

NEWS 'N' NOTES

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DEATH OF JOHN LANDIS.

John Landis, son of Abraham and Esther Landis, was born in Hardin county, Ohio, December 21st, 1849, and departed this life after an illness covering a period of two years October 26th, 1925, being at the time of his death 75 years, 10 months and 5 days old.

When he was a small child, the family moved from Ohio to Indiana, and later, when he was twelve years of age to Anamosa, Iowa, where he attended school until the following spring when he moved to the farm in Jackson township where he lived until 1915.

He was privileged to care for his aged parents in their declining years, also, for a maiden auster who passed away since coming to Anamosa, and was the last of a family of nine children.

On February 17th, 1878, he was united in marriage to Naomi Johnson, daughter of Rev. Joseph Johnson. To this union one child, a son, was born, who died May 29, 1878, at the age of 2 months and 17 days. The wife also passed away March 18, 1887. On September 8th, 1891, he was married to Nora Byerly. To this union two children were born, Miles R. of Anamosa, and Mrs. Hollis Ford of West Branch, Iowa, who with the wife and mother and two grandchildren are left to mourn the loss of a devoted husband and father.

His dearest treasure was his home and family which he appreciated more and more as falling health claimed him for a victim. On June 26th, 1925, he had a stroke of paralysis from which he had not recovered, when a later one, which occurred two weeks before his death, made it apparent to all that his days on earth were numbered.

During his life on the farm before falling health compelled him to give up heavy labor, he was associated with every thing that went to build up a better community. He served for years as a member of the choir at Antioch and was always glad to help in every way possible in the advancement of the church. Although he did not unite with the church, he had a deep and abiding faith in the Supreme Being, and by his clean life, his fairness and kindness in dealing with his fellow man exemplified the faith that was in him.

Funeral services were held at the Antioch church Wednesday morning and were conducted by Rev. Ernest Evans of the Congregational church.

Remley & Ercanbrack.

Attorneys, Anamosa, have a carefully prepared set of Abstract Books of all lands and town lots in Jones county. Abstracts of Title promptly furnished, and practice in Real Estate law made a specialty.

CHINA WEDDING.—Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Cook celebrated the twentieth anniversary of their wedding day on March 15th, 1882, sixty-four of their relatives being present. The presents were as follows:

Misses Sarah and Jane Martin, Mrs. L. A. Sanderson, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Sanderson, Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Current, gold band china butter dish and a dozen gold band china individual butter dishes; Abe Burwell, glass fruit stand; Mrs. E. Cook, fruit stand; Mr. and Mrs. A. Dean, china sugar dish; Will and Henry Lochner, Westy Clapp, F. Tear, china mustache cup and saucer; Louis and Frank Cook, dozen salt dishes; Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Barnett, tureen; Ida Kellor, set silver spoons; Florence Cook, china cup and saucer; Hibbard and Fred Waugh, set of china soup plates; Joel Jones, gravy dish; Dora Sutie and Julia Cook, set majolica butter dishes; Mr. and Mrs. Smith, sirup castor; Amy Burwell, china mug; R. Denny, majolica pitcher; Mr. and Mrs. J. Boman, china gravy castor; Whit Burwell, patent lamp globe; Mr. and Mrs. Miles Cook, glass bread plate; Hattie Burwell, vegetable dish; Mrs. J. Burwell, china fish platter; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Waugh, china tea plates; Jenny, Kate and Amy, tureen; Mr. and Mrs. T. Clapp, tureen; La Fayette Current and wife, china butter dish; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cranem, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Mills, set china plates; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Reid, set china cups and saucers; Howard Clapp, china platter; Dora Dean, pickle castor; Mrs. Lanny, dress pattern; D. Cook, coffee mill; Ora Cook, match safe; Mr. E. Cook, set of knives and forks.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's father, in Hale township, Jones county, Iowa, on March 16th, 1882, by the Rev. W. H. Rieley of Dayton Chapel, Mr. Thomas Tyrrell and Miss Annie Wolfe, both of Jones county, Iowa.

Some thirty of their friends and relatives of the young couple were gathered to witness the ceremony that united the fortunes of two young people well known in this section of the country. The occasion was long to be remembered, and all seemed to be happy, and a grand good time was had. The table literally groaned under the weight of the good things heaped upon it, and three times was it filled with hungry mortals, and yet there was plenty and to spare.

