

Robert A. Booth

Pioneer of 1852

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Robert A. Booth

b. 04 Aug 1820 Lancashire County, England

d. 11 Jul 1917 Josephine County, Oregon

buried Grants Pass Masonic Cemetery, Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon

s/o John S. Booth and Sarah Scowcroft

brother Richard emigrated in 1847

m1. 28 Aug 1845 Henry County, Iowa

Mary Minor

b. 24 Sep 1826 Indiana

d. 01 Feb 1900 Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon

buried Grants Pass Masonic Cemetery, Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon

m2. 1902

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth (Williams) Bushong

b. 1838 Ohio

d. 12 Jan 1916 Salem, Marion County, Oregon

buried River View Cemetery, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

m1. Rev J.W. Bushong

Robert went to CA in 1850, returned east and emigrated with family in 1852; father of 12 children

ODLC: Yamhill Co #32727; Robert Booth, b. 1820 England, arr OR 27 Oct 1852; sc 10 Oct 1853; m'd Mary 28 Aug 1845 Henry County, IA. Robert Booth states he is a naturalized citizen of U.S. by virtue of his father having been admitted to citizenship by certificate of the Marine Court of the city of N.Y., when deponent was in his 16th year of age, being in his 11th year of age on his arrival in the U.S. Father was naturalized in 1831. Aff: Harrison Foster, Wm. R. Patty, Joseph Wood.

1864: moved to Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon

1867: moved to Douglas County

1870: Wilbur, Douglas County, Oregon, August 24, 1870; Robert Booth, 49, minister of the gospel, \$0 \$800, Eng; Mary, 45, keeping house, IN; John, 22, county school superintendent, IA; George, 18, IA; Sarah, 16, IA; Jane, 14, OR; Robert, 12, OR; Amanda, 9, OR; Ida, 6, OR; Cora, 4, OR; Henry, 1, OR; William, 20, OR

1880: Wilbur, Douglas County, Oregon, June 8, 1880; Robert Booth, 59, farmer, Eng Eng Eng; Mary, 53, wife, keeping house, IN VA VA; Ida E., 16, dau, at home, OR; Cora B., 14, dau, at school, OR; James W., 10, son, at school, OR; Bertha M., 7, dau, OR

1900: Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon, Robert Booth, head, Aug 1820, 79, wid, Eng Eng Eng, emigrated to US 1831; Victor Peterson, son in law, Jun 1875, 25, m-3yrs, OR WI WI, bank keepers; Bertha, dau, Oct 1872, 27, m-3yrs, 1-1, OR Eng Eng; Ford, grandson, Oct 1898, 1, s, OR OR OR; Bertha Erickson, servant, Feb 1881, 19, s, KS Sweden IN, housekeeper

1910: Salem, Marion County, Oregon, April 25, 1910; Rev. Robert Booth, head, 89, m2-7yrs, Eng Eng Eng; emigrated to US 1830, retired clergyman; Mary E., wife, 72, m2-7yrs, 3-3, OH OH OH

"BOOTH, ROBERT--The Reverend Robert Booth, a well-known minister of the Methodist persuasion, removed from Lee County, Iowa, to Oregon, in 1852, coming across the plains. He, with his wife and family, located near the Grande Ronde Reservation, in Yamhill County; there remained until 1864, when they removed to Sheridan, and in 1867, to Douglas County. Mr. Booth's present residence is Wilbur." [History of the Willamette Valley by Herbert Lang p. 752-3]

NOTED PASTOR GONE

**Rev. Robert Booth Prominent
in Oregon Pioneer Days.**

NINE CHILDREN SURVIVE

**Notable Work Accomplished by
Pastor, Who Was Admitted to
State Conference in 1855.
Many Charges Served.**

EUGENE, Or., June 14.—(Special.)—

A chapter in the history of Oregon was closed Wednesday night with the death of Robert Booth, minister, who was the last man of those who in pioneer days preached the gospel in the Oregon territory, which at the beginning of his ministry included Washington, Idaho and Oregon.

He was a co-worker of Gustavus and Harvey Hines, Spalding, Stratton, Waller, Roberts, Flynn, Royal and Doane. They came into the then great wilderness, where people were few and the need for their mission was great.

Their work laid the foundation for the religious life of the state and their character was an influence which played a prominent part in the development of good citizenship in Oregon.

Conference Joined in 1855.

Robert Booth was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church from childhood. He was licensed to preach in early manhood and joined the Oregon conference in 1855.

He served many charges in what is now Eastern and Western Oregon and



**The Late Robert Booth, Who Died
Last Week.**

closed his active ministry at Grants Pass in 1895. He was also an active Mason and organized many lodges in Southern Oregon.

Robert Booth was born in Lancashire, England, August 4, 1820, and came with his parents to America in 1830, when the family located in Westchester County, New York. Six years later the family went by steamer to New Orleans and thence to St. Louis by steamer, settling at Fort Des Moines, now Montrose, Iowa. His father died when Robert was 16 years of age.

Mary Minor Married in 1845.

In 1845 Robert Booth married Mary Minor. Five years later he was attracted to California by the gold excitement, but returned East the following year by way of Central America.

In 1852 he crossed the plains to Oregon, bringing his wife and four children. He traveled the old immigrant

route via the Platte, Green River, The Dalles to Portland. The family spent the first Winter near Portland and later took up a homestead in Yamhill County, near Willamina.

Rev. Mr. Booth moved from Yamhill County to Wilbur, the seat of the old Umpqua Academy, as pastor of the Wilbur charge in 1867. The institution had been founded by J. H. Wilbur, a co-worker of Rev. Mr. Booth, and it was arranged that Rev. Mr. Booth should accept the pastorate at that place, that he might educate his family.

Nine Children Survive.

Twelve children were born to Rev. and Mrs. Booth, seven girls and five boys. Mrs. Mary L. Toney died at her home near Mitchell this year. John O. Booth died at Grants Pass in 1911. Rev. G. M. Booth died in 1905, when presiding elder of the Methodist Episcopal Church in The Dalles district.

The children who survive are: W. A. Booth, of Alameda, Cal.; Mrs. Sarah Hockett, of Eugene; Mrs. Jane Mee, of Ashland; R. A. Booth, of Eugene; Mrs. Viola Keyes, of Fossil; Mrs. Ida Belknap, of Monroe; Mrs. Cora Singleton, of Roseburg; J. M. Booth, of Roseburg, and Mrs. Bertha M. Peterson, of Eugene. He is also survived by 33 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Mary Minor Booth died in 1900 and Mr. Booth in 1902 married Mrs. Mary Bushong, widow of a Methodist minister of the Oregon conference. His second wife died in January, 1915. At the time of her death Mr. Booth had made his home in Salem for eight years, but since that time had made his home among his children.

