

King Folk eNews

King Family Reunion

We're Back

After a two-year hiatus due to Covid-related restrictions, we are once again holding our reunion. Traditionally we meet on the first Saturday in June following Father's Day. We'll be enjoying the outdoors on this gathering.

The date of our event is June 25, 2022.

Where: Kings Valley Pioneer Cemetery.

When: 11am to 2pm

What to bring: lawn chairs, sack lunch, and garbage bags to carry out your trash.

Facilities: We'll be outdoors walking on unstable ground. Dress accordingly. Porta potties will be available.



Chambers-Norton-Price Gathering, 1888

This photo was taken at the home of Rowland and Lovisa Chambers in Kings Valley, Benton County Oregon. It was a Thanks Giving Day dinner. The photographer had them pose outside for better light. The baby in the center is Lawrence Chambers, born July 17, 1888, son of Henry and Barbara (Majors) Chambers. The seated woman on the right of the baby is Hopestill (King) Norton. Her sister, Lovisa (King) Chambers, is seated on the other side. These sisters came across the plains along the Oregon trail with 21 family members in 1845. Hopestill was married at the time to Lucius C Norton and had two sons. Lovisa was a teenager traveling with her sister, Sarah (King) Chambers and brother-in-law, Rowland Chambers. Lovisa helped care for their two children, Margaret and James. Along the way, Sarah fell ill and died. She is buried in Eastern Oregon near Castle Rock in Malheur County. Lovisa married Rowland shortly after arriving in Kings Valley in 1846 and added 14 more children to the family. Their parents, Nahum and Sarepta (Norton) King traveled in five wagons in the same train along with their siblings,

More about the King Pioneer Family Association

This family is made up of the descendants of Nahum and Serepta King, Oregon Pioneers of 1845. **Annual dues are \$10.00.** These funds are used for family projects, and publication costs

- Please make checks payable to **The King Pioneer Family Association** and mail to Charlotte Wirfs, 409 Sand Pointe DR, Central Point, OR 97502.

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spouses of siblings, nieces and nephews, and a large herd of cattle.

If you'd like to hear more about their crossing, Linda Crew wrote an historical fiction account of their journey from Missouri to Oregon Territory in a book, [A Heart for Any Fate, Westward to Oregon, 1845.](#) It's available at almost any library or on line in paperback and Kindle.

