

William H. Shoudy

Pioneer of 1852

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William Henry Shoudy

b. 03 May 1830 Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York

d. 19 Sep 1901 Seattle, King County, Washington

buried [Lake View Cemetery](#), Seattle, King County, Washington

s/o Israel Shoudy and Rebecca Hemstreet

m. 20 Jan 1859 Jackson County, Oregon

Martha Francis Crismon

b. c1844 Missouri

d. 21 Jun 1886 Seattle, King County, Washington

buried [Lake View Cemetery](#), Seattle, King County, Washington

d/o Archibald Hicks Crismon and Eliza Tennessee Miller [emigrants bet 1852-1855]

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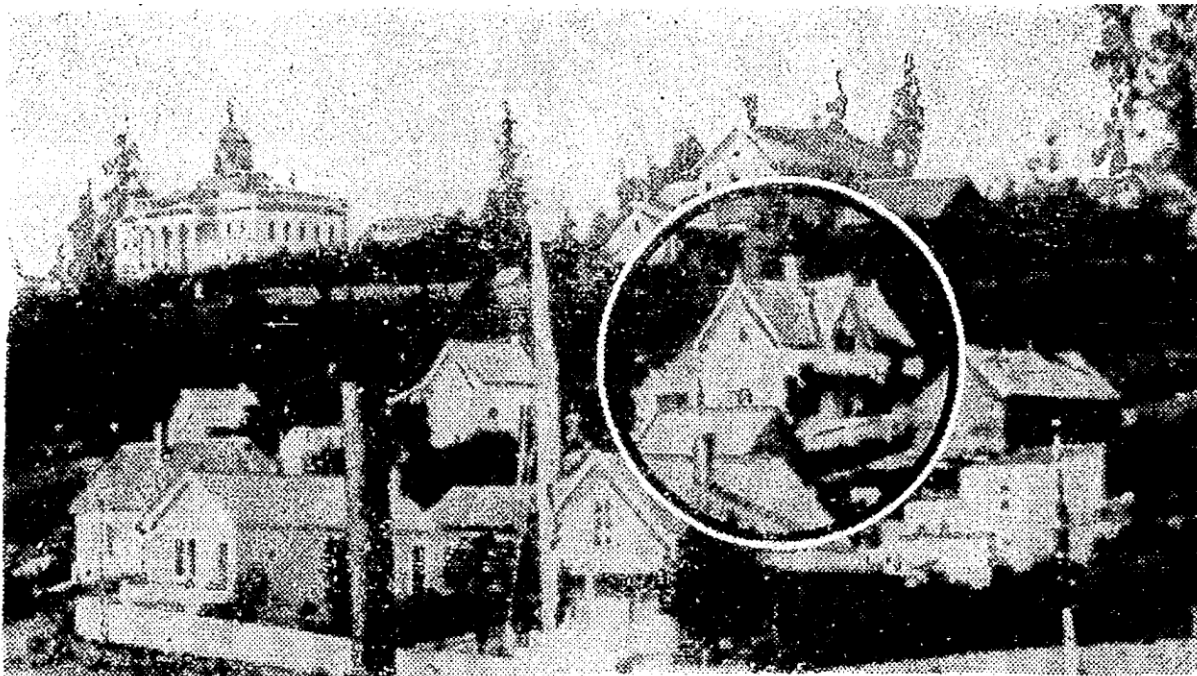
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MARTHA CRISMON SHOUDY



FIRST Shoudy home (in circle) stood on northwest corner of Second Avenue and Marion Street. Territorial University, on skyline, was on present-day site of Olympic Hotel.

FORTUNATE were the pioneer children of Seattle who lived near the Shoudy house on the west side of Second Avenue between Marion and Madison Streets. Built into the sloping garden was a wonderful playhouse, completely furnished! The big room had a board floor and an outside door, and everything was hand-made and put together with pegs. There was an iron stove which boasted real kettles, and the table was set with dishes for the youngsters' use as well as that of the Doll Family who resided in the playhouse. The dolls had their tables and chairs, too, and everything was made by Harvey Pike, the son of John Pike, for whom Pike Street was named.

William and Martha Shoudy had seven girls, so their home was a merry one. Boys and girls of the neighborhood came to play with the girls in the playhouse, and were fascinated by the toy piano and other features of the house. During the 1860's and '70's Seattle was a village, perched on a hill with woods surrounding it. The children gathered dandelions where our city streets and concrete walks are now tramped by thousands each day.

WILLIAM SHOUDY was born in Syracuse, N. Y., May 3, 1833. Five years later the family moved to Niles, Mich., and then, when William was 8 years old, they moved to Rock Island, Ill. His father had been a carriage and wagon manufacturer, but shortly after this retired to farming in Lee County, Illinois.

