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JOHN AND MARY GAY COGSWELL, Married Lane Co., Oct. 28, 1852

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PIONEER of 1846**

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PIONEER ASSOCIATION,
June 4, 1883**

**LIST OF PIONEERS ATTENDING
year came and from what state**

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The Withers family, father and mother's marriage listed as the 59th in Lane County. Front row—Emma (Cornelius); J. E. P. Withers, father; Jessie (Edmiston); Mrs. Margaret Sloan Gillespie Withers, mother; Anna (Emery); Back row—Allie (Hawley; Price Withers; Mabel (Bogart); W. W. Withers, sheriff—killed in the line of duty in early 1900's; Mary (Van Duyn).

Correction for VOL. VI, No. 1, of March, 1961:

In the table of contents,, inside front cover—Under BANKS OF LANE COUNTY the line "president 1954 to 1960" should be after the 5th story listed, to read. "The Charge of Lane County Pioneers, Merle S. Moore, president 1954 to 1960."

The cover picture—Marriage photo of John Cogswell and Mary Gay, October 28, 1852 — first marriage recorded in Lane County records (although the second entry of the record was dated April 1, 1852 and therefore makes this really second in point of time.

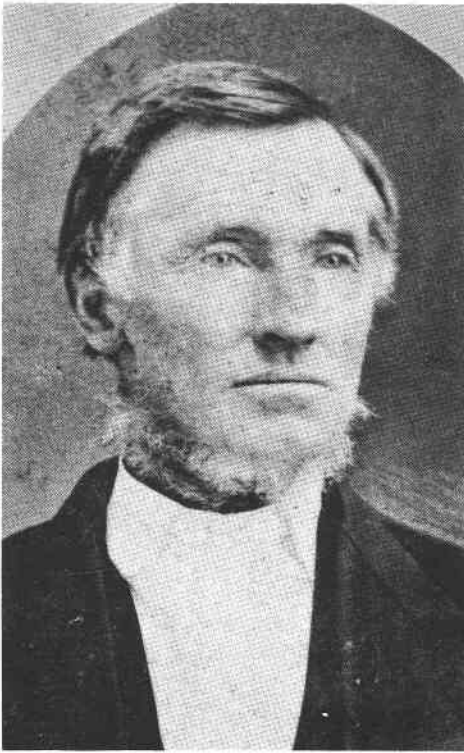


Benj. Milton Richardson & Melinda Paradine Gibson, first couple of record to be married in Lane County, April 1, 1852. Both lived in the Fern Ridge section of the Long Tom Valley, about 10 miles west of Eugene. He was the son of Ben^r. Richardson who came to Yamhill Co., Oregon in 1846 and to the Long Tom Valley, Lane Co. in 1848—the same year that the Bristow families joined their father, Elijah Bristow, who had settled at Pleasant Hill in 1846 to be the first resident of Lane County. Miss Gibson, daughter of the Archibald Gibsons, pioneers of 1850.

FIRST HUNDRED LANE COUNTY MARRIAGES

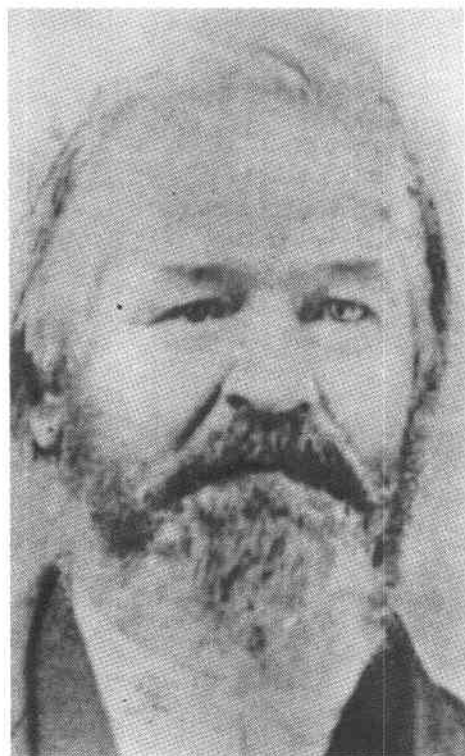
Taken from Book "A", courthouse records,* by Leah C. Menefee

1. John Cogswell and Mary Francis Gay, by Luther White, October 28, 1852.
2. Benjamin M. Richardson and Melinda Paradine Gibson, by Rev. John W. Starr. April 1, 1852, at house of Mr. Gibson, Lane County.
3. John Vallely and Elizabeth Brown, by Rev. John W. York, M. E. Minister, Jan. 24, 1853.
4. Alvin Hills and Sarah J. Blair, by Rev. John W. Starr, at my house, Feb. 19, 1853.
5. Mr. E. L. Bristow to Miss Jane Jones, by Wm. W. Bristow, J. P., March 13, 1853.
6. James Lundy and Oline Davis (age 22 & 16), at home of Mrs. Martha Davis by Rev. Wm. Sperry, March 2, 1853.
7. Gilmore Callison to Mrs. Eliza Linder, Pleasant Hill, by Wm. W. Bristow J.P., May 15, 1853.
8. Henry Kearney (?) and Eveline Mays, by Wm. W. Bristow, J.P., May 22, 1853.
9. William Miller to Delilah Peatree, by Wm. W. Bristow, J.P., May 29, 1853.
10. Jacob Hastings to Britannia Malone, by Rev. G. D. Gager, December 26, 1852.
11. Thomas Mainard to Mary Davis, by Rev. G. D. Gager, May 26, 1853.
12. Mr. J. F. Vandervert to Miss Grace Clark, married on the 14th day of April, 1853, by me Robert Robe, Presbyterian minister, of the County of Lane, Territory of Oregon.



