



DEATH OF AN OLD PIONEER.

Mr. Timothy Soper, a Resident of This Township Over Forty-Five Years, Has Gone to His Reward.

A Worthy Tribute by an Old Neighbor.

Deacon Timothy Soper was born in Pitcher township, Chenango county, state of New York, the 10th day of May, 1820. He lived and worked with his father on the farm until he arrived at his majority, attending school during the three winter months yearly as was customary with farmers' boys at that time. Then he left his home and went to the town of Linclean, in the same county, to learn tanner, currier and shoemaker trade. Being full of magnetism and sociability he soon drew around him a large circle of young men, of whom he was the acknowledged leader in all their enterprises. To say that during the years of his apprenticeship they had a lively good time would be saying the truth. Just before he completed his service as apprentice there was held in the Baptist church in that place a revival meeting, and these wild young men (as they were called) attended and became interested. Deacon Soper was the first to accept the invitation of the gospel, was regenerated and largely instrumental in the conversion of his companions. At that time he united with the Baptist church at that place and lived a consistent member while there. After serving his time as apprentice, with no capital except a good constitution, an indomitable will, his trade and a large amount of push, he determined to go west. In 1846 he bade his friends farewell and started for Iowa. Arriving at Fairview late in the summer, having walked from Chicago, he hired himself to Dr. Matson as a hand of all work. In breaking away from all his former associations and crossing the Mississippi river he did as many another one has done, left his religion the other side. By

industry and economy he accumulated enough to enter a hundred and sixty acres of land two miles south of Fairview and opened up and improved the farm now occupied by George Moore.

HIS LIFE WORK ENDED.

MARCH 14—1888

The Aged Pioneer Francis W. Gillette Dies this Morning at the Home of His Son on First Avenue.

Died—At the residence of Mr. Frank Gillette, No. 429, First Avenue, on the morning of March 14th at three o'clock, Mr. Francis W. Gillette, aged 76 years.

The deceased was born in Glossenberry, Conn., March 19th, 1812, removed to Iowa and engaged in business in Muscatine in 1840, afterwards being engaged in the merchantile trade at Tipton, Marion and Anamosa, closing out his business at the latter city in 1870. He was united in marriage with Miss Louisa Osborne in 1839 with whom he lived happily until three years ago. Upon her death he removed to this city making his home with his son, Mr. Frank M. Gillette, at whose home he this morning passed away to the better life to wear the crown so well earned. It is well said of the deceased that he was an honorable, upright and Christian gentleman, beloved by all who knew him, honored by all, and will be sadly missed by the dear ones in the home from which he has departed forever. As an old friend truly says: "He was a Christian, an honest man, an upright, courteous gentleman, in fact he was a man." What more can be said of him. He was a consistent member of the Congregational church for years. Coming here when Iowa was a territory, he has had a historic career which has certainly contributed to the grandeur of this the best in the galaxy of states.

Short funeral services will be held at the home, No. 429 First avenue, at 3:30 o'clock p. m. Thursday, March 15, conducted by Rev. J. A. Ward. Friends of the family are invited. The remains will be taken to Anamosa Friday morning for interment.

The above excellent tribute to our old departed friend is from the Cedar Rapids *Evening Gazette* of yesterday. Mr. Gillette was in the mercantile business in Anamosa for about twenty-two years, and his courteous demeanor and integrity were unquestioned. He was remarkably unostentatious in his manner, home-loving and affectionate in his family relations, and the loss of his noble wife three years ago seemed to weigh so heavily on his mind that it was apparently the initiatory step in the decline that has brought him to final rest. Mr. and Mrs. Gillette made a history for kindness and benevolence in Anamosa that can never be effaced from the memory of many friends and acquaintances.

The funeral services will be held at the Congregational church in this city at ten o'clock to-morrow (Friday), conducted by Rev. J. B. Fiske, after which all that is mortal of F. W. Gillette will be laid at rest by the side of his companion in Riverside Cemetery.

