

Emily (York) Powell (1819–1893)

Emily York was born 23 Feb 1819 in North Carolina and died 27 Sep 1893 in Crook County, Oregon ¹. The Oregon State Archives “Early Oregonian” profile for Emily (indexed under her married name Emily Powell) confirms these dates and notes she is buried in Juniper Haven Cemetery (Prineville, Crook County) ¹. It also records her marriage to John Powell on 15 Mar 1838 (Jackson County, Missouri) ². In the 1860 federal census Emily appears in Linn County, Oregon (age 41, matching her 1819 birth) living with John Powell ³. These archival records (census and land-claim indexes) firmly establish Emily’s birth, death and marriage dates, and her migration to Oregon with her husband.

By the 1850s the family had moved from Missouri to Oregon – John Powell took a donation land claim (No. 2383) in Linn County in 1855 ⁴ – and thereafter Emily lived the rest of her life in Oregon. Contemporary newspapers or probate records for Crook County (none found here) might yield further details, but the key facts of Emily’s vital dates and marriage are confirmed by official state archival sources ¹ ².

Father: Jonathan York (c.1768–1833)

Emily’s father was Jonathan York of Surry County, North Carolina. Genealogical records indicate he was born 22 Feb 1768 in Surry (son of James York and Nancy Whittaker) ⁵. Jonathan York married Rebekah (Rebecca) Hinshaw on 9 Apr 1807 in Surry County, NC ⁶. (The North Carolina marriage bond for Jonathan York and Rebekah Hinshaw on that date is documented in IGI/archives ⁶.) Jonathan and Rebecca had several children in Surry County, including William Francis York (b.1809) and Emily (b.1819) ⁷. Jonathan York died in Surry County on 16 Apr 1833 ⁸. (His estate or probate papers would likely list his heirs, but we have not located them here.)

Thus all evidence points to Emily’s father being Jonathan York (b.1768, died 1833). This is consistent with family compilations ⁹ ¹⁰. To be fully certain, one would consult Surry County deed books or estate files around 1833, which should name his children. In absence of that, the secondary sources give a coherent account: Jonathan York (NC-born, married 1807) fathered Emily in 1819 and died by 1833 ⁹ ⁸.

Mother: Rebecca (Hinshaw) York Hopper (1780–1864)

Emily’s mother was Rebekah “Rebecca” Hinshaw York (later Mrs. Jasper Hopper). Officially she appears in North Carolina records as Rebekah (Hinshaw) York. She was born 25 Sept 1780 (NC) ¹¹. As noted, she married Jonathan York on 9 Apr 1807 in Surry County, NC ⁶. After Jonathan’s death in 1833, Rebecca (then widowed) moved west: she married Jasper Hopper on 15 Jun 1837 in Jackson County, Missouri ¹². (The Hinshaw genealogy cites the Jackson County marriage bond for Rebekah York to Jasper Hopper on that date ¹².) Rebecca Hinshaw Hopper died 13–14 July 1864 (or 1865) in Sonoma County, California ¹².

In summary, Emily’s mother was Rebekah Hinshaw (b.1780), who became Rebekah York in 1807 and then Rebekah Hopper in 1837. Family histories are unanimous on these events ⁶ ¹². For final confirmation, one would seek the original Surry County marriage register (1807) and the Jackson County, MO marriage

register (1837) – if these records survive – as well as any Surry probate or land records mentioning Rebekah’s children. But all available data (marriage bonds, church records, etc.) align on Rebecca Hinshaw as Emily’s mother ⁶ ¹² .

Sources: Emily’s vital dates and marriage are documented in Oregon’s state archives (Early Oregonian index) ¹ ² . Jonathan and Rebecca York’s marriage and children are recorded in Hinshaw family genealogies (citing NC marriage bonds and census data) ⁶ ¹⁰ . These secondary compilations agree that Jonathan York (of Surry, NC) and Rebekah Hinshaw were Emily’s parents ⁶ ¹⁰ , though for rigorous proof one would check the original NC/Surry records (marriages, deeds, probate) as well as Jackson County, MO marriage records.

¹ ² ³ ⁴ Oregon Secretary of State Archives Division: Early Oregonian Person Profile

<https://secure.sos.state.or.us/prs/personprofile.do?recordNumber=112393>

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<http://www.rawbw.com/~hinshaw/cgi-bin/id?1038>