When William was 19 his father gave him a team of horses and a wagon to make the long journey across the plains to Oregon. William's sister, Eliza, had married Dexter Horton and they were part of a company being formed by members of the local Methodist Protestant Church. Eliza wanted William to join them.

Daniel Bagley, one of the party, was to be the missionary minister to Oregon Territory.

The journey took five months, and there are letters and a diary of William's in existence today, describing their experiences. Travel on Sunday was forbidden. "Uncle Tommy" Mercer was elected captain of the wagon train. At Milwaukie, Or., the party divided. William opened a general merchandise store there. His goods were brought by boat from San Francisco to Portland, and then he hauled them the rest of the way with his team.

WHEN news came of gold strikes in California, William Shoudy caught "gold fever" and decided to try his luck. He landed at Crescent City, only to hear that Indians were on the war-path. On the way to the mines he met some prospectors who were escaping and who warned him to give up and return to Oregon.

At Jacksonville, Or., Mr. Shoudy met Martha Frances Crismon, whose Southern parents had come West to settle on the Applegate River. They were part of those settlers who founded Eugene, Or. William and Martha Shoudy took up a donation claim of 640 acres. Two daughters were born to the

Shoudys while living in Oregon, Emily and Ella.

In 1862 a letter came to William Shoudy from Dexter Horton, who had settled in Seattle. Mr. Horton suggested William sell his farm and come to Seattle to work for him in his store. This Shoudy did, and later bought the business, in partnership with Mr. H. A. Atkins.

THE house on the corner of Second and Marion saw the arrival of four more daughters to the Shoudys, Hattie, Clara, Mary and Juna. Martha Shoudy's days were busy ones, for her only help came from the rather inefficient Indian women. Strangers coming to town invariably went to the store, and William invariably brought them home to dinner. This may have meant more work, but it also made the village life more entertaining, and Martha Shoudy was a happy person who enjoyed people.

There were seven rooms in the house and the floors were covered with handsome Brussels carpeting. From the upstairs hall, doors opened onto a veranda. There were four fireplaces in the house, two of them having grates. The furniture was black walnut with a carved grape design and the chairs and sofa were upholstered in horsehair, down which the children liked to slide, even though it was prickly. In the living room there was a huge round table, and also a smaller mahogany table with claw feet. One of the first organs in Seattle was played in the Shoudy parlor. There's an oil painting still in existence today from that parlor, and one of the old oil lamps on its little, glass-pedestal base.

ABOUT 1881 the Shoudys decided to move to Ellensburg, where it was hoped the drier climate might improve Martha Shoudy's health. William's brother, John, had come west and he and his family founded Ellensburg, the town being named for his wife, Mary Ellen. During the year the William Shoudys stayed in Ellensburg, the house at Sec-

ond Avenue and Marion Street, was rented. Martin Van Buren Stacy had wanted to buy it, but Martha Shoudy persuaded her husband to keep it, because she thought it was worth more money than Mr. Stacy offered. She was right—Judge Burke paid them four times the original offer later. The last of the Shoudy girls was born in Ellensburg, and she was named Winifred.

After selling their house to Judge Burke, William Shoudy decided to build a large home north of Seattle, in a section which was then all woods, and was to become Queen Anne. The William Hammonds, friends of the Shoudys, had built out there, and Martha Shoudy wanted to be near them. Mr. Shoudy bought four lots, which later were between John and Thomas Streets, on the east side of Queen Anne Avenue, but at that time the only thought was that they faced the bay.

ALL the lumber for the house was brought over the skid road and the elegant gingerbread decorations were all cut by Mr. Shoudy himself. There were six bedrooms and Martha Shoudy had a sitting-room for her own use also. Every bedroom had a fireplace or grate, and the supreme luxury was a marble-topped wash-stand in each bedroom, from which came hot and cold running water. There was a bathroom downstairs which contained a polished zinc tub. The water came from their own well.

All the old furniture was sold and the new-style furniture, upholstered in velour, was purchased. In one bedroom there was a black spool bed with a night-table to match, and the bed was covered with a handsome blue and white patch-work quilt—in fact, it was just the kind of bedroom we see pictured in interior decorating magazines today.

Formal gardens were laid out and the borders were of sweet alyssum and pansies. Every Sunday Mr. Shoudy would make a trip in the carriage to Lawton's Nursery to see what new plants had come in.

IN 1883 the doctor prescribed another change of climate for Martha Shoudy—this time to California. A prairie schooner was fitted up for the family to travel in, but a special carriage was taken for her. Nig and Tom, horses of which the family were very proud because they were matched blacks, were harnessed to the carriage.