DEATH OF A FORMER CITIZEN OF ANAMOSA.—Many of our people will remember Mr. Anson Rockwell, father of Mrs. R. A. Abell and Mrs. C. T. Mirick, who resided in Anamosa in 1866, if our memory is not at fault. Both he and his wife were highly esteemed, and we take the following truthful tribute of regard from the Whitewater (Wis.) Register:

On Wednesday evening of last week, April 8th, at 10 o'clock, the good old man Deacon Anson Rockwell died at the home of his son-in-law, Prof. E. Dewey, at Delavan, after an illness of about forty days, of heart disease. He was nearly eighty years of age, having been born on the 26th day of May, 1805, in Butternuts, Otsego county, N. Y., and was the last of a family of ten children. He was married July 10, 1825, to Miss Hannah Coyle, who after their long united life still survives him. Five daughters were born to them, all of whom are living.

In 1831 the deceased became a member of the Presbyterian church, and ever after lived an earnest, exemplary Christian life. He was constant in attendance upon the church and loved its duties as well as its privileges. For thirty years he was a leader of the choir and held the office of deacon for many years.

In 1857 he removed to Columbus, in this state, and two years later went to Oconomowoc. In 1865 he came to Whitewater and remained here until about two years ago, when he and his wife went to Delavan and made their home with their daughter.

In 1858 the worthy couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, an event greatly enjoyed by the family and their friends. The writer first knew the deceased about twenty years ago. He was then in the prime of life, an energetic, earnest man, prompt, square dealing, kindly natured and highly esteemed by all who knew him. And such was the record to the end of that blameless life abounding in good deeds and good will, rendering to every one his due, doing every duty fearlessly and looking to the future with a trust which knew not the shadow of doubt. When the last messenger came he was found ready. He closed his eyes in sleep in the early evening of the final day, and while he yet slept his spirit passed away.

In 1853, Aug. 3d, he was married to Miss Adelia Starkweather, and to them two children were born, Mrs. H. P. Mundy and Mrs. George Boden-hoffer. From 1846 to 1858 he broke his covenant relation with God and wandered far back into the world, none of his associates ever suspecting that he once made a profession of religion. Goaded all these twelve years by a guilty conscience which became to him unbearable, he resolved that he would make a humble confession to his neighbors and associates of the wrong he had done them and the sin he had committed against his Heaven-

HUSBAND: MADISON HIRAM SMITH

BORN: 06 Mar 1832 Ohio
PLA: 30 Sept 1867 Fairview, Jones, Iowa BK 5 PG 337
DIED: 05 Jan 1914
BUR:

FATHER:

MOTHER:

OTHER WIVES: *1(Rachel Hammond) 4 children *3 Mrs. Stewart
Eddie Smith Wilson, California

OCG:

SMITH:

MILITARY:

WIFE: LOUISA PHOEBE MANLY

BORN: 30 Jan 1838 Ohio
DIED: 21 May 1875 Fairview, Jones, Iowa
BUR: Wilcox Cemetary outside Fairview

FATHER: WILLIAM H. MANLY

MOTHER: SARAH D. WALTER

OTHER HUSBANDS:

CHILDREN:

M1. THOMAS BENTON SMITH
Leona Adelia Kohl

B. 14 Jan 1869 Salinas, Saline, Ks /Mo adopted by Thomas Manly by 1880
M. 24 Dec 1895 White Oak Comm, Martelle, Jones Co.

F 2. PALMYRA "PALLIE" ETHEL SMITH
Fred D. Warden

D. 06 Jan 1941 Huron, Beadle, SD Bu White Oak Cem Lisbon, Linn, Ia
B. 23 Mar 1874 Mo lived with William Manly 1880
M. 26 Mar 1893

M3. JAMES FRANCIS SMITH/RUNDALL
Margaret Jones

D.
B. 15 May 1875 Fairview, Jones, Ia lived with Rachel Rundell 1880
M.

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D. 10 May 1932 Martinez, Contra Costa, Ca

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PLACES OF RESIDENCE: Ohio; Fairview, Jones, Iowa; 1832
1867-1868 Salinas, Saline, Kansas;
Burr Oak Valley, Lincoln, Missouri

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: MANLY FAMILY by Frederick Wolfe Manly, MD Phoenix, NJ 1937
1910 census Blaine Twp School, Sully Co, SD pg 1B #11
Children lived with Rachel and Silas Rundall-not adopted Edith Braun 1990
Death record of Thomas Benton Smith File #197909 Huron, Beadle, SD
Guardianship Papers Jones Co, Ia 29 Oct 1879
Marriage record MH Smith to Louisa P. manly Bk 5 pg 337 Jones Co, Iowa
1880 Fairview Twp & Greenfield Twp, Jones, Iowa pg 431, 468

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Matrimonial.
CURTIS-MCDONALD.

