



# NEWS 'N' NOTES

JONES COUNTY GEN. SOC.  
P.O. BOX 174 ANAMOSA, IA 52205 MARCH-APRIL 2002

### Dr. J. R. McLean

Gives exclusive attention to diseases of the Eye and Ear. Office opposite Dr. Skinner's drug store. 22n16

We understand that in the case of the heirs of DeWitt Brady against Ductus Brady, tried before Judge Shane at Cedar Rapids last week, a judgment will be entered for the plaintiffs for some \$3000 and interest since Sept., 1876, (the time of DeWitt Brady's death,) and to costs.

Overcoats, Gloves, Mitts and Winter Caps in great abundance at Woods—and they are very cheap. 511

**KICKED TO DEATH.**—This morning we learn that a man named John Paul, a stock-buyer, was kicked to death by a pair of horses at Martelle yesterday. The terrible accident was witnessed by a number of persons but so quickly was the fatal work done that no aid could avail anything. The team belonged to a Mr. Vallougham. X X X

*P Jan 1879  
Monticello  
Express*

### New Flour & Feed Store.

The undersigned will deliver flour and feed (the commission off) free to any part of the city. Patent Snowflake, \$1.30 per sack. Minnesota half patent, old wheat, \$1.10. New wheat XXX flour, \$1.00 per sack. All warranted according to quality. Remember the place—first door east of Parsons' livery stable. 15w2 MILTON DOAN.

### ANAMOSA SCIENCE ASSOCIATION.

This is now a regularly organized society, the election of officers having been completed some two weeks ago. The President is Dr. McLean; Vice President and Secretary, Dr. A. V. Eaton. Since the first meeting to which we alluded a month or so ago, Dr. Eaton has given a second lecture on geology; B. F. Shaw one on fish culture; Dr. Gawley, on the chemistry of water; Dr. McLean, on the interior of the eye; and Mr. Shaw will also give another lecture at his office in Shaw's block tomorrow (Friday) evening at seven o'clock. Any who desire to become members and take an active part in carrying on these meetings are invited to join the association. The next subject will be Drainage and Water Supply, by C. M. Brown, Esq.

—Brasted & Evans' friends are all happy. Why? They call in to congratulate them and go away with more goods for their money than ever before. 13w4

### Kansas Fall wheat Flour at 13w4 BRASTED & EVANS.

Miss Abbie Porter, a young lady with plenty of energy and intelligence, takes charge of the Primary Department of the Graded School, the Miss Hitchcock that was having resigned that position, as our readers are aware, and taken the principalship in one of the departments of the U. S. Mail service. Mr. Yount wont admit it but it is true "all the same."

Peevish children have worms. Dr. Jarque's German Worm Cakes will destroy the worms and make the children happy. 16w4

It is a noticeable fact that the majority of our subscribers who are renewing for the coming year are those who, twelve months ago, squared up to the 1st of January, 1879. Once in the habit of paying in advance for home papers, as well as foreign publications, every subscriber will experience a peculiar satisfaction never known when he carelessly permits his subscription account to run one, two or three years. Try it, and see how it is yourself.

Strictly pure Lead, Oil, Brushes, Colors, Mineral Paint, &c., in fact, everything needed in the Painter's line, can be found at Higby's—very cheap for cash. 30

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

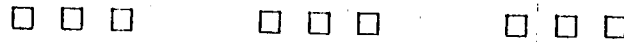
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| B. H. White et al. to Viola Haskins; n½ lot 1, bk. 8, Green's addition to Wyoming.....   | \$ 600 |
| Viola Haskins to Rob't Somerby; n½ lot 1, bk. 8, Green's addition to Wyoming.....  | 500    |
| L. H. McMakin to M. H. Housman; lots 7, 8, 9, 10, in bk. 4, Cronkhite's addition to Olin.....  | 100    |
| Sarah C. Hamilton to Wm. Hamilton; lots 9, 9 and 10, and fractional lots 2, 4 and 3, bk. 4, Brownson's addition to Wyoming; also 9, 10 and 11, bk. 7, Wyoming..... | 300    |
| R. A. Putnam to T. Niblo; nw nw of 23, Richland.....   | 100    |
| T. H. Kenyon to E. A. Palmer; 1 a in so of 5, south of Military road, Richland.....  | 175    |