Funeral services were held in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Grants Pass. Interment was made in the Masonic cemetery at that place, his body being placed beside that of the mother of his children. Rev. G. H. Parkinson, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Eugene, had charge of the service, assisted by other ministers of the Oregon conference.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Sunday, July 15, 1917 p. 10]

Children of Robert Booth and Mary Minor:

1. Mary Lucinda Booth

b. 14 Sep 1846 Lee County, Iowa

d. 15 Sep 1916 Mitchell, Wheeler County, Oregon

buried Toney Cemetery, Mitchell, Wheeler County, Oregon

m. 11 Oct 1866 Yamhill County, Oregon

Jonathan Toney [Pioneer of 1846]

b. 24 Sep 1834 Callaway County, Missouri

d. 11 Mar 1886 Mitchell, Wheeler County, Oregon

buried Toney Cemetery, Mitchell, Wheeler County, Oregon

s/o James Patrick Toney and Martha "Patsy" Thornton

1866: Jonathan Toney and Mary Lucinda Booth were married Oct. 11, 1866 by Robert Booth, minister with Harrison Foster and James Toney, Sr. as witnesses. [Marriage Records 1862-1876 Yamhill Co, Oregon by Yamhill County Genealogical Society p.19]

1870: Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon, August 8, 1870; Jonathan Toney, 32, farmer, \$1700 \$600, MO; Mary, 24, keeping house, IA; Effa, 2, at home, OR; James, 2/12 (Apr), at home, OR; James, 71, at home, VA; Mary Minor, 67, at home, VA

1880: Wasco County, Oregon, June 1880, John Toney, head, 42, farmer, MO VA VA; Mary L., 32, wife, 32, keeping house, IA Eng IN; Effie B., 12, dau, at home, OR MO IA; James F., 10, son, at home, OR MO IA; Robt, 8, son, at home, OR MO IA; William O., 6, son, at home, OR MO IA; Mary, 4, dau, at home, OR MO IA; Infant, 2/12 (Apr), son, at home, OR MO IA

1900: Mitchell, Wheeler County, Oregon, June 27, 1900; Mary L. Toney, head, Sep 1847, 52, wid, m-19yrs, 6-5, IA Eng IL, farmer; Mary M., dau, Jun 1876, 23, s, OR MO IA, dressmaker; Louie L., son, Apr 1880, 20, s, OR MO IA, farm laborer

1910: Mitchell, Wheeler County, Oregon, April 20, 1910; Louie L. Toney, head, 29, m1-6yrs, MO MO IA, farmer-general farm; Annlee R., wife, 22, m1-6yrs, 2-1, NC NC NC; William F., son, 4/12, OR OR OR; Mary L., mother, 63, wid, 6-4, IA Eng IN

2. John Owen Booth

b. 13 Jan 1848 Lee County, Iowa

d. 26 Jan 1910 Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon

buried Grants Pass Masonic Cemetery, Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon

m. 08 Oct 1871

Mrs. Ann Eliza (Rowley) LaBrie

b. 05 Feb 1842

d. 10 Sep 1925 Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon

buried Grants Pass Masonic Cemetery, Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon

1870: Wilbur, Douglas County, Oregon, August 24, 1870; Robert Booth, 49, minister of the gospel, \$0 \$800, Eng; Mary, 45, keeping house, IN; John, 22, county school superintendent, IA; George, 18, IA; Sarah, 16, IA; Jane, 14, OR; Robert, 12, OR; Amanda, 9, OR; Ida, 6, OR; Cora, 4, OR; Henry, 1, OR; William, 20, OR

1880: Coles Valley, Douglas County, Oregon, John O. Booth, 32, farmer, IA Eng IN; Annie E., 38, wife, keeping house, IL NY OH; Nettie B., 7, dau, OR; Amy L., 6, dau, OR; John M., 3, son, OR; Edward E. Labrie, 21, step son, farmer, OR Can IN; Rose, 19, step dau, at school, OR Can IN; Thomas J., 18, step son, at home, OR Can IN

1900: Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon, June 1900; John O. Booth, head, Jan 1848, 52, m-28yrs, IA Eng IN, landlord; Ann E., wife, Feb 1842, 58-m-28yrs, 8-6, IL NY OH; Avery, son, May 1874, 26, s, OR; Alva Rowley, father in law, Feb 1815, 85, wid, NY NY NY; + 4 roomers



"HON. JOHN O. BOOTH, the county judge of Josephine county, was born in Lee county, Iowa, January 18, 1848, and was second in a family of twelve children born to Rev. Robert and Mary (Miner) Booth. When four years of age he crossed the plains with his parents and settled on a donation claim in Yamhill county, Ore., near old Fort Yamhill. There the years of boyhood and youth were busily passed in such labors as fell to the lot of pioneers. His father being away from home often, the son early assumed many responsibilities and felt himself to be the protector of his mother and younger children in a region still inhabited by hostile Indians. Schools being few and his opportunities to attend them rare, he studied at home of evenings, when the day's tasks were ended. When the family removed to Wilbur in 1867 he had the advantage of several years of study in Wilbur Academy. The first position of responsibility to which Judge Booth was elected was that of county superintendent of schools of Douglas county, to which he was elected on the Democratic ticket in 1870. At the expiration of his term he turned his attention to farming and

the stock business, beginning at Garden Valley, where he soon purchased a stock ranch of one thousand acres. As the years passed by he made many improvements on the place and bought other farms in that vicinity, one of which he later sold to Douglas county for a poor farm, afterward, superintending the place for the county during its first eight years as a public institution. For several years, in connection with his brother, Robert A., he conducted a mercantile business at Yoncalla, under the firm name of Booth Bros. On selling out to his brother, he resumed the care of his farms and stock.

Having become largely interested in property at Grants Pass, in 1894 Judge Booth settled permanently in this city, but he still retains a farm of seven hundred and fifty acres in Scott's Valley, Douglas county. After coming to Grants Pass he undertook the management of the Western Hotel, which he brought into first-class condition and as yet owns. Later he operated the Josephine Hotel, conducting the two under one management for five years, but now limits his attention to the supervision of the Western. He erected two brick buildings on Front street, one of which he still owns. He also owns a two-story brick building in the Opera House block on Sixth street, a brick building across from the Western Hotel, a number of frame store buildings, as well as other property. No resident of Grants Pass has built more business property than he. With George E. Good he established and built the gas plant, which furnishes gas for lighting and heating the houses of Grants Pass. His mining interests are of an important nature, but he has disposed of a number of these, among them the placer mine on Illinois river, another known as the Jump-Off Joe, and others in the Grand Hills.

In Garden Valley, October 8, 1871, occurred the marriage of Judge Booth to Mrs. Annie E. LaBrie, who was born in Fulton county, Ill. Her father, Alva Rowley, crossed the plains from Illinois to Oregon, in 1853, and after a year at Portland went to Ashland, and in 1855 removed to the French settlement in Douglas county. His next location was near Myrtle Point, Coos county, where he opened and operated a farm until his retirement. At this writing he has reached his eighty-ninth year and is making his home with his daughter in Grants Pass. In the family of Judge and Mrs. Booth there are three children. Nettie Blanche, who was graduated from the Southern Oregon State Normal, married E. E. Dunbar, a large stockman, merchant, lumberman and wood contractor, residing at Wolf Creek, Josephine county. Amy L. is the wife of C. M. Holmes, manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company at Sacramento, Cal. John M., who was educated in the Grants Pass high school, the University of Oregon and Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., is now a bookkeeper with the Sugar Pine Door and Lumber Company of Grants Pass.

The connection of Judge Booth with Masonry began when he was initiated in Oakland Lodge No. 16, A. F. & A. M., and he is now identified with Grants Pass Lodge No. 84, at Grants Pass. At one time he was a member of Laurel Chapter, R. A. M., at Roseburg, but later transferred his membership to Reames Chapter No. 28, R. A. M., at Grants Pass. His connection with the fraternity includes membership in Oregon Consistory No. I of Portland and Al Kader Temple, N. M. S., of Portland. Another society with which he is associated is Roseburg Lodge No. 326, B. P. O. E. His connection with the early history of Oregon is borne in mind through occasional attendance upon the gatherings of the State Pioneer Association and other meetings of old settlers, where tales are told of the early days with their struggles, hardships and excitements. As might be expected of one whose father and mother were earnest, devoted Methodists, Judge Booth has for years been a leading worker in his denomination. As a member of the official board and as Sunday-school superintendent, he has actively promoted the work, and has rendered effective service as lay representative to the general conference held in New York city and Omaha.

