

Phineas Chauncey Warren

Pioneer of 1852

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Phineas Chauncey Warren

b. 19 Mar 1833 Bath, Steuben County, New York

d. 02 Feb 1912 Warrenton, Clatsop County, Oregon

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

s/o Danford Warren and Amanda Pike

m. 01 Jan 1866

Adeline Keller

b. 06 Feb 1848 Ohio

d. 20 Jan 1929 Astoria, Clatsop County, Oregon

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

d/o Isaac Keller and Keziah Cash

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

1853: went to Jacksonville Mines

c1860: returned east to Bureau County, Illinois

1860: Princeton, Bureau County, Illinois, June 13, 1860, Gardner Baxter, 44, farmer, \$6450 \$1448, NY; Amanda, 31, Mass; Adaline, 18, housework, IL; Phineas Warren, 27, farmer, \$0 \$2000, NY; Daniel Warren, 23, farmer, \$2500 \$500, NY

c. 1870: returned to Oregon locating in Astoria

1870: Princeton, Bureau County, Illinois, August 17, 1870; Phinneas Warren, 37, farmer, NY; Addie, 23, keeps house, OH; Carrie, 4, at home, IL; Frank, 11/12 (Aug), IL

1880: Knappa Pct, Clatsop County, Oregon, June 17 & 18, 1880; Phinius Warren, 47, lumberman, NY VT Mass; Adeline, 32, wife, keeping house, OH OH OH; Carrie E., 13, dau, IL; Frank M., 10, son, at home, IL

1900: Warrenton, Clatsop County, Oregon, June 12, 1900; P.C. Warren, head, Mar 1843, 67, m-32yrs, NY VT Mass, farmer; Adelaide, wife, Feb 1848, m-32yrs, 2-2, OH OH OH

1910: Warrenton, Clatsop County, Oregon, April 19, 1910; Phineas C. Warren, head, 79, m-44yrs, NY NY Mass, farmer-state farm; Adeline, wife, 68, m-44ys, 2-2, OH OH OH; Marion, grand dau, 10, OR IL OR; John Boyer, hired man, 46, wid, Belgium Belgium Belgium, farmer; Sophia Kylli, servant, 21, s, Finland Finland Finland, cook-home

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**Warrenton Pioneer Passes Away.**

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 3.—Phineas C. Warren died today, suddenly at his

newspaper appears to have left out part of article

years. He came to Oregon in 1852 with his three brothers, all of whom are dead. He was born in New York State, and was 17 years of age at the time he came to the Coast. He leaves a widow and two children—Mrs. C. F. Lester and Frank M. Warren, both of Warrenton. Mr. Warren and his brothers were prominent figures in the development of this section for many years. During

the Civil War he went East, returning to Oregon in 1872.

[The Sunday Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, February 4, 1912, p.2]



P. C. WABBES

**PHINEAS C. WARREN**, who has lived retired at Warrenton for the past few years, is an extensive landowner and one of the most prosperous and respected residents of Clatsop county. His birth occurred in the state of New York on the 19th of March, 1833, his parents being Danford and Amanda (Pike) Warren, who were natives of Vermont and Massachusetts respectively. Their marriage was celebrated in the Empire state. Danford Warren, who followed farming as a means of livelihood, passed away in New York in comparatively early manhood. Ten years later his widow became the wife of Gardner Baxter, a native of New York, with whom she removed to Illinois, passing away at Princeton, that state, when seventy-two years of age. Our subject was one of four sons, his brothers being as follows: John F., who was extensively engaged in the lumber business and who died at Knappa, Oregon; George W., who was accidentally killed at his logging camp in the '70s; and Daniel K., whose demise occurred in 1893. By her second husband the mother of Phineas C. Warren had one daughter, Adeline, who is now the wife of James Hamilton, of Princeton, Illinois.

