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Edward Ground

Edward Ground (1809-1885) married his first wife, Eliza Ann Butler (1816-1864), eldest daughter of Peter and Rachel Butler, in 1834. They traveled to the Oregon Territory with Peter Butler in 1853, along with their five children. Of their eight children, one died at the age of two in 1840, while two additional children were born after their relocation to the Oregon Territory. Two years after Eliza's death in 1864, Edward remarried a woman named Susan McCann Crossley, who bore him two children, although the first died in infancy. In 1876 they moved to Asotin County, Washington, with their sons William and Robert Ground. Edward is buried with his first wife in the Butler Davidson Cemetery.

Children of Edward Ground:

- William Butler Ground (1836-1880); married Sarah Jane Jones in 1864
- Francis Ground (1838-1840)
- Robert Ground (1840-1918); buried at the Davidson Family Cemetery
- Luther Ground (1842-1918); married Sarah Jane Butler in 1868; buried at Fir Crest Cemetery with his wife
- Franklin Pierce Ground (1842-1936); married Emma J. Wells in 1868
- Peter Ground (1848-1874)
- John H. Ground (1855-1914); married Amanda I. Ground (1857-1911); buried in the Fir Crest Cemetery
- Sylvester Ground (1858-1860)

Children with Susan Crossley:

- Evaline Ground
- Alice May Ground; married Mr. Shadowney

Mary Ground Butler

Mary E. Ground Butler (1836-1880/1907) married James Whitman Bulter, one of the Peter and Rachel Butler's four sons who stayed behind in Illinois. They had at least one child in 1856.

Children of Mary Ground Butler:

- Seldon Butler (?-1904)

William Butler Ground

William Butler Ground (1836-1880) was the eldest son of Edward and Eliza Ground. He traveled with them to the Oregon Territory in 1853, and married his wife, Sarah Jane Jones, in 1864. In Oregon, William worked on a survey crew, and then in 1876 followed his parents to Asotin County, Washington. He settled there with his unmarried brother, Robert Ground. William was sick with pleurisy and died in 1880.

Children of William Butler Ground:

- Elizabeth Frances Ground (1865-1871); married Robert Gledhill Fanning
- Elizabeth Josephine Ground (1867-1925); buried in the Vineland Cemetery, Clarkston, WA
- Mary Augusta Ground (1869-1907; married Ross Hargatt
- Susan Pickney Ground (1872-1936); married Mr. Malone
- Frank Jones Ground (1874-1900)
- Edward J. Ground (1876-1951); buried in the Vineland Cemetery, Clarkston, WA
- Elijah Leyroy Ground (1878-?)
- William Butler Ground, Jr. (1880-1960); married Edna ? Ground; buried in Pomeroy, Garfield County, WA

Luther Ground

Luther Ground (1842-1918) was the fourth son of Edward and Eliza Ground. After travelling with them to the Oregon Territory in 1853, he met and married Sarah Jane Butler (1849-1934) on February 5, 1868. They had five children together. He briefly owned a clothing and fabric store between 1869 and 1873, but then settled into farming a 200 acre plot near Monmouth, Oregon. He is buried in the Fir Crest Cemetery.

Children of Luther Ground:

- Lottie Ground (1868-1904); married Thomas E. Zieber in 1904
- Nettie Ground (1870-?); married David L. Foulkes in 1893
- Blanche Ground (1872-?)
- Mellie Ground (1877-1878); buried in the Fir Crest Cemetery
- Mabel Clair Ground (1879-?); married John. K. Johnson in 1901, later divorced
- Velma Veda Ground (1884-?); married Marcus A. Ford in 1907