
King Folk

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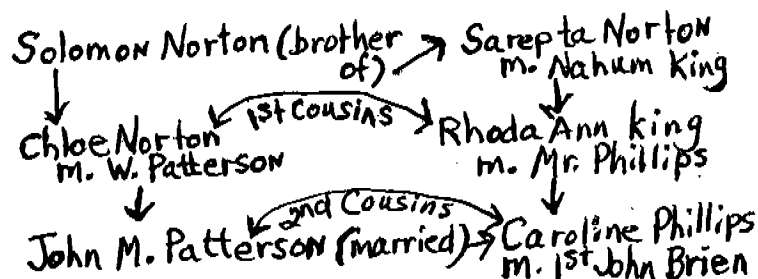
What's New?

Lyneé Carpenter wrote to say that the Beebe-King delegation would gladly set up for the King Reunion held June 25, 1994. Thanks so much for getting the reunion off to a good start by designing and mailing the flier and for all the help provided during the reunion. They have good ideas for the 1995 reunion too.

Patricia Bearden sent a clipping telling about research being conducted by two Portland women, Barbara Scot and Marilyn McDonald. They are gathering tales by women from earlier generations to compile into a book that "will be multigenerational and multi ethnic, reflecting the dignity, wisdom and life experiences of female ancestors," according to Ms. Scot. People are invited to submit their stories to the project. Stories do not need to be well-written or polished, but should reflect the significance of a grandmother's experience. Patricia sent for guidelines on submitting stories and you can get more information from her: 1029 S. Pine ST., Newport, OR. 97365-4526.

Ellen M. Craven of Battleground, WA. sent information that not only makes a King connection, but also a Norton connection. Carole Putman sketched out the connection as shown in the diagram at the top of the page. ↗

Retha Greig wrote to ask if there are records of the Kings Valley Cemetery that have been kept and if so, who has them now? The cemetery as it exists today consists of three parts: the Pioneer Cemetery, the IOOF Cemetery, and a section known as "the new section." The group that would have the records is the Kings Valley Cemetery Association. This group also works to maintain the cemetery. You can get information or mail donations to: W. P. Eddy,



2620 SW 53rd St., Corvallis, OR. 97333.

Francis L. Rexford plans to research the year his great grandfather Rexford started for Oregon from Madison, Iowa. He wants to pinpoint the year as 1850 or '51 so he can finish the half-fiction and half-fact story Teens on the Oregon Trail. He'll also be checking on some information in Shelby Co., Illinois. He plans to take pictures and to write a travelogue on the Oregon Trail. Sounds like an interesting trip and we wish him good fortune.

Another cousin, Allan White of Eugene, is writing a book about the Meek trail and is willing to share some of it with us next year.

Patricia Bearden is our contact person for the next Meek Cut-off Wagon Train trip, similar to the one held in 1993, which she participated in. The next trip will be in 1995 which is the 150th anniversary of the 1845 Meek Cutoff wagon train journey. Patricia also received and answer to her question about the Plunkett drum which is part of the OSU Horner Museum artifacts. Director Lucy Skjelstad wrote to her telling that the drum is "among our most treasured artifacts. Please rest assured that it is still in safe hands. Please reassure those who are concerned that we are most aware of the significance of the artifacts and will not allow



What's New?

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them to be squandered in any way." Ms. Bearden is attempting to join Friends of Horner Museum in order to receive information about the future of the museum and artifacts. As for now the museum remains closed.

Spring cleaning for Jim King of Cottage Grove, OR., meant catching up family information on his computer and putting file cards in alphabetical order (approximately 2000 cards). He visited the grave of Sarah King Chambers Sept. 2, 1993 and plans to visit the grave again in 1995, which is the 150th anniversary of her death.

Mabelle Martsching, a member of The Mid-Valley Genealogical Society in Corvallis wrote to ask about receiving King folk and to ask about information on the "King book" that she had heard was being compiled. David Trask replied to her letter giving information about King folk and the reunion. Concerning the "King book" David explained that "so far, there is no 'Book'. I have all the notes written by our late family member and historian of 40 plus years, Nathan A. King, Sr., who passed away in 1989. He was going to put it all together but was too ill the last 5 years of his life. The notes are somewhat hard

to go through and it will take a long time for someone to actually write a book on the family. Each year, we all make a commitment to contribute a chapter or two, but it seems none of us really has the time. Someday we will put it all together."