After dinner the newly married couple were presented with some fine presents by the officiating clergyman. The gifts were as follows: Bride's father, crystal fruit dish; bride's mother, linen table cloth, pair linen towels; Geo. Wolfe and wife, crystal fruit dish; Ida Wolfe, set of crystal glassware; Albert Wolfe, crystal water pitcher; Errie Carroll, picture The Bridal Morn, and box crystal polish; Willis Carroll and wife, glass cake stand; James Dubois and wife, linen table cloth; Nancy Brink, two pair linen towels; Lida Cook, set crystal goblets; Nettie Allen, parlor lamp; Ed Richards, linen table cloth.

May their bark sail smoothly over life's troubled sea, and anchor in safety on the other shore.

Oxford Mirror
23 March 1882

THERE WILL BE NO MEETINGS IN DECEMBER OR JANUARY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Letter Tells of Pioneer Secrest Family

A letter written to the Eureka in 1902 by Mrs. N. D. Sherman of Cedar Rapids, tells of the Secrest family, early pioneers in Jones county.

My father, Joseph A. Secrest, was born December 10, 1817; was reared and educated in Flemingsburgh, Fleming county, Kentucky. Arriving at his majority, he went to Park county, Indiana, where he taught school for some time, and was married to Margaret McClain. In 1842, he came to Iowa, stopping first at Iowa City. He visited and investigated other sections of the territory, however, and decided as he said, "that Jones county was the garden spot of the country" so in the early autumn of 1843, he moved his family from Indiana in wagons to Jones county where he made his home, or homes, until his death at Fairview, February 15, 1871.

Land speculation was rife when he settled in the county, and he in common with many others, had an attack of it. He was a good judge of land, an expert surveyor, and some of the best farms in Fairview and Greenfield townships of today were entered as wild land by him. Some of these, he occupied and put under cultivation before disposing of them, with the result that we changed residences frequently during the forties and fifties. In 1847, he built a log house upon the land now occupied by the District Fair Association of Anamosa, which he had previously entered, brought his family there and farmed it until 1850, when he was elected clerk of the district court for a term of two years.

Built in Anamosa

He then built a frame house "down in Anamosa" near the old Wapsipinicon House" in which he lived for several years, engaging in the general mercantile business with William Sterling as partner for a time who was succeeded by Mr. Hunt, a brother-in-law of Dr. Sales and Blakeslee. Mr. Hunt eventually bought the business.

Later, when it seemed possible that the Dubuque Southwestern railroad would run through Fairview my father bought the Miles Russell place, somewhat famous in the early history of the county, whose double-log house walls had witnessed queer scenes and heard many things inconsistent with law and order. Upon the site of the old log house, my father erected a good brick dwelling house, and commodious store room for the time, and not withstanding, though grievously disappointed when the road was built four miles west, he remained in Fairview in the mercantile and drug business, also serving as postmaster for a time, until his death, as mentioned previously.

A portion of the old farm is still owned by his widow. He was twice married, his first wife dying near Highland Grove in 1845. By this marriage, there were three children, Mary E., who died at Anamosa in 1851, Sarah E. (Mrs. N. D. Sherman of Cedar Rapids) and Margaret M., widow of Lieutenant E. F. Smith in Pueblo, Colorado. The second marriage was with Sarah Osborne, who still lives at an advanced age and in quite good health with her daughter, Mrs. Robert Shields in Chicago. The other children from the second marriage now living are Mrs. Jane McGowan and Mrs. Belle Griffen also in Chicago and Mrs. F. M. Benedict of Castle Grove. Those dead are a little son Alfred who died in Anamosa, Mrs. Elmer Gault who died at Ames, Iowa, and Joseph D. Secrest who died at Dubuque.

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Father a Democrat

My father was a democrat of the old proslavery school, until the controversy between Douglas and Lincoln, when his views changed and he became a "Douglas Democrat." During the troublous years just preceding the war of the rebellion, there were right lively debates on political subjects in Silas Rundle's hall in Fairview, which, in the winter time, drew crowds from the surrounding country. My father was usually one of the chief participants, being an up-to-date reader and thinker, gifted to a degree in the use of language. A sharp debator with a

keen sense of the ludicrous, he made things interesting, not only to his opponent's but to the audience as well.

He enjoyed a wide acquaintance among the settlers, not only in Anamosa, but north and west of there, south and east along the Big Woods, and he counted them all his friends. He was an earnest advocato of liberal education, and was largely instrumental in instituting and supporting the little Academy in Fairview which for some years was the educational center for that region and which is still dear to the memory of many middle aged people.

Strongly religious by nature, a reverent student of the Bible, he was a consistent member of the Christian, or Disciple church and when his life ended, after months of inexpressible suffering, he was buried at Highland Grove.