Phineas C. Warren began earning his own livelihood when a youth of fifteen, renting a tract of land in Bureau county, Illinois, and cultivating it for three years. On the expiration of that period he came to Oregon, locating at Astoria, where he worked in a saw-mill for one year. At the end of that time he became connected with mining interests, digging gold for a brief period in Jacksonville, Oregon. Subsequently he was engaged in the logging business until 1860 and then went east on a visit to New York. Returning to Illinois, he there carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1870, when he sold his property and again came to Oregon in the hope that his wife's health might be benefited by the change of climate. He was actively engaged in the logging business for ten years, and for a number of years was extensively engaged in buying and selling cattle, but for the past few years has lived retired in the enjoyment of well earned rest. His property holdings include four hundred and eighty acres of land, three hundred and twenty acres of which is covered with timber, while the remainder lies in Warrenton and vicinity. Recently he disposed of eight hundred acres in Tillamook county, Oregon.

In 1867 Mr. Warren was united in marriage to Miss Adeline Keller, who was born in Ohio on the 6th of February, 1847, her parents being Isaac W. and Keziah (Cash) Keller. They were born, reared and married in the Buckeye state and there continued to

reside until their children were grown. Subsequently they spent some years at Princeton, Illinois, and then removed to Iowa, where Isaac W. Keller passed away at the age of eighty years. The demise of his wife occurred four days later, at the age of seventy-five years. They had five children, four of whom are still living, as follows: Mrs. B. D. Lee, who resides near Los Angeles, California; Elizabeth, the wife of James Palbert, of Longbeach, California; Mary, who is the wife of William Dodge and also makes her home in California; and Mrs. Warren. The last named is the mother of a son and daughter. Carrie E. gave her hand in marriage to Charles F. Lester and resides in Warrenton, Oregon. Frank, who is married and lives on his father's homestead, is the owner and operator of a logging camp in partnership with his brother-in-law, C. F. Lester. Both children were afforded excellent educational advantages, the daughter being a high-school graduate and the son having pursued courses of study in two business colleges.

Mr. Warren is a staunch republican in politics but has never had any desire for the honors and emoluments of office. In religious faith he is a Presbyterian. He has now passed the seventy-ninth milestone on life's journey and enjoys the respect and veneration which should ever be accorded one who has traveled thus far on this earthly pilgrimage and whose career has been at all times upright and honorable.

[The Centennial History of Oregon by Joseph Gaston Vol III p. 960]

Children of Phineas Warren and Adeline Keller:

1. Carrie E. Warren

b. Oct 1869 Princeton, Bureau County, Illinois

d. 30 Jan 1934 Clatsop County, Oregon

m. 10 Sep 1890 Clatsop County, Oregon

Charles F. Lester

b. 08 Sep 1862 Rush County, Indiana

d. 22 Oct 1913 Warrenton, Clatsop County, Oregon

buried Ocean View Cemetery, Clatsop County, Oregon

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1880: Knappa Pct, Clatsop County, Oregon, June 17 & 18, 1880; Phinius Warren, 47, lumberman, NY VT Mass; Adeline, 32, wife, keeping house, OH OH OH; Carrie E., 13, dau, IL; Frank M., 10, son, at home, IL

1900: Warrenton, Clatsop County, Oregon, June 16 & 21, 1900; Charles F. Lester, head, Sep 1862, 37, m-10yrs, IN NY IN, miller-saw mill; Carrie, wife, Oct 1869, 30, m-10yrs, 1-1, IL NY OH; Warren, son, May 1892, 8, s, OR IN IL

1910: Warrenton, Clatsop County, Oregon, April 18, 1910, Charles Lester, head, 47, m1-19yrs, IN NY IN, logger-woods; Carrie, wife, 41, m1-19yrs, 1-1, IL NY OH; Warren, son, 18, s, OR IN IL

1920: Warrenton, Clatsop County, Oregon, January 12, 1920, Adeline Warren, head, 72, wid, IL OH OH; Carrie E. Lester, dau, 52, wid, IL NY IL; Marion Warren, grand dau, 19, s, OR IL OR [living next door: Warren C. Lester, head, 26, OR KY IL, captain-river tug boat; Mildred, wife, 22, OR OR OR

1930: Warrenton, Clatsop County, Oregon, April 11, 1930; Carrie E. Lester, head, 60, wid, m-age 21yrs, IL NY OH; Frank M. Warren, brother, 57, wid, IL NY OH, salesman-salmon; Clifford, nephew, 26, s, OR IL OR, laborer-lumber mill; Merle F., nephew, 13, s, OR IL WA; Fred H. nephew, 11, s, OR IL WA