Rev. Robert Robe, crossed the plains to Oregon in 1851, intending to be a missionary to the Indians. Performed many early marriages, founded Eugene Presbyterian Church in 1855 and was first Lane County school superintendent.

13. Mr. Charles Clark to Miss Adaline Alexander, by Robert Robe July 31, 1853.
14. James E. Bowden to Mary Elston, by Elder G. R. Caton, August 19, 1853.
15. Richard C. Robinson to Sarah Ann Petree, by Rev. G. R. Caton, Christian Church, August 14, 1853.
16. Levi Linder (?) and Susan Ann Callison, by G. R. Caton, August 26, 1853.
17. Samuel H. White of Marion County and Ruth Ogle of Lane, at residence of Esquire Ogle, in Lane County, September 2, 1853.
18. David M. Risdon, Esq. and Pauline C. Wright, by M. P. Deady, asst. Just. Supt. Ct. O. T., October 8, 1853.
19. Samuel Davis and Mary P. Webster, by Rev. R. Robe, at residence of Esq. Ogle, August 31, 1853.
20. Simon McCallister and Elizabeth Ogle, by R. Robe, September 21, 1853.
21. Jesse Soverns and Elizabeth Lafardamas, by Rev. M. Zumwald, September 27, 1853.
22. Mr. Callison and Rebecca J. (or F.) Linder, by R. Robe, at residence of Rev. Mr. Callison, September 22, 1853.
23. Charles S. Rouse and Jane Whitney, by Luther White, October 13, 1853.
24. Harrison A. Stevens and Emily E. Pearce at residence of Mr. Pearce by R. Robe, October 30, 1853.
25. James Huddleston and Samantha Davis, by R. Robe, October 27, 1853.
26. John S. Barkhull and Nancy Bagley, by Robert Robe, November 9, 1853.
27. James Davis and Martha McCullie, by Philip Mulkey, September 22, 1853.
28. Robert Alexander and Minerva Crabtree, by Philip Mulkey, September 22, 1853.
29. Ezekiel Batey & Nancy Ring by Philip Mulkey, November 20, 1853.
30. John Ralston and Phill (?) Mitchel by Gillmore Callison, November 9, 1853.
31. William Luna and Mary Jane Nale, by Rev. Louis Castell, November 11, 1853.
32. James M. Spores and Mary C. Thomas, by G. W. York, March 27, 1853.



Rev. Geo. W. Bond, one of the earliest Baptist ministers, pastor 1858-1868. The Baptist church was the first founded in Eugene area, 1852, as "The Willamette Forks Baptist Church of Jesus Christ."

33. Mr. Bagley and Mrs. Bagley, remarried, Dec. 26, 1853.
34. William Hayes and Miss Mulkey, by Rev. Robert Robe, Feb. 5, 1854.
35. G. W. Adams and Sarah J. Crane, Rev. Robert Robe, February 9, 1854.
36. W. H. Fisher and Rebecca Smith, by Joseph Ogle, December 8, 1853.
37. William F. Lyon and Jane McClure, by Joseph Ogle, December 15, 1853.
38. John Champ Richardson and Rebecca Driskell, by Philip Mulkey, March, 1854.
39. Jeffery Hays and Sarah Capehart, by Philip Mulkey, March 16, 1854.
40. Philander C. Davis of Umpqua and Louisa Jane McAtee, by Rev. Lewis Casteel, Feb. 29, 1854.
41. Joshua A. Knowles of Umpqua County to Elizabeth P. Crow of Lane Co. by Jonathan Tibbetts, minister M. E. church, April 27, 1854.
42. Stephen Rigdon and Zilphia Etna Bristow, by John F. Gilfrey, Judge Pro. Ct., April 23, 1854.
43. Sylvester M. Wait and Mary Hargrove in Lane County, by John W. Starr, Oct. 6, 1853.
44. James E. P. Crow and Margaret P. Morgan in Lane Co., by John W. Starr, December 25, 1853.
45. Joseph B. Starr and Elizabeth Hileman in Lane Co., by John W. Starr, January 11, 1854.
46. Peter Rudio and Scintha Lucinda Simpson, by John W. Starr, March 2, 1854.
47. John Hendric and Harriet Amanda Denning, by Phillip Mulkey, May 3, 1854.
48. William Nelson Luckey and Lucinda Anderson, by Rev. Robert Robe, April 4, 1854.
49. Benjamin Poindexter and Mary Kinney, by Rev. Robert Robe, Apr. 5, 1854.
50. Wyatt Crane and Mrs. Nancy Ferguson, by Robert Robe, May 16, 1852.
51. James R. Phillips to Elizabeth A. Sparks, by Chas. Bradshaw, min. of Gospel, May 23, 1854.
52. Horace Woodcock and Nancy Jane Pollock, by A. J. Hammitt, Justice of the peace, May 28, 1854.
53. Wm. Cribens and Mrs. Cordelia Matilda Enas, by John F. Gilfrey, Judge Pro. Ct.,



Rev. H. H. Spaulding came to the Oregon Country with Dr. Marcus Whitman in 1836-37. Was missionary to the Nez Perce Indians, until after the Whitman massacre in 1847, then settled in the Willamette Valley at Brownsville.