Another Early Settler

My uncle, Robert M. Secrest, came to Jones county to stay in the early fifties. He was also born and raised in Flemingsburgh, Kentucky. He was a man of a fine mind and attainments, and had the courtesy of a gentleman of the old schools, but he was a born rover and never could bring himself to settle down to the monotony of a permanent home. There were few places in the United States, that he had not visited for he spent all his earlier life travelling. He married a sister to the late Mrs. Buel Wood, Rachel Epperson, and their children were Florence, afterward Mrs. Waggoner, James Monroe, Essic and Robert. Robert inherited his father's roving disposition, left home and was accidentally shot and killed in the far west some years since. Monroe enlisted in the First Infantry while at school at Mt. Vernon April 14, 1861, and on account of ill health was mustered out the following August 25, 1861.

Afterwards, he raised a part of a company to which a flag was presented in Anamosa and took the men to Davenport. Some trouble arose which I never understood, and neither do I know whether he continued in the service or not. I am ignorant as to the whereabouts of him, or the other members of the family, who left Anamosa in the early sixties. I refer you to Chauncey or Robert Wood of Deadwood, who may give you definite information about them. Uncle Robert Secrest taught school in the "Brick school house" southwest of Highland Grove in "Peter Kane's district" for a short time, but wearied of it and drifted from one thing to another, finally enlisting in the "Gray-beard" regiment September 11, 1862.

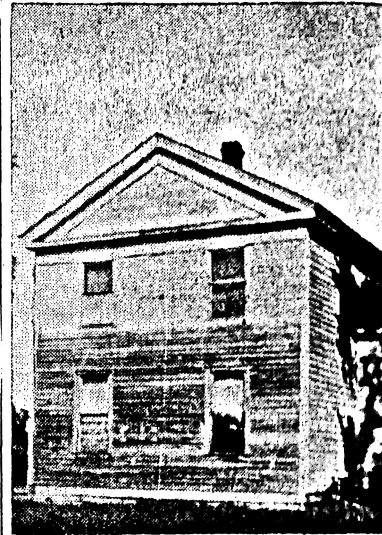
He was discharged on account of disability the following April 25, 1863 and returned with his family to Anamosa where he died soon afterwards. He was a man who had faults but he had generous impulses, was very kind and affable. He was witty, loved a good story and was fond of telling one. I shall never forget his graphic description of the examinations he underwent to test his qualifications for teaching the school mentioned above, and his merriment over two "important questions" propounded by the school director. One was "Why does a fox run over a hill?" The other "Does a whippoorwill ever holler after harvest?" Uncle Robert replied to the first, "I reckon because the foxes can't run through it" and to the second, "I never heard a whippoorwill holler at anything but whippoorwill" and thus demonstrated his ability to teach to the complete satisfaction and delight of the Pennsylvania Dutch director.

Born in Indiana

John Secrest, who was my cousin, was born, I think, near Crawfordsville, Indiana. He came to Jones county in the early fifties and went about the country teaching singing schools. He also taught in the public schools during the first years of his residence here.

He married a sister of the late William J. Arnold and they had several children whose names I cannot remember. They, and their mother moved to Mt. Vernon, Iowa, years ago, and I know nothing more about them. In 1861, while John Secrest and his family still

DRUG STORE



The first drug store ever built in Anamosa, now converted into a residence, still stands on the south end of West Main street. It was built by C. L. D. Crockwell and Dr. Clark Joslin across from the Wapsipinicon hotel in 1850. Later, a jewelry store was added to the drug store. The first story of the building which is a little darker than the upper part of the structure, shows where the old plate glass windows were removed when it was made into a home.

lived on his prairie farm, I think, in Greenfield township, I went with my father one summer afternoon out there to see John drill a company of men. Afterward, I was away at school and teaching, and whether he entered the army, I am unable to say. The last I heard in regard to him, was that he was shot and killed while serving the government as mail agent, somewhere on the western frontier. I refer you to Mrs. William Arnold, who can probably tell definitely as to him and his family.

My father had another cousin named Farmer Secrest who came from Lenchante, Indiana to Jones county in the early fifties. He had been educated at Oberling and was a rabid abolitionist. He never hesitated to promulgate his views wherever he went, so consequently he had many wordy conflicts and more or less trouble during his stay in the county. He married a widow named Stevens at Fairview, emigrated to Kansas and was shot to death by bushwhackers while plowing in his fields.

Park Hill Remembered For His School Work

by James Remley

The influence of a good man in a community, who has stood for the right for many years, is unmeasurable and the influence continues for many years to come. Public recognition may not be given at the time, but is given many years thereafter. Such is the case of Park Hill who was superintendent of our public school from 1888 to 1892, a period of fourteen years. He came to Anamosa from the state of Connecticut was a graduate of Yale and was a Civil War veteran. He brought with him culture and education which he instilled in all of his pupils. He was a great Latin student and insisted that it be taught in his school. He believed in oratorical work and the writing of essays and required every graduate to write an essay and deliver it in person the night of graduation.

