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Joseph Kellogg A Pioneer Mason

Joseph Kellogg was born on June 24, 1812, in Canada, although he was declared to be an American born through congressional action. After the War of 1812, the family moved from New York to Ohio. Joseph was trained as a millwright at the age of seventeen, but most of his life in Ohio was spent as a farmer. While in Ohio, he met and married Estella A. Bushnell in 1844. She was a young lady of noble character who was born on February 22, 1818, at Litchfield, New York and moved to Ohio in 1820.

The Kellogg family along with Miss Bushnell left Wood County, Ohio on November 24, 1847, with horse drawn wagons. They then travelled from Cincinnati by ship to St. Louis and then to St. Joseph Missouri, where they spent the winter. In May 1848, a party of 30 covered wagons headed out over the plains with tin stoves and all the arms and provisions necessary to make such a trip. They were able to travel about 25 miles per day, and after an uneventful trip, they arrived at Milwaukie, Oregon on September 8, 1848.

Among the members of the party was Pierre B. Cornwall, who

after a year and a half of searching, was entrusted to carry a charter is-

sued by Platte City Lodge #56 of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, on Octo-

ber 18, 1846, for Multnomah Lodge #84 at Oregon City, Oregon. This

charter was for the first Masonic Lodge established on the Pacific Coast.

Cornwall carried the charter to Fort Hall near the present day city of

Pocatello, Idaho. Then he decided to head to California for the gold

rush. It was then that Cornwall, who found the Kellogg's to be good

masons, entrusted Orrin and Joseph Kellogg to carry the charter for the

rest of the journey. They accepted the responsibility and placed the

charter in a small rawhide trunk, with a cylindrical top and a flat bottom

measuring two feet long and one foot deep which Kellogg himself had

made in Canada in 1834. They delivered it to Joseph Hull the Worship-

ful Master of Multnomah Lodge on September 11, 1848. Kellogg be-

came the first secretary and treasurer of this new lodge. It should be

noted that Lot Whitcomb, pioneer steamboat operator, J.C. Ainsworth,

ship owner and banker, and Thomas J. Dryer, publisher of the Oregonian

newspaper were all respected Masons of the area.

Kellogg and Lot Whitcomb had adjoining Land Claims, and with

Lot Whitcomb and William Torrence, he platted the town of Milwaukie

and built a sawmill there. Their hope was that Milwaukie would be-

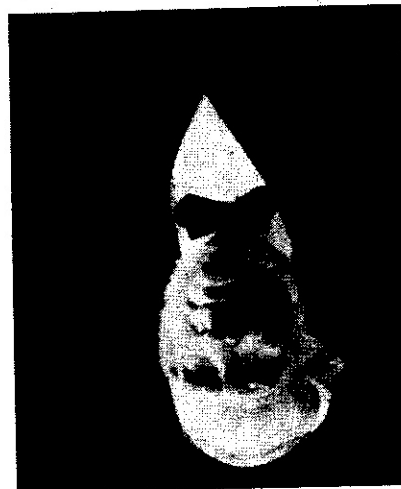
come the principal city in Oregon.

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In 1857, Joseph Kellogg bought a monetary interest in the construction of a telegraph line from San Francisco to Portland. In addition, he and his company had monetary interest in the construction of the Macadam road from Portland to the White House (south of Portland at SW Military Road), the first of its kind in the Northwest, and still the best road out of Portland. Around 1864, he joined the Portland Transportation Company, and superintended the construction of the basin above Williamette Falls, which is still a monument to his engineering skills.

Finally, in Masonry, Kellogg ranked high and he was also a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason. On September 11, 1891, the 43rd anniversary of the organization of the first Masonic Lodge at Oregon City, he was made an honorary member of the Masonic Veteran Association of the Pacific Coast in recognition of his services in bringing the charter of the new lodge to Oregon. The lofty principles of Masonry were taught throughout his life. His aim was to exemplify the teachings of the Craft, carrying out its precepts of kindness and brotherly love, which, may be said to be his 'religion'. [Note: Masonry is NOT a religion.] Joseph Kellogg died on November 30, 1903, and was buried on December 3, 1903, at Greenwood Hills Cemetery, formerly known as Greenwood Cemetery before 1935.

Clean-up Day 2015



The annual clean up was a perfect 60° overcast day with no rain. A record number of volunteers arrived bright and early. Almost 70 people set about to trim up limbs, rake leaves, uncover buried headstones, and pull blackberries. This year as in years past we were joined by over 20 Masons from Portland Lodge #55 and 5 DeMolay boys. Their support continues to grow. As always the volunteers were treated to lunch provided by Greenwood Hills. We are very fortunate to have such a great group of volunteers that keep returning to Greenwood every spring and pitch in. We couldn't do it without you. Thanks to everyone!



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