

Amanda Mansfield Ely

Obituary of Amanda Mansfield Ely, from Athena Press, Athena, Umatilla County, Oregon, 3 February 1905

MOTHER IN HEAVEN.

BY HER CHILDREN.

Our dear mother, Mrs. Amanda Ely, departed from us in Seattle, Wash., January 27, 1905, at the age of 80 years, eight months and 16 days.

She was a devoted mother-our best earthly friend-and a faithful Christian; a member of the Christian church at Athena, Oregon, her home for many years, and where we have buried her body by the side of the graves of our dear father, P. Ely, and our sweet spirited sister, Lizzie Ely. The grave of our dear brother, J. F. Ely, is at San Bernardino, California.

The loving and faithful soul, or spirit, our real mother, has gone into the great beyond where all are going, and from whence none has ever returned. She has left four children and three brothers. Two sons, C. M. and G. W. Ely, and one daughter, M. A. Bamford, are residents of Seattle, Wash., and one daughter, Mrs. R. L. Price, resides near Farmington, Wash. Two brothers, F. M. and B. F. Mansfield, reside at Athena, Ore., and one brother, T. J. Mansfield, resides in Illinois.

Mother has been an invalid for over ten years. A very patient sufferer; never known once to complain or find fault.

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their (her) eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying; neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things have passed away." (Rev. 21:4.) "Rejoice ever-more." (1st Thess. 5:16.)

No word that we can say or write, or even our thoughts, can express the full meaning of the word mother. Therefore we will only add what our dear sister said of "Heaven;" and let us all think of "Mother in Heaven!"

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[Contributed by Carol Heller.]

Amanda Mansfield was born May 11, 1824, in Crawford County, Indiana. Amanda is the daughter of James Mansfield (born 1796 in Lincoln County, Kentucky, died

November 26, 1862, Lane County, Oregon) & Elizabeth Champion Mansfield (born November 17, 1796, died May 20, 1884, Athena, Umatilla County, Oregon). She is the granddaughter of John Champion and Mary Cannon who were married in Lincoln County, Kentucky, November 8, 1794.

Amanda removed from Crawford County, Indiana to Knox County, Illinois, with her family in 1833. She was instructed in the district schools of Illinois. Her father, James Mansfield was one of the leading citizens of Knox county for 20 years (1833 to 1853). Amanda had eight brothers: John C., born in Crawford County Indiana, 1820; Isaac, born 1822, Indiana; Thomas J., born March 16, 1828, Indiana; Samuel, born 1830, Indiana; Francis M., born March 13, 1835, Knox County, Illinois; Benjamin F., born March 13, 1835, Knox County, Illinois; George W., born May 21, 1837, Knox County, Illinois; and William, born September 11, 1840, Knox County, Illinois.

Amanda Mansfield united in marriage with Philologus Ely, January 23, 1851, in Knox County, Illinois. In March of 1853, Philologus and Amanda Ely removed from Knox County, Illinois to the Willamette Valley of Oregon. They traveled with various neighbors and relatives from Knox County, Illinois. Included in this group were Amanda's parents James & Elizabeth Mansfield. Amanda and Philologus had six children, the 1st, Charles, born in Knox County, Illinois, 1852; the other 5 born in Lane/Linn County, Oregon: George W. born January, 1856; Mary Alice, born January, 1856; Susanna Elizabeth (Lizzie), born 1860; James F., born December 1, 1863; and Rosella Lavina, born about 1867.

Amanda and Philologus resided in Lane County, Oregon until 1874, when they removed to Weston, Umatilla County, Oregon. Amanda was preceded in death by her beloved spouse, Philologus, January 6, 1893. She remained in Umatilla County, Oregon, living with her children until 1903, she then removed to Seattle, Washington, to live with her son, George W. Ely. She departed this life in Seattle, January 27, 1905. Her children transported her body to be buried in Kees Cemetery, Weston, Oregon, in the family plot with her beloved spouse, Philologus Ely, 1826-1893; daughter, Suzanne Elizabeth Ely, 1860-1881; her mother, Elizabeth Champion Mansfield, 1796-1884; and her brother, George W. Mansfield, 1837-1890.

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A comprehensive family history of the Ely family is available at <http://www.frazierfarmsteadmuseum.org>