The graduating exercises of the class of 1889, composed of 25 or 26 pupils, were held in Holt's Opera House, and took two nights, one-half of the class giving their essays the first night and the other half the second night. The writer of this article well remembers attending the exercises on one of these nights and falling asleep in the front seat.

Personal Appearance

Professor Hill was tall, dignified and stately, had red hair and red beard, wore special made top boots that he always kept black, and he had the habit of

sitting with one foot on an open drawer of his desk. He was an oldtime school master who took great interest in his pupils, expecting them to live up to all of the rules and give strict attention to their studies.

Professor Hill had a great influence in our community for good character, honesty, integrity, scholarship and culture. He is often spoken of and referred to by his former pupils with love and affection. Some of his pupils who graduated in the class of 1889, are C. J. Cash, Carrie Clark, Mrs. Bertha Hejinian, Mrs. Essie Belknap, Clarence Fisher, Harriet Cunningham, Dr. J. C. Litzenberger, a prominent physician in Minneapolis, Allen Sanford, a prominent attorney of Salt Lake City, Utah, and his wife, who was Nellie Sheean; Jennie Sheean, John L. McKean, Edgar Penley and Margaret Dougherty.

During his time as superintendent, he taught the classes himself and only had one other teacher in the high school. Some of the teachers were Mrs. George E. Noble, Mary A. George and Minnie Wynekoop Moore.

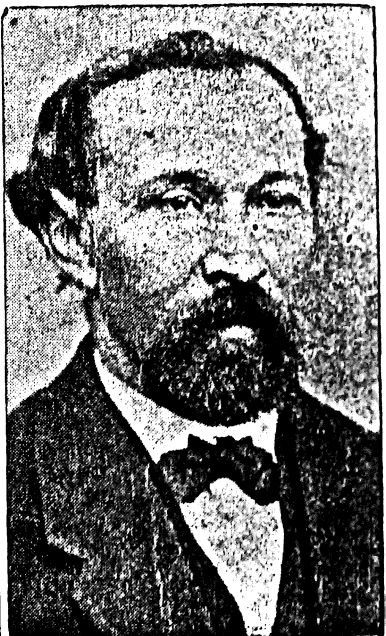
Mrs. Anna Johnson Recalls Ninety Years

Mrs. Anna Johnson has seen many changes in Anamosa since her arrival here.

Mrs. Johnson, 90 years old her last birthday now living at the edge of town on South Garnavillo street, came here as a child of eight, 82 years ago. Her journey from Paradise, Pennsylvania was by railroad to East Dubuque and by stage coach along the old Military road to Anamosa. The last lap of her long journey took 12 hours, from 8 a. m. at Dubuque to 8 p. m. at Anamosa.

Here she attended a private school down in Dublin, there being no public schools in those times, and the Hazel Knoll Academy taught by the Isbell family. She

H. LEHMKUHL



One of the pioneer storemen, was Henry Lehmkuhl, uncle to the present Mr. Dorgeloh, employee in the Monroe Hardware store. Mr. Lehmkuhl was associated with the early partnership of Lehmkuhl and Piekenbrock.

was here during Civil war times and vividly remembers when the soldiers were drafted and when their regiments left Anamosa for service.

Mrs. Johnson recalls that there was only one house near her home when she came, and that the old Ford building south of the present school. Two inns had been constructed, the Waverly House which burned down, and the Wapsipinicon which is still standing.

Mrs. Johnson had eight children, of which five are still living. They are John, Walter, Jim, William and the two daughters, Mrs. Eva Ryerson of New York and Mrs. G. Murphy of Minneapolis.

DES MOINES, IOWA SUNDAY REGISTER - March 18th 1928

"Rare Musical Instrument Heard Over Radio - W.J. Byerly of Anamosa, Ia., shown at extreme left in the picture below, is playing a dulcimer, a rare musical instrument used during the middle ages in England, France, Italy, Germany, Holland, and Spain. A concert was given recently over station WJAM at Cedar Rapids. Next Wednesday evening a second dulcimer concert will be given by WJAM. The instrument pictured below was one of those manufactured in Cedar Rapids during the civil war, and is owned by M.L. Byerly of Cedar Rapids, who is shown in center of photo. Walter Hayek is at the piano."

DEATH OF MRS. AMOS MERRILL.