David invited Mabelle to attend our reunion and also let her know he was willing to share any of the 1500 obituaries he's collected of various family members relating to Nahum & Sarepta King.

Mabelle reminded us that "about five years ago, several of our society members walked all the cemeteries in Benton Co. and brought the books up to date." She states that the Kings Valley cemeteries are in Vol. I and the cost is \$25.00 post paid. Write to her if you'd like to order a book. Mabelle Martsching, 3000 NW Roosevelt Dr., Corvallis, OR. 97330-1164.

David Trask sent a wonderful group snapshot of those who attended the 1994 reunion on June 25. He wants you all to know that he has reprints and will be glad to mail one to you if you send him a SASE. Write to David Trask, 691 Murphy Rd. Suite 115, Medford, OR., 97504.

Charlotte Wirfs

List of Subscribers for 1994-'95

The following people have paid \$6.00 dues for the 1994-'95 year:

Patricia Bearden
 Jesse & Maxine Bell
 Maxine Blaumer
 Betty Brummett
 Chuck & Jerri Cleis
 Retha Greig
 Ann K. Herring
 Bill & Gladys King
 James King
 Robert & Janie King
 Stephen King
 Nadine Long

Mabelle C. Martsching
 David Morgan
 Kenneth Munford
 Carol King Nelson
 Carla Perkins
 Marilyn Price
 Carole Putman
 Suzanne E. San Romani
 Maxine Sprick
 David M. Trask
 Allan White
 Charlotte Wirfs

If your name isn't on this list and you have paid your dues, please write to Charlotte Wirfs. There was one member that did not get listed. If you need to pay, please send payment to Charlotte Wirfs, 3810 Ridgemont Dr., Ruston, LA. 71270. Most people paid at the reunion and a few mailed their payment.

Ancestors of Mary Margret Morris

Parents

Grandparents

Great-Grandparents

2nd Great-Grandparents



William Jasper Morris

Louis Morris
born: February 14, 1872
in Owsley Co., Kentucky

Jane Ambrose

Lewis Clark Morris
born: March 23, 1904
in Monument, Grant Co., Oregon

Samuel Velorious Cochran
born: October 27, 1852

Mary Maud Cochran
born: 1877
in Chetler Flat, Oregon

Theresa Georgetta Jane Couch
born: 1857
in Memphis, Missouri

Mary Margret Morris
born: February 28, 1942
in Prairie City, Grant Co., OR

James Chambers
born: September 7, 1844
in Carrol Co., Missouri

Rowland Chambers
born: March 12, 1813
in Hamilton County, Ohio
Sarah King
born: July 25, 1823
in Madison Co., Ohio

Rowland King Chambers
born: 1871
in Kings Valley, Benton Co., OR

Clarinda Gertrude Kisor
born: December 13, 1851
in Guilds Lake, Portland, OR

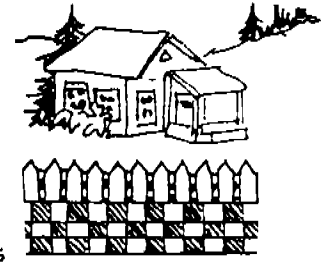
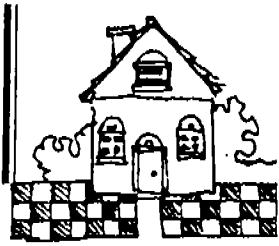
George W. Kisor
born: 1823
in Ohio
Sarah Ann Freel
born: 1829

Ramona Jane Chambers
born: May 27, 1911
in Prairie City, Grant Co., OR

Isiah Hinkley Wood
born: December 14, 1827
in Blue Hill, Maine

Johanna Wood
born: May 28, 1878
in Canyon City, Grant Co., OR

Margret McLaughlin
born: January 30, 1839
in Tyron, Ireland



THE CHAMBERS CONNECTION

From notes of Mary Margret Morris Davis

Mary Margret Morris was born Feb. 28, 1942 in Prarie City, Grant County, Oregon. She is the daughter of Lewis Clark and Ramona Jane Chambers Morris. She married Joseph Thomas Davis, Jr. Aug. 31, 1962 at Moody AFB, Valdosta, L., Georgia. Their children are: Deanna Lynn Davis Hardy; Jodi Leigh Davis Roy. There are two grandchildren: Louis Alan Hardy and Cody Lewis Roy.