Few men in Grants Pass have been more active in politics than Judge Booth. As a leading worker in the Democratic party, his counsel is often sought. For years he has been a member of the state central committee. In 1898 the Democrats nominated him for state treasurer, but he was defeated with the rest of the ticket, although it is worthy of note that in his home county he received twice as many votes as his opponent and had the satisfaction of running four thousand votes ahead of the ticket. In 1902 he was urged to accept the nomination for secretary of state, and that for joint senator, but both of these he declined. In 1902 he was elected county judge on the Democratic ticket, in a county that usually gives a large Republican majority, and these facts speak volumes for his popularity with the people of his community. As judge his service has been intelligent and acceptable and he has labored faithfully to reduce the debt of the county. Through all of southern Oregon he is well known and has a host of friends and well wishers whose confidence he has won and retained by his high sense of honor and unswerving integrity." [Portrait and Biographical Record of Western Oregon p. 501-2]

JUDGE BOOTH IS DEAD

AT AGE OF 62, GRANTS PASS
MAN PASSES AWAY.

Well-Known County Jurist Was
Leading Force in Developing
Southern Oregon.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Jan. 26.—(Special)
—After a lingering illness of several
weeks, Judge J. O. Booth passed away
this morning, unconscious of relatives
around him.

The Judge was born in Lee County,
Iowa, in 1848, and married Anna Laebrie
at Garden Valley, Dougless County, Or.,
in 1872. He leaves a widow and two chil-
dren, Mrs. Any Holmes and John Minor
Booth. Besides these, his aged father,
Rev. Robert Booth; brothers and sisters,
Mrs. L. T. Keys, Salem; Senator R. A.
Booth, and Mrs. Sarah Hockett, Eugene;
J. H. Booth and Mrs. Cora Singleton,
Roseburg; Mrs. Ida Eelknap, Ashland;
Mrs. Bertha Peterson, Grants Pass, and
W. A. Booth and Mrs. May Tony, of
Prineville.

Judge Booth came to Grants Pass in
1890, and has long been identified with
the upbuilding of Southern Oregon. He
was a member of the Oregon A-Y-P Ex-
position Commission, and was for years
connected with the Normal School Board.
From 1903 to 1906 he was County Judge.
He was a prominent member of the Meth-
odist Church.

The funeral will be held Friday under
the auspices of the Masons.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Thursday, January 27, 1910 p.14]

3. William Andrew Booth
b. 06 Sep 1849 Lee County, Iowa
d. 08 May 1922 Lane County, Oregon
buried Masonic Cemetery, Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

m1. 1877
Lucy S. Carey
b. 01 May 1851 Marion County, Oregon
d. 16 Feb 1914 Lane County, Oregon
buried Masonic Cemetery, Eugene, Lane County, Oregon
d/o Abija Carey

m2. 1916
Mrs. Anna Larson
b. 1854 Arkansas
d.

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1880: Yoncalla, Douglas County, Oregon, June 9, 1880; W.A. Booth, 30, merchant, IA Eng IN; Lucy, 27, wife, keeping house, OR IL NY; Luren, 1, son, OR; Robert A., 22, brother, merchant, OR Eng IN; J.R. Ellison, 60, boarder, retired merchant, IL US US; N., 54, boarder, keeping house, IL US US

1900: Prineville, Crook County, Oregon, June 7, 1900; William A. Booth, head, Sep 1849, 50, m-25yrs, Lucretia, wife, May 1852, m-25yrs, 2-2, OR MO NY; Lonn A., son, Nov 1878, 21, s, OR, grocer's clerk; Ivy, dau, Mar 1886, 14, s, OR, at school

1910: Prineville, Crook County, Oregon, April 28, 1910; William A. Booth, head, 60, m1-35yrs, IA Eng US; Lucy S., wife, 58, m1-35yrs, 2-2, OR OH NY

1920: Roseburg, Douglas County, Oregon, January 8 & 9, 1920; William A. Booth, head, 70, IA Eng IN, Anna L., wife, 65, Ark US US; Wilbert L. Nelson, roomer, 25, s, IA Can Can, engine wiper-railroad; Jesse B. Nelson, roomer, 18, s, SD Can Can, engine wiper-railroad

"WILLIAM A. BOOTH, who has shown himself one of the leading commercial men of Crook county, was born on September 6, 1849, in Lee county, Iowa. Robert Booth, a native of England was his father. He came to America when young and settled in New York and as early as 1852, crossed the plains to Yamhill county where he took a donation claim and in 1867, he moved to Douglas county and soon after to Josephine county, all in the state of Oregon. He was a preacher of the gospel in 'the Methodist denomination and was a man of prominence. Our subject's mother, Mary (Minor) Booth, was born in Indiana and came to Iowa when a young girl. She crossed the plains in 1852. After studying in the common schools, our subject entered the Wilbur Academy in Douglas county, Oregon, and there completed his education. In 1871, he came to what is now Crook county and engaged in the stock business. He was especially successful in this line and was soon one of the leading stock raisers of the state of Oregon. Being thus prospered, he gained wealth rapidly and at the same time, demonstrated his ability to handle it very successfully. From 1894 to 1899, he embarked in the mercantile business and gained an equal success in his labors to that in stock raising. Twice Mr. Booth has been sheriff of Crook county and gave the people a splendid administration. In 1902, he was chosen county judge. At the present writing, Mr. Booth is the moving spirit in the establishment of a Bank in Prineville. With several others, they have secured the incorporation papers and will soon elect their officers and open the doors of the institution. He is a man abundantly fitted to take charge of an enterprise of this sort and we may expect the same careful business dealing as has been pursued in his life heretofore. The people have great confidence in Mr. Booth and it is well merited by his life.

In 1877, William A. Booth married Lucy S. Carey, a native of Marion county, Oregon, and the daughter of Abijah Carey, one of the earliest pioneers of the Willamette valley. Two children have been born to this union, Luren A. and Iva E.

Mr. Booth is a member of the A. F. & A. M. and the K. P. He is deservedly classed as one of the earliest pioneers and is a leading citizen and one of the substantial and representative men of Central Oregon." [An Illustrated History of Central Oregon p.768-9]

W. A. BOOTH SUCGUMBS

EASTERN OREGON BANKER IS DEAD AT THE DALLES.

State Highway Commissioner's
Brother Passes Away After Ill-
ness Since Last August.

THE DALLES, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—William Andrews Booth, a brother of State Highway Commissioner Booth, for many years prominent as a central Oregon stockman and banker, died here last night at the home of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. L. A. Booth. Death resulted from cancer. Robert A. Booth was notified yesterday of the approaching end, and left from his home in Eugene at once. He arrived here too late, however.

When the Crook county bank was organized in 1905 Mr. Booth was elected its president, an office which he held until 1914. His first marriage was in 1877, to Mrs. Lucy Cary. She died in 1915. Two children, a daughter, Mrs. Iva Price, who died in Eugene five years ago, and a son, L. A. Booth, who died in The Dalles last winter, resulted from this union. Mr. Booth married Mrs. Anna Larson of Alameda, in 1916, going to Prineville to live. In recent years their home was in Roseburg. Last August Mr. Booth came to The Dalles to transact business, and while here was operated upon for carcinoma. Relief was but temporary, the disease having progressed too far, and he was taken to the home of his son to await the end.