~~DECEASED~~ - NOV. 29-1892

Editors Enquirer: I have just returned from attendance at the funeral of my mother, Mary Merrill, and it seems to me fitting that a brief notice of her life and death should be published, not where she died, among comparative strangers but by no means without many kind friends, but at the place which was for so many years of mingled prosperity and adversity her home, and where still remain many of her most cherished friends. For this reason I come to you with this article.

Mary Gray was born in Belmont county, Ohio, January 28, 1824. She was married to Amos Merrill August 7, 1840. They moved to Iowa while it was yet a territory, in 1840, settling first in Henry county, going thence to the old town of Pe'e Dec, in Cedar county, and from there either in 1850 or 1851 to Fairview, Jones county. From that time on this place has been their home, around which has centered some of the most cherished memories of the past; although suffering heavily from the financial panic of 1857, they were induced by the glittering reports from Texas to move to that state in the fall of 1859. They never regarded their residence in Texas as more than an enforced sojourn and left it as quickly as possible after the war was ended, arriving at Fairview again in the very beginning of 1860. Four or five years ago, after the last one of their children had gone from home and they were left alone in their old age with little left for their support, they sold out and followed. The intervening time has been passed here and there, at Neola, Iowa; Canton, Kansas; Missouri Valley, Iowa, and last at Council Bluffs, where the father and two daughters now reside.

Eight children were born to them, three in Ohio, five in Iowa, and all are living. They are widely scattered, all have family cares and responsibilities of their own, but five were present at the funeral. The first summons of death to the family came to the one most entitled, from an earthly view, to life, health and comfort.

Mother Merrill died at Council Bluffs at 1 o'clock a. m. November 29, 1892, being 68 years and 10 months old. She was sick only four days or from noon of Friday preceding. Up to that time she had been apparently in usual health and doing her accustomed work. The disease as reported by the physician was an obstruction in the intestines, resulting in blood poisoning. She suffered much pain at the beginning but the last few hours were painless and passed in sleep, gradually and peacefully sinking into eternity. The funeral was held at the residence at 10 o'clock a. m. December 1, and the body was escorted to Missouri Valley and buried in the cemetery there.

Thus closed a life, though not widely known of men, yet abundantly abounding in usefulness and good works. Patient, forbearing, self-accusing almost to a fault, thoughtful only for others, tranquilly uncomplaining for herself, she met death with the same calmness and resignation with which she faced every obstacle and endured every adversity of life—for it is believed now that she realized at the beginning that her last sickness was upon her. Accustomed from youth to constant labor, for her own family or others unfortunate, her hands were never idle until crossed in rigid repose upon the breast within which a loving heart was stilled forever, and by a worldly standard of judgment has abundantly earned a bright corner of peacefulness, restfulness and happiness in the world beyond. She was for many years a sincere and consistent professor of religion, was united with the Baptist church, and without outward show lived the good life which her Bible and her creed taught. And while her family are filled with sorrow by the fact that they shall see her no more on earth, yet that sorrow is relieved by the further fact that the troubles of life for her are over and she has entered upon the eternal reward of a life rightly lived and a duty fully performed. May it be so with those left behind.

JESSE

MARCH 8 DIED. 1888

At his residence near Martelle, Iowa, March 8, 1888, Mr. Ira Mead, after only a few days of confinement to his bed. His suffering was severe but he passed quietly away, falling asleep in Jesus.

He was born in Fitcher, Chenango county, New York, Oct. 12, 1829, and was therefore 59 years, 4 months and 26 days old. He united with the Baptist church at Fairview in the year 1859. Afterwards removing to Anamosa he became a member of the Baptist church there, continuing that connection until called by the Master from labor to reward. Brother Mead was a man of very strong convictions, especially in religious matters, leaning on Christ at all times for guidance, yet he was genial and generous in his intercourse with his fellows. He was superintendent of the Sunday school for years and had deep interest in the meeting that recently closed at Martelle. There are left to mourn his death the companion of his married life, one son and three daughters, all of the latter of sufficient age to take care of themselves. His remains were taken to the meeting house at Martelle on Sabbath, March 11th, followed by a very large circle of relatives and friends, and appropriate music was sung by the choir. In connection with Elder Dewitt the writer delivered a short sermon from the 63d chapter of Isaiah and part of the 11th verse. "He shall see of the travail of his soul and shall be satisfied." He was interred at Norwich cemetery, there to await the summons to judgment. The bereaved family have the sympathy of many friends in this hour of trial.

D. GIVEN,

Pastor of the Baptist Church at Fairview, Iowa.

CARD OF THANKS.—We desire to return our most heartfelt thanks to the neighbors and friends who extended to us many kindnesses and earnest sympathy during the trial and affliction through which we have been called upon to pass. May a merciful Father bless them all.