The marriage of Horatio N. Curtis of Monticello, and Miss Jessie McDonald, daughter of Findlay McDonald, Center Junction, Feb. 10, Rev. D. Cassell officiating, was a very pleasant affair.

Mr. Curtis is an energetic and prosperous business man. He has the independent and manly bearing and culture and refinement of a true gentleman.

The bride has grown up from her childhood in the place of her residence, and is highly esteemed, for her modesty and refinement, by all who know her.

The day of her marriage was her twenty-first birthday, and she has happily celebrated it by entering into this sacred relation. Beautiful and accomplished, energetic and prudent, she will do her full share in building up a happy home. May all their days be full of glad sunshine. D. R.

MARRIED.

Mr. Joseph Orr and Miss Aurilla E. Ames, by Rev. H. Cullen, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Joseph P. Ames, on Wednesday evening, March 4th, 1888. This was a quiet but very pleasant social event, only three or four neighbors being present, beside the immediate families of the young couple. Mr. Orr is a son of the late Samuel Orr and was born in Conn. He is an industrious well-to-do young farmer of Clay township. Miss Ames was born in the same township, and is a cultured young lady, being a graduate of Lenox College, Hopkinton, Iowa. She is well and favorably known, not only in her own community, but away from home, having filled with credit the position of teacher in several of the surrounding towns. The general opinion is, Mr. Orr has won a prize, which opinion, I am sure he heartily endorses. We all wish them a happy ending of a prosperous voyage of life. C.

At the M. E. parsonage, by A. C. Maxwell, D. D., March 14, Mr. Wm. F. Strawman and Miss Mary J. Steckel, of Wayne township.

MARRIED.

At the residence of Middleton Hutton, in Scotch Grove, by Rev. S. Goodsell, on Thursday evening September 15, 1884. Mr. LEONARD L. GEE, of Altona, D. T., and Miss LORA HUTTON, of Scotch Grove.

This was quite a surprise to nearly all of the company present, as they were invited simply to an ice cream party, and had no idea of a wedding until the preacher appeared upon the scene, and the young couple came down stairs into the parlor where the marriage ceremony was performed, all seeming to take in the situation at once. After the congratulations were over the large company enjoyed the bounteous supply of good things, all joined in wishing them a happy life. Q.

At the residence of Mr. Wm. Aitken, Sept. 10, 1884. Mr. M. G. McNelly and Miss Katie Aitken, Rev. G. L. Wilson, officiating.

This was a pleasant event at the center of Jones county, Iowa. The entertainment and company was very agreeable and the gifts suitable. The worthy young couple have bright prospects, and the good wishes of numerous friends. W.

Thursday evening, September 21, 1884. Mr. J. E. Tucker and Miss Cella A. Wheeler, Rev. J. I. Corby, rector of St. Mark's church, officiating.

ABANDONED TOWNS OF IOWA

JONES COUNTY

ARGAND. A post office from 1880 to 1899 in section 4, Castle Grove Township.

BIG WOODS. Listed in the *U. S. Official Register* of 1847 as a post office in Jones County, and mentioned in the *History of Jones County*, by R. M. Corbit, but not found on maps of that period. Thought to have been in Castle Grove Township.

BLOOMFIELD. Shown on maps of the early 1840's as a town laid out in the western part of Jones County on the north bank of the Wapsipinicon River.

BLUE CUT. The name first given the present village and railroad station of Amber. The post office was Blue Cut from 1873 to 1878.

BOWEN'S PRAIRIE. A village in the southwestern part of section 6, Richland Township. Platted in 1853. Post office, 1849-1902.

CASS CENTER. A post office from 1862 to 1865 in section 22, Cass Township.