- June 18, 1854.
54. John Braehas and Phoebe McPherson, by Philip Mulkey, July 2, 1854.
 55. Wm. Johnson and Alvina Cook, by (?) Lily M. Cook, Min. of the Gospel, July 23, 1854.
 56. W. R. G. Trail and Adaline Southworth, by Jesse Cox, J. P. of Precinct No. 2, August 10, 1854.
 57. James Elbert and Elizabeth Braton, home of Paul Braton, by G. W. Bond, Min. of the Gospel., December 15, 1853.
 58. A. B. Stevens and Delia No-land, by G. W. Bond, minister of the Gospel, August 6, 1854.
 59. John Withers, Benton Co., and Margaret J. Gillespie, Lane County, at home of Jacob Gillespie, by G. W. Bond, August 9, 1854.
 60. Isaac Barclay of Douglas Co., and Sarah G. Freeman of Lane, by John W. York, Elder of M. E. church, August 11, 1854.
 61. Raison Reed and Susan McCulloch, by Philip Mulkey, August 5, 1854.
 62. Robert Robe and Eliza A. Walker, by Rev. H. H. Spaulding, (assoc. of Marcus Whitman) July 18, 1854.
 63. Joseph M. Lane and Rebecca Davidson, by Rev. Robert Robe, June 28, 1854.
 64. Simpson Poindexter and Maria Baker, by Robert Robe, September 21, 1854.
 65. George D. Robison and Sarah C. Richardson, by Lewis Cas-teel October 7, 1854.
 66. M. P. Davidson and Mahala Wood, June 20, 1854.
 67. Edward Mulhollen Jr., and Margaret Elvina Turpin, by John F. Gilfrey, J. Prob. Ct., September 21, 1854.
 68. James Butler (?) and Lucinda Isabel Conklin, by Preston Hamilton, actng, J.P., Octo-ber 5, 1854.
 69. James Rochester and Dele-vancia E. Warren, by Wm. Gale, J. P., September 4, 1854.
 70. Vincent Jones and Sarah Hoffman, by John Whiteaker, J.P. September 6, 1854.
 71. Avery A. Smith, esq. of Eu-gene City and Helen M. Par-sons, by Thom. H. Pearne (?), minister of Gospel, Oct. 5, 1854. October 5, 1854.
 72. Ezariah Park and Elizabeth

- Moore, by Samuel Dillard, Min. of the Gospel, August 24, 1854.
73. John D. Hampton and Mary Moore, by Samuel Dillard, Min. of the Gospel, October 26, 1854.
 74. John Russell and Margaret Imbler, by Philip Mulkey, October 1, 1854.
 75. Szerenus Mulkey and Jane Gibson, by Philip Mulkey, October 1, 1854
 76. Isaac Allen and Aremantha Moss by John G. Gilfrey, J of Probate Court, October 21, 1854.
 77. Wm. L. Spry and Martha Mulhollen, by John F. Gilfrey, J. Probate Court, October 12, 1854.
 78. Joseph M. Petty and Martha Matilda Bunyard, by John F. Gilfrey, Probate J., October 22, 1854.
 79. John McKenzie and Almira Winters by Hulings Miller, J. P., September 25, 1854.
 80. John Lewis and Martha E. Howard, by Hulings Miller, J. P., October 12, 1854.
 81. James S. Lyon and Elizabeth Russel, by Joel B. Kistner, J.P., September 17, 1854.
 82. George Miller and Matilda U. Rains, (Long Tom) by M. Cook, Min. of the Gospel, September 24, 1854.
 83. Lewis Denis and A. M. Broughton, by Elder R. D. Gray, September 25, 1854.
 84. Wm. Sherrard and Jane Denning, by Philip Mulkey, October 30, 1854.
 85. A. Miller and Bethenia Splawon, by Joel B. Kistner, J.P., November 23, 1854.
 86. R. W. Brock of Linn Co., and Elvira Ann Brown of Lane Co. by John McKinney, minister of Gospel, Sept. 7, 1854.
 87. James C. Patterson to Sarah O'Kelly, By A. Zumwalt, November 30, 1854.
 88. Joseph B. N. Riley and Elmirah Brewer, by M. M. Crow, Min. of the Gos., October 23, 1854.
 89. John Wells and Martha Ann Bagley, by David W. Minton, Min. of the Gos., October 12, 1854.
 90. Garret S. Menic and Prudy Miller, by Preston Hamilton, J.P., November 11, 1854.
 91. Burton Kelsey and Euphrasea Ann Gillies, by Rev. A. Zumwalt, January 11, 1855.
 92. A. J. Allison and Lucy Jane Lakin, by Luther White, Min. of the Gos., May 21, 1855
 93. Richard M. Powers and Elizabeth Winter, by John F. Gilfrey, Probate Judge, December 24, 1854.
 94. Harvey C. Veach & Margaret Jane Knox, by John F. Gilfrey, Prob. Judge, December 24, 1854.
 95. David G. Clark of Corvallis, Benton Co. and Elizabeth M. Gray of Lane Co., by James Worth, min. of the Gospel, October 31, 1854.
 96. Fendel Sutherland and Lucy B. Brown, by Jesse Cox, J.P., October 7, 1854.
 97. David Mosby and Isabella Ann Small, by John F. Gilfrey, Probate Judge, Feb. 1, 1855.
 98. John F. Walker and Mary Jane Chrisman, by John F. Gilfrey, Prob. Judge, February 1, 1855.
 99. Sylvester W. Veatch and Maria E. Knox, by Charles Bradshaw, Min. of the Gos., Janu-

ary 21, 1855.

100. Daniel Stanton and Martha Boren, by John F. Gilfrey, Prob. Judge, February 18, 1855.

101 Rev. Heland of Benton Co. & Martha Davis of Lane Co., A. N. Hammitt, J.P., January 17, 1855.

102. David S. Love age 26 and Helen Stewart 19, Fall Creek Lane Co., O.T., by G. D. Gager, Min. of the Gos., February 7, 1855.

103. John Chealtan and Nancy G.

Gilbert, by John Whiteaker, J. P., January 21, 1855.

104. John M. Zumwalt and Catharine Coulson by John Whiteaker, Justice of the Peace, (of Spencer Creek precinct; and later first governor of State of Oregon) February 20, 1855.

