

Logansboro Genealogy

Family Profiles

William L. Logan, 1821

William was married to Elizabeth Messer Jan. 31, 1847 in Grant County. In the 1850 census they have a daughter Mary. Our family story is that he abandoned this family--two children by then-- in Illinois when he came west in 1852. Don't know if wife died, if he planned to send for them, or if he just left. He came west with his sister Elizabeth and her husband O. W. Scott. They went to Medecino, CA. William wandered around for the next 10 years--worked in the mills around Sacramento, did some mining, worked as a scout for the cavalry. In 1862 he was hauling freight between Umatilla Landing on the Columbia and the mines in Idaho. He was snowbound in the Winter of 1863 in Auburn Oregon at an eating place run by Jim Harris and family. They had a 14 year old daughter Nancy. When the snows melted, she and her brother Norm took off with William. There are many different stories about exactly what happened, but they went to Placerville in Idaho and were married. They settled on the Snake River near Weiser in a mud and willow cabin and ran a boarding establishment for immigrants going west. This is where the two oldest children, our gggrandpas, William Weiser and John Thomas were born. In 1868 they moved to the WillowCreek valley, bought land and eventually got some homestead land also. I presume you have names and dates for the rest of the sibs. In the 1880's when Malheur County was formed, he was on the first court that met.

WILLIAM L. LOGAN

WILLIAM L. LOGAN---It is with pleasure that we are enabled to give a resume of the life of the worthy pioneer, capable gentleman, and stanch and patriotic citizen whose name initiates this paragraph, since he has wrought in many places on the frontier for it's development, has done a lions share of the hard work to accomplish this praiseworthy undertaking, has been exposed to the hardships of such a life, the dangers from the storms of the mountains, the dangers from Indians on the warpath, the dangers from the wild animals in the forest, and on it all has shown that true courage, stability, and calm and good

judgment that so well became the true American citizen. Also in Malheur county Mr. Logan has wrought with a faithful hand and his works are manifest to all.

WILLIAM L. was born in Nashville, Tennessee, on May 31, 1821, being the son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Owens) Logan. When a child he came with the family to Illinois, thence to Wisconsin, and in 1852 across the plains with ox teams to Placerville, California. En route he had to fight the Indians, and there, as many times since in such conflicts, the savage foe fell at the crack of the trusty rifle of our subject. He mines and dealt in stock in California, traveling all over the state, and Arizona and New Mexico, as well, until 1862, then pulled up from his headquarters at Marysville and Sacramento. Came north to Oregon, through the Grande Rondo valley, to Walla Walla, Lewiston, Florence, Idaho Basin to the vicinity of Weiser, where he settled and went to farming and stock raising and also kept a stage station. In 1869 he came to the lower Willow creek, where he now lives, four miles northwest from Dell, entered a homestead and settles down to improve the land and raise stock. He has added by purchase until he has three hundred acres of land, well supplied with water, and improved with good, comfortable house and all needed buildings, He raises as high as eight hundred tons of alfalfa per year and handles a large band of cattle and horses. When Mr. Logan settled here there were two other cabins, his being the third.

On April 18, 1863, Mr. Logan married Miss Nancy J. daughter of James and Lucinda (Malory) Harris. They become the parents of the following children: William Weiser, born March 13, 1864, being the first white child born in the vicinity of Weiser, Idaho. Now married to Hattie Denham, recently deceased; John T., married to Minnie O'Neill; James N. deceased; Edward A. Married to Edna Logan; Frankie, deceased; Minnie H. deceased; Oscar W.; Arthur; Young Patrick. and David P. twins, the former deceased; Robert L., Mrs. Logan came across the plains with her parents in 1862, making the trip with ox teams from the state of Iowa. She was born in Kane county, Illinois.

Mr. Logan is a man of good capabilities, now well in the golden time of his life. Respected by all, and esteemed by those who know him and to be highly credited for the noble part that he has done in the pioneer labors of the entire west and also for the prominent work that he has accomplished in this country.

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On the Idaho side of the Snake River, ten miles above Olds ferry, a stage station was established on the Auburn-Boise stage road near the mouth of the Weiser River by William L. Logan,. A short time later Jacob Weiser, William L. Logan and Thomas Gallaway started the town of Weiser. In 1868 Mr. Logan disposed of his interest there and moved to the Willow creek in Malheur County to become one of its first citizens. The Willow creek homestead on which he settled remained in the possession of the Logan family for the next seventy-seven years, until it was sold by his son, the late J. T. (Tom) Logan. The town of Weiser was platted in 1877, and became the county seat of Washington county, Idaho, in 1879. The first house in Weiser, a log cabin built by William L Logan, is still standing.

The first term of circuit court convened a Vale on June 27, 1887, with Judge L. B. Ison presiding and Morton D. Clifford, prosecuting attorney. The members of the first panel were: W. C. Pennington, G. W. Pierce, W. L. Logan, Joseph A. Madden, J. D. Locey, Isaac McCumsey, H. F. Norton, George W. Brinnon, W. C. Johnson, F. B. Smith, M. Crisman, Charles Becker, J. B. McLaughlin, J. L. Yantis, J. G. Lamberson, Harry M. Plummer, John McMahan, William Shelby, Larry Faulkner, W. L. Boston, J. S. Hunter, James Lynn, A. A. Moss, Emory Cole and William Kane.

The grand jury selected from the above panel: Jason S. Hunter, foreman; W.L. Logan, Charles Becker, William Selby, M. Crisman, W. G. Pennington, and Isaac McCumsey. The grand jury returned five bills of indictment, only one of which was disposed of at this term of circuit court. The Indictment was against Marquis Stewart, charged jointly with Fred Yangen for horse stealing. Stewart pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary at Salem.

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