William H. Pullen

Pioneers of 1852

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William H. Pullen
b. 1827 Kentucky
d. c 1859 Washington

m1. 03 May 1848 Saline County, Missouri
Maria Barnes Yantis
b. Sep 1829 Kentucky
d. 13 Dec 1905 Thurston County, Washington
buried Masonic Memorial Park, Tumwater, Thurston County, Washington
m2. James Richard Wood 31 Aug 1860
s/o Isaac Wood and Catherine Murray

> 1850: District 90, Saline County, Missouri, November 7, 1850; Franklin Yantis, 44, farmer, KY; Ann J., 40, KY; Sarah J., 15, MO; James H., 12, MO; William W., 10, MO: Robert L., 8, MO; John B., 6, MO; Mary E., 4, MO; Francis A., 1, MO; William Pullen, 23, farmer, KY; Mariah B. Pullen, 22, KY; Sarah L. Pullen, 2, MO
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> 1860: Olympia PO, Thurston County, Washington, June 23, 1860; J R Wood, 35, joiner, $2500 $500, NY; M. B., 30, KY; A. W. Pullen, 6, WT; James E. 3, WT; Osker J. Wood, 7/12 WT
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> 1870: Olympia, Thurston County, Washington, July 21, 1870; James R. Wood, 45, brewer, $6000 $400, NY; Maria B., 41, keeping house, KY; Oscar J., 11, attending school, WT; Frances A., 9, attending school, WT; Annie W. Pullen, 16, attending school, WT; J. Edward Pullen 14, printer, WT

Mrs. Maria B. Wood. aged 76 years, widow of J. R. Wood, also lately deceased, died, at her home on Fifth and Columbia streets, Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Wood was born in Kentucky, and passed several years of her youthful life in Missouri, previous to her departure, with her father's family for the Far West, in 1853. Her father was Judge B. F. Yantis, and a brother and sister, John V. Yantis and Mrs. Fannie Gilbert, have grown up in Olympia. She leaves a son and daughter, Oscar and Addie Wood. A peculiar incident connected with her demise was that a few minutes before her death Rev. G. F. Whitworth, of Seattle, the first Presbyterian minister in the Territory of Washington, was at her bedside, administering the consolation of religion without a thought that the end was so near. It was Mr. Whitworth who performed the wedding ceremony which united Mr. and Mrs. Wood, over half a century ago. The funeral services, likewise conducted by him, were held yesterday afternoon, at which many old-timers were present.

[The Washington Standard, Olympia, Washington, Friday, December 22, 1905, p. 3]

MRS. MARIA B. WOOD DIES IN OLYMPIA

Widow of Late James K. Wood Passes Away After Several Months' Illness

Special to the Post-Intelligencer.

OLYMPIA, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Maria B. Wood, a pioneer woman of Washington and wife of the late James K. Wood, passed away yesterday afternoon at her home on Fifth street. Mrs. Wood has been ailing since the death of her husband several months ago, and the last few days has failed rapidly.

Seventy-six years ago Mrs. Wood was born in Kentucky, from which state she moved to Missouri. In 1853 she came to Olympia as Miss Maria Yantis, and after her arrival here she met and married James Wood.

She leaves two children, Miss Adelaide Wood and Oscar Wood, both of Olympia. She was a sister of John Yantis and Mrs. Fanny Gilbert, who were also raised in Olympia.

Dr. G. F. Whitworth, who was the first Presbyterian minister in this state and who performed the wedding ceremony which united Mr. and Mrs. Wood, was in the city yesterday.

Hearing of the sickness of his old friend, he went to her home and was praying with her fifteen minutes before her death. If it is possible the services of Dr. Whitworth will be secured tomorrow afternoon, when the funeral will be held at the family residence.

[Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Seattle, Washington, Thursday, December 21, 1905, p. 15]

Children of William Pullen and Maria Yantis:

1. Sarah L. Pullen

b. 1850 Saline County, Missouri

d. 1852 on the trail at the Dalles, Oregon Territory

> "The trip, undertaken in company with a number of kinsmen and friends, had been an unusually trying experience. Besides that of Mrs. Yantis, there were many other deaths occurring in the train, owing to the appearance of black measles, a sister, Mrs. Eliza Ostrander, with her children being among the

sufferers. Judge Yantis' oldest daughter, Mrs. W. H. Pullen, with her three-year-old baby in her arms was obliged, as were all the women and children, to walk across the five miles of portage below The Dalles. This child was ill when the weary march through the hot sum begun and grew rapidly worse as the mother plodded along. Before the little boat was reached in which the party was to be brought on down the Columbia, the baby was dead in the distracted mother's arms. That evening a tiny grave was made by the banks of the majestic river and the party were obliged to proceed on their journey." Benjamin Franklin "Frank" Yantis – [Early History of Thurston County, Washington by Mrs. George Blankenship 1904 p. 272-74]

2. Anna Windsor Pullen
b. 11 Aug 1855 Olympia, Thurston County, Washington Territory
d. 09 Oct 1932 Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California

m. 15 Oct 1870 Thurston County, Washington
Mathew A. Kelley
b. 1851 Massachusetts
d. 06 May 1894 Seattle, King County, Washington

3. James Edward Pullen
b. 1857 Washington Territory
d. aft 1870