*It is evident that pioneer ministers and justices of the peace periodically would call at the Lane County clerk's office to enter the marriages that they had performed. This would account for an overlapping of the dates in the above list. (The numbering of the entries was added by the compiler to add interest to the story).

JOHN COGSWELL

By Charlotte Mitchell

John Cogswell, son of James and Mary Stratton Cogswell, was born in Whitehall, New York, February 14, 1814. When he was ten years old, his family moved to Inkster, Michigan. At age sixteen, John left home with only seventy-five cents and a jack knife in his pocket, to seek his fortune.

John found work on the Erie Canal. In later years, he often told this story of the workmen there who had to eat pork on Fridays: "It was then the Catholic priest would take the bacon and put it in the water, saying 'Go down, mamon, come up salmon', and then he would give it to them to eat".

While working in Missouri in 1840-1845, John Cogswell decided to take the trail to the "far west". Although he started on foot, he met a man who was taking a herd of horses across, who offered John a horse to ride for his assistance. Thus, John finished his long journey on horseback, arriving in California in 1845.

It was in the spring of 1846 when John Cogswell first came to Oregon. He came by wagon train via Mt. Shasta, and reaching Willamette Valley, climbing Skinner's Butte.* He stared at the tall, waving grass that covered the valley below and declared, "I've found what I've been seeking—a land that beats Heaven for havin' everything that a man needs."

John found work at the mouth of the Columbia River "whipping timber" (sawing oak) for ship building with "Hen" Owen. At that time he owned a "whip saw" over which he had a lawsuit. He

often remarked: "I sawed the first lumber ever sawed on the Columbia River, and had the first lawsuit in Oregon."

In 1849, when the two men heard of the gold rush in California, they embarked on a barge for the South. It was on the American River where John located his mine and where he found much gold.

In 1850, having enough gold for his needs, John Cogswell gave his mine to a friend, packed his gold in saddle-bags on horses, then crossed the plains back to Pennsylvania, where he had the gold minted.

Tall and handsome John Cogswell now had dreams of a large ranch well-stocked with fine cattle, horses and sheep. So, for a year, he stayed at his father's home, selecting stock and outfitting for his second journey west.

Although this proved to be a long, tedious journey, it was while plodding along the trail that he caught up with the train ahead, and where he met his future wife—nineteen-year-old Mary Frances Gay, whose train had been traveling part of the time with the Illinois train.

It was typical of John Cogswell that he always knew just what he wanted and how to get it. So it is not surprising that he turned to his drivers and said, "Did you see that pretty girl standing by the stove? Well, she's the woman for me—the girl I'm going to marry!"

But the young lady's train pushed on ahead, entering the Willamette Valley by Barlow Pass, leaving John's train far behind.

John brought his stock by way of California, and when he looked

down into the American River Valley, he saw the people were "as thick as bees". He wondered how so many could have crossed the plains so quickly. He came to Oregon through the Siskiyou, by the Rogue River and Table Rock, then into the Willamette Valley.

He took his donation claim on the north side of the McKenzie River, four miles east of the now Coburg Bridge, at the mouth of the Mohawk River. This included the Coburg Hills, "Old Baldy" then being known as "Old Richy's Butte", named for a man who was demented and who lived in a shack and often rolled rocks down on the road.

John worked for some time on his claim, sawing and splitting timber, for there were no mills then. And he ploughed and cultivated the virgin soil for his gardens and fields. He worked very hard, while dreaming of the pretty girl he'd met on the plains. Finally, when his house was finished, (which, incidentally was said to be the first frame house built in Lane county), he mounted his strongest horse to ride up and down the valley, questioning settlers as to the whereabouts of the Gay family, who came in 1851.

John Cogswell found Mary Gay near the center of the valley, visiting the Jess Looney family. It was dinner time and John was invited to stay. Needless to say, John accepted the invitation and lost no time in courting Mary, who told him that she was promised to a man back east. However, John's persistency soon changed the girl's mind and won her consent.

John and Mary were married **October 28, 1852, and theirs was**

the first marriage license to be recorded in Lane County Clerk's office.) Their wedding proved to be a big event for those times, their friends coming as far as fifty miles by horseback, and in a rain-storm, to enjoy the Gay family's hospitality in their large, comfortable log house, which stood about eight miles south of Eugene City.

Mary was a beautiful bride in the wedding outfit her father had brought from Portland, and John—a proud bridegroom. Soon after the wedding, the couple rode horseback to their new home on the McKenzie river, being ferried across the Willamette River by Charles Walker Young, father of Cal Young.

On their donation claim, John Cogswell raised sheep and cattle. In 1860, he imported New Oxfordshire and Hampshire Downs sheep. The family lived on this farm for some time, where most of their eight children were born.

The names of the Cogswell children are: Mary Anne, b. 1853, Florilla b. 1856, Elizabeth Maude (Lischen) b. 1858, DeEtta b. 1861, Idaho b. 1864, Boliver b. 1866, Clara b. 1868, Ivan Stratton b. 1871.

Unfortunately, they lost their first two daughters, Mary Anne and Florilla, who contracted scarlet fever while visiting their grandparents, the Martin Gays, and died in 1857. They were buried on a hill near where they had played, their graves being the beginning of the Mary Gay Cogswell Pioneer Cemetery. (Other graves of the Gay and Cogswell families and their neighbors are in this old cemetery also.)

Mary Gay Cogswell was heart-broken over the deaths of her

daughters and grieved so much that John decided to take her for a trip back east. They traveled down the coast by ship, across Panama by muleback, across the Gulf of Mexico, then up the Mississippi River. Although it was a dangerous trip, they made it there and back safely.