CASTLE GROVE. A post office from 1851 to 1903, although not continuous, in Castle Grove Township. In its early period it was in the central part of the township, and later in the southern part of section 8.

CLAYFORD. A post office, 1861 to 1902, in the eastern part of section 7, Clay Township.

CLAY MILL. A village in the southern part of section 10, Clay Township. Post office, 1863-1902.

CONDIT. A post office in 1880 to 1882 in section 21, Cass Township.

DARTMOUTH. The name first given to a town laid out in 1840 on a location which is now a portion of the present city of Anamosa. The plat was never recorded.

DOWNERSVILLE. A village in the western part of section 14, Castle Grove Township. Post office, 1870-72.

DUANE. A post office, 1855-61, in section 8, Cass Township.

EDINBURG. A town laid out in 1840 in the northern part of section 86, Wayne Township. It was the first county seat of Jones County, 1840 to 1847. It never developed much. It had a post office from 1840 to 1847, and the office was revived in 1856, being located a little to the north in section 25, and ran until 1873.

ELKFORD. The original survey of Rome Township was made by Deputy Surveyor W. Barrows from January 13 to February 8, 1838, and he reported finding the town of Elkford "laid out on the northeast and southeast quarter of section 11 and the northwest and southwest quarter of section 12," but that it had no improvements. That was about one mile northwest of the present town of Olin.

FARM CREEK. Another name applied to the village of Clay Mill, which see above.

FAIRVIEW. A village laid out in 1841 near the center of section 20, Fairview Township, about four miles southwest of Anamosa. Post office, 1843-1904. A few dwelling houses still remain. *CONT NEXT Pg.*

FULLER'S MILLS. In the northeast part of Scotch Grove Township, on the Maquoketa River. Post office, 1859-69.

GARFIELD. The name of the post office at the town of Oxford Junction from 1880 to 1884.

GROVE CREEK. A post office from 1850 to 1880 on the north line of section 4, Castle Grove Township.

HALE CITY. The name by which the present village of Hale is shown on the maps of the early 1880's.

HALE VILLAGE. The name of the post office at the present village of Hale from 1872 to 1883.

HIGHLAND GROVE. A post office in section 36, Fairview Township, from 1852 to 1875.

ISABELL. A village at the intersection of sections 13, 14, 23 and 24, Jackson Township. Post office, 1857-67.

JOHNSON. A village at the intersection of sections 23, 24, 25 and 26, Scotch Grove Township. A busy village in its day. Post office, 1853-80.

JOHNSONTOWN. The name most often given the village of Johnson, which see above.

JONESVILLE. The name of the post office for a few months in 1840 at what afterward became Edinburg.

LEXINGTON. The original name of the southwestern portion of the present city of Anamosa, later called Dublin.

MADISON. A village in sections 20 and 21, Madison Township, laid out in 1856. Post office, 1855-73.

MARSHFIELD. The name first given to the post office at the town of Wyoming, which was in 1854. It was changed to Wyoming in 1855.

MINERAL CREEK. A place in section 34, Scotch Grove Township, according to maps of 1868.

NEWPORT. A town platted in 1846, in the northern part of section 33, Jackson Township, just north of the Wapsipinicon River. It was selected as the county seat in 1847, but never so used.

NORWICH. In section 32, Fairview Township, as shown on maps of 1856.

PAMAHO. A post office established in 1840, located about one mile west of the village of Fairview, but a few months later removed to Fairview, but retained its name until 1843 when it was changed to Fairview.

PIERCE. A post office from 1853 to 1857 in section 22, Wyoming Township.

RICHLAND. A town platted in 1856 in the southwest quarter of section 5, Richland Township. A kind of suburb of Bowen's Prairie.

ROME. The original name of the present town of Olin. Rome was platted in 1842 and the name changed to Olin in about 1868.

SPENCERVILLE. In section 3, Wyoming Township, as shown on maps of 1881.

STRAWBERRY HILL. Formerly an independent village adjacent to Anamosa on the east, but a part of that city since 1901. *CONT next pg.*

THOMAS.—At her residence north of Monticello, January 31st, 1880, Sarah E., wife of Louis Thomas, aged 66 years, of paralysis.