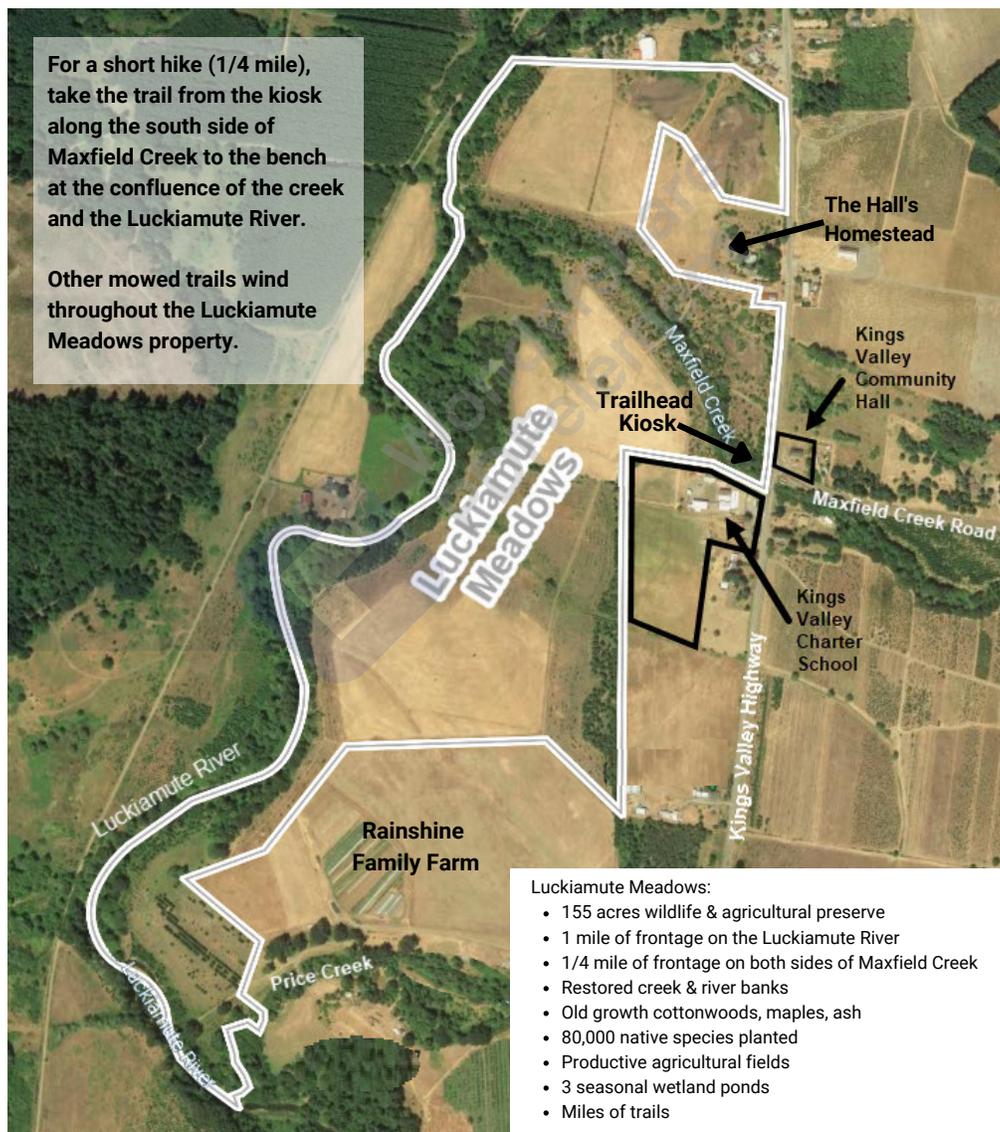
Here are a few names of the people featured in this photograph: Larkin Green Price, wife Julia (Chambers) Price and children, Cecil, Arthur, and Harriet. Willard "Bud Price, and his father, Willard L. Price. Sarepta (Norton) Price, Samuel and May (Jefferies) Chambers, Raymond Chambers, Alice and Ethel Alexander and parents Asa B. and Rebecca (Chambers) Alexander, Larkin Price. Others remain to be identified, but it's pretty clear judging by the smiles all around that a good time was had by all.



Map showing the Oregon Donation Land Claims in Kings Valley. RC is Rowland Chambers; LV is Lazarus VanBebber; LN is Lucius Norton; CA is Charles Allen; JW is James Watson; IK is Isaac King.

Luckimute Meadows

Luckimute Meadows is a 155-acre nature preserve located across the road from Kings Valley Community Hall (the old church) and will be open for enjoying the maintained hiking trails. Property owners, Cliff and Gay Hall, will have the trails open on the afternoon of our June 25, reunion and will welcome anyone wishing to enjoy the trails. The trailhead kiosk is next to the school, which is on the Kings Valley Highway about 1.5 miles from the Kings Valley Cemetery. The trails front the Luckiamute River as well as both sides of Maxfield Creek. Jane Tappen of Kings Valley Community Trust graciously arranged for us to visit.



The Luckiamute Meadows trailhead kiosk is right next to the school, which is on Kings Valley Highway, about 1.5 miles north of the Kings Valley Cemetery. You can park in front of the school or in the lot at the corner of the highway and Maxfield Creek Road.

Family Websites and related links

The King Family Association has a web presence on three sites.

King Folk Family Tree, Ancestry.com, a public tree. You must be a member of [ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) to view or be invited by our host, Char Wirfs, email: charwirfs@gmail.com

Facebook group page: Kings Valley Kin Char Wirfs is administrator, email: charwirfs@gmail.com

King Folk website, kingfolk.co George Davidson is webmaster, email: gidi943@gmail.com

Related Links: Kings Valley Community Trust. This website is an active community website homed at Kings Valley Community Hall, the former Kings Valley Church.

Of Interest

2022 Fromherz Reunion Picnic will be held Sunday June 26, 2022 from 1pm to 5pm with lunch at 1:30 pm. Avery Park, Thompson Kitchen, Corvallis.

Website of Linda Crew:

<https://www.lindacrew.com>