John and Mary were residents of Lane County ever since its organization, with the exception of one year in Portland, in 1870, when his eldest daughters attended school there. At one time he owned a large part of the land where east Portland is now situated. He exchanged this however for land in Lane County, in 1871, then went back up the McKenzie River where he had a sawmill, just east of Thurston. He also owned another property 25 miles up the river, past Leaburg. Here he had a sheep ranch and the first pond stocked with fish, calling the place the Fish Ranch. (He lived on his Thurston ranch until after his wife died in October 8, 1887, then moved to the upper ranch.)

In 1881, John Cogswell and Captain Felix Scott managed to drive the first herd of cattle over what is now the McKenzie River Pass. He, with Felix Scott and others, were associated together in The McKenzie Wagon Road Company. Articles of incorporation were filed in Lane County Courthouse, Dec. 20, 1862. This was to be a toll road, but did not succeed and was later disbanded.

The Cogswell ranch at Thurston was heavily timbered, with many springs and streams. Here John built a ten-roomed four-gabled house near a hill at the foot of a timbered mountain and near

the old highway. English ivy framed the double porches in front and climbed to the peak of the gable. The house faced the east and on the north there was a long porch with a door leading to the kitchen. The south porch was kept filled with Mary's potted plants and hanging baskets. This led to the diningroom.

It was a comfortable home for those times, with its four fireplaces, halls and closets. The large woodshed at the back was kept well-filled with oak, fir and bark, sawed and ready for use. And there was the spacious yard, bordered with a weathered fence—the lawn extending far to the road in front. Many fruit trees, flowers and shrubs added their beauty to this pioneer home.

The Cogswell children had the run of the place, enjoying nature's bountiful gifts to the fullest, for in those days there were not only many wild birds and animals, but wildflowers and fruits to demand their attention. It was while living on this ranch that the children first attended school in one of their father's tenant houses, taught by Emma Gulthrie. Later, they attended a new one-roomed log school built by their father on his land.

The Cogswell children, like many other pioneer children, had to work too, doing chores about the place and sometimes helping their father drive stock to the upper ranch, brave the dangers of the many wolves, panthers and bear.

Their busy mother stayed at home, washing, carding and spinning wool for their clothing. During the summer season she did the family washing below the

dam, under huge maple trees, where she heated river water in a big black kettle over a fire. Although Mary Cogswell had nine children to care for, she was always ready and willing to care for a sick neighbor, for Mary was known as a "born nurse".

The Cogswells were seldom molested by Indians, although, once when Mary lay ill in bed, she was startled to see a savage Indian standing at the door, who demanded payment for his land. Too frightened to speak, Mary was slightly relieved when her sister, who was visiting there, came into the house. Meanwhile, the youngest children came out from their hiding place behind the bed and followed the Indian outside, he commenced to sharpen his big knife, much to the women's consternation. Just then, hearing some men who were driving cattle down near the river, they sent one of the children to them for rescue. Aroused by this turn of events, the Indian only asked for some bread and left in haste. He was not seen again for some time.

John Cogswell had a narrow escape from starvation while traveling to eastern Oregon and becoming lost. His companion was John Diamond and the men were on horseback, wandering around for several days, until they came to an Indian camp.

Here, an old squaw welcomed the men, helping them off of their horses and leading them to her fire to rest. She fed them some of her stew, which had been made with meat, wild roots and vegetables and seasoned with strong wild onions. On this diet the men quickly gained strength, although John Cogswell "to his dying day"

declared he could never stand the sight or smell of onions again!

The Cogswell family lived in their Thurston home for many years, raising and educating their children. Although a hard-working family, they found time to entertain friends. Their home, which still stands today, is truly a reminder of the sturdy pioneer family who lived within its now silent walls.

John Cogswell lived to see the country develop from a wilderness into a land of prosperity and plenty, and was one of its most substantial and influential citizens. He traveled much by horseback, wagon train, and by ship and steam trains. He lived to see man conquer the air!

John seldom missed the Annual State Pioneer meetings, feeling proud that he was one of the earliest pioneers in the northwest. He died May 13, 1907 at the age of 93 and was laid to rest in the Mary Gay Cogswell Pioneer Cemetery on the Martin Gay donation land claim, eight miles south of Eugene City.

The Mary Gay Cogswell Cemetery was established Oct. 4, 1857. Mary Gay Cogswell's deed to this cemetery, one acre of land, is recorded in Lane County Court-house, Eugene, Oregon.

A list of Cogswells and Gays who are buried there, follows:

John Cogswell, pioneer father; Mary Frances Gay Cogswell, pioneer mother; Mary Anne Cogswell; Florilla Cogswell; Elizabeth (Lischen) Maude C. Miller (Cogswell); DeEtta Cogswell; Idaho Frazer (Cogswell) Campbell; Catherine (Cogswell) Thorne; Ivan Cogswell.

Martin Baker Gay, pioneer fa-

ther; Anna Stewart Gay, pioneer mother; Martha Ann Gay Master-son; David Green Gay; Sarah Julia Gay; Celeste Campbell.

(Material used for this article was compiled by the late Celeste

Campbell and her sister, Eva Fra-zer Johnson.) (*)

(*) John Cogswell claimed to have seen the beautiful landscape from atop Skinner's Butte a few weeks before it was viewed by Eugene Skinner, Elijah Bristow and party, (1846).

