

OLD FAMILY LETTERS

(Written by Grandmother Emily Wood Trullinger
in regard to the Wood background.)

"Elisha Hunt married Polly Knapp, I suppose in Connecticut, and they became the Wood ancestors. Unfortunately, the Parish records were burned and that is the reason we cannot become members of The Sons of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the American Revolution." My grandfather Wood was a shoemaker and tanner. He married Amy Hunter of New York State. Later they moved to Ontario, Canada and settled near Woodstock, where there was plenty of tarbark, and conducted a tannery. My Grandmother Wood died, I think in Michigan, about 1839. All these names are English, so you see, we are of English ancestry. Zina Welkenson Wood was born March 5, 1826 in Canada, where his parents were temporarily, on account of their work. His mother died when he was about 14 years old, in Michigan, I believe. From then on, he had to fend for himself. He had three sisters and two brothers, but they had themselves to look after and could do little for him. In the spring of 1850, he, with two other young single men, with horses and wagon, joined a company on the journey across the plains to the Pacific Coast. He stopped first in California and worked for a man named Scoggin, whose family were near neighbors in his new home in Oregon. Came on in Oregon, December 10, 1850. Worked for W.H. Bennett in Portland, clearing land in the first settlement on the west side.

In the spring of 1851, he came to Tualatin Plains, Washington County, to work on a farm. The remainder of his life was spent in Washington County.

Jane Elizabeth Shaw was born in Missouri, March 19, 1837. Her mother died when she was three years old. She grew up with no one especially to care for her. She never had a day of school in her life. In spite of no advantages, she learned to read and write from her children's lessons at school. She had a very bright mind. Her father and

step-mother, and their young son, joined a caravan for Oregon in 1852. Somewhere west of the Mississippi River, her father and step-mother died with the colera. She and her young step-brother came on with the caravan in the fall of 1852, arriving in Portland, penniless. Her first home in Washington County was on the Pomeroy Donation. Her second home, on the Baldra Donation.

She was married October, 1853, to Zina W. Wood. Their four children were:

(1) Emily Wood Trullinger, 1854. Died, April 14, 1911-married Daniel Perry Trullinger and gave birth to four children:

Frederick LeRoy Trullinger

Carl S. Trullinger

Mary Trullinger Henry, and Grace Trullinger Eustice.

(2) Mildred Wood Connell, 1856, wife to Joseph Connell of North Plains.

(3) Zina Wood, 1860, owner and operator of 350 acres adjoining Hillsboro, Oregon.

(4) Dr. William D. Wood, born, 1863.

Dr. Wood was reared amid the scenes and environment of western life, and early, became imbued with the progressive spirit which had been the dominant factor in the rapid upbuilding of the Pacific Northwest. After attending the common schools of Hillsboro, he won the Bachelor of Arts degree at Pacific University in Forest Grove. He also attended the Tualatin Academy, from which he was graduated in 1887. Thinking to find the practice of medicine congenial and hoping that he could make of it a profitable field of labor, William D. Wood went to Ann Harbor, Michigan, where he matriculated in the State University as a medical student. He graduated in 1890. In September of the same year, he located for practice in Hillsboro, Oregon.

On the 25th of November, 1892, Dr. Wood was united in marriage to Miss Grace Connell, daughter of Joseph Connell of North Plains.

Dr. Wood was a prominent representative of the Masonic Fraternity, in which he filled all chairs. He belonged

also to the Order of the Eastern Star, The Knights of the Pythias, The Woodmen of the World, and The Knights of the Maccabees. He took an active interest in the work of the Republican Party, and from 1892 until 1896, served as Coroner of Washington County. He was also a member of The Republican State Committee, and in 1908, was a candidate for the office of State Senator. He was elected, representing his district in the sessions of 1909 and 1911. He was County Health Officer of Washington County for four years.

As the years passed, Dr. Wood has prospered in all his undertakings. He made judicious investments in property and owned considerable real estate in Hillsboro. Whatever he undertook, he was diligent and determined. Obstacles and difficulties did not seem to bar his path, but served as an impetus for renewed effort."