

1 Nov 1879

Rennison

A man on jury duty in 1879, Isaac Rennison, had been complaining to fellow jurors, saying that he did not feel well. Some might have thought he was merely inventing excuses, hoping to get off jury duty. But he was quite sincere. The next day, November 1, 1879, he died. He was 62 years old.

Mr. Rennison was born in England in 1817, and when two years old, came to the U.S. with his parents. In 1838, Isaac was in Missouri where, at the age of 21, he married Mary Ann. They arrived in Oregon in November 1852 and settled on their Donation Land Claim in November 1855. It is bounded today by these northeast streets: 33rd, 60th, Holman, and Killingsworth.

Isaac's daughter Susan married Daniel Prettyman. Their marriage took place September 7, 1856. Susan must have been about 17 years old.

At Mr. Rennison's funeral, a sermon was preached by Rev. J. Exon, of the Methodist Church.

[From: We Claimed this land: Portland's Pioneer Settlers, by Eugene E. Snyder, page 216]