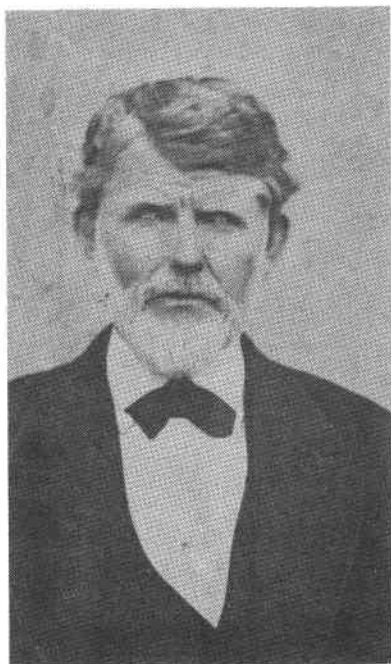
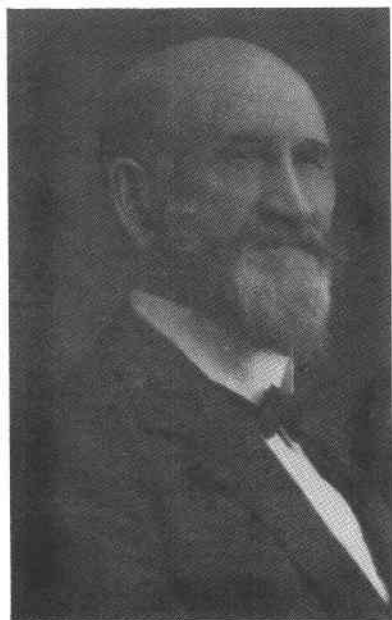
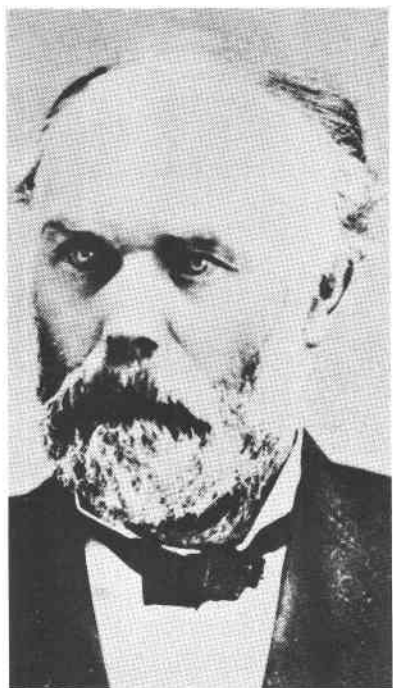


Andrew Jackson Babb and Mary Jane Mathews, Pleasant Hill pio-neers, married July 22, 1855, age 29 and 16—parents of Mrs. Amos Wilkins, 99, Eugene native daughter. He taught in Lane County's first school at Pleasant Hill before 1855 when it was on a subscription basis—with no records kept.

REV. EDWARD R. GEARY, D. D., Oregon pioneer of 1850. Temporary chairman at the organization of the LANE COUNTY PIONEER ASSOCIATION in 1883. He was an early Presbyterian circuit "rider" who traveled mostly on foot as the price of a horse and saddle was equivalent to a year's salary from his Board! He established churches and schools, founded Albany College (now Lewis and Clark of Portland) and was Presbyterian pastor in Eugene, 1876-1886.



WILLIAM W. BRISTOW, Justice of the Peace, Pleasant Hill precinct—as such performed a number of the first marriages in Lane County. Son of Elljah (first settler in Lane Co., 1846). W. W. crossed the plains in 1848 with the families to join the father who had selected the home sites. Taught first school in county (1850) and was a member of Oregon constitutional convention (1858). Also served as State Senator, was charter member of Eugene Masonic Lodge and pioneer merchant in Eugene City—at the site of the First National Bank



First officers of Lane County Pioneer Association—organized June 4, 1883. Above, left Hon. John Whiteaker, President (first state governor of Oregon). Upper right Thom. G. Hendricks, Rec. Secy. (founder of First National Bank of Eugene). Lower left—Joshua J. Walton Jr., Cor. Secy. (County Judge and member of University Board of Regents). Lower right—Robert B. Cochran, Treasurer (former member of the territorial and state legislatures for 28 years). At the time of printing this issue of the Lane County Historian, no picture was available of Mr. A.S. Patterson, (Eugene postmaster, starting 1869, and member of State Assembly of 1858).

ORGANIZING MEETING OF THE LANE COUNTY PIONEERS.

(now the Lane County Pioneer-Historical Society)—from the files of the Oregon State Journal (Eugene).

The call was published May 19, 1883 and was signed by the 21 pioneers listed below. **"To the Pioneers of Lane County, Oregon"** There will be a meeting of the Pioneers of Lane County held at the Court House in Lane County on Friday, June 4, 1883, at 10 o'clock A.M. for the purpose of organizing a Pioneer Society for said County. All immigrants to Oregon or the Pacific Coast now residing in Lane County or Vicinity are requested to be present.

John Whiteaker, 1847; Rodney Scott, 1845; John Nicklin, 1850; R. B. Cochran, 1851; O. R. Bean, 1851; J. B. Harris, 1853; A. S. McClure, 1853; Jacob Conser, 1848; William Smith, 1847; J. S. Lucky, 1850; J. M. Hendricks, 1849; J. R. Ream, 1853; Presley Comegys, 1851; T. G. Hendricks, 1848; F. B. Dunn, 1853; William Blanton, 1847; James Warnick, 1853; Aaron Lynch, 1851; J. R. Ellison, 1849; C. C. Croner, 1852; Prior F. Blair, 1847.

The Journal on June 8, 1883 reported as follows: The meeting for the purpose of effecting organization of said pioneers into an association for the county of Lane. Held on June 4th, at Court House, Eugene, at 10 A.M.

On motion Rodney Scott suggested the Rev. Edward R. Geary as temporary chairman, elected Benj. F. Dorris, temp. secy.

On motion of J. J. Walton five men were appointed a committee on permanent organization namely John Bailey, Dr. A. W. Patterson, Steven Jenkins,, John Whiteaker.