The deceased had been sick nearly two years. She was a native of Virginia; the mother of nine children, five of whom survive. The funeral was held at the Methodist church last Sunday.

In Anamosa, May 30, at the residence of M. Wilds, by Rev. J. B. Fiske, Mr. H. E. and Miss Lavinia E. Craighead, both of this

Mr. Niles is a son of the late Lard Niles, one of the earliest and most highly esteemed citizens of Jones county, and for years county superintendent of schools. Hiram has been one of the pillars of the EUREKA office a long time, and previous to his employment with us he was for some years one of the best known and most reliable of the craft in Dubuque. He is a modest man, as most printers are, intelligent, refined, scrupulously honest and honorable in his intercourse with his fellows. The bride has resided here and at Wyoming almost continuously since girlhood, has been one of our most successful school teachers, and is a lady of culture and breadth of thought, frank, generous and winning. Thus mated, the hosts of friends of the contracting parties will extend the most cordial and sincere well wishes that their future may be full of brightness and blessing, and the EUREKA and all its representatives join heartily in that expression.

The ceremony was witnessed by only a few of the relatives and immediate friends of the two families. At its conclusion a very elegant menu of refreshments was served—thanks for the choice and liberal remembrance that found its way to our sanctum—and at 10:30 Mr. Niles and his bride took the train west for Des Moines where they will visit friends, and thence to Burlington, Council Bluffs, Omaha, Dubuque and home again.

Notwithstanding the purposely unostentatious character of the wedding, some exceedingly noteworthy tokens of love and friendship were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Niles, but we mention only several, among them being a beautiful set of imported china and glassware, from an uncle of the bride in Pittsburgh, silverware from her brother and other relatives in Missouri, an extension table from Miss Mary Niles, and other remembrances of taste and value from relatives and friends both at home and abroad.

—Mr. R. O. Jehu and Miss Ella Lawrence, daughter of Mr. Judson Lawrence, of this city, were married yesterday morning at five o'clock by Rev. C. C. Smith, and took the early Midland train east. They are among the most worthy of young people and the EUREKA tenders them its warmest congratulations.

WILLIAM FINNEGAN

Biography is history of the purest type, and to possess a history is that which distinguishes man from the lower creatures around him. They present the same appearance from age to age, unchanging in their instincts and habits, except in so far as they have been modified through contact with man; and, therefore, the history of one generation of irrational animals is the history of every other. But in the human race there is progressive change, which it is the part of history to both record and accelerate, and the duty of the living to perpetuate in biographical form for the benefit of coming generations. In this connection it is a pleasure to here present a brief review of the life of the gentleman whose name is here recorded.

Mr. Finnegan was born November 22, 1836, in the city of Philadelphia, Penn. in what was then called Moyamensing, on Bedford Street (now known as Kates Street), three doors east of Broad Street, a son of Henry and Nancy (Smith) Finnegan. The parents were of Scotch-Irish origin, the father born in County Tyrone, a son of Henry Finnegan and the mother in Culdaff, near the most northern point of Ireland, both coming to this country when quite young, marrying in 1827, in Philadelphia, where they had located.

John born June 22, 1828; Henry born January 31, 1831.

The father of our subject was reared to farming pursuits in the old country, and after coming to Philadelphia he kept teams working in brickyards, besides doing teaming for the corporation and for Stephen Girard, who gave him an old rig he used to ride in himself, which the recipient kept for a long time. In those days cows, hogs and goats were "free commoners" in the southern part of Philadelphia; that is, they were allowed to run at large; and in this connection it is known that Mr. and Mrs. Finnegan kept cows, whose milk they sold, and also hogs which they fed on swill gathered from place to place in the city and conveyed in carts made with water-tight boxes; the cows were allowed to run on the commons lying west of Broad street and south of South street. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Finnegan accumulated considerable property in small three-story houses - some ten or twelve in number - which they rented, and in 1843 he bought forty acres of land twelve miles west of the city, in Marple township, Delaware county, whither he moved April 4, 1844, and here August 1, 1846, his faithful wife at the early age of thirty-four years, died of dropsy brought on by hard work. She was the mother of three sons and two daughters, the latter of whom both died in infancy, and were buried in the Randleson burying ground, Philadelphia, which at the present time is in the heart of the city. Of the three sons, John and Henry are living in Jones county, Iowa, and William is the subject of this sketch. Some time after the death of the mother of these, Mr. Finnegan married a much younger woman than himself, in the person of Charlotte Patton, which event broke up the family, the two elder sons not living at home much afterward. After residing on the farm in Marple township the family returned to the city. In 1860 the father moved to Iowa, where in Jones county, he had previously bought a partly improved farm of 320 acres, from which he eventually retired to Fairview, where he passed the rest of his days in retirement, dying at the age of eighty-five years.

