John Walker & Frances L. Chase

John Walker, age 29, of Big Pigeon married Frances L. Chase, age 22 on April 27, 1850 as recorded on the Pottawattamie County Marriage Records. Some sources give the name of John Elisha Walker Randall as the husband. Whatever the case, there is no record as to what happened to John.

Frances Lucinda Chase was born on August 5, 1828 in Bristol, Addison County, Vermont. Her parents were Sisson Simmons and Dorothy "Dolly" N. Hinsdale. The 1850 U. S. Census enumerated Sisson, his wife, and six of his children living in Pottawattamie County, Iowa, and in Weber County, Utah Territory. The family must have traveled west in 1850.

By 1860, Sisson must have been attracted by the free land in Oregon. The Census listed them in Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon. Frances Lucinda married William Ballinger Partlow on June 28, 1857 in Oregon City. They couple had four children: James William, Richard Simmons, Anna, and Edgar Ballinger.

Frances Lucinda died on January 29, 1892. William died on November 14, 1906. Both are buried in the Mountain View Cemetery in Oregon City.