

## FAMILY GROUP RECORD – LEVI MCBEE AND ELIZABETH REAM

Husband	Levi McBee		Occupation(s): Carpenter, Farmer <sup>(3)</sup>		
	Date		City, County, State, Country	Additional Information	
Birth <sup>(1, 2)</sup>	25 Apr 1811		Maryland, USA	Immigration	Born in Maryland
Baptism				Naturalization	Born in Maryland
Marriage <sup>(1, 4)</sup>	31 Jan 1833		Stark County, Ohio, USA	Military Service <sup>(6)</sup>	Missouri Mormon Wars, Oct. 1838
Death <sup>(3)</sup>	May 1852		Near Fort Kearney, Nebraska	Cause of Death <sup>(3, 7, 8)</sup>	Cholera
Burial <sup>(3)</sup>	1852		Near Fort Kearney, Nebraska	Date of Will	
Father	Believed to be/unverified: Thomas Higginson McBee (1777-1835)			Other Marriages	None known or likely
Mother <sup>(7)</sup>	Believed to be/unverified: Rachel Rilet/Rylet/Riley (1770-1852)			Religion <sup>(1, 5)</sup>	Methodist Episcopal

Wife	Elizabeth Ream		Occupation(s):		
	Date		Place	Additional Information	
Birth <sup>(1, 3)</sup>	15 May 1815		Greentown, Stark, Ohio, USA	Immigration	Born in Ohio, USA
Baptism				Naturalization	Born in Ohio, USA
Marriage <sup>(1, 4)</sup>	31 Jan 1833		Stark County, Ohio, USA	Military Service	None
Death <sup>(3)</sup>	1852		Ash Hollow, near N. Platte River, Nebraska	Cause of Death <sup>(3, 8)</sup>	Cholera
Burial <sup>(3)</sup>	1852		Ash Hollow, near N. Platte River, Nebraska	Date of Will	
Father	Believed to be but unverified: Peter Ream Sr. (1786-1858)			Other Marriages	None known or likely
Mother	Believed to be but unverified: Barbara Ann Smith (1789-1855)			Religion <sup>(1, 5)</sup>	Methodist Episcopal

Children				
#	M/F	Name	Date	City, County, State, Country
1	M	William McBee	b. 9 Feb 1834 <sup>(1)</sup>	Greentown, Stark, Ohio, USA
		Spouse: None. Died in infancy.	m. ----	----
		Cause of death: Family history says smallpox, but no verification	d. 9 Aug 1834 <sup>(1)</sup>	Greentown, Stark, Ohio, USA
2	F	Susan McBee	b. 21 May 1834 <sup>(1)</sup>	Greentown, Stark, Ohio, USA
		Spouse: None, died at age 3+	m. ----	----
		Cause of death: Unknown	d. 20 Aug 1838 <sup>(1)</sup>	Millville, Ray, Missouri, USA
3	F	Barbry (sic) "Barbara" Ann McBee	b. 14 Sep 1837 <sup>(1, 2)</sup>	Greentown, Stark, Ohio, USA
		Spouse: Capt. Edward Chambreau (1821-1902)	m. 13 Dec 1852 <sup>(1, 9)</sup>	Forest Grove, Washington Territory
		Cause of death: cerebral hemorrhage due to old age (89)	d. 15 Apr 1927 <sup>(2)</sup>	Portland, Multnomah, Oregon, USA <sup>(2)</sup>
4	M	Isaiah McBee	b. 9 Feb 1840 <sup>(1, 3)</sup>	Ray County, Missouri, USA <sup>(3)</sup>
		Spouse: Elizabeth Tale	m. 6 Mar 1868 <sup>(10)</sup>	Wasco County, Oregon, USA
		Cause of death:	d. 5 Apr 1915 <sup>(11)</sup>	Deer Island, Columbia, Oregon, USA

