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Lucas Family Biographies

Rebecca Elam (Blanche) Lucas Butler

Rebecca Elam (Blanche) Lucas Butler (1818-1891) married William Cooke Butler (1814-1891) in 1837. While they did not accompany the Butler family to the Oregon Territory in 1853, they eventually migrated to the Louisiana Territory. Together, they had nine children.

Children of Rebecca Elam Lucas Butler:

- Josephine Catherine Butler (1838-1923); married Joseph Kempton
- Victoria Louise Butler (1840-1915); married Lewis McHone (?-1915)
- Draper Cook Butler (1842-1922); married Ella Vista Davidson (?-1885) and Daisy Butler
- John Lucas Butler (1843-1916); married Mary Elizabeth Swim (1850-1925) in 1870
- William Henry Butler (1844-1937); married Elizabeth Jane Yount (?-1932)
- Sarah Alice Butler (1846-1886); married John Holland and Wash Elliot
- George Edmund Butler (1852-1933); married Elida Clarissa Smith (1852-1886)
- Viola Butler (1856-1894); married C. A. Shaffer
- Jessie Lavina Butler

Sarah Elizabeth Lucas Butler

Sarah Elizabeth Lucas Butler (1830-1871) married Elijah Davidson Butler (1824-1858) on August 26, 1846. She traveled with her family to the Oregon Territory in 1852. In the late months of 1857 and early months of 1858 she lost both a son, Charles Willet, and her husband to influenza and typhoid fever. During those same months, she also gave birth to a baby girl, Rachel. Her husband willed his estate to her as long as she remained a widow. The letters mention that there was some question about the legality of the will. Sarah built a house in Monmouth and led a comfortable life, marrying James M. Allen on July 5, 1860.

Children of Sarah Elizabeth Lucas Butler:

- Cynthia Ann Butler (?-1876); married Andy Allen
- Charley Willet Butler (1855-1857); buried in the Butler Davidson Cemetery
- Rachel Butler (1857-18??); married G. William Pickett (?-1902)

Albert Whitfield Lucas

Albert Whitfield Lucas (1827-1893) was born in Kentucky and moved with his family to Warren County, Illinois, in 1830. He married Elizabeth Frances Murphy (1832-1914) and had nine children with her. In 1852 he traveled to the Oregon Territory. His early career was as a school teacher, and in Monmouth, Oregon, he served as secretary on the Board of Trustees for Christian College (now Western Oregon University), and on the executive committee throughout the 1870s and 1880s. He was an active advocate for prohibition in Monmouth. He is buried with his wife in the Fir Crest Cemetery.

Children of Albert Whitfield Lucas:

- Adah Lucas (1853-1910); married Thomas Winthrop Shelton (1844-1893) in 1870
- Jay Prentice Lucas (1856-1932); married K.F. Lucas
- Mary Lucas (1858-?)
- Katherine Lucas (1859-1930); married William D. Fenton (1853-1925) in 1879
- Susan Jane Lucas (1862-1897); married Jackson Hugh Stanley (1859-1915) in 1880
- Albert Lincoln Lucas (1865-1927); married Mabel Morrell (1872-?)
- Nellie Lucas (1867-?)
- Frank Lucas (1868-1928) ; married Lorena Mulkey (1873-?)
- Fred Lucas (1871-1894)

Thomas Hartzwell Lucas

Thomas Hartzwell Lucas (1824-1908) married the youngest daughter of Elijah and Margaret Davidson, Sarah Davidson Lucas (1825-1882). They traveled together to the Oregon Territory with their then two children in 1850. They had five more children thereafter. Thomas is considered one of the founders of Monmouth University (now Western Oregon University), and he and his wife were some of the many founders who donated land to the University. After his wife's death, he moved back to Illinois from 1883 to 1899, before returning to Polk County, Oregon. He is buried with his wife in the Butler Davidson Cemetery.

Children of Thomas Hartzwell Lucas:

- Smith W. Lucas (1846-1890); buried in Butler Davidson Cemetery
- Amanda Lucas (1848-1857); buried in Butler Davidson Cemetery
- Marsham Albert Lucas (1850-1921); married Jane Gibson and Margaret Ann Turner
- William M. Lucas (1852-1906); buried in Butler Davidson Cemetery
- Thaddeus Lucas (1856-1928); married Lucinda Eleanor Burch in 1886
- Benjamin F. Lucas (1860-1937); married Sidney Katherine Nelson in 1889
- Orren Lucas (1862-1863); buried in Butler Davidson Cemetery

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