

George W. Warren

Pioneer of 1852

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George W Warren

b. 14 Aug 1834 Bath Steuben County, New York

d. 27 Sep 1875 Clatsop County, Oregon

buried [Astoria Pioneer Cemetery](#), Astoria, Clatsop County, Oregon

s/o Danforth Warren and Amanda Pike

m.

Frances Stevens

b. 1841 Illinois

d. May 1882 Astoria, Clatsop County, Oregon

m2. Isaiah W. Case (1831-1895) 14 Oct 1879 Clatsop County, Oregon

1850: Bureau County, Illinois, September 5, 1850; Gardner Baxter, 29, farmer, NY; Amanda, 40, Mass; Franklin, 18, farmer, NY; Phinius, 17, farmer, NY; George W., 15, NY; Daniel K., 14, NY; Adeline Baxter, 8, NY

1860: Pacific County, Washington, June 21, 1860; Henry H. Stevens, 33, inspector LWB, \$1000 \$500, IL; George S. Foster, 26, oysterman, \$100 \$600, IL; George W. Warren, 35, oysterman, \$200 \$1600, IL

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## DEATH OF MRS. I. W. CASE

(SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE OREGONIAN.)

ASTORIA, May 19.—Mrs. Fannie Case, wife of I. W. Case, banker, died last night after a brief illness. The deceased lady was a member of one of the old pioneer families of Oregon, arriving here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stevens, from Illinois in the year 1852, and has resided in Clatsop county ever since. The bereaved husband and children have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community. A faithful wife and devoted mother has been suddenly taken from them. The hand that now lies cold in death was ever ready with unostentatious charity to relieve the necessities of the poor and distressed and her natural kindness of heart prompted her to answer liberally every call to lend her aid in every benevolent work. A true christian woman has gone to her rest and to her reward. A bright little babe, six days old, is left unconscious of the maternal loss he has sustained.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Saturday, May 20, 1882 p.3]

Children of George Warren and Frances Stevens:

1. William E. Warren

b. 17 Aug 1863 Clatsop County, Oregon

d. 04 Sep 1936

buried [Clatsop Plains Cemetery](#), Warrenton, Clatsop County, Oregon

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## CAPTAIN W. E. WARREN

One of the best known river men and most highly respected citizens of the Columbia River valley is Captain W. E. Warren, of Cannon Beach, Oregon, who for many years has owned or handled river and seagoing vessels in the Pacific northwest. He is regarded as extraordinarily capable as a master and has commanded many of the best known boats along the coast, while in all of his operations he has met with well merited success. Captain Warren was born in Astoria, Oregon, on the 17th of August, 1863, and is a son of G. W. and Frances (Stevens) Warren, the former born in Bath, New York, in 1833, and the latter in Princeton, Illinois. His father was the third in order of birth of four sons born to his parents, the others being Frank, Phineas and Daniel K., all of whom are deceased. George W. Warren was educated in the public schools of his native state and in 1852, when nineteen years old, he and his brothers started for Oregon, driving across the plains with horse teams and covered wagons. They made excellent time and, aside from a few skirmishes with the Indians, were not molested, arriving safely at their destination in the fall of the year. They went down to Chinook, nearly to the mouth of the Columbia river, but did not remain there long, going up the river several miles and engaging in logging. In this work they used ox teams and on getting the logs to the river rafted them down to the sawmill at Astoria. They followed that business for two years and then went to Oysterville, in what is now Washington, and engaged in oystering, having a good market for their product in San Francisco. Mr. Warren with his associates brought to the Pacific coast the first eastern oysters for propagation. He also engaged in salmon canning at Astoria, in partnership with Mr. Bardollet, following that business successfully for a number of years. As he prospered he broadened the scope of his activities, buying and operating several sailing vessels, including the "Sierra Nevada," "Sea Waif" and steamer "Varuna." The two first named ships were employed in the Pacific trade, carrying lumber and other cargoes to the orient, with their headquarters in San Francisco. Mr. Warren went to Seattle when it was but a small village and bought a large tract of land there, which greatly appreciated in value with the growth of the city. He secured the contract to carry the mails from Portland to Olympia, by way of Astoria and the Columbia river, Grays Harbor and Shoalwater Bay. He was accidentally killed by a falling tree in one of his logging camps in 1874, when only forty-one years old. In settling up his estate it was found that he was interested in eight different enterprises, all of which were successful, and had he lived but a few years longer he would undoubtedly have ranked among the captains of industry of Oregon. His wife passed away in 1882. Mr. Warren was a charter member of the Improved Order of Red Men at Portland, was a man of strong character and sterling qualities and was accorded the loyal regard of all who were associated with him. To him and his wife were born five sons, namely: Leonard, deceased; W. E.; George and Frank, deceased; and Mark S., who owns a hotel and summer cottages at Cannon Beach, where he resides. The mother of these children crossed the plains in 1852, with her parents, who located first at Milwaukie, Oregon. Later they went to Chinook, Washington, but soon afterward came back across the river to Astoria, where her father took up a donation land claim of six hundred and forty acres, five miles east of that place, on which the family lived for many years. He then sold that place and moved to Astoria, where he bought a book store, which he conducted for several years. His death occurred in that city.