MRS. ELLEN MEAD AND FAMILY.

DIED. 8-30-1888

Mr. J. H. Mundy died at Trinidad, Colorado, August 30th, 1888, aged 77 years. Mr. Mundy was formerly of Fairview, Iowa.

Francis Gumberton Mirick was born in Lyons, Courtland county, N. Y., May 10, 1824, and died July 24, 1893, aged 69 years, 4 months and 14 days. She was married to James Boone at McGrawville, N. Y., in August, 1841, their first residence being at Marathon, N. Y. In 1840 she came to Fairview, Jones county, Iowa, with her husband, living on a farm east of Springville until shortly before the death of Mr. Boone, which occurred in New York in 1868. She returned to Fairview and was married to Augustus Mirick June 1, 1850. Their home was the farm where she formerly lived until two years ago last November, when, with her husband, she removed to Anamosa.

The children of Bro. Mirick became as her own, taking them when small and becoming a mother to them. The only daughter of Bro. Mirick, Mrs. Whitney, was suddenly called to her reward last November. Sister Mirick never fully recovered from the shock of her sudden death, but has been a confirmed invalid since, beginning to decline shortly after that event. Dr. Mirick, the only son of Bro. Mirick, together with her husband survive and attended the funeral.

Sister Mirick was converted in the spring of 1841, shortly before her first marriage, and united with the M. E. church of Marathon, N. Y. In 1860 she was baptized into the fellowship of the Fairview Baptist church, continuing a member of that church until after removing here, when she united with the Anamosa Baptist church. Mrs. Mirick made all the preparations for the future life and for meeting God that it is possible or necessary for any human being to make. She counted it an honor to sit at the feet of Jesus. Her character bore the impress of Bible truth. She was a Bible Christian. She believed in the revealed word. She lived in the sunlight of the sun of righteousness, and though her last days were passed in much bodily distress she never for a moment wavered in her confidence in her Redeemer. She often spoke, during her last illness, of her readiness to go and of submission to the Divine will in suffering. She loved the fellowship of saints on earth, and her last trip down town was the second Sunday in December last to attend the services of God's house. Thus, with the love and esteem of all, she passed quietly to her reward.

Her life was spent quietly in the Christian home, which she found sufficiently interesting to engage her time and attention. Though leaving the hearthstone where Christ was loved and revered on earth, and where was found all that is to be desired in that which is beautiful and pure, yet she left all without murmuring, knowing that life's hour-glass was fully run; that life's privileges and opportunities had come and were gone; that she had enjoyed the one in the spirit of thanksgiving, and met the other in one who must give an account unto God. Her last illness found her, like the apostle, "having a desire to depart and to be with Christ." Release came peacefully at 8:30 p. m. on Monday last.

As stated last week, the funeral services were held at the residence on Wednesday at 10 o'clock, conducted by the pastor, Rev. A. J. Ballard.

PASSING OF ANDREW STINGLEY

Andrew, youngest son of Andrew and Lucinda Stingley was born near Olin, Jones County, Iowa, September 27, 1863, and in this vicinity spent his boyhood days, sharing in common with all, the hardships of pioneer life in those earlier years of this great State's development.

His sturdy ambitions led him to venture from home surroundings, to seek life's fortunes. He located in Keokuk county, Iowa, where he met and married Miss Margaret Thomas, of Ottumwa, May 17, 1873. To their union eight children were born, six boys and two girls, six of whom survive—Bert L. of Morley; Theodore A. now living in Minnesota; Logan H. and David Dee of Cedar Rapids; Charles D. and Mrs. Eva Vernon of Olin. One son, William and one daughter, Tealie, with their mother have gone on to the Spirit World.

It was in 1889 that the deceased with his family returned to Olin and since that time Olin and vicinity have been their home.

In 1901 he was bereft of the companionship of his youth and on December 26, 1906, he was married to Mrs. Sarah Starry, and on the 13th anniversary of their wedding, last Friday morning, death came and called without warning this good man to his crowning. I am sure it is true to say that he was a good man, though not without his faults. He was a man among men, neighborly and just and brave enough to acknowledge before God and men, the sin of his life.

In 1886 he was converted and united with the Church of Christ in Christian Union, and after his baptism, though he at times may have deviated from the way, he never lost sight of the guiding star of faith. On the 2nd day of last February he with his wife, placed his membership with the U. B. church of Olin, and his remarkable devotion to every interest of the church and Sunday School won the highest esteem of every member of the church, and like saints of old, he pressed the battle to the gates, and died at his post.

Besides his wife and six children he leaves to mourn his going away, two brothers, William Stingley, of Center Junction and Jacob H. Stingley, of Olin; two half brothers, Mr. Robinson, of Marlon, and Dan Clafflin of Martelle and twenty-two grandchildren.