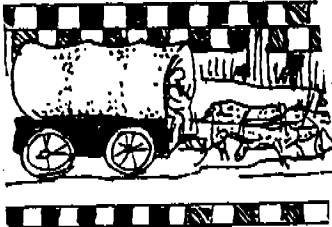
Ramona Jane Chambers was born May 27, 1911 at Prairie City, Grant County, Oregon. She is the daughter of Rowland King and Johnna Wood Chambers. On November 18, 1939 Ramona married Lewis Clark Morris at Canyon City, Grant County, Oregon. Lewis died Feb. 7, 1969 at John Day, Grant County, Oregon. Children of Lewis C. and Ramona J. Morris are: Mary Margret Morris Davis; and John Louis Morris, born 1944 and married Charlene Boyer. There are five grandchildren: Deanna Lynn Davis Hardy; Jodi Leigh Davis Roy; Misty Dawn Morris; Sunny Tamara Morris; Tawny Lou Morris.

Rowland King Chambers was born at Kings Valley, Benton County, Oregon in 1871. He is the son of James and Clarinda G. Kisor Chambers. On September 5, 1900 Rowland King Chambers married Johanna Wood. Johanna was born May 28, 1878 at Canyon City, Grant County, Oregon and died Sept 11, 1918 in Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon. Children of Rowland King and Johanna Wood Chambers are: Paul King Chambers; Bernice Gertrude Chambers; Margret Ann Chambers; Pat Wood Chambers; and Ramona Jane Chambers Morris. There are seven grandchildren. Rowland King Chambers built a retail store in Canyon City, OR. which failed. The family then moved to Prairie City where the last two children were born. Later the family moved to Newport, OR. in order to improve the failing health of Johanna, who may have been suffering from TB. Rowland King Chambers died at Lynn, Washington and is buried at Toledo, Oregon.

James Chambers was born Sept. 7, 1844 at Carrol County, Missouri. His parents were Rowland and Sarah "Sally" King Chambers. On Valentines Day 1870 James married Clarinda Gertrude Kisor who was born December 13, 1851 at Guilds Lake, Portland, OR. Children of James and Clarinda Chambers are: George Chambers; Sarah "Sada" Chambers; Rowland King Chambers; Fred Warren Chambers; and Anna Chambers. James had one sister, Margaret Chambers Bagley, and 14 half brothers and sisters who were born after his father married Lovisa King, sister of his first wife, Sarah King, who died in 1845 on the Meek Cut-off. James taught Latin and Greek at Willamette University in Salem, OR. and was President of Philomath College. He received the first appointment to be a post trader at Siletz Indian Reservation and was occupied in that trade at the time of his death August 17, 1882. Clarinda was an early settler of

Philomath, OR. as her father, George W. Kisor, was one of the founders of Philomath. She met and married James while she was a student at Philomath College and the family moved to Siletz Indian Reservation 12 years later. Upon the death of James, she applied for and was granted a license to trade with the Indians, making her the first woman to do so. Five years after James's death, she married W. C. Copeland and moved to Toledo. They had one daughter, Ester Copeland Anderson. Lincoln County Historical Society at Newport has the license and her collection of Indian artifacts and her needlework. Clarinda Gertrude Kisor Chambers Copeland died in 1929 at Newport, Lincoln County, Oregon.

For more information write to: Mary Margret Davis
1125 Lawrence
Kingsville, TX. 78363



HIGHLIGHTS FROM 1993 WAGON TRAIN

Patricia Bearden, Maxine Bell, and Carole Putman

Continued from King Folk No. 7, April 15, 1994

...Seney's have some chickens along, in a crate, and Willy the rooster, who they say crowed at 3:15 AM when the moon woke him up. I slept through it, but Carole said this morning that she had heard a rooster, and wondered if there was a ranch nearby. No ranch, only Willy!...