The journey took most of the summer and for the children must have seemed like one continuous picnic, but for Martha Shoudy must have been endless traveling. In California the Shoudys leased a farm and lived on it almost a year before going to San Francisco to visit Mr. Shoudy's oldest sister.

The trip back to Seattle, that fall of 1884, was made by boat, and in January, 1885, Martha Shoudy died. She didn't live to make the new house on Queen Anne, the happy place the old one had been at Second Avenue and Marion Street, but her memory remained with her girls in their home.

AT Christmas time in those days there was usually snow—just why this is, perhaps the Chamber of Commerce can explain. At any rate, the big sled was taken out and everyone went into the woods to help chop down a tremendous tree to reach to the living-room ceiling. Cranberries were strung as decoration, and corn was popped over the grate. Cornucopias were made, too, and Christmas was a happy time. The house was a wonderful place to return to, after sledding down Queen Anne Avenue, then called Temperance Street, and the slide always ended gloriously, because you could coast breathlessly over Denny's frozen pond!

Every Fourth of July William Shoudy took the children upstairs to the Tower Room, and they climbed out on the roof to nail numerous American flags, of every size, to the railing.

But some of the girls were growing up, of course, and there were weddings in the Shoudy house.

William Shoudy had gone into the wholesale hay, grain and feed business when he returned from Ellensburg. His brother, John, went into business with him and for a time the partnership was Shoudy Brothers. Then two more men were taken in and it became Shoudy, Stevens, Silvester & Shoudy, but this was not until after the big fire of 1889, in which they lost everything.

MR. SHOUDY was a Populist, and in 1886 he was elected mayor of Seattle and served that year as well as the following one. He was a Mason and was the first secretary and treasurer of St. John's Lodge.

[The Seattle Daily Times, Seattle, Washington, Sunday, February 4, 1945 p.28 "Early Day Mansions by Margaret Pitcairn Strachan]

OLD PIONEER DEAD

William H. Shoudy Passes Away
at His Home at Interbay.

William H. Shoudy, one of the pioneer merchants, died today at his home at Interbay. The deceased had resided in Seattle for the past thirty-nine years. He is survived by six daughters. The past few years Mr. Shoudy has lived at Interbay and has not been engaged in active business. He was 71 years of age.

Mr. Shoudy crossed the plains to Oregon in 1852. After spending ten years in that state he decided to make his future home in Washington and in the fall of 1862 with his family he moved to Seattle. He has since resided here. In the early days he was in the feed business, the firm being known as Moody & Shoudy. The deceased was the father-in-law of City Detective Phillips. The body is at Bonney & Stewart's. Funeral services will be announced later.

[The Seattle Daily Times, Seattle, Washington, Thursday, September 19, 1901 p.4]

STATE PIONEERS HOLD REUNION



Shown at the 63rd annual reunion of the Pioneer Association of the State of Washington yesterday afternoon in the Civic Auditorium are the four daughters of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Shoudy, who came to Seattle by covered wagon with the Dexter Horton party in 1852. Left to right, Mrs. Clara A. McTeigh, Mrs. Mary Shoudy Phillips, Mrs. Hattie Shoudy Hunter and Mrs. June Shoudy Phillips.

[The Seattle Daily Times, Seattle, Washington, Sunday, June 10, 1945 p.5]

1. Ella M. Shoudy

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d. 25 Jul 1925 Seattle, King County, Washington

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Sheriff L. C. Wynegar of Kittitas County was in the city yesterday en route to the tunnel works of the Great Northern railroad. Mr. Wynegar has had difficulty with the saloonkeepers of that locality, but will now compel them to take out license or shut up shop.

[The Seattle Daily Times, Seattle, Washington, Monday, April 23, 1898 p.19]

2. Hattie Rebecca Shoudy

b. c1865 Seattle, King County, Washington

d. 02 Jan 1948 Seattle, King County, Washington

m1. 1910 Seattle, King County, Washington

Frank E. Chester

b.

d.

m2. 25 Sep 1912 Seattle, King County, Washington

Herbert Hunter

b. 1870 Canada

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**HUNTER—8632 42nd Ave. S. W.,
January 2. Hattie R. Hunter, wife
of Herbert Hunter, mother of Viv-
ian L. Francis E. and Donald L.
Chestnut, sister of Mrs. June A.
Phillips and Mrs. Winfield S. Man-
tos. Member Washington Pioneer
Assn. Services at Bonney-Watson
Co. Monday at 1 p. m. Inter-
ment Lake View Cemetery.**

[Seattle Daily Times, Seattle, Washington, Sunday, January 4, 1948, p.27]

3. Clara E. Shoudy

b. 21 Apr 1866 Seattle, King County, Washington

d. 19 Jul 1947 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

m. 20 Sep 1883 Seattle, King County, Washington

Michael P. McTeigh

b. Sep 1862 California

d. 27 Jan 1911 Seattle, King County, Washington

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MICHAEL M'TEIGH DIES OF APOPLECTIC STROKE

Michael McTeigh, a real estate and investment broker living at 2208 East McGraw Street, was stricken with apoplexy at 8:30 this morning while inspecting a house which he was erecting at 2201 East Roanoke Street and died a few minutes later.