Until the fall of 1857 our subject worked in the brickyards at Philadelphia, and in the following spring, accompanied by his brother Henry, he set out for the then "Far West:", arriving at Muscatine, Iowa, April 1, 1858. Times being then particularly "hard", no work being obtainable at any price, they stayed around Muscatine until their money was all gone and William's trunk held at Stein's Hotel for \$6.00, the balance he owed for board. Finding no work on land, they shipped on board a steamboat bound for St. Louis, Mo. in the capacity of roustabouts, and now in earnest commenced their hardships. Arrived at St. Louis, they looked in vain for work until their hard earned money was all gone again, so once more they shipped as deck hands, this time on a Missouri river packet bound for Leavenworth city, they intending to hire themselves out there to the government as ox-drivers across the Plains, as United States troops were on the eve of setting out for Utah Territory for the purpose of operating against the Mormons. When our young adventurers reached the fort (Leavenworth) they found to their disgust and disappointment that for every vacancy there were not less than fifty applicants already on the ground, so there was nothing for it but to return to St. Louis by the same boat that brought them up, working on her as deckhands. While on the down trip the cylinder head of one side of the engine blew out, so that the vessel had to make the rest of the trip to St. Louis with one wheel; and when she did arrive it was found there were no funds to pay the crew with, and as the brother had not a cent wherewith to pay for board while waiting for a settlement with the steamboat people, they concluded to sell their claims, which they did to a lawyer, each getting about eight dollars, by which time, as Mr. Finnegan himself sagely remarks, he was "beginning to find out the value of money", and in all probability these hard knocks were the "open sesame" to his future wonderful career of success. At this point things were getting desperate, and something had to be done at once. Henry still had his trunk, William's was where he left it at the hotel in Muscatine; so the two agreed that Henry should pay his passage to Muscatine and that William should try to make his way thither without paying. On arrival at Keokuk, however, he was put ashore, but just then another boat was leaving "for somewhere", which our subject immediately boarded, not knowing at the time whether she was going up or down the river. On the boat were several raftsmen on their way to Prairie du Chien, Wis., and he cleverly succeeded in getting "mixed up" with them, the result being that he finally, without let or hindrance, reached Muscatine (for fortunately the vessel was going in that direction) before his brother did. Here they found it necessary to live as economically as possible, and finding a family in the outskirts of the town who allowed them the use of their cooking-stove, they furnished their own victuals and slept wherever they could. Learning that there was some wood-chopping to be done at Fredonia, on the Iowa river west of Muscatine, they proceeded thither, and found that employers were paying thirty cents a cord for cutting big knotty black jack oak, while board consisting of salt pork, corn bread, black molasses and rye coffee, was \$2.00 per week. Here our subject worked for two weeks, in that time not earning enough to pay his board, for being brought up in a large city he knew very little about chopping, and his hands would continually blister. In the meantime, his brother had returned to Muscatine, intending to be gone about one week, but William did not see him again for three months. Giving the boss (board boss) what wood he had cut, his axe and iron wedge in payment for his board, our subject set out for Iowa City on foot, and now, alas, to use his own words, "became a genuine tramp, out of money,

begging for food as I journeyed onward by day and sleeping under the canopy of some straw or hay stack at night. All his clothes, except what he was wearing, were in his trunk at Muscatine, so he had no change of clothing whatever. After wandering through Iowa for more than a month, Mr. Finnegan returned to Muscatine, and securing employment on a farm at five dollars per month, worked one month, after which he set out for Illinois for the purpose of hunting up his brother, Henry, and falling in with James Vanatta, the latter took him to his house. Mr. Vanatta is now living at Buffalo Prairie, Rock Island Co., Ill., at the age of seventy-one years, and Mr. Finnegan has kept up a correspondence with him ever since they parted, some thirty or forty years ago.

