

LINN COUNTY, OREGON

OREGON TERRITORY

DONATION LAND CLAIM FAMILIES

TO END OF 1855

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NAME HAMILTON, SUPPLINA REF: DLC 2969 OC Linn Co. Oregon
 Date Town County or Providence State or Country
 BIRTH 23 Apr 1832 New Lexington, Cass County, Illinois
 MARRIAGE 10 Jun 1858 Linn County, Oregon T.
 DEATH 9 Feb 1905 St John, Whitman County, Washington
 BURIAL St John Cemetery, Whitman County, Washington
 FATHER John Hamilton MOTHER Altha Judd
 REF: _____

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME SUMPTER, SARAH JANE REF: _____
 Date Town County or Providence State or Country
 BIRTH 20 Jul 1838 Washington County, Missouri
 DEATH 7 Dec 1917 St John, Whitman County, Washington
 BURIAL St John Cemetery, Whitman County, Washington
 FATHER Alexander Sumpter MOTHER Nancy R. Prather
 REF: _____

HUSBAND (Other Marriages) NONE
 WIFE (Other Marriages) NONE

CHILDREN (of each marriage) HUSBAND 1-(9) 2-() 3-() 4-()
 WIFE 1-(9) 2-() 3-() 4-()

ARRIVED IN OREGON TERRITORY 3 September 1851 SETTLED CLAIM ON 1,
December 1854 LOCATED IN: Township 11S Range 2W Section 5, 6
Acres 138.27 Area Top of Hill North of Scio, Oregon

CHILDREN & SPOUSE Date County or Providence State or Country
1 Duron B 29 Apr 1859 Linn County, Oregon
Laura Brunton M 24 Dec 1876 Dixie, Walla Walla Co. Washington
D 3 Jul 1936 Colfax, Whitman Co., Washington
 BURIED Waitsburg, Cemetery, Walla Walla County, Washington
 REF: _____

2 Heman B 1 Feb 1861 Linn County, Oregon
Jennie Fountain M 12 Mar 1889 Colfax, Whitman Co., Washington
D 9 Jan 1935 Phoenix, Maricopa Co., Arizona
 BURIED Phoenix Cemetery, Maricopa County, Arizona
 REF: _____

3 Altha B 20 Apr 1863 Umatilla County, Oregon
Sam Smith M 6 Nov 1881 Walla Walla Co. Washington
D 28 Apr 1944 Salem, Marion County, Oregon
 BURIED _____
 REF: _____

4 Dora B 20 Feb 1865 Umatilla County, Oregon
Jessie Shaw M 7 Aug 1881 Walla Walla Co., Washington
D 10 Jul 1906 Whitman Co., Washington
 BURIED St. John Cemetery, Whitman County, Washington
 REF: _____

5 Pirenia B 24 Feb 1867 Walla Walla Co., Washington
 Sam Gilbert M
 D 6 Aug 1934 Salem, Marion County, Oregon
 BURIED
 REF:

6 Frank B 5 Jul 1870 Marion County, Oregon
 Julia A. Templeton M 15 Nov 1891 Whitman Co., Washington
 D 6 Sep 1949 Belgrade, Gallatin Co., Montana
 BURIED St John Cemetery, Whitman County, Washington
 REF:

7 Judd B 7 Nov 1872 Marion County, Oregon
 Laura A. Templeton M 13 Dec 1893 Whitman County, Washington
 D 19 Nov 1951
 BURIED St John Cemetery, Whitman County, Washington
 REF:

8 Effie B 15 Jun 1875 Walla Walla Co., Washington
 Walter Gilbert M
 2nd/James Darland D 22 Oct 1963 Idaho
 BURIED Moscow, Latah County, Idaho
 REF:

9 Ida B 3 Mar 1880 Walla Walla Co., Washington
 Charles C. Cole M 4 Oct 1899 Whitman Co., Washington
 D Apr 1956 Washington
 BURIED Spokane, Spokane County, Washington
 REF:

Reference & Notes

SUPLINA HAMILTON

HAMILTON FAMILY REUNION

Experience of One of the Early Pioneers in Indian Wars

Colfax Gazette: Colfax, Washington, June 17, 1904

St. John, June 11 -- The Hamilton home, three miles south of this place, was yesterday the scene of an unusual event - the third triennial reunion of the family of S. Hamilton, until lately a resident of Union Flat, south of Endicott.

It was the forty-sixth anniversary of the marriage of S. Hamilton and Jane Sumpter, which occurred in the Willamette Valley, Oregon, in 1858. Though Mr. Hamilton is 72 years old, he is quite strong physically and mentally, as is also his wife, who is six years his junior. at the reunion yesterday, the nine children who have blessed their union, were all present. They are D. Hamilton, Starbuck; H. P. Hamilton, Endicott; Mrs. S. W. Smith, Spokane; Mrs. Dora Shaw, Deer Park; Mrs. S. S.

