

AGED PIONEER DEAD

Plympton Kelly Succumbs to Stroke of Paralysis.

CAME TO OREGON IN 1848

Settled With Father and Brothers Near Portland, Where Homes Were Carved From Wilderness—Funeral Monday.

Stricken with paralysis several weeks ago at his home on the Section Line road, Plympton Kelly, a pioneer of 1848, died early yesterday morning. He was a son of "Father" Clinton Kelly, a prominent Oregon pioneer. Born near Somerset, Pulaski County, Ky., September 7, 1828, Plympton Kelly, 18 years later, started with his father on the trip across the plains, a trip that continued until the Spring of 1848. There were 60 men in the train when it reached the Blue Mountains.

There were five sons in the Kelly family, and all helped in clearing the home farm that comprised Waverly, Kenilworth and Richmond, in the southeastern portion of Portland. In 1850 Plympton filed on 350 acres of Government land on the Section Line road, erected a log cabin and then went to work to clear away the heavy growth of timber. It is known as the Kelly Butte farm. By dint of hard work, he developed one of the finest farms in Multnomah County.

Plympton Kelly was a man of robust body, virile, rugged, absolutely untiring,

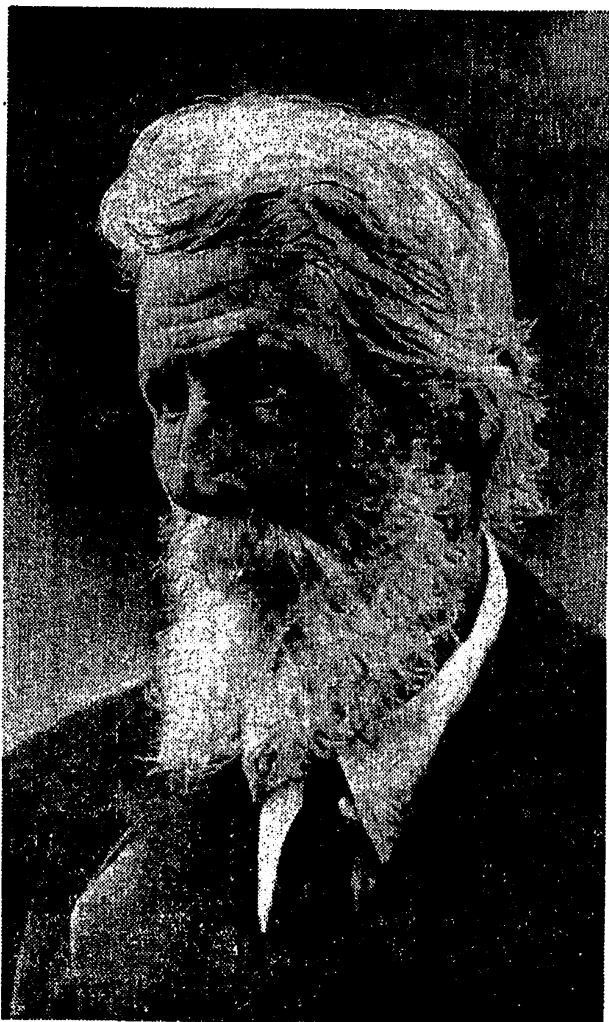
independent and honest. He was aggressive in opinion. He was never known to permit anybody to do anything for him that was possible for him to do himself, and the hardest thing during his sickness was his dependent condition. In the community he was called on to officiate at the funerals of many of his pioneer comrades, which he did with his plain, sympathetic and blunt way.

During the Indian wars of 1855-1856 he served as corporal under Colonel Nebit and Colonel Cornelius, and marched with the volunteers from The Dalles to the Walla Walla Valley, where they spent the Winter, and was in the Indian battle of 1855. In politics he was a Republican. Reared as a Methodist, he became a local preacher. His life was one of great activity. He did not spare himself in toil, and even just before he was stricken down he went about superintending the affairs of his farm, and it was not until rendered helpless that the rugged pioneer would rest.

He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Elizabeth A. Clark, daughter of Alexander and Nancy Clark. She is a niece of the late Mrs. C. S. Kingley. There were born to them the following children: Mrs. Eudoxia Amelia Niblin, living on the home place; Calumet and Clinton, both deceased; Mrs. Mary Howitt, of Gresham; Harriett Kelly, deceased; James Garfield Kelly, at home. Plympton Kelly was half brother to Dr. Richmond Kelly, Penumbra Kelly, Mrs. Emily Shaver, Mrs. Martin Judy, Mrs. Laura Turner, besides whom there are about 200 relatives scattered over the Northwest.

The funeral will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family home on the Section Line road, and Rev. Joseph Hoberg, of McMinnville, will conduct the services. Interment will be in Multnomah Cemetery, between the Section Line and Powell Valley roads.

PIONEER OF 1848 CLAIMED BY DEATH



PLYMPTON KELLY.