

THE LATE DR. H. (HIRAM) S. LEAVENS

CASCADE LOCKS, Or., May 8, 1906 -- (Special) -- Dr. H. (Hiram) A. Leavens, one of the pioneer physicians of Oregon, and about 20 years ago one of the best-known man along the Columbia River, passed away yesterday morning at 1 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ada Ridenour, of this place. Dr. Leavens was born in Onondaga County, New York in 1824, and in that state took his medical degree. He lived for a while in Iowa, and then went to Illinois where he met and married Miss Pluma St. Ores in 1849.

On 1852 he crossed the plains to Oregon, and in 1856 he took the field and fought against the Indians, following the horrors of the Indian Massacres of that year. In 1859 he crossed the plains a second time and brought his family back with him. They settled at the old garrison at the Lower Cascades. From then until 1886, when he retired from active practice, Dr. Leavens was the only physician in a territory extending from White Salmon, Wash., to Troutdale on the Oregon side, and Vancouver on the Washington side of the Columbia. He was exposed to all kinds of weather at all time of the year, and had to be continually on the road. His wife died three years ago. He left four children -- Turner Leavens of Castle Rock, Wash., Mrs. Emma Reed, Warrendale; Mrs. Eva Larson, Lafayette, Or.; and Mrs. Ada Ridenour of Cascade Locks.,

Dr. Leavens joined the Masonic Lodge in Iowa. He was also a member of the Odd Fellows, and at the time of his death was an honorary member of the Elks. The body was taken to Castle Rock for interment and he will be buried beside his wife.

(March 18, 1903)

## SETTLED AT THE OLD GARRISON, LOWER CASCADES, 1959



The late Mrs. H. A. Leavens

CASCADE LOCKS, Or., March 18, 1906 -- (Special) --Mrs. H. A. Leavens, who died March 11, 1903, was born in St. Lawrence County, New York, February 24, 1830. Her maiden name was Pluma St. Ores, and she was married to Dr. H. (Hiram) A. Leavens in Illinois in 1849. In 1852 Dr. Leavens crossed the plains to Oregon and brought his wife and children across the plains and settled at the old garrison at the lower cascades, where they remained one year, and then moved on to a donation claim in Warrendale, Or. Dr. Leavens was the pioneer physician of the middle Columbia, and his estimable wife shared in the esteem of all the early settlers of this section. They have four living children -- T. F. Leavens and Mrs. Ada Ridenour, of Castle Rock, Wash.; Mr. W. R. Reed of Warrendale, Or., and Mrs. E. Nelson of Lafayette, Or. The remains were interred in the cemetery at the Lower Cascades.

## February 18, 1981

To Joan Blaisdell:

Jim Attwell sent us a copy of your letter asking for information of those buried in Pioneer Cascade Cemetery.

My mother, Helen Walborn, and I have been involved in care of what I call the Leavens - Reed plot.

Our biggest project was between 18-20 years ago when we cut back the growth around the fence, wired some loose ends and painted the fence. We lost interest in that much work when the gate was stolen and, more recently when one section of fence was removed.

Anyway, that's when I first started the family tree. I've circled the names of those I can remember being buried there except for the Attwells -- I'll let Jim take care of those names. The family tree is accurate except for the bottom two rows -- some marriages and new babies. If you can wade your way thru all the names you'll see there are a lot of names I didn't include on the individual pages as surviving relatives. They don't have the kinds of information you ask for.

Roy Hulbert would be your best source of additional information. He did all the research on the family tree from Leavens on back.

The youngest son of Emma and Wm. Reed, my Uncle George, is living in Fall River Mills, Calif. However, he has been in the hospital for the past year and I don't think is able to help.

Approximately 2 years ago, on a Saturday before Memorial Day, Mother and I drove to the cemetery. There was a group of kids busy cleaning up branches, etc., some adults with the kids and a deputy sheriff. In walking back to our part of the cemetery, we found that someone had attempted to dig into one of the older graves and that's why the sheriff was there. I remember his name as Ray Blaisdell. Any relation?

I hope all this is of some help to you. Please let me know if there is anything else you need.

Sincerely, JOAN WALBORN 16901 S. E. Division St., Space 100 Portland, Oregon 97236

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## LEAVENS - REED FAMILY MEMBERS THAT WERE BURIED IN THE PIONEER CASCADE CEMETERY

1. 2.	<u>NAME</u> Hiram A. Leavens Pluma St. Ores Leavens	<u>BORN</u> Oct. 21, 1824 Feb. 2, 1830	<u>DIED</u> May 21, 1906 March 11, 1903
3.	<b>Emma Teresa Leavens Reed</b> (Daughter of Hiram and Pluma Reed)	Oct. 8 1852	Dec. 20, 1921
4.	<b>Wm. Robert Reed</b> (Son of William and Jane Reed)	March 8, 1837	April 9, 1911
5.	<b>Amy</b> (Granddaughter of Hiram and Pluma Leavens		
6.	<b>Wm. Hiram Reed</b> (Son of Emma Teresa Leavens and Wr	March 4, 1968 n. Robert Reed)	July 8, 1953
7.	<b>Edna Estelle Reed Walborn</b> (Daughter of Emma Teresa Leavens an	<b>May 6, 1872</b> d Wm. Robert Reed)	Aug. 6, 1973
8.	<b>Ethel Ray Reed</b> (Daughter of Emma Teresa Leavens an	<b>April 18, 1976</b> d Wm. Robert Reed)	Aug. 26, 1953
9.	<b>Minnie Mabel Reed Hurlburt</b> (Daughter of Emma Teresa Leavens an	<b>April 30, 1879</b> d Wm. Robert Reed)	Feb. 22, 1964
10.	<b>Rush Reed</b> (Son of Emma Teresa Leavens and Wr	<b>May 31, 1881</b> n. Robert Reed)	Aug. 7, 1898
11.	<b>Emro Roy Reed</b> (Son of Emma Teresa Leavens and Wr	<b>June 16, 1886</b> n. Robert Reed)	Aug. 2, 1898