# STATE SENATOR DIES

**CHARLES F. LESTER PASSES  
AWAY AT WARRENTON.**

**Prominent Clatsop Citizen Whose  
Career Has Been Active Leaves  
Widow and One Son.**

WARRENTON, Or., Oct. 21. — (Special.)—State Senator Charles F. Lester, one of Warrenton's foremost citizens, passed away tonight at 6 o'clock. He was born September 3, 1862, in Rush County, Indiana. At the age of 7 he moved to Berea, Ky., and graduated from Berea College in 1882. He operated a fruit cannery for one year, then went to Wisconsin, where he engaged in civil engineering. He came to Oregon at the age of 22.

Mr. Lester taught school in Eastern Oregon for one year and then entered railroad engineering, later being chief engineer during the construction of the

Astoria & South Coast Railroad, and he continued in the service of the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad, when that company purchased the local line. Later he was engaged in the lumber and logging business.

In 1891 Mr. Lester was married to Carrie Warren, daughter of P. C. Warren, of this city. In 1894 he was elected Representative from Clatsop County to the Oregon Legislature, and in 1910 was elected State Senator. He was Mayor of Warrenton for several years, and was also a member of the City Council and the Water Commission, following the creation of the Port of Astoria, in January, 1910. He was appointed a commissioner of the Port by Governor Benson on February 3, 1910, and was elected to succeed himself by a large vote in 1912. His widow and only child, Warren Chauncey Lester, survive him. The burial will be in Ocean View Cemetery Thursday afternoon.



**OREGON STATE SENATOR IS  
BURIED.**



**Charles F. Lester.**

**WARRENTON, Or., Oct. 23.—**  
(Special)—In the death of State  
Senator Charles F. Lester Tues-  
day night, Warrenton lost, per-  
haps, its foremost citizen and a  
power in the community and the  
state. Mr. Lester, who had been  
identified with development work  
of the state almost since coming  
here more than 20 years ago,  
had made a success of his engi-  
neering career, and in 1910 was  
elected State Senator from Clat-  
sop district. He also had been  
Mayor of Warrenton, a member  
of the City Council, a member of  
the Water Commission and of  
the Port of Astoria. He was born  
in Rush City, Ind., in 1862. The  
funeral was held today, burial  
being in Ocean View Cemetery.

LESTER—Dec. 20, Warren C. Lester, son of Mrs. C. F. Lester, cousin of Miss Bert Beagles. Funeral services will be held at the Ocean View cemetery Chapel, Warrenton, Or., Wednesday, December 23, at 2 o'clock. Edward Holman & Son, directors.

[Morning Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Tuesday, December 22, 1931]

2. Frank M. Warren

b. Sep 1871 Princeton, Bureau County, Illinois

d. 06 Jun 1947 Clatsop County, Oregon

m. 28 Dec 1898 Clatsop County, Oregon

Julia E. McIntire

b. Dec 1879 Oregon

d.

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1900: Warrenton, Clatsop County, Oregon, June 12, 1900, Frank Warren, head, Sep 1871, 28, m1, IL NY OH, farmer, Julia E, wife, Dec 1879, 20, m1, 1-1, OR OR OR; Louise, dau, May 1899, 0/12, OR IL OR

1910: Pass Creek, Douglas County, Oregon, April 23 & 26, 1910, Frank Warren, boarder, 35, m, IL IL IL, teamster-saw mill

1920: Warrenton, Clatsop County, Oregon, January 10, 1920; Frank M. Warren, head, 46, IN NY IN, manager-real estate co; Daisy B., wife, 22, WA NE IL; Merle F., son, 3 1/12, s, OR IN WA; Frederick, son, 8/12, s, OR IN WA

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1940: Warrenton, Clatsop County, Oregon, April 19, 1940, Frank M. Warren, head, 67, div, IL; Merle, 22, div, OR, carrier driver-lumber mill; Fred, son, 20, s, OR, butcher's apprentice-Rethiel Market