

*Emma Maupin
& Ansel Langdon*

Information from Florence McNabb's letters:

"Our grandmother Martha walked all the way to Oregon while she was carrying Aunt Mary Ja. She would have been your great grandmother. I have a lot of old letters written to me by a friend who knew the family then and he said she used to do mid-wifing all over the country. Took her horse and forded the river down by Elkton in the middle of the night to go up into the Hedden Bluff area to care for a lady. Probably had her little sack full of home remedies with her. I love to hear about how they lived but I don't want to go back and do it."

"Linda corresponds with some of the decedents of our Great Grandfather Perry who lived in Kentucky in the early 1800's. Some of them still live there. One grandma we can't find the maiden name of. She was Perry's wife and her name was Rachel, but Rachel who. The records show that she was born in North Carolina and the date and her name. I have written to the census records of Ky to see if they could find the marriage. They have book here at Placerville but it doesn't go back that far."

Information about Aunt Nora:

with Cora
Nora Sept. 21, 1846 - Jan. 1923

Louisa Dec. 9th 1848

Mary Jane Dec. 1, 1850 ?

Salena Ellen Dec. 2, 1852

Captain Henley Jan. 22, 1855 Dec. 2, 1934

Thomas Perry Feb. 4, 1857 April 13, 1910

Martha Ann Feb. 6, 1859 Died as infant

Edwina April 17, 1860 ?

Emma Catherine Apr. 21, 1862

Garry July 2, 1863 Nov., 1893

John Lee 12-5-1866- died 10-5-1943

My first letter to Florence was written in 1975 and she wrote me on 10-22-75 explaining our relationship.

"I will try and straighten you out on the relation. Your father was my cousin. His mother was the oldest of the Garrett Maupin family and crossed the plains in a covered wagon in 1850 when she was four years old. She was married to a Dave Bunch and had one daughter, Mollie, who died when she was quite young. She lived with her grandmother, Martha Maupin after Aunt Nora (Leonora) divorced Bunch. Nora then was married to Ansel Langdon. They had four children, Commodore, Rufus, Sarah (She was married to an Allen at one time but I think she married again after that) She had two boys when I was young, Verne, who drowned in the Umpqua River and Walter who grew to manhood and used to work for the rail road in Riseburg. The other child was Dora and when I knew her she was married to Evert Tooley. I think they had one little girl."

"I was in Coos Bay in 1937. My brother worked in a mill there and he knew your oldest brother Cecil. Cecil was working on a government barge in the bay. We called on him on Sunday or got in touch with him. I think he lived on the barge. He was happy to meet my sister Irene and I and insisted that we go see your family there in town. You never saw anybody more pleased than your dad to see us. He was tickled pink to say the least. He was a great family man and we visited with him for hours. As I remember there were bunch of youngsters and one small baby. You were probably one of them. Rufus recalled his younger days when he lived with Grandma Maupin and worked for my dad and Uncle Tom Maupin. I have quite a history of his life. He and Commodore had the contract to run the ferry at Kellogg and also carry the mail from Oakland to Elkton. One would take the mail to Oakland and then come back and the other would go to Elkton and the first would run the ferry in the meantime."

Tessie
connected to Abner family

"Linda Maupin Noel, a great Niece of mine in Reed'sport, Oregon, has been working on the family history and also on her husbands family. She wrote me that there was a Rufus that she thought was a brother of Ansel. This Rufus would have been an uncle of your dad. His son Pscar had children Tessi, Mamie 'who married Fred Lee and lived in Yoncolla, Oregon, when I d Percy had a daughter Edith whose family runs into the Noel family. I think Linda's husband John was the grandson of Tessie. Anyway it is a tsnegled trail but as Linda says it is fascina to me to try and track them down."

Leonora Maupin was born Sept. 21st, 1846, in Missouri. (Clay Co.). She was the oldest child c Garrett and Martha Ann (Poindexter) Maupin and came across the plains with the family in 1850. lived in the Willamette Valley near Eugene in the Oregon Territory until 1864, then moved to th Umpqua Valley near Elkton in 1864. The Lane county records from the marriage book shows a marriage license issued to Leonora and David Bunch on Nov. 6th, 1864. Witnessed by Garrett Mau and Laurence Poindexter (her Uncle). We are indebted to a granddaughter of Noras for some of t happenings of her early life. Her father, being from Kentucky and a lover of good horse flesh, owned some horses with a racing background. One day while riding such a horse, Nora's friend came up along side of her. The mare broke into a run and Nora couldn't hold her. She ran as f as she could to the barn. She was winded and wet with sweat. Nora's father was so furious wit and wouldn't believe the little girl when she said she didn't run the mare on purpose. He took the bridle out of the horse's mouth and whipped her terribly with the bit end of it. Other suc stories of his mean temper mixed with a lot of booze made the children afraid of him. She also tells us that "When grandma was married the first time to my grandfather, Dave Bunch, she wasn't in love with him, she was very fond of another young man, who would have been her choice if she had the privilege of choosing. The young man was of a different political party than Maupin and since Maupins were Southern sympathizers and it was during the Civil War her father wouldn't let her marry the man she loved." The same young man used to come by Nora's house and visit with her when he had the chance after she was married. I have never been able to establish the date of Dave Bunch's birth but from some recollections of the family he was several years older than Nora.