At Buffalo Prairie our subject found three months work on a farm, for which he was to receive six dollars per month, but being unable to get cash he had to be content to accept three steers in lieu thereof. These he drove to Muscatine to sell, but all he could get for them was nine dollars cash for the three, six dollars of which he applied toward getting his trunk released from "Stein's Hotel". That winter he worked for James Vanatta for his board, and during the summer of 1859 he worked land on shares, getting one-third of the crop for his labor. The wheat yield, however, was a failure, and corn was only half a crop. Mr. Finnegan traded his share of the corn crop for a young mare which he took with him to Iowa, to the farm his father had bought; but two days after reaching this farm, the mare strayed away, and he never saw her again. On his father's farm he worked from December 25, 1859 till August 7, 1862, when he enlisted in Company F, Twenty-Fourth Iowa V.I. under Capt. Dimmit. He served throughout the entire struggle, being mustered out July 17, 1865. He took an active part in all the marches, skirmishes and engagements of his regiment, but was once taken prisoner in Louisiana, and held from November 15, 1863 until December 25, following, when he was exchanged. At Milliken's Bend, in the same state, he was once confined to hospital through sickness for several weeks, but with these exceptions he was on constant duty.

After his return from the war, Mr. Finnegan again worked on his father's farm for a time, but his stepmother's manner toward him becoming so unbearable, he concluded to try his luck further west. Consequently, on March 10, 1867, he left home with a light wagon and span of horses, with which he travelled across Iowa, arriving April 10 following at Lincoln, Nebr. which now prosperous city was said at the time to contain but 300 inhabitants. Times were good there, work plentiful and wages high, and until the fall of that year, Mr. Finnegan freighted lumber from the Missouri river to Lincoln; also hauled from Beatrice, some of the stone that was used in the building of the Capitol. In that Fall (1867) he took up a pre-emption claim twelve miles north of the city (Lincoln), built a "dug-out" and lived therein throughout the winter, during the following spring breaking prairie and hauling stone for the State University then building at Lincoln. In the fall of 1868 he proved his claim and homesteaded eighty acres adjoining, making in all 240 acres, and during the following years (2), he was occupied in farming and teaming. In the spring of 1870, in company with L.K. Holmes, an uncle of his wife, he started a brickyard, made brick two years at the end of which time he sold out his interest in the business to his partner, his farm to other parties, and with his wife started for Wisconsin, arriving in the town of Howard December 17, 1872. In the spring of 1873 he commenced operating a small brickyard

on land owned by A.G.E. Holmes, molding the brick himself by hand and making an average of 8,000 for a day's work, conducting the yard entirely by hand for some seven years or until August 1880, when he put in small steam-power, which in 1882, he supplemented with large power machinery. At the same time, he built a modern brickyard known as "Yard No. 1" which is located on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and Green Bay, Winona & St. Paul railroads, also on Duck Creek, a navigable stream for light draft boats. In 1890 he built "Yard No. 2" on the same stream, one mile below "Yard No. 1" with a track from the Chicago & Northwestern railroad to the yard, a distance of three-quarters of a mile. In 1891 he purchased 124 acres of land in the city of Fort Howard, and following year built on this land "Yard No. 3" which has a capacity of 60,000 bricks per day. The total capacity of the three yards, when running full time, is from twelve million to fifteen million bricks per annum.

