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CHARLES APPLEGATE, a prominent representative of a family whose history is closely interwoven with that of Douglas County and the state of Oregon, took up a donation claim of six hundred and forty acres adjoining the present site of the town of Yoncalla, in the spring of 1850. There he continued to reside until called to his final rest in 1879, when in the seventy-fourth year of his age.

He was a Kentuckian by birth, while his wife, Melinda (Miller) Applegate, was a native of Tennessee. All of their fifteen children grew to manhood and womanhood.

In 1843, in association with his brother's, Jesse and Lindsay. Charles Applegate formed the Applegate Company and with about eight hundred people crossed the plains to the Sunset State.

Jesse Applegate, one of the most dominant characters in the pioneer settlement of western Oregon, was captain of the company. Our subject had two wagons, each drawn by four oxen, and brought with him ten cows and one horse. Leaving his cattle at Walla Walla, Washington, he built a boat and made the journey by water to Oregon City, later going to Marion County. The following winter he worked for a Mr. Burr, "the mission blacksmith," whose shop was situated about fourteen miles from Salem.

In 1844, he went to Polk County and settled on a donation claim of six hundred and forty acres about four miles north of Dallas, Oregon and continuing to reside there until he disposed of the property in the spring of 1850. At that time he brought his family south to Douglas County, taking up an Oregon Donation Land Claim of six hundred and forty acres adjoining the present site of the town of Yoncalla. His brothers had already settled in the Yoncalla Valley.

It was in 1851, that Charles Applegate and his brother's built the first schoolhouse in Douglas County, installing James Applegate as teacher and conducting the institution independent of outside aid. At the cost of one thousand dollars they purchased from Harper's Publishing Company, of New York City, a library which was shipped by water around Cape Horn. James Applegate, the first teacher of Douglas County and the son of Charles, was later chosen Douglas County judge and subsequently served as County Commissioner. For several years he was a member of the state legislature.

In 1864, he enlisted for service in the Civil War and was made sergeant major of his regiment, acting in that capacity for one year, or until the close of hostilities.

Charles Applegate, who passed away in 1879, was survived by his wife until 1888. The latter reaching the age of seventy-six years. Thus the community lost two of its most highly respected and valued pioneer settlers. They are buried together in what was once the family's cemetery.

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DEATH OF A PIONEER--Mr. Charles Applegate died at his residence, one mile from Yoncalla, on Saturday, Aug. 9, at 4 p.m. Mr. Applegate was an older brother of Hon. Jesse and Lindsay Applegate. He crossed the plains in 1843, and settled in Polk County, where he lived a few years, from whence he removed at an early date to Yoncalla, then in Umpqua, now in Douglas County, where he resided to the time of his death. He was a man of iron constitution, determined will, a true friend to the poor, and died respected by all, after having attained the

ripe age of 74 years. Mr. Applegate raised a large family of children, and his sons are among substantial citizens of Douglas County. Tidings. The Hon. James Applegate, one of the foremost citizens of our valley, is a son of the late Charles Applegate.

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Birth: Jan. 24, 1806 Henry County Kentucky, USA

Death: Aug. 9, 1879, Yoncalla, Douglas County, Oregon, USA

Son of Daniel Applegate, born 1768, Albany, New York; died Feb 11, 1826, St. Louis, Missouri, and Rachel Lindsay, born 1769, Baltimore, Maryland, died April 11, 1826, St. Louis, Missouri.

Charles Applegate married Melinda Miller July 30, 1829 in Cole, Missouri.

Their children:

Lucy Applegate 1830 – 1910 Yoncalla, OR

Susan Applegate 1831 – 1907 Yoncalla, OR

Ellen Applegate 1832 – 1867 Yoncalla, OR

Julia Applegate 1833 –

James Applegate 1834 – 1896 Monrovia, Calif.

Mary Applegate 1836 – 1878 Oregon

Lisbon Applegate 1837 – 1896 Umpqua, Oregon

Irene Applegate 1839 – 1919 Corvallis, Oregon

Frances Applegate 1841 – 1841

John Applegate 1842 – 1912 Oregon

Irene Applegate 1842 –

Albert Applegate 1843 – 1888 Yoncalla, Oregon

Harriet Applegate 1845 – 1862 Yoncalla, Oregon

Thomas Applegate 1847 – 1921 Yoncalla, Oregon

Jane Applegate 1848 – 1913 Grants Pass, Oregon

Frances Fanny Applegate 1850 – 1923 Wallowa, Oregon

George Applegate 1852 – 1932 Yoncalla, Oregon

Milton Applegate 1854 – 1889 Yoncalla, Oregon

Siblings:

Lucy Applegate Wingfield (1798 - 1860)*

John Milton Applegate (1799 - 1835)*

Lisbon Applegate (1803 - 1878)*

Charles Applegate (1806 - 1879)

Anthony Lindsay Applegate (1808 - 1892)*

Jesse M Applegate (1811 - 1888)*

*Calculated relationship

Burial:

Applegate Pioneer Cemetery, Yoncalla, Douglas County, Oregon, USA

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