Nora and David evidently lived in the Kellogg area after they were married as there were severa other members of the Bunch family who had a home down the river from the old Maupin farm. As far as I can determine there were five children born to them. Mollie was the oldest. She was born about 1866 and is shown on the 1880 census records as 14 years old and living with her grandmother, Martha Maupin, in the township of Elkton. She passed away soon after. Nora's nex child was another girl named Elvira or Vina, another girl was Emma who died quite young. A son died at the age of about four but I haven't been able to find his name. The last child was a daughter, Sarah. Sarah's daughter, Myrtle, was kind enough to give me the history, as she remembered it, of her family. She says there may have been other babies who died in infancy. Soon after Sarah was born Dave Bunch left Nora and the children and divorced her, Myrtle writes "He went away and married his cousin who come out from Missouri. She (the cousin) carried a .7 revolver around with her and threatened the lives of Dave and his family if he didn't leave Nor and marry her." Seems, so she said, that Bunch had promised to send for her when he came west and since he didn't she finally followed him. Quoting Myrtle (Nora's granddaughter) "Dave care a lot for grandma but under the conditions he divorced her and left with the cousin and Nora never saw him again.

I can rember asking my parents how it happened that Aunt Nora divorced her husband as divorces were almost unheard of then. And since Nora had several children and like the rest of the community very poor, how could it come about that she had spunk enough to leave him and how did she support the family. The only answer I ever remember was my mother saying that Dave was mee to her and that the family helped her out with the children. That is why Mollie spent her shor life living with her grandmother.

In 1879 on Jan 16th Nora married Ansel Langdon. Nora at this time was thirty two and Langdon was forty eight. He was born July 26, 1831, in LeGrange Co. Ind. He was first married to Phoebe (Stickle) Fritts whose first husband Fritts was killed in the Civil War. There was one son from Ansel's first marriage, Joe. Ansel and Phoebe were divorced. Ansel, his brother Abram, a half brother Rufus had come to Oregon with their father Gideon in the Ziba Dimmick wagon train in 1853. The Langdon brothers joined the train in Missouri. Ansel and his brother took donation land claims on the hill back of the John Peter Anderson place. The ranch buildings were located on the high ridge next to the Rapp place; it reached from river to river. The Umpqua River makes a wide circle here, and one could stand in the road along the back bone and by just turning your head could see the river on each side. One available record show Ansel's enlistment in the Umpqua Rifle Volunteers in 1855.

Here Nora and Ansel lived and raised their family. Rufus was born on March 31, 1879. Dora (birthdate not known) and Commodore. Ansel died on Sept. 6, 1894, at 63 years of age and Nora was left a widow again.

To go back to the time between Nora's marriages, she may have lived with her mother Martha. Her father was killed in an accident in Aug. of 1866. That was only two years after she married Bunch so she would have had her own family for a few years until the separation. Since her mother had several youngsters and we know Mollie was living with her grandmother, it may be that Nora lived there too until her marriage to Langdon

After Langdon's death she lived for a time with her sons and daughter Dora on the place Ansel left them. Rufus later bought out the heirs and when he obtained a contract to run the ferry she moved to that location and kept house for Rufus. Rufus and Commodore had the contract to run the stage route from Oakland to Elkton. Rufus would go to Oakland, bring the stage to the Kellogg ferry where Commodore would take it on to Elkton, leaving Rufus to operate the ferry.

Later they had a place a few miles out of Oakland on the Kellogg road, joining the Stearns property. I remember stopping there for dinner one time about 1916. We had a new car called an Elmore and could make the trip to Oakland and return in one day. A distance of about 25 m

At the time of Nora's death she lived near Salem with her son Commodore. She passed away in Jan. of 1923. Rufus called her brother, Capt. who lived in Oakland to make arrangements for her burial in the Dimmick cemetery in Kellogg where her mother and brothers are buried.

I remember the morning my dad and Harry Kellogg left Oakland for the long ride - 25 miles - to the Kellogg Cemetery. Harry had a gray team belonging to his brother-in-law, Colonel McNabb, and the casket was on a light wagon. Dad had hired Harry to drive the team. I was just leaving for school and it was misting rain. The men were already on the wagon (without any cover) when my mother came out of the house with a heavy quilt and gave it to me to take to the wagon to cover their knees and legs. Harry made the remark that he had driven the wagon to haul several Maupins to the cemetery. I think they included Garry & Tom.