

JOHN CHAPMAN PEABODY. -- The subject of the following article, better known as "Frank," who has led an eventful life, encountering its vicissitudes as well as the smiles tune, is now comfortably located at Wasco county, Oregon. His avocation is a painter, grainer and paper hanger. He is the son of Daniel H. and Levina (Cummings) Peabody, the former a native of New Hampshire, the latter of Vermont. It is claimed that the family of Peabody is of kingly descent, and that it springs from Boadicia, famed in history as The British Queen who so valiantly resisted the Romans when they invaded Britain. Her own name and that of her kinsman, Boadie, is considered to be the origin of the name Peabody, Pabodie, etc.

Our subject's father, Daniel Harris Peabody, is of the family of Isaac Peabody, one of a number of brothers. Isaac Peabody was born November 28, 1775, and was married in January, 1799, to Mary Dodge. He died January 23, 1832, and his wife January 9, 1846. Their children were Nancy who died in infancy, in August, 1802, and John, born June 10, 1803. December 3, 1809, he married Mary Hopkins, and died August 21, 1865. Their children were John Dalton, born July 31, 1831, and died May 9, 1869. December 17, 1856, he was married to Ann Greene. Their children were Ada Satira, born November 12, 1857, and Miles, born February 24, 1862. Nancy Jane, daughter of John Dalton, was born May 1, 1833, and December 18, 1856, was married to Josiah Loveren, to whom were born John Edward Loveren, February 2, 1858, and George Miles Loveren, born August 14, 1866, and Satira Wadleigh, born November 18, 1836, dying in November, 1869. May 12, 1858, she was married to John F. Burnham. Their children were Herbert Byron, born April 7, 1859; Susie W., born May 15, 1861; Addie Leona, born December 19, 1863; Mary Ella, born October 22, 1866.

Isaac Peabody's second child, Hannah Bachelder (Mrs. Coggins) resided, in Medford, New Hampshire. Her son, Charles H., also lived there. The other son, Isaac C., is a miner and farmer in California. Isaac's fifth child, Elizabeth (Mrs. Hersey), resided in Meriden, New Hampshire. She also lived in Croydon, Sharon, Vermont and in North Grantham, New Hampshire. Her third child, John F. served in the Fifth New Hampshire Volunteers and was killed at Fair Oakes, June 1, 1862. Emily C. was her fourth child. She was a young woman of marked literary ability, some of her compositions having been published in the Boston Transcript.

Daniel Harris, the father of our subject, was Isaac's sixth child. He was married in New Hampshire, dying in Hooksett; his wife passing away in Lowell, Massachusetts. Their second son, John Chapman, left home at an early age to seek his fortune. Lydia, the seventh child of Isaac, was an invalid most of her life, and never married. Isaac and Jacob were twin children. Isaac's first wife was born in Lebanon and died in Lowell, Massachusetts, during his absence in the army. Jacob lived in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and at one time was a member of the police force in that city. Ezra, Isaac's youngest child, lived in Medford, New Hampshire. He served in the Third New Hampshire Volunteers and was previously wounded in a skirmish in South Carolina. He was a man of great natural ability and force of character. His daughter, Celia, married Benjamin F. Foster.

John Chapman Peabody, our subject, was reared in New Hampshire. He was born in Lowell, Massachusetts, from which city his parents removed when he was three years of age. When he was fifteen years old he returned to Lowell and worked in the cotton mills up to the time they were closed by a financial panic. At Boston he shipped before the mast on the Flying Fish, for a voyage around the world, but deserted in San Francisco. He was penniless, and while in this condition was drugged and "shanghaied" aboard a Danish vessel, but the effects of the drug wore off and he escaped. Following many exciting and perilous adventures in California he enlisted in Company C, Seventh California Infantry, Colonel Lewis commanding. Our subject's company was sent to Fort Mojave, where it remained fifteen months. Having been mustered out of the army he returned to the Atlantic coast via the Isthmus, and while en route was robbed of six hundred dollars. He returned to Lowell and secured employment in the mills, and also worked in the laboratory of Dr. J.C. Ayer. In 1881, with his family, our subject went to Oregon, locating at The Dalles, where he was employed two years in the car shops, and then opened a paint shop on his own account. In 1884 he located a ranch thirteen miles southeast of Dufur, where he resided with his family five years. In 1895 he disposed of the ranch and purchased property in the town of Dufur, and erected a fine, two-story residence in which he now lives, owning another which he rents.

September 14, 1871, at Rock Island, Illinois, Mr. Peabody was married to Celia L. Hewitt, a native of Michigan, having been born at Jackson. Mrs. Peabody has one half brother, Frank Hathaway, a painter at St. Johns. To Mr. and Mrs. Peabody have been born three children; Edith M., wife of Andrew J. Douglas; Maud M., wife of James H. Johnston, one of five Johnston brothers; and Roy H., born October 10, 1880, at Juniata, Nebraska. Mr. Peabody is a member of Ridgeley Lodge, No. 71, I.O.O.F., of which he is past grand; Nicholson Encampment, of which he is chief patriarch, and James Nasmith Post, G.A.R., The Dalles, of which he was a charter member. He has been a delegate to the grand lodge of Odd Fellows, and is universally esteemed by all his numerous acquaintances. It is important to notice that our subject's father was a first cousin of Nathaniel Hawthorne's wife. Elizabeth Peabody, a second cousin to our subject, was the first to introduce the famous kindergarten system from Germany into the United States. She was a well known educator and famous over the civilized world. Horace Mann, the famous educator, and one time superintendent of education for the state of Massachusetts, married a sister to Elizabeth Peabody. Elizabeth Peabody never married. Julian Hawthorne is now compiling a record of the Peabody family.