5	F	Carolina/Caroline McBee	b. 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb 1842 <sup>(1, 12)</sup>	Millville, Ray, Missouri, USA
		Spouse: Rufus Horatio Beeman (1833-1924)	m. 24 Feb 1856 <sup>(14)</sup>	Roseburg, Douglas, Oregon, USA
		Cause of death:	d. 11 Jun 1935 <sup>(12, 13)</sup>	Loomis, Okanogan, Washington, USA
6	F	Mary Pauline McBee	b. 10 Feb 1844 <sup>(1, 15)</sup>	Millville, Ray, Missouri, USA
		Spouse 1: George Washington Wilkes (1834-1866)	m. 24 Dec 1857	
		Spouse 2: William Radcliffe	m. 21 Aug 1867	
		Cause of death:	d. 22 Aug 1896 <sup>(15)</sup>	Goldendale, Klickitat Washington, USA
7	F	Rebecca McBee	b. 26 Dec 1847 <sup>(1)</sup>	Millville, Ray, Missouri, USA
		Spouse: Isaac Knighten (1832-1917)	m. 3 Jan 1861 <sup>(17)</sup>	Near Forest Grove, Oregon, USA
		Cause of death: cardiac failure <sup>(16)</sup>	d. 4 Jul 1923 <sup>(16, 18)</sup>	
8	M	Henry McBee	b.30 Jun 1849 <sup>(1)</sup>	Ray County, Missouri, USA
		Spouse: Died in childhood	m. ---	
		Cause of death: Cholera <sup>(19)</sup>	d. 1852 <sup>(19)</sup>	Oregon Trail.
9	M	Arthur McBee <sup>(20)</sup>	b. 1852	
		Spouse: None. Died in infancy		
		Cause of death:	d. 1852	
10	M	Levi McBee, Jr. <sup>(20)</sup>		
		Spouse: None		
		Cause of death		

Sources		
#	Document/Notes	Source Citation, Additional Notes
(1)	Levi McBee-Elizabeth Ream family Bible – provides dates of birth for Levi and Elizabeth, their marriage date and birth dates of their children	<p>Holy Bible, published by B. Waugh and T. Mason for the Methodist Episcopal Church, at the Conference Office, 200 Mulberry St., New York, J. Collord Printer. © 1834. Credit to: Chambreau Papers, Special Collections, Eric V. Hauser Memorial Library, Reed College, Portland, Oregon (where the original Bible is housed).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Levi McBee was born April 25<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1811”</li> <li>“Elizabeth Ream was born in the year of our Lord 1815 May the 15<sup>th</sup>”</li> <li>“Levi McBee was married to mip (?) Elizabeth Ream January 31<sup>th</sup> (sic) A.D. 1833</li> <li>“William McBee Son of Levy (sic) and Elizabeth McBee was born February the 9 A.D. 1834 and departed this life August the 9 A.D. 1834 aged six months”</li> <li>“Susan McBee was born May the 21 A.D. 1835 and Departed this life August the 20 A.D. 1838 aged three years three months and one day”</li> <li>“Barbry (sic) Ann McBee born September the 14<sup>th</sup> in the year of our Lord 1837”</li> <li>“Isaiah McBee was born in the year of our Lord 1840 February 9<sup>th</sup>”</li> <li>“Carolina McBee was born in the year of our Lord 1842 February the 19<sup>th</sup>”</li> <li>“Mary McBee Daughter of Levy (sic) and Elizabeth McBee was born February the 10<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1844”</li> <li>“Rebecca McBee Daughter of Levy (sic) and Elizabeth McBee was born December the 26 AD 1847”</li> <li>“Henry McBee Son of Levy (sic) and Elizabeth McBee was born June the 30 A.D. 1849”</li> <li>“Edward Chambreau was married to Barbary Ann McBee at Forestgrove Oregon Dec 13-1852,</li> </ul>
(2)	Death record of daughter Barbara Ann McBee Chambreau notes her father, Levi McBee, was born in Maryland	Oregon State Board of Health, Vital Statistics Section, Certificate of Death for Barbara Ann Chambreau, 15 Apr 1927. Informant was Barbara Chambreau’s daughter Helen Watkins.