William A. Booth was a member of the Masonic and Knights of

Pythias lodges, at Prineville. Besides Robert A. Booth, another brother, J. H. Booth, of Roseburg, and four sisters, Mrs. J. M. Hockett and Mrs. Bertha Peterson of Portland, and Mrs. E. E. Belknap and Mrs. Cora Singleton of Roseburg survive. The body will be sent to Eugene for interment in the family mausoleum.

too late, however.

William A. Booth was born in 1849, in Iowa, and with three other children, was brought by his parents to the Oregon country by way of the overland route in 1852. The family settled on a homestead in Yamhill County, near Willamina. As a young man, William A. Booth came to old Wasco county in 1872, settling near Mitchell, in what is now Wheeler county, taking up stock raising. Upon the organization of Crook county he was elected its sheriff, serving two terms, taking office the first time in 1890. He later moved to Prineville, and in 1902 was elected county judge, serving only a part term.

4. George Minor Booth

b. 12 Jan 1852 Lee County, Iowa

d. 14 Jul 1905

buried Lee Mission Cemetery, Salem, Marion County, Oregon

m. 03 Jan 1878 Monmouth, Polk County, Oregon

Clara Ellen Staats

b. 20 Jun 1858

d. 15 Nov 1911

buried Lee Mission Cemetery, Salem, Marion County, Oregon

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1880: Wasco County, Oregon, June 1880; Geo M. Booth, 28, school teacher, IA Eng IN; Clara E., 26, wife, keeping house, OR MO MO; Daisy, 1, dau, OR

1900: Moscow, Latah County, Idaho, June 1, 1900; George M. Booth, head, Jan 1852, 48, m-22yrs, IA Eng Eng, preacher; Clara E., wife, Jun 1854, 45, m-22yrs, 5-5, OR NY IN; Daisy V., dau, Dec 1878, 21, s, OR, teacher; Winifred B., dau, Nov 1880, 19, s, OR, at school; August C., dau, Feb 1885, 15, s, OR, at school; Wilfred G., son, Mar 1888, 12, s, WA, at school; Warren R., son, Sep 1863, s, WA

**WELL-KNOWN MEMBER OF CO-
LUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE.**



The Late Rev. George M. Booth.
THE DALLES, Or., July 20.—(Special.)—Rev. George Minor Booth, who died suddenly at his residence in this city Friday, was one of the best-known members of the Methodist conference in this portion of the Northwest. His whole term of ministry had been spent in the Columbia River Conference, to which he was admitted in had been a presiding elder for many years, the past three years having been spent in The Dalles district, with his residence at The Dalles. He has held prominent positions in the church management for many years, chief among them being his membership for four years in the book committee and also of the 20th century forward movement commission.

Mr. Booth was born in Lee County, Iowa, January 12, 1852, but was reared from infancy in Oregon. In 1878 he was married to Miss Clara D. Stants, near Monmouth, Or., and to them five children were born, who, with the exception of one daughter, Winifred, survive him, with their mother. Mr. Booth left his father, Robert Booth, of Salem, seven sisters and four brothers, among whom are State Senator R. A. Booth, of Eugene, and Hon. J. H. Booth, of Roseburg.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Friday, July 21, 1905 p.14]

"Mrs. G.M. Booth Called By Death--Well Known Salem Woman Dies--Funeral Today At First M.E. Church--Mrs. G.M. Booth, a well-known Salem woman passed away at midnight Wednesday at the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland, and will be buried this afternoon from the First Methodist church at 2:45 o'clock. Interment will be made in Lee Mission cemetery.

Two sons, Wilfred and 'Toots' and a daughter, Mrs. Wallace Trill survive her. Mrs. Booth was the widow of Rev. G.M. Booth, who died in this city about six years ago." DOS Nov 17, 1911 8:4 See also: DOS Nov 18, 1911 3:4

- 5. Sarah Foster Booth
 - b. 17 Mar 1854 Oregon
 - d. 27 Jan 1937 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
 - buried Lincoln Memorial Park, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
 - m. 1875 Douglas County, Oregon
 - Jesse Mills Hockett [Pioneer of 1847]
 - b. 25 May 1846 Henry County, Iowa
 - d. 12 Feb 1929 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon
 - buried Lincoln Memorial Park, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

1870: Wilbur, Douglas County, Oregon, August 24, 1870; Robert Booth, 49, minister of the gospel, \$0 \$800, Eng; Mary, 45, keeping house, IN; John, 22, county school superintendent, IA; George, 18, IA; Sarah, 16, IA; Jane, 14, OR; Robert, 12, OR; Amanda, 9, OR; Ida, 6, OR; Cora, 4, OR; Henry, 1, OR; William, 20, OR

1880: Coles Valley, Douglas County, Oregon, June 10, 1880; Jessie M. Hockett, 33, teaching school, IA PA IA; Sarah L., 26, wife, keeping house, IA Eng NY; Claud G., 3, son, OR; Clyde T., 2, son, OR; Guy 8/12 (Sep), son, OR

1900: Merlin, Josephine County, Oregon, June 18, 1900; J.M. Hockett, head, May 1845, 55, m-25yr, IA IN IA, laborer-saw mill; Sarah, wife, Nov 1854, 46, m-25yrs, 7-7, OR Eng IN; Clyde T. son, Feb 1878, 22, s, OR IA OR, laborer-saw mill; Waife, dau, Jun 1884, 15, s, OR IA OR, at school, Bessie, dau, Apr 1888, 12, s, OR IA OR, at school; Harold, son, Oct 1892, 7, s, OR IA OR; Jenny A. Cary, sister in law, Mar 1856, 44, wid, 4-2, OR Eng IN, cook

1910: Springfield, Lane County, Oregon, May 13, 1910; Jesse M. Hockett, head, 63, m1-34yrs, IA IA IA, farmer-general farm; Sarah, wife, 55, m1-34yrs, 7-7, OR Eng IN; Merle, dau, 27, s, OR, teacher-oratory; Bessie, dau, 20, s, OR; Harold, son, 17, s, OR

1920: Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, January 6, 1920; J.M. Hockett, head, 73, IA US US; Sarah, wife, 64, OR Eng IN; Bess Skog, dau, 30, OR IA OR; Edward L. Skog, son in law, 31, OR Norway, IL, sea captain-merchant vessel

1930: Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, April 8, 1930; Sarah B. Hockett, head, 76, wid, OR Eng IN; Bess N. Skog, dau, 42, div, OR IA OR, teacher-public school

SARAH HOCKETT FUNERAL TODAY

Service Set for Member of
Pioneer Family

The funeral of Sarah Booth Hockett, member of the Booth family, early Oregon pioneers, will be held today at 1 P. M. from the Pearson funeral church. Vault entombment will be at Lincoln Memorial park mausoleum.

Mrs. Hockett died Wednesday at her home, 5315 Northeast Mallory avenue, after a prolonged illness. She was a sister of R. A. Booth, prominent lumberman of Eugene, and of J. H. Booth of Roseburg.

Her father was Rev. Robert Booth, well known as a Methodist circuit rider in the early days. The donation land claim of the Rev. Mr. Booth and his wife Mary was near old Fort Yamhill, where Phil Sheridan, who became a civil war general, was stationed as a lieutenant.