The funeral services were held at the U. B. church last Sunday afternoon conducted by his pastor, the Rev. C. C. Dillavou, assisted by pastors S. V. Williams and A. G. Miller, and the body was laid away in the Olin Cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to all who were so kind to us in the time of our deep sorrow.

Mrs. Andrew Stingley and children.

CEDAR RAPIDS GAZETTE - December 6, 1933

"MONTICELLO WAR VET DIES OF SHOCK AFTER BEING ROBBED OF \$40
(Photo of Dr. J.W. Benadom)

"(by Long Distance Phone)

"MONTICELLO - Dr. J.W. Benadom, 90, sprightly Civil war veteran who drew the cheers of a huge crowd during the G.A.R. Parade at St. Paul last summer when his pet robin perched on his wife as he played the 'March Through Georgia,' died at his home at 7 p.m. Tuesday from shock suffered in the afternoon when he was held up in the park here and was robbed of \$40.

"Dr. Benadom has been operating a sanitorium here for a number of years. Late in the afternoon, he went for a walk in the park and was accosted by two men, officials understood from the incoherent report of the affair which Dr. Benadom was able to make. One of the robbers seized Dr. Benadom and held his hand over his mouth, while the other extracted his pocketbook from the doctor's clothing. They returned the pocketbook after removing the currency it contained.

"Dr. Benadom was able to walk to his home where he collapsed. There were apparently no witnesses to the incident. He is survived by his wife and two sons.

"The robin which perched on Dr. Benadom's wife in the now famous G.A.R. parade was named Rowley the Second, was tamed by him, and had been his constant companion since he had found the bird in its babyhood after falling out of a nest.

"Another robin Dr. Benadom had tamed, dubbed Rowley the First, ended his career in the claws of a cat."

GRANDKIDS LOOKING FOR INEXPENSIVE GIFT IDEA?

GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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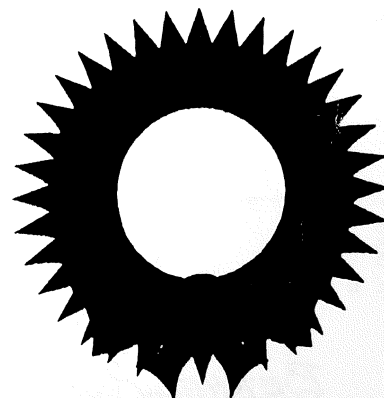
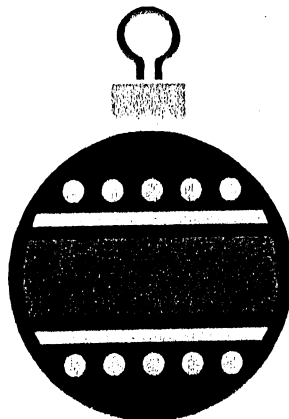
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PEDIGREE CHART
Person No. 1 on this chart is the same
person as No. _____ on chart No. _____

Chart No. _____

HAWKINS, Thomas
Father of No. 8.
Cont. on chart No. _____

Sophie
Mother of No. 6.
Cont. on chart No. _____

DOAN, Amos
Father of No. 9.
Cont. on chart No. _____

Lloyd, Margaret Ann
Mother of No. 9.
Cont. on chart No. _____

1870 - Wallace, Ontario
d. 1870 - Wallace, Ontario
Cont. on chart No. _____

LUCE, William
Father of No. 10.
Cont. on chart No. _____

Caborn, Julia
Mother of No. 10.
Cont. on chart No. _____

GATES, Dr. Charles
Father of No. 11.
Cont. on chart No. _____

1848 ca.
w. Utica, N.Y.
d. _____
Cont. on chart No. _____

WESTAKE, William
Father of No. 12.
Cont. on chart No. _____

DART, Eliza
Mother of No. 12.
Cont. on chart No. _____

TRICK, John
Father of No. 13.
Cont. on chart No. _____

CLEMENTS, Ann
Mother of No. 13.
Cont. on chart No. _____

GOODING, Robert
Father of No. 14.
Cont. on chart No. _____

SOUCH, Anne
Mother of No. 14.
Cont. on chart No. _____

TURNER, William
Father of No. 15.
Cont. on chart No. _____

HARRIS, Susanna
Mother of No. 15.
Cont. on chart No. _____

HAWKINS, James
Father of No. 4

1833
w. ENGLAND
m. 30 Sept. 1861 - Ontario Canada
d. 2 Dec. 1868
w. Ontario, Canada