On Motion of J. R. Ellison all persons emigrating to the Pacific Coast in 1853 or before shall be eligible for membership in this association.

A committee on enrollment was appointed. Joshua J. Walton, and Thomas G. Hendricks.

At the beginning of the afternoon session the committee on permanent organization reported as follows.

For president, Hon. John Whiteaker; for vice president, Hon. A. S. Patterson; for rec. sec. Hon. T. H. Hendricks; for cor. sec. Hon. J. J. Walton; for treas. Hon R. B. Cochran.

On motion, it was decided that residents of adjoining counties where there is no organization of pioneers, shall be eligible for membership.

On motion E. R. Geary a committee of five to draft a constitution was appointed: Ed. R. Geary, R. B. Cochran, A. W. Patterson, Marion Martin and John Bailey.

Treasurer ordered to secure a suitable book for the secretary to use in enrolling the pioneers.

Mr. Manning, of Douglas county presented to the association an oak chunk from a tree the emigration of 1846 felled and used for wood. A gavel for the president of the Lane County Pioneers was ordered made from this "chunk."

LIST OF REGISTERED

The following is the list of those registered and state from which emigrated:

1843		J. W. Cleaver	Ill.
Al Hembree	Mo.	Helen E. Johnson	Ill.
Mrs. A. S. Patterson	Mo.	Solomon Cox	Mo.
Wm. Delaney	Mo.	Mrs. Sarah Jenkins	Mo.
1844		1849	
H. C. Owen	Mo.	Joseph G. Gay	Ind.
Elizabeth Conser	Ind	A. R. Smith	Mo.
1845		J. H. Smith	Mo.
S. B. Polly	Iowa	J. J. Walton, Senior	Conn.
Rodney Scott	Mo.	Anna M. Walton	Ky.
J. D. Hampton	Mo.	C. W. Washburn	Ohio
John Cogswell	Mich.	J. R. Ellison	Ill.
Wesley Shannon	Ill.	Wm. Gearhart	Mo.
L. R. Garrison	Iowa	G. W. Roberts	Mo.
Wm. T. Vaughn	Va.	A. S. Currie	Mo.
W. T. Osburn	Ind.	R. Sparks	Mo.
Elizabeth Shannon	Mich.	J. R. Ream	Mo.
1846		E. J. McClanahan	Ill.
Steven Jenkins	Mo.	W. F. Smith	Mo.
J. C. Richardson	Mo.	Joshua J. Walton (jr.)	Ind.
George N. Murch	Mo.	T. A. Milliron	Mo.
Elizabeth Richardson	Mo.	John McCulloch	Va.
Mrs. M. E. Murch	Mo.	J. M. Hendricks	Ill.
1847		Mrs. Nancy Smith	Ind.
John Bailey	Mo.	John Whiteaker	Ind.
L. Hulin (Lester)	N. J.	A. G. Hovey	Ohio
Wm. Blanton	Mo.	N. L. Packard	Maine
Evaline Croner	Mo.	Mary A. Coleman	Iowa
F. G. Vaughan	Mo.	1850	
Prior F. Blair	Mo.	M. P. Martin	Ky.
Dr. N. C. Lee	Iowa	Presley Comegos	Iowa
C. M. Huddleston	Mo.	Dr. Jon Nicklin	Iowa
Wm. Smith	Ind.	Joseph McLean	Ohio
John Diamond	Ill.	D. M. Risdon	Ill.
Jacob C. Spores	Ill.	James Huddleston	Va.
Mrs. Eleanor Huff	Iowa	T. J. Smith	Mo.
James McClaren	Iowa	Edward R. Geary	Ohio
Mrs. Nancy Spores	Ill.	Mrs. N. M. Geary	Ohio
Riley Gilbert	Iowa	M. H. Harlow	Mo.
George Gilbert	Iowa	O. Phelps	Ill.
1848		J. W. Johnson	Mo.
T. G. Hendricks	Ill.	J. Z. Gibson	Mo.
Jacob Conser	Ill.	Mrs. L. A. Clark	Ill.
Robert Callison	Ill.	Jo Lane	Ga.
Mary Callison	Ill.	J. M. Eddy	Mo.
Mrs. S. A. Skaggs	Ill.	Samuel Swift	Ill.
Mrs. S. J. Winters	Ill.	F. Dudley	Mo.
J. M. Shell (ey)?	Iowa	Mrs. S. J. Swift	Ill.
L. D. Gibson	Mo.	Mrs. S. S. McClure	Mo.

