; Mrs. F. N. Parker, of Portland; Miss Veva Watkins and Oren C. Watkins, both of this city. He is survived by a twin brother, James Watkins, of Asotin, Washington, who served with him in the same company and regiment, and by another brother, William Watkins, also of Asotin, Washington.

The funeral will be under the auspices of the G. A. R. post, and Rev. F. W. Cliffe of the First Baptist church will conduct the services from the residence Wednesday at 1:30 p. m. The interment will be in the G. A. R. lot in the City View cemetery.

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5. Robert Manning Watkins
b. 04 Sep 1845 Illinois
d. 22 Aug 1869 Oregon
buried Mount Hope Cemetery, Waldo Hills, Marion County, Oregon