Educated in Oregon

Sarah Booth, born March 17, 1854, was one of 12 children. She received the greater part of her education in the old Methodist Wilbur academy in Douglas county, where the Booth family moved when she was 11 years old. She married Jesse Mills Hockett in 1875. He was a pioneer of 1847 whose parents succumbed to mountain fever while crossing the plains. He died in 1929.

The Hocketts both were teachers in the Wilbur academy. They moved to Portland in 1917 after living nearly 40 years in Douglas county. During her residence in both communities she took an active part in the affairs of the Methodist church.

Surviving her are seven children: Mrs. Jay Bowerman, Mrs. W. A. Davenport, Mrs. Bess H. Skog and Claude G. Hockett, all of Portland; Dr. Clyde T. and Harold K. of Enterprise, and Guy B. Hockett of Pinedale, Wyo. Her two sisters, Mrs. R. A. Peterson of Newberg and Mrs. E. H. Belknap of Monroe, are both living.

Long Life Closes



Sarah Booth Hockett, daughter of one of early Oregon's famous circuit riders, who died Wednesday and is to be buried here today.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Friday, January 29, 1937 p.9]

"Jesse M. Hockett: lives on Garden bottom; is a farmer and school teacher; was born May 25, 1840, in Henry county, Iowa; was educated at Willamette University; married Sarah F. Booth, August 22, 1877. Children, Claud Gatch, Clyde T., Guy and Jesse .M. .Mr. Hockett came to Oregon in 1847 and to county in 1865." [History of Southern Oregon by Walling p. 513]

"Jesse M. Hockett is a native of Iowa, in which state he was reared to the age of two years, and very soon after passing the second anniversary of his birth in 1847, his parents with their five children, of whom he was the youngest, started across the plains with an ox team. Both the father and mother died en route, the care of the family then devolving on the eldest child, Rachel, who had attained her maturity and soon thereafter married John Griffith and reared her younger brothers and sisters. She died when Jesse M. Hockett was a youth of thirteen years, after which he was bound out to a man by the name of Bronson, who resided in the vicinity of Portland. He continued to live with him until he was nineteen when he began working for himself. As he was ambitious and desired to acquire a better education he went to Wilbur, this state, and worked his way through Umpqua Academy.

Later he matriculated at Willamette University at Salem, where he studied for a time and then turned his attention to teaching, following this profession for ten years. He subsequently acquired a ranch in Douglas county, this state, upon which he settled and has ever since devoted his attention to its further improvement and cultivation. It is located five miles from Eugene and is one of the valuable properties of the county, the land being used for general farming and fruit culture. Mr. Hockett is one of the foremost citizens of his community and has always taken an active part in all political affairs, giving his support to the men and measures of the republican party." [Excerpt from the biography of Clyde T. Hockett, The Centennial History of Oregon by Joseph Gaston Vol. 3, p. 62]

OREGON LOSES PIONEER

JESSE MILLS HOCKETT'S ACTIVE CAREER ENDED.

Long Life of Portland Citizen
Marked by Achievement in
Useful Fields.

Oregon lost another pioneer resident when Jesse Mills Hockett died at his home, 1131 Mallory avenue in this city.

Mr. Hockett had made his home in



Jesse Mills Hockett.

this state since he was one year of age and had taken a prominent part in the upbuilding of Oregon. For a time he was principal of the pioneer Methodist academy at Wilbur, Or. He had made his home in Portland since 1917.

Mr. Hockett was born May 25, 1846, in Henry county, Iowa. His parents, Nathan H. Hockett and Rebecca Mills Hockett, with their five children, started across the plains by ox teams in the spring of 1847, with a colony of members of the Friends church. Both parents died of mountain fever and were buried, as were many others of the pioneers, in unmarked graves, along the Snake river.

He arrived in Oregon, an orphan one year of age. He was educated in Oregon preparatory schools and at Willamette university. In his youth he joined the Methodist church and maintained active affiliations with it during the remainder of his life.

He resided in Douglas county for nearly 40 years. For about 20 years he lived at Ashland and Grants Pass, having moved there on account of his wife's health, and later spent several years at Springfield. Since 1917 he has resided in Portland. As a boy he frequently came to Portland from his boyhood home at Cedar Mills, and never tired of recounting his experience in driving and camping sheep at spots which today are the sites of Portland skyscrapers.

On August 22, 1875, he married Sarah Booth, one of the 12 children born to the Methodist circuit rider Robert Booth and his wife, Mary Minor Booth.

The deceased and his wife celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at Portland, which was attended by their seven children and several grandchildren.

His death occurred at his home here Tuesday, February 12. Interment was at the Lincoln Memorial mausoleum.

He is survived by his widow, Sarah B. Hockett, and the following children: Claude G., Dr. Clyde T., Guy B. and Harold K. Hockett, Mrs. W. A. Davenport, Mrs. Jay Bowerman and Mrs. Bess H. Skog.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Sunday, February 24, 1929 p. 16]

6. Jennie Armstrong Booth

b. 25 Mar 1856 Oregon

d. 12 Feb 1921 Ashland, Jackson County, Oregon

buried Ashland Cemetery, Ashland, Jackson County, Oregon

m1.

Jason Lee Cary

b. 25 Jan 1848

d. 19 May 1899 Wheeler County, Oregon

buried Fossil IOOF Cemetery, Fossil, Wheeler County, Oregon

m2. 1901 Grants Pass, Oregon

James Franklin Mee

b. 17 Oct 1865 Applegate, Jackson County, Oregon

d. 05 Nov 1909 Ashland, Jackson County, Oregon

buried Ashland Cemetery, Ashland, Jackson County, Oregon

s/o Thomas and Drusilla Mee

1870: Wilbur, Douglas County, Oregon, August 24, 1870; Robert Booth, 49, minister of the gospel, \$0 \$800, Eng; Mary, 45, keeping house, IN; John, 22, county school superintendent, IA; George, 18, IA; Sarah, 16, IA; Jane, 14, OR; Robert, 12, OR; Amanda, 9, OR; Ida, 6, OR; Cora, 4, OR; Henry, 1, OR; William, 20, OR

1900: Merlin, Josephine County, Oregon, June 18, 1900; J.M. Hockett, head, May 1845, 55, m-25yr, IA IN IA, laborer-saw mill; Sarah, wife, Nov 1854, 46, m-25yrs, 7-7, OR Eng IN; Clyde T. son, Feb 1878, 22, s, OR IA OR, laborer-saw mill; Waife, dau, Jun 1884, 15, s, OR IA OR, at school, Bessie, dau, Apr 1888, 12, s, OR IA OR, at school; Harold, son, Oct 1892, 7, s, OR IA OR; Jenny A. Cary, sister in law, Mar 1856, 44, wid, 4-2, OR Eng IN, cook

1910: Ashland, Jackson County, Oregon, April 18, 1910; Jennie A. Mee, head, 52, wid, 4-2, OR Eng IN, own income; Verne Cary, son, 19, s, OR + 2 lodgers

1920: Pacific, Lincoln County, Oregon, January 26 & 27, 1920; Walter G. Walmard, head, 42, OR IL CA, retail merchant-groceries; Hazel, wife, 36, OR; Carmen, dau, 8, OR; Ruth, dau, 2 9/12, OR; Jennie A. Mee, mother in law, 62, wid, OR Eng IN

7. Robert Asbury Booth

b. 15 May 1858 Yamhill County, Oregon

d. 28 Apr 1944

m. 15 May 1881

Clatona Ann Laraut

b. Feb 1847 Oregon

d.