A. A. Gibson	Mo.	S. D. Coats	Ohio
Sarah M. Underwood	Mo.	H. L. Thomson	Mo.
1851		C. C. Croner	Ohio
Mrs. G. M. Titus	Ohio	Isabell Ware (Hunkee)	Mo.
W. H. Potter (W. A.?)	Ohio	Mary A. Hemkee	Ohio
Mrs. L. A. Potter	Mo.	(Hembree?)	
Jesse Cox	Mo.	Pauline E. Risdan	Conn.
J. W. Cox	Mo.	E. Stewart (Elias)	Mo.
J. J. Williamson	Mo.	Martha A. Hendricks	Mo.
W. A. Masterson	Mo.	J. A. Alexander (J. B.?)	Ill.
A. A. King	Mo.	George Bailey	Ill.
R. S. Bean	Mo.	Emily Alexander	Ill.
Mary F. Cogswell	Mo.	John Milliron	Mo.
C. W. Boren	Ill.	Mrs. May Milliron	Mo.
James Huffman	Ill.	Mrs. W. H. Huffman	Mo.
Wm. Churchill	Iowa	Jacob Gillespie	Tenn.
Mrs. A. F. Pierce	Ill.	T. S. Poindexter	Ill.
L. A. Clark	Ill.	Daniel Test	Mo.
Mrs. (N. P. Cox (M. P.?)	Mo.	Elizabeth Gillespie	Ill.
Elija J. Masterson	Mo.	George S. Campbell	Mo.
Sarah E. Stafford	Ind.	Nelly S. Masterson	Mo.
K. Farrington	Ohio	Mrs. M. A. Test	Ill.
A. J. Babb	Ken.	T. J. McPherson	Mo.
A. J. Manning	N. J.	M. Wallis	N. C.
R. B. Cochran	Mo.	Evangeline Wallis	Tenn.
Elizabeth Keeney	Mo.	Ben F. Dorris	Tenn.
A. J. Zumwalt	Mo.	S. N. Cook	Iowa
Mrs. E. R. Skinner	Me.	Wm. Gaimey	Ky.
1852		R. M. Callison	Ill.
R. G. Callison	Ill.	Mrs. M. Callison	Iowa
S. M. Titus	Iowa	John Brown	Mo.
I. Zumwalt	Ill.	Mrs. M. Brown	Mo.
Mrs. Jane Zumwalt	Ill.	Mrs. S. E. Patterson	Ill.
John Simpson	Ga.	H. T. Hall	Mo.
George Soverns	Ill.	J. S. Day	Tenn.
Garnett Bogart	Iowa	Mrs. A. L. Day	Mo.
Elizabeth Bogart	Iowa	H. H. Cook	Utah
Elizabeth Blanton	Ark.	Thomas Brown	Mo.
Mrs. S. S. Gibson	Ill.	(James) Heath (Jo.?)	Mo.
J. G. Gilfillan	Penn.	Mrs. Julia A. Bean	—
G. B. Hayor	Mo.	Mrs. May Parsons	Ill.
A. W. Patterson	Penn.	Sarah Cantrell	Ill.
D. R. Christian	Ill.	Jas. G. Mitchell	Iowa
Charles Calloway	Mo.	Jane Mitchell	Iowa
J. P. Chesher	Mo.	J. M. Stafford	Mo.
Mrs. Susan Chesher	Mo.	Sarah E. Stafford	Ind.
Robert Ware	Mo.	L. B. Rowland	Iowa
James Gearhart	Mo.	Elizabeth Rowland	Iowa
		Rebecca Fisher	Ohio

Thomas Mathews	Ill.	Mrs. C. A. Washburn	Ind.
Eliza Mathews	Ill.	H. A. Hill	Mo.
Melvin Cook	Mo.	George Belshaw	Ind.
John Bogart	Iowa	Mrs. C. Belshaw	Ind.
Robert Scott	Mo.	J. D. Matlock	Mo.
James McPherson	Mo.	Susan Matlock	Mo.
Mrs. E. L. Gilbert	Mo.	Charles Benett	Ill.
Eli Dodson.	Fla.	May Bennett	Ill.
Samuel Baughman	Ill.	Miss M. Freeman	Ill.
Wm. F. Fox	Ken.	Mrs. E. G. Farrington	Ill.
J. H. D Henderson	Mo.	Wm. Edris	Penn.
Mary E. Henderson	Mo.	H. R. Kincaid	Ind.
N. Felderwert	Ill.	Samuel Hunsaker	Ill.
Wm. M. Bogart	Iowa	Wm. McPherson	Mo.
Abram Bogart	Iowa	Elizabeth Soverns	Ind.
Eugenia Hoffman	Mo.	James Heatherly	Mo.
Henry Moon	Iowa	Philip Mulkey	Mo.
M. T. Awbrey	Iowa	A. Mathews	Penn.
1853		Margaret J. Mathews	Ill.
Mary E. Gray	Iowa	J. W. Matlock	Mo.
Wm. Kelsey	Ken.	Roscoe Knox	Ill.
Mrs. A. J. Hulin	Mich.	Mrs. M. J. Knox	Ill.
J. Wheeler	Ill.	Philip Cantrell	Mo.
E. P. Coleman	Ill.	Elizabeth J. Calloway	Mo.
D. H. Coleman	Ill.	F. B. Harlow	Mo.
Mary Coleman	Ill.	J. F. Warnuck	Mo.
A. Elmaker	Iowa	M. Kennedy	Ill.
Margaret Hayes	Ill.	Mrs. M. M. Edris	Ind.
B. A. Johnson	Mo.	A. Goldsmith	Texas
Wm. B. Barger	Mo.	J. A. Winter	Ind.
Mrs. A. J. Babb	Ill.	Anna Templeman	Ill.
C. W. Powell	Ill.	A. S. McClure	Ind.
Clara Powell	Ill.	Wm. Coleman	Mo.
Mrs. Gray	Ind.	B. Deadman	Ill.
Mary J. Gray	Ind.	Mrs. B. Deadman	Ill.
V. S. McClure	Iowa	Susan C. Cleaver	Ill.
S. J. Dunten	Ind.	Emily Hovey	Iowa
A. S. Patterson	Ind.	A. W. Williams	Ohio
Martha E. Dunten	Ohio	Mrs. C. F. Ware	Ill.
Alice Massey	Ill.	Rhoda McCord	Mo.
Julia A. Kennedy	Ill.	Nancy J. Watkins	Ill.
John Blue	Mo.	V. Hemingway	Iowa
Wm. P. Gardner	Iowa		
Mrs. Nancy K. Riddle	Ind.		
W. T. Campbell	Iowa		
Jas. Luper	Ill.		
Rebecca McLean	Ohio		
Thomas Belshaw	Ind.		
Maria Belshaw	Ind.		

ANNUAL LANE COUNTY PIONEER PICNIC AND REUNION

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