Patricia Bearden

...Nooning of day one was in a nice cool meadow. Food was excellent. Sliced turkey po'boy sandwiches heaped with lettuce and mayo, with fruit, cookies, and potato chips on the side. Breakfast was served hot and steaming and it was always delicious. There was plenty of food and people could have seconds....

Maxine Bell

...A good lunch. I started walking after lunch. Got tired and was offered a ride on a horse that was being led behind the wagon. When I tired of that, I got into the wagon for the rest of the bumpy way....

Carole Putman

...After lunch we climbed higher where we could distinctly hear a water fall, but we never approached it. Finally, we discovered that the sound we were hearing was the noise the wagons ahead of us were making. Our ancestors obviously heard that tantalizing noise of a waterfall too. Water was so precious for them that they must have been agonized by that echoing noise of the wagons up ahead. Other noises the wagons made were constant creaking from the wheels as they rolled over rocks and rubble in the path....



...Teamsters kept gloves on and husband & wives relieved one another to rest sore hands. People riding in the wagons or on horses were sore in other places from the rough ride. Even the walkers suffered from sore feet....

...Early in the trip a sore leg caused Jesse to slow down. Because people were encouraged to keep up with their wagon (so as not to startle the teams by walking to the side of them) a pick-up wagon was located at the rear of the wagon train to carry stragglers. I found Jesse there and climbed in too. We listened to a fellow traveler read her ancestor's diary of the 1853 wagon train....

Maxine Bell

...We made it to camp about 4:30 PM--tired out but feeling rather triumphant. Gayle and I were the only walkers with our wagon who made the whole trip on foot. The rest rode part of the way. We heard later, varying accounts of today's mileage--14.7 miles or 15.3--anyway, about 15 miles. I can't believe that I made it that far! But it feels good to be able to say I did it.

...I found out last night that having to blow up my air mattress is a real pain. Carole was smart--she got a foam pad that actually inflates itself!

Supper was hamburgers and chili. Good!...

Patricia Bearden

...The Guardsmen keep moving our gear and portable toilets, so all was on hand when we arrived at camp, which was a wide meadow with pine trees around.

After supper all pioneers were invited to the wedding of Mr. & Mrs. Ross (Jesse & Sharon Ross) a couple of mid-age. They were married in front of their wagon. The wagon had broken a wheel in the afternoon and was patched to get it to camp. The wheel was taken to a near-by town to be repaired, but needed a new part for complete repair. At Keystone Ranch next afternoon, another wagon was hauled in for the couple to complete their journey....

Carole Putman

...The National Guard Dr. traveling with the train treated 153 medical problems, mostly blisters and one sprained ankle. A vet had to take care of a few horses that were down. "Horse down" was called throughout the camp ground from one area to another to locate the vet. Two horses had to be removed after the first day to have their hooves shod. All horses were to have had that done within one week before the trip, but those two got neglected.

On the first day one wagon wheel broke and two others also were removed. All three wheels were placed into a pond overnight so they would swell up for the next day. One wheel had to be replaced. It belonged to the wedding-party wagon. Yes, a couple was married on the trail that first day and 13 people were traveling with the bride and groom. The people attending the ceremony were costumed in the 1840 period....

Maxine Bell



Thursday July 8, 1993

...Had a good night's sleep. Willy, the rooster is still crowing early in the morning. After getting our gear together, Pat and I went to breakfast. Maxine and Jesse Bell left the wagon train because of Jesse's sore leg....

Carole Putman

...We took a shuttle back to Prineville to rest Jesse's leg. We returned on the same route the wagon train would travel. At the Keystone Ranch the cattle guards had to be covered with planks and a layer of dirt followed by a layer of straw. It was necessary to fool the mules and horses, who would not have crossed if they detected a cattle guard. Such a thing would bring the whole train to a stop for not another animal would have crossed it. Walkers were bunched together to cross this guard so they wouldn't inadvertently indicate the guard was there. The mules were smart enough to comprehend the action of the humans. The people had to be fooled to do this too and were told they were being bunched together for picture taking.