W. E. Warren acquired his early education in the grammar schools of Astoria, also attending Pacific University, at Forest Grove, in 1880, and spending the two following years in Bishop Scott Academy, at Portland. His first regular employment was in a machine shop in Astoria, which work he followed for two years, and in 1885 he turned his attention to river transportation, buying a steamboat, which he operated on the Columbia river, doing towing and other job work. In 1887 he bought a half interest in the "Alpha," a sailing vessel, and engaged in the Alaska fur seal trade. In 1891 he became the owner of the steamers "Favorite" and "Puritan," which he operated on the Columbia river. He sold his Columbia river interests in 1897 and, going to Alaska, piloted boats on the Yukon and Tanana river during the summer seasons and followed gold mining during the winter months from 1897 to 1908. He then returned to Astoria but in the following spring went back to Alaska, where he remained two years longer. During 1913 and 1914 he served as pilot of the "T. J. Potter" and during the two following years was captain of the United States quartermaster's artillery tender, "Captain James Fornance." Since that time he has spent nearly every summer in Alaskan waters, where he has been actively engaged in boating. Captain Warren received a pilot's license when only twenty years of age and was given his master's papers at the age of twenty-three years. He has the reputation of being careful, judicious and dependable and his career has been one of which he has just reason to be proud.

On September 19, 1893, Captain Warren was united in marriage to Miss Emma Halloway Sayre, who was born in Chile, South America, and is a daughter of Rev. Sylvanus and Emma (Laroze) Sayre. The father, a son of David S. and Hannah (Murphey) Sayre, was born in Bridgeton, New Jersey, March 8, 1835. His father was of English and Quaker ancestry, was a hatter by trade and a Godly man. His mother came from a long line of Scotch-Irish Presbyterian ministers. The early boyhood of Sylvanus Sayre was spent in Bridgeton, New Jersey. He learned the silver plating trade and earned money to apply on an education. After graduating from the Philadelphia high school he entered Princeton College in 1857, having chosen the ministry for his life work in his early youth. He was graduated from Princeton in 1861. He spent one year's vacation in the service of the Christian commission during the Civil war and had charge of the hospital at City Point, Virginia. Later he served with the sanitary commission for some time. In 1863 he was graduated from the Princeton Theological Seminary, was ordained and commissioned for foreign work to Chile in the old North church at Philadelphia. He was associated with Dr. Trumbell and Rev. Moss Merwin, classmate and co-laborers in Valparaiso, Chile, doing evangelistic work, and later went to Talca in northern Chile, where he opened a new station and a school for the girls and boys. In 1867 he married Emma Laroze, a daughter of Achilles and Ale Laroze, who were Huguenots and left France because of religious persecution. Their daughter Emma was born in Agen, France, in 1846, was educated in Paris and went with her parents to Valparaiso, Chile, in 1852. Following her marriage she accompanied her husband to the new field at Talca, where no white woman had ever been. She soon won the hearts of the women and children

and did much to teach them the better way, her work in the school being far-reaching in its influence for good. Two daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sayre, Emma Halloway and Harriet Merwin. Mrs. Sayre died when a young woman, leaving a little daughter only ten days old. This was a sad loss to the family and to the mission field, in which she had succeeded in winning the affections and confidence of the people. She still lives in the hearts of many of those among whom she labored and her deeds of love are told to the children of those who knew her.