1870: Wilbur, Douglas County, Oregon, August 24, 1870; Robert Booth, 49, minister of the gospel, \$0 \$800, Eng; Mary, 45, keeping house, IN; John, 22, county school superintendent, IA; George, 18, IA; Sarah, 16, IA; Jane, 14, OR; Robert, 12, OR; Amanda, 9, OR; Ida, 6, OR; Cora, 4, OR; Henry, 1, OR; William, 20, OR

1880: Yoncalla, Douglas County, Oregon, June 9, 1880; W.A. Booth, 30, merchant, IA Eng IN; Lucy, 27, wife, keeping house, OR IL NY; Luren, 1, son, OR; Robert A., 22, brother, merchant, OR Eng IN; J.R. Ellison, 60, boarder, retired merchant, IL US US; N., 54, boarder, keeping house, IL US US

1900: Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon, June 13, 1900; Robert A. Booth, head, May 1858, 42, 42, m-19yrs, OR Eng Mass, mgr-lumber co; Clintina, wife, Feb 1847, 43, m-19yrs, 4-3, OR Can IL; Roy, son, May 1885, 15, s, OR; Floyd, son, Jun 1886, 13, s, OR; Barbara, dau, Jun 1890, 7, s, OR; Ida La Rant, sister in law, June 1872, 28, s, OR Can IL, manager-telephone co

1910: Eugene, Lane County, Oregon, May 19, 1910; Robert Booth, head, m1-29yrs, OR Eng, lumberman-Booth-Nelson; Laroe, wife, 51, m1-29yrs, 4-3, OR Can IL; Barbara, dau, 18, s OR

1920: Eugene, Lane County, Oregon, January 6-16, 1920; Robert A. Booth, head, 62, OR Eng IL; Clintona A., wife, 61, OR Can IL; Barbara W., dau, 28, s, OR; Benticia Peterson, servant, 24, s, MN Denmark Denmark, servant-private home

ROBERT A. BOOTH.

Was born in Yamhill county, Oregon, May 15, 1858, his parents being Rev. Robert and Mary Booth, who crossed the plains from Iowa to Oregon in 1852. A donation claim was selected on the Willamina, where the family remained until 1867, when a removal was made to Wilbur, in order that the children might have the advantages of a good schooling at the academy located at that place. From this institution our subject graduated in 1875. Wishing a business education he went to San Francisco, and attended the Heald's business college, graduating therefrom in 1879. On his return to Oregon he was located at Yoncalla for six years, engaging there in merchandising and milling. He then removed to Drain where he was connected with the normal school of that place, one year as assistant principal and two years as principal. In 1888 he went to Grants Pass and accepted the position of bookkeeper for the Sugar Pine Door & Lumber Co., of that city. In 1895 he succeeded to the management of the company and still retains the position. In 1897, in conjunction with John F. and James H. Booth (his brothers), and G. H. Kelly, all native sons of Oregon, he organized the Booth-Kelly Lumber Co., in Lane county. They began with a capital of \$50,000, but such has since been increased to a million, and it is all paid up. From this one must know that the enterprise is one of great magnitude.

In 1889 he organized the First National bank of Grants Pass and was its cashier for ten years, and is now its president. He was married May 15, 1881, to Miss Clatona LaRaut, a native daughter of the state, whose parents, Narcisse and Amy LaRaut, came across the plains in the early fifties. They have three children living, two sons and a daughter. Politically Mr. Booth is a republican. He was elected to the senate as a joint senator for the counties of Douglas, Josephine and Lane in June, 1890.

[Oregon Native Son Vol 2 p. 472]

BOOTH, R. A., of Grant's Pass, was born in Yamhill County, Oregon, May 15, 1858. In 1867 he went to Douglas County, where he began to teach at the age of seventeen. Later he became principal of the Drain Academy and Normal School. In 1888 he located in Grant's Pass. In 1890 he organized the First National Bank, of which he is cashier. He is also vice-president and manager of the Sugar Pine Door & Lumber Co. Since 1880 he has been continuously a delegate to the Douglas and Josephine county conventions, and to the state conventions of 1880, 1882, 1892 and 1896.

[Republican League Register p. 184]

Robert A. Booth

Few, if any other, men of Oregon have left gifted touch on so many enterprises—business, civic, educational, cultural—as Robert Asbury Booth. In his long life he had been head of an Oregon state normal school, the founder of successful banks, of large lumbering and stock-raising enterprises. He had served in the state senate, on the state highway commission, as trustee of Willamette university, on the state park commission.

His life span was longer than that of the State of Oregon, in which he was born. He saw it grow from pioneer beginnings, and he contributed, as have few other men, to its progress and development.

In his younger years Mr. Booth was active in politics, but his inclinations were more advisory than personally ambitious. He participated in republican state conventions for twenty years, prior to enactment of the direct primary law. In 1914 he did become a candidate for the United States senate, but more in response to urgings by his friends than from personal inclination. His principal opponent was George E. Chamberlain, who had been popular as governor and as senator theretofore elected by the legislature. The campaign was complicated by the candidacy, as a progressive, of William Hanley, well-known stockman of central Oregon. Chamberlain was elected.

Mr. Booth returned without rancor to his private business and to the exercise of his abiding interest in useful but generally unrequited public service.

To have been born in Oregon eighty-five years ago is in itself a distinction. His father was a minister of the gospel, a circuit rider, and to the son descended a devout interest in and respect for the Methodist church with which he affiliated. There stands in the state house grounds a memorial to the pioneer gospel men of Oregon—an equestrian statue of a circuit rider, his father—the memorial a gift to the state from Robert A. Booth.

Robert A. Booth was known by his works, and they are works that will long hereafter keep him known to the citizens of his native state.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, May 1, 1944 p. 4]

8. Amanda Viola Booth

b. 26 Feb 1861 Oregon

d. 06 Aug 1917 Fossil, Wheeler County, Oregon

buried Fossil IOOF Cemetery, Fossil, Wheeler County, Oregon

m. 16 Feb 1880 Wilbur, Douglas County, Oregon

Zachery Taylor Keys

b. Sep 1846 Tennessee

d. 25 Aug 1932 Marion County, Oregon

buried Fossil IOOF Cemetery, Fossil, Wheeler County, Oregon

1870: Wilbur, Douglas County, Oregon, August 24, 1870; Robert Booth, 49, minister of the gospel, \$0 \$800, Eng; Mary, 45, keeping house, IN; John, 22, county school superintendent, IA; George, 18, IA; Sarah, 16, IA; Jane, 14, OR; Robert, 12, OR; Amanda, 9, OR; Ida, 6, OR; Cora, 4, OR; Henry, 1, OR; William, 20, OR

1900: Mitchell, Wheeler County, Oregon, June 25, 1900; Zach T. Keyes, head, Sep 1846, 53, m-20yrs, TN TN TN, farmer and stock raiser; Mandy, wife, Feb 1861, m-20yrs, 3-3, OR Eng IN; Walter E., son, Jan 1881, 19, s, OR TN OR, at school; Henry D., son, Jan 1885, 15, s, OR TN OR, at school; Gusten T., son, Jun 1888, 11, s, OR TN OR

1910: Salem, Marion County, Oregon, April 19, 1910; Zachary T. Keyes, head, 63, m1-30yrs, TN TN TN, farmer-stockman; Amanda V., wife, 49, m1-30yrs, 3-3, OR Eng IN; Walter E., son 29, s, OR;

Gladys V., dau, 12, s, OK; F. Olga Keyes, cousin, 23, s, OR TN OR, student-business college; + 3 lodgers

9. Ida Eugenia Booth

b. 26 Jun 1863 Oregon

d. 23 Feb 1937 Benton County, Oregon

buried Alpine Cemetery, Alpine, Benton County, Oregon

m.

