

Kubli Family

Kasper Kubli was born in Switzerland and immigrated to the United States in 1852, landing in New Orleans. He traveled west on the same wagon train as did his future wife, Elinor Jane Newcomb, captained by her father, and arrived in Oregon in 1853. During the trip, they met and formed a relationship that would last a lifetime. At first, as did most of those arriving in Jacksonville, Kasper mined gold. However, only a few months after their arrival, he joined Peter Britt and Viet Schutz in a more reliable and profitable mule packing business hauling freight from Crescent City, California to Jacksonville.

Kasper and Ellen married on December 27, 1857, and had seven children. They lived in the Applegate Valley and Kasper opened the first store in Foots Creek near Gold Hill. In 1872, they moved to Jacksonville where Kasper became a prominent hardware and tinsmith merchant.

Kasper and Ellen greatly valued education and all their children, both sons and daughters, were well educated. The daughters attended St. Helens Hall in Portland. One son, Kasper Jr., graduated from the University of Oregon, went to Harvard Law School, and then practiced law in Jacksonville. Kasper Kubli, Jr. also represented Jackson County for two terms in the Oregon Legislature.

Kasper died in 1897 and, on the same day 29 years later, Ellen died. Two of their children, Frances, and Minerva, died young, at eight and nine years old, and are buried here in the Jacksonville cemetery with their parents and brother Henry. Kasper and Ellen's Jacksonville home, where they raised their family, still stands at the corner of Pine and South Oregon streets.