On June 16, 1872, at Trinity Episcopal church, Lincoln, Nebr. Mr. Finnegan was most happily married to Miss Ella S. Oatley, who was born in Oneida county, N.Y. March 12, 1851, daughter of Albert B. and Lavantia (Holmes) Oatley, also natives of Oneida county, who came to Wisconsin in 1857, settling in Suamico township, Brown County, where they lived for twelve years, and now reside in the town of Howard. To this union were born five children as follows: Holmes Adelbert, William Jr., Ella Ruth, Edith May and Anna Leona, the eldest of whom died at the age of nine years, the youngest when one year and nine months old. Mrs. Finnegan is a prominent member of the Episcopal Church with which she united herself at the age of fourteen years, and is known far and wide as a good Christian lady, given to works of benevolence wherever her feminine sympathy can reach. Mr. Finnegan in politics is a sound Republican, and his first vote was cast for Abraham Lincoln. He is remarkable for his quiet unobtrusive manner, in all his acts proving himself the very beau ideal of a good, loyal and useful citizen. In local affairs he takes a deep interest, and although he has filled several minor offices in his township he has never been an office-seeker. Besides being an expert in the manufacture of brick, he is equally skillful as an agriculturist, and his tract of 250 acres is a model of neatness and comfort, giving every evidence of intelligent and systematic management. His talents as a business man have made him a prominent figure in the business world, and have given him a solid standing as a substantial citizen, which his continuous transactions since 1873, without the slightest infringement of his word or infringement of his integrity, fully entitle him to.

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ABANDONED TOWNS OF IOWA

TEMPLE HILL. A hamlet in the northern part of section 27, Washington Township. It had a post office in 1857 to 1860, when it was discontinued but was revived again and ran from 1884 to 1901.

VIROQUA. The name of the present town of Morley from 1873 to 1886, the post office also having the same name.

WALNUT FORK. A village that was slightly to the east of the present town of Olin and was platted in 1854. The post office was named Walnut Fork and ran from 1841 to 1872.

ZURICH. A post office from 1860 to 1866 in section 4, Richland Township. *END.*

MRS. KATE MIRICK OBITUARY

From The Boone news - Republican, Boone Iowa, Monday evening,
May 28, 1956

Mrs. Kate Mirick, 98, oldest alumnus of Iowa State College, died Saturday evening at the Iowa Lutheran Home for the Aged in Madrid, where she had been a patient since April 19.

Mrs. Mirick was born in Bremer County, 23 April 1858 and grew up on a farm near Independence. She graduated from Iowa State College in 1877 as valedictorian of her class. She was also the first graduate of the Home Economics department at Iowa State and was honored on the 75th anniversary of that department.

Following her graduation Mrs. Mirick taught school at Monticello and served as high school principal there for five years. She was then married to the late Dr. Willis A. Mirick. She took an active part in community affairs at Monticello including the promotion of the library, on which board she served for many years. She was also the first worthy Matron of Schreiner Chapter, Order of Eastern Star at Monticello.

In 1917 she moved to Boone to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Ralph L. Cooper. While in Boone she took an active part in community affairs until three years ago when she was forced, because of her age, to remain in her home. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority of Iowa State College, the Lowell Club, past matron's club and chapter J L, P.E.O. She was a great lover of nature and a few years ago presented a fine geological collection to Iowa State College.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Irving and Galen. Survivors include her daughter, Mrs. Cooper, six grandchildren and 14 great, grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning at the Welin Chapel with the Rev. Russell E. Otto in charge. Burial will be in Monticello. Friends may give to the Chapel Fund of Iowa Lutheran Home for the Aged in lieu of flowers.

Breese, Brees Query

Looking for the ancestors of Edward Breese (Breese, sp. in 1900 OK Censes Records), b. 12 May 1876, IA, d. 1905, burr. Fairview Cemetery, Shawnee, OK. Married (Where?) Clara Honaker Brees (Brees, her sp.). Children, Roe C. & Buena M. Brees. Edward Breese worked for his Uncle Simeon Breese in his Hardware Store & Real Estate Development Business in Hennessey, OK before 1900. We understand at one time the Breese, Brees Families held their Family Reunions in the state of Iowa. Contact, Clara Ann Brees Phillips, 1927 So. 7th St., Chickasha, OK 73018. Ph (405)224-6927.

Does anyone have information on how the CONDITS from Ohio - E.J. E.W. and E.M. - traveled to Jones Co IA from Delaware OH Grace Mussard 2562 Braumiller RD Delaware OH 43015

Seeking info on the family of Thomas Skafe (Skaife) 1870 census, Castle Grove Township, P O Langworthy, IA: Thomas Skaife 36, Mary A. 30, Children; Mary J. 6, Edward 4, Anna 1. Thank you for any assistance: Charles Bishell P O Box 4 Lancaster WI 53813

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