Mr. Sayre was later sent to Copiapo and served the English speaking people and also the Spanish church at that place. He sailed for America on his first furlough after living and working there for thirteen years. Finding work to do in America, he did not return to South America but for four years lived in Philadelphia under the commission of the Home Mission Board. In that city, May 24, 1880, he married Mary C. Brown, daughter of James and Elizabeth Brown, of Philadelphia, where she was born February 25, 1844. They went to western Pennsylvania, remaining at Big Sewickley for five years, and to them was born a son, James Van Cleve Sayre, now living in Portland. From Pennsylvania Mr. Sayre made his way westward to New Mexico and California, hoping to work among the Spanish people, but as there was no opening there, the presbytery of southern California sent him to Oregon. He was pastor of the church at Linkville from 1885 until 1887 and served as supply for the Oakland Presbyterian church until 1888. He then went to the Clatsop Plains church, the oldest Presbyterian church west of the Mississippi. His health was broken and he was superannuated but nevertheless served the church there, established a Sunday school and preached at other stations, including Skipanon and Knappa, for twelve years. He was called home February 8, 1900. His life was one of devotion to his Master. There was never a compromise with anything that savored of wrong either in his religious belief or civic obligations. He voted the prohibition ticket as soon as there was one in the field and when there was only one other prohibition voter in the

county and few in the state. Mrs. Mary Sayre in 1900 became a resident of Portland, where she remained until her death September 3, 1924. She was one of a group of women who formed the Woman's Board of Missions in Philadelphia. She filled out a full four score of years and is remembered by her friends as a fine Christian character.

Mrs. Warren, daughter of Rev. Sylvanus Sayre, received her early education in her father's home in South America, where he was doing missionary work, and after coming to this country she attended a boarding school for girls in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She completed her studies in the State Normal School at Ashland, Oregon, from which she was graduated in 1888, after which she taught school up to the time of her marriage. She has taken a deep interest in the civic, social and religious affairs of her community, being a director of the Union high school at Seaside, is chairman of the board of the Cannon Beach and Clatsop Plains community church, and she and her husband are members of the First Presbyterian church in Astoria. Captain Warren is a member of the Woodmen of the World. They reside in a beautiful bungalow home, called "Glen Warren," at Cannon Beach, which was built in 1925. The Captain owns one hundred and sixty acres there, which he took up as a homestead in the early '90s. The land is splendidly located in one of the finest beach sections of the state and is well watered and timbered. From the fine springs on his place the Captain has developed a private water system, from which he supplies between forty and fifty families who reside near his place on the beach, a service which is greatly appreciated. He is a man of kindly manner and cordial social relations, enjoys a wide acquaintance and all who have come into contact with him hold him in high regard for his sterling personal traits and his high type of citizenship.

# CAPTAIN WARREN PASSES SUDDENLY

## Old-Time Steamboat Opera- tor Dies at Cannon Beach

CANNON BEACH, Sept. 4 (Special)—Captain William E. Warren, 74, steamboat operator on the lower Columbia during the '90s and one of the first men to develop the Cannon Beach district, dropped dead, on the beach near his home two miles south of here today.

During the Klondike rush, Captain Warren mined at Dawson and later piloted steamers on the Yukon and Tanana, being the first man to take a steamboat up the swift Tanana river.

Returning to Oregon, he developed the beach property he had acquired years before, and had since made his home there. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Emma Sayre Warren, whom he married in 1893, and by his brother, Mark S. Warren of Cannon Beach.

Captain Warren was born in Astoria, his parents being George and Frances Warren. His father was one of the four pioneer Warren brothers who came from Illinois to the lower Columbia country and became prominent in its development. One brother, Daniel K. Warren, founded Warrenton.

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2. George W. Warren Jr.

b. 26 Oct 1865

d. 28 Oct 1865

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3. Franklin Irving Warren

b. 01 Nov 1869 Clatsop County, Oregon

d. 19 Mar 1871 Clatsop County, Oregon

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d. 24 Sep 1939

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