

Descendants of Lewis C.H. Bowlus

Courtesy of Frazier Farmstead Museum

*Our goal is to research the pioneers that came into the Walla Walla Valley Area,
as a starter for those doing their family genealogy; we are not related*

Generation No. 1

1. Lewis C.H.¹ Bowlus was born 20 Oct 1842 in Frederick, , MD. He married Serena Osborn 2 Jan 1876 in Walla Walla, Walla Walla, Washington. She died 1928.

Notes for Lewis C.H. Bowlus:

Some information from Family Search IGI Marriage.

Milton Eagle Vol.111,No.2, Friday, January 18, 1889 Louis Bowlus was made juror in Cottonwood District.

Milton Eagle, May 22, 1924

The subject of this sketch was born in Maryland, October 20, 1842, and was taken by his father to Indiana in 1843. In company with his brother, who was at that time in poor health, he started by mule team with the great stream of emigrants to the far west. He suffered from an attack of mountain fever while on the way in Idaho. On October 12, 1864, he arrived at Walla Walla. Here his brother became ill and after a month of suffering passed away November 8th. Left thus alone with no relatives nearer than across the continent Mr. Bowlus was very lonely.

After this he spent two years in the mines at Idaho City, and did some freighting. Later in 1870, he settled about seven miles east of Milton and two miles north of the Walla Walla river. He kept this place forty-four years, and was a prosperous farmer, accumulating a good amount of wheat land and city property in both Milton and Walla Walla. In 1876 he was married to Miss Serena Osborn, who died four years ago. The fruit of this union were the following children; Tilden, deceased, George, Archie, deceased, Mrs. Rilla Murray of Walla Walla. Mr. Bowlus possesses a good home of 400 acres at the forks of the Walla Walla river, and is comfortably fixed to close the evening of a well spent life. He uses his spare hours in gardening, and has one of the best on the river.

Mr. Bowlus is a natural optimist and always expects rain to save crops even in the driest years, and for some good to result even when the fruit is frosted to a large extent.

He reiterated the history of the great scourage of diphtheria from 1875 to 1878, when all of the children of some families were carried away. On Mississippi canyon in a stretch of three miles near his farm, three in one, two in another, three in another and two in another died. In the Willard family seven out of nine were taken. Doctors were scarce and run to the limit. In the neighborhood one woman did considerable practicing.

No brief story like this can delineate the life and good deeds of a man that has wrought so well but it may be briefed in the words of his fellow citizens who say, "Lew Bowlus is a good man."

More About Lewis C.H. Bowlus:

Burial: Bowlus Cem., Umatilla, OR ?

Census: 1870, Walla Walla Pct, Umatilla, OR [6]

Emigration: 1864, Oregon

Occupation: 1870, Farmer

Notes for Serena Osborn:

Some information from Family Search IGI Marriage.

Name of spouse shown as Lerend OSBORN.

Marriage Notes for Lewis Bowlus and Serena Osborn:

Information from Family Search IGI Marriage.
More About Lewis Bowlus and Serena Osborn:
Marriage: 2 Jan 1876, Walla Walla, Walla Walla, Washington
Children of Lewis Bowlus and Serena Osborn are:

2 i. Rilla² Bowlus. She married Murray.

3 ii. Tilden Bowlus, died Bef. 1924.

4 iii. Allen Delbert Bowlus, born 2 Sep 1879 in , Umatilla, Oregon; died 18 May 1881 in , Umatilla, Oregon.

More About Allen Delbert Bowlus:

Burial: Bowlus Cem. Umatilla, Oregon

5 iv. John Henry Bowlus, born 6 Apr 1881 in , Umatilla, Oregon; died 20 May 1881 in , Umatilla, Oregon.

More About John Henry Bowlus:

Burial: Bowlus Cem. Umatilla, Oregon

+ 6 v. George W. Bowlus, born Dec 1882 in OR.

7 vi. Archibald Bowlus, born Abt. 1887 in Oregon; died Bef. 1924 in Walla Walla, Walla Walla, WA. He married Margaret Cunningham.

Generation No. 2

6. George W.² Bowlus (Lewis C.H.¹) was born Dec 1882 in OR. He married Anna Myrah Demaris Bet. 1899 - 1900 in 1900 census shows they were married less than 1 year., daughter of Amos Demaris and Minerva Ellis. She was born Jun 1882 in Walla Walla, Walla Walla, WA.

Notes for George W. Bowlus:

1900 census shows father born in MO and mother born in OR.

More About George W. Bowlus:

Census: 1900, S. Milton Pct, Umatilla, OR [133a]

Occupation: 1900, Farm Laborer

Notes for Anna Myrah Demaris:

Some information from Family Search Ancestral File, submitters as follows:

Susan Ethridge, Box 417, Hansen, ID 83334

Edith Moyer Page, 115 Arbor View Drive, Athens, GA 30605

Paul L. Stragey, 2023 SE Taylor, Portland, OR 97214

1900 census shows she was born in OR, father was born in IA and mother born in CA.

More About Anna Myrah Demaris:

Census: 1900, S. Milton Pct, Umatilla, OR [133a]

More About George Bowlus and Anna Demaris:

Marriage: Bet. 1899 - 1900, 1900 census shows they were married less than 1 year.

Child of George Bowlus and Anna Demaris is:

8 i. Delbert G.³ Bowlus, born 1900; died 1970. He married Marian E. Bowlus; born 1905.

More About Delbert G. Bowlus:

Burial: IOOF Cem. Milton-Freewater, OR

More About Marian E. Bowlus:

Burial: IOOF Cem. Milton-Freewater, OR