Edward Harlan Belknap

b. 12 Feb 1860

d. 28 Mar 1948 Oregon

buried Alpine Cemetery, Alpine, Benton County, Oregon

1870: Wilbur, Douglas County, Oregon, August 24, 1870; Robert Booth, 49, minister of the gospel, \$0 \$800, Eng; Mary, 45, keeping house, IN; John, 22, county school superintendent, IA; George, 18, IA; Sarah, 16, IA; Jane, 14, OR; Robert, 12, OR; Amanda, 9, OR; Ida, 6, OR; Cora, 4, OR; Henry, 1, OR; William, 20, OR

1880: Wilbur, Douglas County, Oregon, June 8, 1880; Robert Booth, 59, farmer, Eng Eng Eng; Mary, 53, wife, keeping house, IN VA VA; Ida E., 16, dau, at home, OR; Cora B., 14, dau, at school, OR; James W., 10, son, at school, OR; Bertha M., 7, dau, OR

1900: Bellfountain, Benton County, Oregon, June 6, 1900; Edward Belknap, head, Sep 1860, 39, m-11yrs, OR KY OH, farmer; Ida E., wife, Jun 1863, 36, m-11yrs, 3-3, OR Eng IN; Harlan C., son, Feb 1891, 9, s, OR, at school; Gilbert N., son, Dec 1892, 7, s, OR, at school; Edward F., son, Jun 1899, 11/12, OR

10. Cora Bell Booth

b. 09 Sep 1865 Yamhill County, Oregon

d. 21 Mar 1929 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

buried Roseburg Memorial Gardens, Roseburg, Douglas County, Oregon

m. 24 Oct 1887 Roseburg, Douglas County, Oregon

Thomas Edward Singleton

b. Apr 1864 Douglas County, Oregon

d. 11 Aug 1931 Roseburg, Douglas County, Oregon

buried Roseburg Memorial Gardens, Roseburg, Douglas County, Oregon

1870: Wilbur, Douglas County, Oregon, August 24, 1870; Robert Booth, 49, minister of the gospel, \$0 \$800, Eng; Mary, 45, keeping house, IN; John, 22, county school superintendent, IA; George, 18, IA; Sarah, 16, IA; Jane, 14, OR; Robert, 12, OR; Amanda, 9, OR; Ida, 6, OR; Cora, 4, OR; Henry, 1, OR; William, 20, OR

1880: Wilbur, Douglas County, Oregon, June 8, 1880; Robert Booth, 59, farmer, Eng Eng Eng; Mary, 53, wife, keeping house, IN VA VA; Ida E., 16, dau, at home, OR; Cora B., 14, dau, at school, OR; James W., 10, son, at school, OR; Bertha M., 7, dau, OR

1900: Wilbur, Douglas County, Oregon, June 9, 1900; Edward T. Singleton, head, Apr 1864, 36, m-13yrs, OR KY unk, farmer; Cora B., wife, Sep 1865, 34, m-13yrs, 2-2, OR Eng IN; Beryl V., dau, Mar 1889, 11, s, OR, at school; John B., son, Dec 1890, 9, s, OR, at school

"Mrs. Cora Booth Singleton, wife of T. E. Singleton of Roseburg, and a well-known woman of this city, passed away Thursday evening, March 21, 1929 at the Eugene Hospital following an extended illness over the past month. Mrs. Singleton was taken to the hospital February 28th and about two weeks ago underwent a major operation, from which she was apparently recovering. Thursday her condition took a change for the worse and relatives were summoned from here to her bedside. Mr. Singleton, her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Booth, and their son, Edwin, went immediately to Eugene.

Mrs. Singleton was a member of a well-known family of Douglas County, was identified with club work and prominent socially, and her death comes as a great shock to her many friends.

She was born Sept. 9, 1865, the daughter of Rev. Robert Booth and Mary Booth; her birthplace a farm near Willamina in Yamhill County. The daughter of a Methodist minister, Mrs. Singleton early took an interest in religious work and was a life-long member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church.

Her early education was received in the Garden Valley schools in Douglas County, and she completed her education at Umpqua Academy at Wilbur, where, in addition to other subjects, she studied music. Later she taught school, first at Gird's Creek in Crook County near Prineville, and later at Clover Creek on the North Umpqua, near Roseburg.

At the latter place she met Thos. Edward Singleton, whom she married Oct. 23, 1887 at Roseburg. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Miller at the home of Ed's father. Roseburg was their home for the next few years, followed by residence at Oak Creek and Garden Valley, where they lived on a farm formerly owned by her father. Moving to Hilt, Calif., she was manager of the Hilt Sugar Pine cookhouse for two years. Returning to Oregon the family resided at Wilbur and in 1909 moved to Roseburg where they resided until her death.

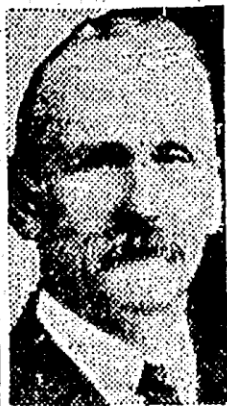
Ed and Cora Singleton had two children: Bliss, who makes his home in Drain, and Beryl (Mrs. H. F. Ogden), who lives in Eugene.

During her residence in Roseburg, Mrs. Singleton made a wide circle of friends by her cheerful and lovable personality. She was a Daughter of the Nile for many years and two years ago was President of Badoura Club. She was also a member of the Roseburg chapter of the Eastern Star Lodge, and a past matron of that order.

Her body was brought to Roseburg last night. Her funeral was conducted by Rev. Chas. A. Edwards at the Methodist Church, where she had served so many years, and burial was in the Masonic Cemetery." [Roseburg News-Review, Roseburg, Oregon, March 22, 1929]

Thomas E. Singleton.

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock today for Thomas E.



Singleton, 67, one of Roseburg's best-known residents, who died Tuesday night. Mr. Singleton was born on Oak creek, east of Roseburg, April 30, 1864, a son of Thomas Jefferson and Sarah Elizabeth Singleton, who came from Missouri to Oregon in 1852.

He engaged in farming and stock-raising for a number of years, and was engaged for a short time in the operation of a grocery store in Roseburg. With the exception of two years spent at Hilt, Cal., he was a life-long resident of Douglas county.

He served several terms as deputy sheriff and was also a member of the city police force for a period of about four years. For the past 15

years he served as bailiff of the circuit court.

He was married in Roseburg, October 23, 1887, to Cora Booth, also a member of a pioneer family, who died in March, 1929. He is survived by a son, Bliss Singleton of Roseburg, and a daughter, Mrs. Beryl Ogden of Eugene; two brothers, Will and Walter Singleton, both of Roseburg, and three sisters, Mrs. S. I. Thornton, Roseburg; Mrs. Dave Clements, Jennings Lodge, Or., and Mrs. Minnie Richardson, Portland.