McTeigh was out early this morning to look over the new house. He had been inside but a few minutes when the sound of a falling body was heard by Charles Holt, a painter, who was working on the outside of the building. Holt clambered down the ladder, crossed the threshold and found McTeigh unconscious on the floor. He hastily summoned a physician living near by, but before help arrived McTeigh was dead.

McTeigh was 49 years old and has lived in Seattle for thirty years. He is survived by a widow, Clara E. McTeigh, and two sons.

[The Seattle Daily Times, Seattle, Washington, Friday, January 27, 1911 p.10]

SON OF FAMOUS SOUND INDIAN FIGHTER PASSES

Michael McTeigh, Pioneer Resident of Seattle, Came of Family Prominent in Early Days of Territory.

FATHER HELPED WIPE OUT HOSTILE SAVAGES

Family Returned Thirty Years Ago to State, Where Younger Man Became Identified With Business Interests.

In the death of Michael McTeigh, pioneer resident of Seattle, for whom funeral services were held Sunday at Bonney-Watson chapel, there passed away the son of a famous old Indian fighter of the early fifties on Puget Sound, Col. John McTeigh, who with Gen. J. H. Slaughter, with headquarters at old Fort Steilacoom, drove the hostile savages from the upper Sound country and suppressed the carnage and destruction of homes that the Indians had inaugurated.

After the Indians had been subdued in the old Territory of Washington, Col. McTeigh moved to California, where Michael McTeigh was born. Thirty years ago the family returned to Washington and located here and Michael McTeigh grew to manhood in this city.

In the early days he was engaged in the harness manufacturing business, but several years ago retired to handle his own real estate and investment interests. He married Miss Clara E. Shoudy, of Seattle, daughter of W. H. Shoudy, mayor of Seattle in territorial days. The widow and two sons, Cecil Shoudy McTeigh and Kenneth Shoudy McTeigh, survive.

Rev. B. L. Whitman, pastor of the First Baptist Church, conducted the funeral services and cremation followed at Mount Pleasant.

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C. Phillips, 70, Retired Police Detective, Dies

Charles H. Phillips, 70-year-old retired detective lieutenant, died of a heart attack yesterday afternoon, as he walked in Pike Street between Second and Third Avenues. Two officers who were walking by at the time, Sgt. Frank C. Fuquia and Patrolman L. C. Gay, reached his side a moment after he collapsed, but he was dead.



Charles H. Phillips

Born in Illinois, Mr. Phillips joined the Police Department in 1888, was promoted to first grade patrolman in 1900 and to detective lieutenant in 1906. He was retired for disability last May.

Besides the widow, Mrs. Mary Ellen Phillips, a daughter, Phyllis, and two sons, Keith and Darrell, survive. The family home is at 1409 Tenth Ave. W. Funeral arrangements are in charge of Arthur A. Wright & Sons.

[The Seattle Daily Times, Seattle, Washington, Friday, January 11, 1935 p.2]

Mrs. Phillips' Funeral Will Be Tomorrow

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Shoudy Phillips, 76 years old, of 1629 38th Ave., will be held at 1 o'clock tomorrow in the Bonney-Watson chapel. Burial will be in Lake View. Mrs. Phillips died Sunday night while visiting her sister, Mrs. Clara E. McTrigh, in Portland, Or.

Mrs. Phillips, widow of Charles H. Phillips, was a member of the Pioneer Association of Washington, and the Daughters of Pioneers of Washington. She was a life-long resident of Seattle.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. John A. Snackenberg, Washington, D. C.; two sons, Charles K. and Darrell E. Phillips, both of Seattle, and four sisters, Mrs. W. I. Mantor, San Francisco; Mrs. McTrigh; and Mrs. Herbert Hunter and Mrs. Edward Phillips, both of Seattle.

[The Seattle Daily Times, Seattle, Washington, Wednesday, April 24, 1946 p.9]

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Edward Phillips

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6. Winifred Irene Shoudy

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d. 11 Dec 1970 San Francisco, San Francisco County, California

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Frederick Haydon Mantor

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