DOAN, MARY
Mother of No. 4

1842 March
w. Ontario, Canada

d. _____

LUCE, Samuel
Father of No. 5

1838 Oct
w. Elmira, Chemung, N.Y.
m. 10 Sept. 1865 Duffield, Clinton, IA
d. 3 Jan. 1921
w. Fayette, Iowa

GATES, Mary E.
Mother of No. 5

1848 ca.
w. Utica, N.Y.
d. _____

WESTAKE, Alfred Wm.
Father of No. 6

1849 May
w. Devon, England
m. 29 Jan. 1872 - St. Giles in Woods, Eng.
d. 14 Apr. 1937
w. Portland OR (multnomah)

TRICK, Mary Jane
Mother of No. 6

1850 May
w. St. Giles in Woods, Devon, Eng.
d. _____

GOODING, James C.
Father of No. 7

1840 Dec
w. High Bickington, Devon, Eng.
m. 21 Dec. 1862 - Devon, Eng.
d. 22 June 1924
w. Barnstaple, England

TURNER, Mary
Mother of No. 7

1842 Dec
w. Fiddlecombe, England
d. 14 June 1900
w. Barnstaple, England

HAWKINS, Arthur George
Father of No. 2

1865 March
w. Perth, Ontario, Canada
m. 22 Nov 1892 - Illinois
d. 26 Aug. 1936
w. Portland, OR.

HAWKINS, Arthur Samuel
Father of No. 1

1905 Jan
w. Portland, OR (multnomah)
m. 17 June 1929 - Portland, OR

LUCE, Edith May
Mother of No. 2

1870 May
w. Anamosa, Iowa
d. 11 May 1947
w. Portland, OR (multnomah)

BETCHER, HAWKINS, Nancy N.

1940 July
w. Portland, OR (multnomah)
m. 15 Sept. 1962 - Portland, OR

WESTAKE, William
Father of No. 3

1874 Feb
w. Meeth, England
m. 16 Apr. 1906 Devon, England
d. 8 Mar. 1970
w. Portland, OR (multnomah)

WESTAKE, Edith Mary
Mother of No. 1

1907 July
w. Devon, England

GOODING, Beatrice
Mother of No. 3

1882 Aug
w. High Bickington, England
d. 5 Feb 1973
w. Portland, OR (multnomah)

BETCHER, Robert L. Sr.

1920 Nov
w. Roundup, Montana
Musse/Skell Co.

n. born
m. married
d. died
w. where

Why Did My Grandma Come to Iowa?

A puzzle I hope some of the members or their friends can help me with is why my great-great grandmother Ann Eliza/Aneliza Blauvelt Conklin moved to Iowa after the death of her husband John Harvey Conklin in Westchester Co, NY on 17 Feb 1858. These are the facts I know:

1. 29 Mar 1859 the mortgage on their property in NY is foreclosed and these children are listed: John H., Maria C., Ann Eliza, James, Margaret, Jacob, Rebecca
2. 1860 Census, Clay Twp, Jones Co. for Peter DeWitt age 35 b NY includes children: Annette, Martha, Ahab, Isaac, and Josephine
3. 12 Oct 1861 son John Henry enlisted in Anamosa, Jones Co
4. 2 Jul 1864 son James Wesley Lockwood enrolled at Anamosa
5. 6 Feb 1865 daughter Maria Catherine marries Joseph Preston in Dubuque
6. 22 May 1866 daughter Margaret marries John Kinch in Anamosa
7. 20 Jan 1868 she marries Peter DeWitt in Jackson Co
8. 1 Mar 1869 she & husband purchases lots 7 & 8 of block 3 in town of Canton
9. 1878 Gazetteer lists Peter DeWitt as a hotel and saloon owner in Canton
10. 5 Jun 1884 she and husband sold lots 7 & 8 of block 10 in Canton
11. 12 Dec 1886 she dies in Emeline and is buried in Hickory Grove Cemetery
12. 28 Dec 1886 Letters of Administration issued to husband Peter
13. 7 Jan 1899 her heirs file a power of attorney so her property can be sold

If anyone can shed any light on Ann Eliza's motive for coming to Iowa or other information, please contact me. I will be happy to share information about the family.

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I have come into possession of a 1921 Jones County plat book. Besides the township maps and the county history, it lists all of the Civil War participants from the county by name, rank, and unit. I think it also lists those from WW1 also.

I would be happy to extract any information you might require on a reciprocal basis.

I too, am a family researcher-on the families of TUTTLE, CLARK, MONCRIEF, REYNOLDS, and TEATER. Any help you might extend will be appreciated. You may reach me at 501 Cherry Ln, Warrenton, Mo 63383, or by E-mail---
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