[Morning Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Friday, August 14, 1931 p.7]

11. James Henry Booth

b. 04 Aug 1869 Douglas County, Oregon

d. Sep 1947

buried Roseburg Memorial Gardens, Roseburg, Douglas County, Oregon

m. 1896 Grants Pass, Oregon

Catherine A. Campbell

b. 1876

d. 1958

buried Roseburg Memorial Gardens, Roseburg, Douglas County, Oregon

1870: Wilbur, Douglas County, Oregon, August 24, 1870; Robert Booth, 49, minister of the gospel, \$0 \$800, Eng; Mary, 45, keeping house, IN; John, 22, county school superintendent, IA; George, 18, IA; Sarah, 16, IA; Jane, 14, OR; Robert, 12, OR; Amanda, 9, OR; Ida, 6, OR; Cora, 4, OR; Henry, 1, OR; William, 20, OR

1880: Wilbur, Douglas County, Oregon, June 8, 1880; Robert Booth, 59, farmer, Eng Eng Eng; Mary, 53, wife, keeping house, IN VA VA; Ida E., 16, dau, at home, OR; Cora B., 14, dau, at school, OR; James W., 10, son, at school, OR; Bertha M., 7, dau, OR

1900: Roseburg, Douglas County, Oregon, June 5, 1900; James H. Booth, head, Aug 1870, 29, m-4yrs, OR Eng IN, US Land Office; Kathrine, wife, Aug 1875, 24, m-4yrs, 0-0, OR NY IL; Lucinda Dodson, servant, Jun 1873, 27, m-5yrs, 0-0, OR KS IL

"J. H. Booth, Vice President of Roseburg Branch, U.S. Nat'l Bank, Dies After Long Illness--J. Henry Booth, vice president of the United States National Bank of Portland, died at Mercy Hospital early this morning after a long illness. He was 78 years old.

Prominent in civic affairs, he was for many years president of the Douglas National Bank, one of the oldest financial institutions in Southern Oregon, until its merger with the U. S. National in 1943.

He had been ill for several months. In his most recent attack, he was confined to the hospital for the past 11 days.

Mr. Booth was born Aug. 4, 1869 in the parsonage at Wilbur, Oregon, the son of the late Rev. Robert Booth, pioneer Methodist preacher. He was educated at the Umpqua Academy at Wilbur and graduated from Willamette University at Salem in 1889. He was married to Miss Catherine A. Campbell at Grants Pass in 1896.

Mr. Booth was secretary-treasurer of the Sugar Pine Door and Lumber Co. at Grants Pass, 1892-97, and became associated with the Booth-Kelly Lumber Co. at Eugene in 1897. He was president of the Oregon State Fair, 1909-1916; director of the National Trotting Association for 17 years, and of the Oregon State Library.

He became president of the Douglas National Bank in Roseburg in 1909 and served continuously until the bank's merger with the U. S. National of Portland four years ago. He retired last year from active management of the bank, but retained his vice presidency of the Portland institution.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday in the chapel of the Roseburg Funeral Home. The Rev. Walter MacArthur, pastor of the First Methodist Church, of which Mr. Booth was a member, will officiate.

Mr. Booth was also a member of the Roseburg Rotary Club, Roseburg Elks Lodge, and the A. O. U. W.

Surviving relatives include the widow and two sons, Harrie W. Booth and Edwin S. Booth, both of Roseburg; a sister, Mrs. Bertha Peterson, Newberg, Oregon., and four grandchildren, Harriett, Catherine, Bryan, Mollie, and James Henry, all of Roseburg." [Roseburg News-Review, Roseburg, Oregon, October 1, 1947]

Banker Dies In Roseburg

J. H. Booth Career Ends at 78 Years

ROSEBURG, Oct. 1 (Special) J. H. Booth, vice-president of the United States National bank of Portland, and until recently manager of the Roseburg branch, died here Wednesday following a long illness. He had been identified with banking in Roseburg since 1901, when, in association with his brother, the late R. A. Booth, and others, he joined in purchasing the Douglas National bank, organized in 1883.

He became president of the bank in 1909 and served continuously in that capacity until merger with the United States National four years ago. Ill health forced his retirement from active management last year but he retained his office of vice-president.

Born at Wilbur, August 4, 1869, the son of a pioneer Methodist circuit rider, he was educated at the Wilbur academy and Willamette university.

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He came to Roseburg following employment with lumber concerns at Grants Pass and Eugene.

He was president of the Oregon state fair from 1909 through 1916, and also was president of the Oregon State Library association. He was active in civic affairs, and held membership in the Rotary club, Elks and Woodmen lodges, and Methodist church.

Surviving are the widow, the former Catherine A. Campbell, to whom he was married at Grants Pass in 1896; two sons, Harrie W. and Edwin S. Booth, all of Roseburg; a sister, Mrs. Bertha Peterson, Newberg, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 P. M. Friday at the chapel of the Roseburg funeral home.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, October 2, 1947 p. 13]

12. Bertha May Booth

b. 01 Oct 1872 Douglas County, Oregon

d. 04 May 1959 Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon

buried Grants Pass Masonic Cemetery, Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon

m1. 28 Jul 1897 Grants Pass, Oregon

Victor Allen Peterson

b. Jan 1874

d. Jul 1908 Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon

buried Grants Pass Masonic Cemetery, Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon

m2. 1924 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

Roy A. Peterson

b. 22 Jul 1879

d. 03 Jun 1970 Newberg, Yamhill County, Oregon

buried Valley View Memorial Park, Newberg, Yamhill County, Oregon

1880: Wilbur, Douglas County, Oregon, June 8, 1880; Robert Booth, 59, farmer, Eng Eng Eng; Mary, 53, wife, keeping house, IN VA VA; Ida E., 16, dau, at home, OR; Cora B., 14, dau, at school, OR; James W., 10, son, at school, OR; Bertha M., 7, dau, OR

1900: Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon, Robert Booth, head, Aug 1820, 79, wid, Eng Eng Eng, emigrated to US 1831; Victor Peterson, son in law, Jun 1875, 25, m-3yrs, OR WI WI, bank keepers; Bertha, dau, Oct 1872, 27, m-3yrs, 1-1, OR Eng Eng; Ford, grandson, Oct 1898, 1, s, OR OR OR; Bertha Erickson, servant, Feb 1881, 19, s, KS Sweden IN, housekeeper

Death Takes Early Native

Word of the death of Mrs. Bertha May (Booth) Peterson, youngest of 12 children of the pioneer Methodist missionary and circuit rider, Robert A. Booth, and Mary Minor Booth, in a nursing home near Lafayette, Ind., was received Tuesday.

Funeral will be Friday at Newman Methodist Church, Grants Pass, with interment in the Masonic Cemetery.

Mrs. Peterson died Monday at the Cornell Nursing Home, her son, John B. Peterson, 201 Forest Hill Dr., West Lafayette, Ind., reported.

She was born in Garden Valley, Douglas County, and her girlhood was spent at Monroe and Grants Pass where her father was Methodist pastor in his later years.

She was educated at the Umpqua Academy, the Portland Business College and Willamette University. She married Victor Allen Peterson in 1897. He died in 1908. Mrs. Peterson then married a cousin of her first husband, Roy A. Peterson, Grants Pass, who survives.

A bronze statue of her father depicting a "circuit rider" occupies a site near the State Capitol Building in Salem. He died in 1917 at the age of 97. The statue was presented the state by a son, Robert A. Booth, Eugene lumberman, who died in 1944.

Mrs. Peterson was the last survivor of the pioneer Oregon family which came to the Oregon Territory by covered wagon in 1852.

Her parents and brothers and sisters were prominent in the early development of the territory.

Mrs. Peterson was a member of the First Methodist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star of Newberg. She had been ill four years.

Survivors beside the widower include three sons, Victor F., Grants Pass, Robert A., Milwaukee, Wis., and John B., Lafayette.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Wednesday, May 6, 1959 p.23]