


KING FOLK

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Hello Family! I hope this newsletter finds you all well. The last two years have been hard on all of us and I think we are all tired of the phrase “new normal”. That being said, the board has agreed to simplify things this year. The reunion will be held at the Kings Valley Cemetery, from 11 am to 2 pm, Saturday June 25th. Bring what you will need, folding chairs, food and drink, and family history to share. Be prepared to pack out your own garbage.

Last year’s newsletter included information on Luckiamute Meadows and the Kings Valley Community Trust. At this time there is no new news to share. If you are not familiar with Luckiamute Meadows here is the website: <https://greenbeltlandtrust.org/conserving-land/luckiamute/> Plans are in the works for the Kings Valley Community Trust to host a display of historical Kings Valley photos and artifacts at the community hall (the historic church) during the weekend of June 25 to complement the King family reunion.

Now excuse me, I need to see if I can find my parents and grandparents in the 1950 Census.

Traci Schilling Willey, President



2022 KING FAMILY REUNION

Join Us!

SATURDAY, 25 June
Kings Valley Cemetery
11 am – 2 pm

Please bring: Lawn chairs, your own food and drink, and family history to share. Be prepared to pack out your own garbage.
RSVP TO: Traci Willey 503-626-9808 (landline, leave a message.)

ABOUT THE 2022 REUNION

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THE ABE KING FAMILY IN THE EARLY 1930'S---JIM KING NOT PICTURED:
BACK ROW L. TO R.:DOROTHY, FLORENCE, WARREN, INEZ, AND WINNIE.
BOTTOM ROW: ARTHUR, LUCY, MOTHER CLARA, BERTHA AND BILL.

The Abe King Family in the early 1930's

Jim King not Pictured

Back Row, Left To Right:

Dorothy, Florence, Warren, Inez, and Winnie.

Bottom Row, Left To Right:

Arthur, Lucy, Mother Clara, Bertha, and Bill.

Source:

From the King Pioneer Family Association 2009 CD,
Winnie Trump Collection



Bertha King, '08, pauses in the Golden Jubilee activities to be interviewed by Jennifer Lee for the Oral History Program of OSU's Horner Museum. Under the program, personal recollections of early alumni and other residents of the area are taped.
Miss King, a school teacher for many years in several western Oregon communities, now lives in Lincoln City.

Description:

OAC alumnus Bertha King in conversation with Jennifer Lee, Horner Museum oral historian. September 1982.

Source:

Oregon Stater Alumni Magazine
Horner Museum Oral History Collection, 1952-1993

Genealogical Record of a
SETTLER OF THE OREGON COUNTRY

Nahum King KIN-005

Full name of settler... Nahum King
Date and place of birth... July 25, 1783, New York State, ^{also born} ~~Pa.~~
Date and place of death... May 28th, 1856, ~~Or.~~ where buried... On home place when
To whom married... Sarepta Norton
Date and place of marriage... New York State May 9, 1807
Other marriages (name, date and place).....

Date of arrival in Oregon Country & where settled... 1845, Settled in Kings Valley
Route to Oregon Country... From St. Joseph with wagon ¹⁸⁴⁶ ~~train~~
If overland, give name of party... Capt. F. Hart, ^{From S. Platte with James McHenry} ~~via Mexico cut off~~
If by sea, give name of vessel.....

States lived in before coming to Oregon... New York, Ohio, Missouri
Places of residence in Oregon or the Pacific Northwest... Some months at Westman or
~~Linnerton before going to Kings Valley~~

Notes: (military service, historic events participated in, occupation, public offices held, political affiliation, where educated).....
He served in War of 1812, entering in Aug., discharged Dec. 1812
He was a farmer. I read somewhere a bull he brought helped improve cattle of the settlement... He seemed to want to see his children established... My grandfather... Nahum's youngest son... said his father could have stayed in Portland but he left that place with Amos N... son-in-law Chambers got the mill site at Kings Valley... Old When school house built on his land.....

Do you have, or know of family records (diaries, letters, scrapbooks, etc.)?
Bible published 1819, record of births, deaths... letter from brother-in-law Johnson 1840, Hastings N.Y. to West Canaan Ohio. Photostatic copy from information supplied by... Archives of application for bounty land 40555
Address of signer... Bertha King, 728 N. 12th St., Corvallis, Oreg.
Relationship to Settler... Great grand daughter... date April 2, 1958

(use back of sheet to list names of Settler's parents, settler's brothers and sisters, and settler's children with dates and places of birth.)

Settlers parents, Brothers, sisters, children. (Wow!)
letter from Nahum King's nephew about 1904 says "Grandfather marked out the land he wanted by marking trees".
The old 1836 letter makes it appear that this farm was in the area around Syracuse. Hastings was near the Nider lake. There was 1 brother, the father of this nephew John F. King, Hillsdale, Mich. 1904. 1 sister Hopy Johnson, John F. King mentions Uncle Horace, another brother?