(3)	Local history includes references to Isaiah, Elizabeth and Levi McBee	<p><i>An Illustrated History of Klickitat, Yakima and Kittitas Counties, Interstate Publishing Co., 1904, Page 421</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Isaiah McBee, “son of Levi and Elizabeth (Ream) McBee, natives of Maryland and Ohio respectively, born 1811 and 1815 respectively”</li> <li>• “Levi McBee was a carpenter by trade, but gave most of his life to farming”</li> <li>• Levi “took up his abode in Missouri in 1836. There he reared a family and lived until the year 1852, when the riches and wonders of far-away Willamette proved too attractive to withstand and he, his wife and little children were soon westward bound, Cholera broke out in the company and before its ravishes were finished, both father and mother were sleeping the sleep that knows no waking upon this earth. He was stricken near Fort Kearny, Nebraska, and there buried; his faithful helpmeet was laid at rest at the mouth of Ash Hollow. on the North Platte River, Nebraska.”</li> <li>• “The seven little orphans continued their weary, lonesome way. Soon two of them dropped from the little company and were buried by the wayside.”</li> </ul>
(4)	Marriage record of Levi McBee/Elizabeth Ream	Ohio County Marriages, 1789-1997, Stark County. Minister of the Gospel was Aurora Colander
(5)	Levi McBee hosting worship	<i>History of Ray County, Missouri.</i> By the Missouri Historical Company, St. Louis, Missouri. Published 1881. Page 244. “Rev. ___ Hatton and Rev. Samuel Grove of the M.E. Church held services at Tinney’s Grove, alternating between the residences of John Brown and Levi McBee as places of worship.”
(6)	Levi McBee, a private with Capt. James T. Houston’s Co., Mounted Volunteers 4 Oct. 1838-28 Oct. 1838	<a href="http://www.caulleyscorner.com/MissouriMilitaryLists/MormonM-P.txt">http://www.caulleyscorner.com/MissouriMilitaryLists/MormonM-P.txt</a> <a href="https://s1.sos.mo.gov/records/archives/archivesdb/soldiers/Results.aspx">https://s1.sos.mo.gov/records/archives/archivesdb/soldiers/Results.aspx</a>
(7)	Oregon Trail notes from Oregon Pioneer website. Of note, this is the only place I’ve seen Elizabeth noted as “Barbara Elizabeth” except in the 7 Orphans article by Gwen.	<a href="http://www.oregonpioneers.com/1852_JQ.htm">http://www.oregonpioneers.com/1852_JQ.htm</a> McBEE, Levi (1814-1852), m'd 31 Jan 1833, Stark Co, OH, REAM, Barbara Elizabeth; s/o Thomas and Rachel (Rilet) McBee. Died of cholera near Fort Kearney, NE; reportedly elected captain of the McBee wagon train.
(8)	Barbara McBee Chambreau obituary	Oregonian, 18 April 1927, page 20. Provides date and place of birth.
(9)	Barbara McBee Chambreau Widow Pension filing	Indian Wars Claim of Widow for Service Pension
(10)	Isaiah McBee/Elizabeth Tale marriage	Western States Marriage Index, 1809-2011 <a href="http://abish.byui.edu/specialCollections/westernStates/westernStatesRecordDetail.cfm?recordID=261739">http://abish.byui.edu/specialCollections/westernStates/westernStatesRecordDetail.cfm?recordID=261739</a>
(11)	Isaiah McBee Obituary	Note: his obituary gives his date of death as 4 April; his grave marker has 5 April. The date is also April 5 in the Oregon Death Index, 1898-2008. Not sure what paper published this obituary; it was available to me through Reed College – the Chambreau Papers, Special Collections, Eric V. Hauser Memorial Library, Reed College, Portland, Oregon
(12)	Caroline born 19 Feb 1842 in Ray County, MO and died 11 Jun 1935 in Okanogan County, WA.	Oregon, Early Oregonians Index, 1800-1860 - <a href="https://secure.sos.state.or.us/prs/profile.do?ancRecordNumber=43152">https://secure.sos.state.or.us/prs/profile.do?ancRecordNumber=43152</a>
(13)	Caroline Beeman, daughter of Levi McBee and Elizabeth Reams (sic) died 11 Jun 1935 in Loomis, Okanogan, WA	Washington State Death Records.
(14)	Rufus Horatio Beeman weds Caroline McBee in Roseburg, Oregon, on 24 Feb 1856	Oregon. Biographical and Other Index Card File, 1700s-1900s Also: <a href="http://www.oregonpioneers.com/1852_JQ.htm">http://www.oregonpioneers.com/1852_JQ.htm</a>
(15)	Mary Pauline McBee, born 10 Feb 1844 in Ray County, MO; died 22 Aug 1896 in Klickitat, WA.	Oregon, Early Oregonians Index, 1800-1860 <a href="https://secure.sos.state.or.us/prs/profile.do?ancRecordNumber=37067">https://secure.sos.state.or.us/prs/profile.do?ancRecordNumber=37067</a>
(16)	Rebecca Knighton Death Record	Oregon State Board of Health, Certificate of Death.
(17)	Isaac Knighten Mortuary Notice	Oregonian, 11 Nov 1917, page 14
(18)	Rebecca Knighten Death	Oregon, Death Index, 1898-2008

(19)	Henry died on the trail in 1852	<a href="http://www.oregonpioneers.com/1852_JQ.htm">http://www.oregonpioneers.com/1852_JQ.htm</a> McBEE, Henry (1849-1852); s/o Levi and Barbara (Ream) McBee. Died of cholera on Oregon Trail and buried with mother and infant at Ash Hollow, NE.
(20)	Family history records.	"Pioneer of 1852, Mrs. Barbara Ann Chambreau." This was a testimonial article written by one of her children. About the wagon train that took the family on the Oregon Trail he wrote: "Levi McBee, wife and seven children. The names of the children are: Barbara Ann, Caroline, Mary and Rebecca, daughters, Isaiah, Levi and Arthur, sons. The latter was a baby in arms." Credit to: Chambreau Papers, Special Collections, Eric V. Hauser Memorial Library, Reed College, Portland, Oregon where this document is safely stored.