Passers by on the highway could view the wagon train coming for miles. One woman was moved to tears by the scene. She remarked about the wagons looking so tiny....

Maxine Bell

...Yesterday, many of us gals' hands swelled during the day, but went down by evening. Today, more swelling. Never had that happen before.

We ate lunch at the Keystone Ranch, named for a keystone-shaped light patch on the hill across the road. Pretty, but no shade, so I'm writing this sitting leaned up against the wheel of the pickup truck that hauled our lunches in...

...Weather today is quite a bit warmer, not a cloud in the sky. This could become a challenge. We started off again at a pretty fast clip after lunch. It got hot, and the horses behind us were pushing in close, because we were in sight of Highway 26 and they wanted a bunched-up train for the sake of photo opportunities. I never walked with horses almost bumping my elbows before!...

...When we stopped briefly in mid-afternoon, I hopped up onto one of the storage boxes on the wagon towed behind our covered wagon.... I was glad for all the "padding" I possess on my backside as that was a rough trip! But it required less energy than walking in the hot sun. If I'd been on my way West in 1845 and had ridden on a rough wagon during the early part of the trip, I would have gotten off in Nebraska and said "forget it!"..

Patricia Bearden

The last part of Highlights From 1993 Wagon Train will be printed in King Folk, No 9. Sept. 1994.

Kings Valley Pioneer Cemetery

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115. A. Rowland Chambers, b. March 12, 1813, d. Jan. 6, 1870,
Father. (There is a foot stone with R.C.)
B. Lovisa, wife of R. Chambers, d. Dec. 3, 1889, age 63y.
9m. 1d., Mother.
116. Children of R. & L. Chambers:
A. Farewell, Annie, d. May 27, 1879, age 14y. 2m. 20d.
B. Alice, d. May 25, 1879, age 11y. 4m. 17d.
117. A. W. G. is on the side of the stone. Wm. Grubbs, d.
Jan. 18, 1864, age 27y, 1m. 13d.
B. D. G. is on the side of the stone. David Grubbs,
d. May 31, 1886, age 77y.
118. Allen:
A. blank.
B. Maria A. Allen, 1848 - 1913.
119. Allen, Hetty Ann, wife of Charles Allen, d. Jan. 12, 1864,
age 54y. 8m. 19d.
120. Lucy, dau. of J.W. & J.A. Allen, d. Jan. 12, 1878, age
4y. 2m. 28d.
121. Julia A. Allen, 1848 - 1926.
122. J.W. Allen, 1846 - 1920.
123. J.M. Huston, d. Oct. 23, 1875, age 71y. 8m. 15d., Masonic
emblem on the stone.
124. Price:
A. Mother, Mary E., 1847 - 1915.
B. Father, James B., 1841 - 1909.

There is a fir tree in row 10 between #124 and #125.

125. E. Grant, d. Sept. 19, 1880, age 55y. 6m. 13d.
126. White cross and a small stone with no markings.
127. Preston Price, 1851 - 1926. Masonic emblem on stone.

Row 11:

- 127.5 (This is a new stone since first reading)
A. Asa B. Alexander, Oct 7, 1851 - May 4, 1924.
B. James, July 12, 1874 - June 27, 1879.
C. Rebecca, Feb. 8, 1860 - March 5, 1951.
D. Minnie, April 21, 1877 - May 12, 1879.

There is a open space in row 11. Grave #128 of row 11 is below
#119 & #120 of row 10.

128. Children of Wm. M. and Emily C. Pitman:
A. Hetty A., b. April 20, 1864, d. May 28, 1864. Foot
stone with H.
B. Charles E., b. Aug. 29, 1859, d. Nov. 16, 1859. Foot
stone with C.
C. Ellah, b. May 18, 1865, d. May 18, 1865. Foot stone
with E.
129. Wm. M. Pitman, d. Feb. 1, 1886, age 60y. Erected by dau.