- Children of Nahum King and Sarepta Norton.
1. Sarepta was born March 18, 1808
 2. Lucretia " " July 5, 1809
 3. Dulanny " " April 12, 1811. Died Oct. 1, 1823
 4. John " " March 23, 1813. Died Oct 26, 1845
Drowned in Columbia R.
 5. Hopestill " " Feb. 7, 1815
 6. Hannah " " Nov. 30 1816. Died Aug. 28, 1825
 7. Stephen " " July 13, 1818. " Nov. 28, 1852
 8. Isaac " " Nov. 23, 1819 " Nov. 22, 1866
 9. Amos N. " " April 29, 1822. " Nov. 12, 1901
 10. Sarah " " July 25, 1823. " Sept 3, 1845
 11. James Russel " " June 22, 1826 " July 17, 1829
 12. Lovisa " " March 2, 1828
 13. Abigail " " June 22, 1829
 14. Lydia " " Feb. 19, 1831
 15. Solomon " " Feb. 26, 1833
 16. Rhoda " " April 17, 1835

My brother-in-law, Albert Van Etten, deceased 1940, began on genealogy. His notes make it appear that all of the children were born in Ohio, Madison Co.? Near Columbus?

Bertha Anna King Research on Nahum King

June 28, 1962

by Charlotte Wirfs

Bertha Anna King (1889-1987) was an early King family researcher. She worked in the 1950's and 60's doing everything by snail mail, visiting relatives, writing letters, researching at local libraries, using micro films, and going through courthouse records. In other words, she did no on-line research. It was all seek it out with your wits and your own two feet and pay as you go.

Nahum King (1783-1856) was her great grandfather. Bertha was the daughter of Abraham "Abe" Lincoln King (1860-1924) and Clara Elizabeth Busse King (1868-1948) and resided for many years in Corvallis, OR. Bertha's grandparents were Solomon "Sol" King (1883-1913) and Anna Maria Allen King (1823-1905). Although her birth place was Harney County, OR, she lived most of her life in Benton and later Lincoln Counties. She worked as a teacher in several different parts of Oregon and later as a practical nurse in Corvallis. Bertha never married. She was residing at 728 N 12th ST, Corvallis, OR when she submitted her family research to the Genealogical Forum of Portland, OR on June 28, 1962.

Along with the Nahum King family group sheet she also submitted an ancestor chart and photo copies of the family record pages from Nahum and Sarepta King's family Bible, which was published in 1819. She didn't have the Bible with her that June day of 1962 as she stated that it was on loan to The Horner Museum located on the campus of Oregon State University at Corvallis. Also submitted that day was copies of two letters. One was addressed to Nahum King living in New Canaan, Ohio from F. Johnson of Hastings, New York dated 1836. The second letter was written to Sol King of Corvallis from Sol's cousin, John King of Hillsdale, Michigan, dated 190?.

Bertha listed the birth places of Nahum and Sarepta, their marriage date and place of marriage, death dates and places of burial. Sixteen children of Nahum and Sarepta King are named on the family group page with birth dates and places, death dates and places, spouse's names and places of marriage and notes about many of the children. In 1962 Bertha did not know the names of

Nahum King's parents except that his father was living in New York with an un-named son-in-law in 1836. She didn't know Nahum's and Sarepta's church affiliation, but listed places they had resided as New York, Madison and Franklin counties in Ohio, Missouri, Portland, Kings Valley, and Wren Oregon. Nahum's occupation was listed as farming and raising livestock. She stated that he had served in the War of 1812 as a volunteer from Ohio, 3rd Sergeant on or about August 31st to December 1st of 1812. She had no record of Sarepta's parents.

Nahum was born July 25, 1783 in the western part of New York. He married Sarepta Norton May 9, 1807 in New York. He died May 28, 1856 on his farm near Wren, Benton County, OR. Sarepta was born November 12, 1791 in New York. Sarepta died July 14, 1864 also on the farm. They were both buried on their farm.

It is interesting to me how quickly the family lost track of their ancestors after they arrived in Oregon in 1845. My father, Robert "Bob" Price, was born in 1916 at Kings Valley. At age 61 he didn't know that his family came across the plains on the Oregon Trail. Thanks to Bertha's research he was able to learn of the family of Nahum King and begin his own research. We all have to thank Bertha Anna King for sorting out the family and providing some vital information that paved the road to many of us researching our family origins.

THE 1950 CENSUS IS HERE!

How can any good genealogist forget that the 1950 census is now available. These records were released by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) on April 1, 2022. Visit <https://www.archives.gov/research/census/1950> for more information.

About the King Family Association:

King Folk is a newsletter published by the family of Nahum and Sarepta Norton King, Oregon pioneers of 1845. Annual dues are \$10. These funds are used for family projects, publication costs, and reunion costs. Please make checks payable to "The King Pioneer Family Association" and mail to: Char Wirfs 409 Sand Pointe DR, Central Point, OR 97502. All information published in "King Folk" is printed as it is presented. For that reason, the information may not be completely accurate. Corrections and updates are published whenever they become known. Please submit material for publication to Traci Willey, 8625 SW Morgan Dr. Beaverton, OR 97008 or tracij1031@gmail.com

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Family Web Sites

The King Pioneer Family Association has a web presence on three sites. First, Ancestry.com contains our "King Folk" family tree. Second, we are on Facebook as "Kings Valley Kin." Thanks to Char Wirfs for hosting and maintaining this tree and for our Facebook page. Email Char Wirfs charwirfs@gmail.com for an invitation to either or both sites. Third, George Davidson is our webmaster for our very own King Folk website, kingfolk.co

Obituary Collection

David Trask, our historian, has an extensive collection of family obituaries. He's worked hard to organize and maintain it. Please help him expand this collection by sending him obituaries for King Family members and their extended families. dltrask@aol.com or David Trask, 1533 Nottingham Circle, Medford, OR 97504.

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