Gilbert, Lenore, Idaho; Frank Hamilton, St John; Judd Hamilton, Endicott; Mrs. Walter Gilbert, Lenore, Idaho; Mrs. C. C. Cole, St John.

These old people enjoyed the presence also of thirty grandchildren and four great grandchildren. In the forenoon the assemblage, numbering something like 150, listened to phonograph selections, and to songs by children and friends present. Tables were spread with sufficient choice delicacies to have fed three hundred people and those fortunate enough to be present heartily enjoyed the spread. In the afternoon the guests were again favored with musical numbers, after which Mr. Hamilton gave a short sketch of his life and experiences in the Cayuse Indian War, of which he is a veteran. He said in part:

"I have had many thrilling experiences, but even in Indian wars I was never so embarrassed in all my life, as when I stood beside this woman here (pointing to his wife) forty-six years ago to be married. I crossed the plains in 1851 and settled in the Willamette Valley, where there seemed to be nothing at all for a young man to do but split rails, so I hired out and worked at splitting rails for three winters."

In 1855 Governor Curry of Oregon Territory called for volunteers to fight Indians. I went with an expedition into the Walla Walla Country against Chief Pu Pu Mox Mox and his band. He was a wary old chieftain who, at the head of about 1200 warriors, laid a scheme to entrap us at the mouth of the Touchet Canyon. He claimed, through the interpreter, that he had feast prepared for us and would hold a conference with us at the mouth of the Touchet.

Our men knew something by experience of Indian treachery, and would agree to no such plan. We decided, however, to hold Pu Pu Mox Mox and some other Indians as hostages until we could make terms with them. The interpreter passed back and forth several times with messages between us and the Indians, but at last the latter grew restive and fired on us as the interpreter was returning to our lines. We drove the Indians across the Snake River, fighting at different times.

One remarkable thing I noticed in particular during battle was the marked devotion the horses showed to their riders. I had a horse that was only too glad of a chance to break loose and run off, yet when I, with others of our company, was obliged to dismount in a skirmish, that horse never moved from where I left him.

Another instance was that of a horse belonging to an Indian Medicine man, who, believing himself impervious to bullets, rode out in the open in defiance of our men. A bullet pierced his brain, and in an instant he had fallen from his horse, but the animal, with dumb devotion to his master, turned and stood over the Indian's prostrate form, as if to shield him from further danger.

"In conclusion, children, I would say that I have tried to live a Christian and to set you an example worthy of imitation. Follow therein."

S. Hamilton was born in Cass County, Illinois 72 years ago and was left an orphan in early life. In 1851, when 19 years old, he crossed the plains to the "Oregon Country" and settled in the Willamette Valley. At 20 he embraced Christianity, later preaching the gospel. In 1854 he met Miss Jane Sumpter, who became his bride four years later. In course of time the family moved to Walla Walla County, where they resided for thirteen years, removing to Union Flat in Whitman County in 1888, where they resided until about thirteen months ago. The place next to St John, comprising about 800 acres of excellent land, was purchased and the old people moved there. Of the relatives present other than children and grandchildren, were Mrs. Millie Saunders, Waverly; Mrs. Amanda Malcolm, Dayton; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Neilly, Moscow, Idaho. In closing a number of songs and recitations were rendered, one of the last songs being sung by four little grandchildren, entitled "AT the Cross," which piece was a favorite of their grandfather. After expressing the wish that these old people should live to see another reunion three years hence, the guests departed.

SUPLINA HAMILTON

St John Journal; St John, Washington February 14, 1905

Suplina Hamilton died at his farm near here, February 9, aged 72 years. He was stricken with paralysis on the 5th dying four days later.

He was born in Cass County, Illinois in 1832 and crossed the plains to Oregon in 1851. He united with the Church of Christ in the Willamette Valley in 1852 and became an active minister in 1863. He married Sarah Jane Sumpter in Linn County, Oregon in 1858.

To this union were born 5 girls and 4 boys all of whom are still living. They are Duron, Starbuck, Washington; Heman, Endicott, Washington; Mrs. Sam Smith, Spokane, Washington; Mrs. Sam Gilbert, Crabtree, Oregon; Frank, St. John, Washington; Judd, Endicott, Washington; Mrs. W. W. Gilbert, Lenore, Idaho; Mrs. G. A. Shaw, Endicott, Washington; Mrs. C. C. Cole, St. John, Washington. Funeral services were largely attended and conducted by L. F. Clipp of Spokane.
