

# Hoffman Family

William Hoffman, wife Caroline, and their six daughters came across the Oregon Trail in 1853 from Indiana to Jacksonville. Devout Presbyterians, their wagon train rarely traveled on Sundays, to “keep the sabbath.” William helped create the Presbyterian community in Jacksonville. He was one of the first Elders elected in 1857 during a visit by Reverend Moses Williams, establishing the first congregation in the Hoffman home. Hoffman served Jackson County as its first auditor under territorial laws, and as the first County Clerk once Oregon achieved statehood.

Reverend Williams and his wife Amelia are also buried here. Next to their headstones is the grave of Edward Payton Rand who, despite the date on his headstone, died at the age of 26. Also from Indiana, Rand was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and died of typhoid at the Hoffman home.

The five oldest Hoffman daughters married and started their own families in Jacksonville and elsewhere and are buried with those families. Daughter Florence married Thomas H.B. Shipley, a county judge who passed at the age of 30 and lies here, together with their grown daughter Maggie Pape. Florence’s second marriage was to J.C. Whipp, and their baby Carrie lies under the lovely marble cradle you see. Baby Carrie is not the only child in this block; there is an unmarked grave for Claude Harvey Pape, dead at two months, presumably Maggie’s child. Maggie died shortly after baby Claude was born.

The youngest Hoffman daughter Kate remained unmarried while caring for her parents until they each passed. She then married her cousin John, a Civil War veteran and tinsmith, when she was 52 and he 59. John passed just after their third anniversary. Kate remained in Jacksonville for the rest of her life.