- 130. Clarence Lee Bump, 1876 - 1950.
- 131. Jessie Esther Bump, 1880 - 1971.
- 132. Lieut. J.M. Pitman, Co. A. 71st Ohio Inf.
- 133. J.W. Price, 1846 - 1908.
- 134. Mary O. Kays, beloved dau. of F.R. and G. Price, d. Dec. 27, 1882, age 24y. 9m. 15d.
- 135. Dora Loretta, dau. of S.T. & Z. Garrison, b. Jan. 18, 1860, d. Nov. 4, 1876, age 16y. 9m. 22d.
- 136. Serilda Garrison, Oct. 10, 1838 - Sept. 23, 1888.
- 137. Mary A. Lemon, 1858 - 1895.
- 138. White cross and metal marker with no marking.

Row 12:

- 138.5 (New stone since first reading) Wm. Perry, son of F.G. & H.J. Thomas, d. July 16, 1872, age 4y. ? (a fresh break is in the stone) 7d.
Note: this stone may not be new. It may have been missed during the first reading. It's straight down from Miller's grave and in line with Little Annie's.
- 139. E. Byron, son of J. & R. Harris, d. Aug. 6, 1870, age 1y. 11m. 6d.
- 140. Ralph L., son of J.A. & Tena Wood, April 15, 1904, Jan. 31, 1906. At rest.
- 141. Zedie (unsure of that name) D., son of A.D. & S. Scrafford, d. July 8, 1875, age 1y. 11m. 4d.
- 142. Britton Wood, b. Clay Co. Mo., March 11, 1822, d. Jan. 11, 1880, age 57y. 11m. 3d. Masonic emblem on stone.
- 143. Infant son of B. & P. Wood, d. May 25, 1872, age 7d.
- 144. Unknown. Metal marker.
- 145. Glen ?, Fisher Funeral Home Albany, Halsey, Jefferson.
- 146. Metal marker with no name.
- 147. Susie F. Groshong, d. Dec. 23, 1875, age 5y. 1m. 18d.
- 148. Lilac bush with white cross, no name.
- 149. White cross with no name.
- 150. Nahum Norton, d. Oct. 6, 1850 - 1922, age 72y. 4m. 27d. Metal marker and grey stone. A.L. Keeney, Independence Funeral Home.
- 151. Rebecca Fuller, 3, 13, 1851 - 11, 25, 1893.
- 152. Jasper Frantz, b. Jan. 6, 1849, d. Jan. 28, 1907.
- 153. Mary E. Kingery, 8, 29, 1875 - 1, 26, 1920.
- 154. Metal marker and red stone. Charles A. Frantz, 1849-1933.

Row 13:

- 155. Melvesta A., dau. of H.M.A. Wood, d. Feb. 7, 1879. age 5y. 1m.
- 156. Mary A., wife of J.A. Wood, b. Feb. 24, 1854, d. Dec. 16, 1899. Wood.
- 157. B.P. Barton, son of J. & A. Plunket, d. Sept. 26, 1875, age 4y. 27d.
- 158. Jas. Plunkett, Co. D., 4, Cal. Inf.

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Sarepta or Serepta?

by Charlotte Wirfs

I have heard from several of you that I've been spelling Nahum King's wife sometimes as Sarepta and sometimes as Serepta. Looking through all the information I've collected, I've noticed the name is often spelled differently. One evening I decided to go through my references and see if one spelling was used more often. It was a toss-up, but in the end I favored the spelling as Sarepta.

Joan Larsen of Portland, OR, wrote to support the spelling as Sarepta, as she well remembers her Aunt Minnie Price, a genealogist and family historian, often remarked that Sarepta was the correct spelling.

Minnie Price was the daughter of Willard and Sarepta (Norton) Price. Joan states, "Under Willard Price in History of Benton County, 1885, by David Fagan, his (Willard's) wife is referred to as Sarepta. In the same book Nahum King's wife is referred to as Serepta. Do you think they would have used two different spellings in the same family?" Joan also says that on the King Family Bible page it is spelled Sarepta for both women. She asks, "Where did Serepta come from?"

Does anyone have any more to offer on this subject? Farther discussion will be printed in future issues of King Folk.



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