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| Ann J. McKean to W. H. Pratt; s 2½ a. of so ne of 19, Scotch Grove.....  | 1500 |
| A. C. Moffitt to A. M. Taylor; com. 12 rods s of nw cor. of nw sw 9, s 60 rods, e 10, n 80, w 10, Rome.....  | 50   |
| A. Foreman to Geo. W. Wilson; nw nw of 23, Rome.....   | 925  |
| L. Stary to A. Coppess; com. 23 rods e ne cor. nw sw of s. e 10 rods, s 80, w 10, n 80, Rome, Geo. Haun to J. R. and J. K. Carter; lot 2, sec. 24, Oxford.....   | 15   |
| J. Wasaba to F. Wasaba; und. ¼ com. 16 chs. 1 ft e from the so cor. of sec. 24, n 45 chs. 66 feet to R., A. & D. R. R., then along R., A. & D. R. R. n 71 deg., 18 min., w 21 chs. 80 feet, s 23 chs. 15 feet, e 20 chs. 19 feet, 100 acres, Oxford..... | 900  |
| L. R. and J. K. Carter to J. and F. Wasaba; ne nw of 24, Oxford.....   | 900  |

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16 Jan 1879*

# East Iowa Churches—Anamosa



## Baptists Will Celebrate Centennial

Special to The Gazette.

**A**NAMOSA — First Baptist church of Anamosa will celebrate its centennial Sunday.

It was 100 years ago next Thursday that the first congregational meeting was held in the Eliphet Kimball home, with Elder Daniel Rowley of the Iowa Baptist Convention as moderator.

Others in attendance at the meeting were Eldwin Alderman, Lydia Alderman, Jane Trester and Anganetta Swazee.

The group voted to hold a public worship service the following afternoon at the courthouse. The organization was accomplished with E. B. Alderman as the church clerk.

During the first years services and prayer meetings were conducted in homes of the members or in the courthouse.

### First Building.

In 1868 a brick building measuring 60 by 40 feet, with a high

### 331st in the Series.

ceiling and with a bell tower, was erected at a cost of \$6,000. The building was dedicated debt-free on May 1 of that year.

Improvements have been made from time to time. In 1886, under the direction of Chester Hungerford, a brick addition providing a parlor and Sunday school rooms was built.

In 1905, while the Rev. J. M. Deschamp was pastor, improvements included a new heating system, a new sloping floor, hardwood casings for the windows, a new pulpit, a chair platform, a new baptistry, stained glass windows, a gallery and new seats.

In 1953, during the pastorate of the Rev. Stuart Brightwell, a new organ was purchased for the sanctuary.

And in 1957 the brick veneer on the main building was restored and the wood trim painted white. Plans now are under way for a new educational building.

### Form Association.

Anamosa Baptist church joined with Linn Baptist church to form the Cedar Baptist Association, which later joined with the Dav-entport Association to form the present Mid-Eastern Baptist Association.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ANAMOSA

Other than those already listed of Chariton and the Rev. Daniel Bean of Maquoketa,

ed, pastors who have served the church include: N. B. Homan, M. C. Kempsey, M. T. Lamb, Robert Leslie, C. J. B. Jackson, H. W. Shiele, C. F. Tucker, J. C. Burkhlide, C. L. Morrill, C. C. Smith, A. H. Ballard, W. E. Glanville, E. K. Wasterson, John Heritage, C. H. Schelk, Milton Whistar, E. A. Schlaman, B. O. Phillipotts, J. M. Wilson, Charles Weber, G. W. Derbyshire, Fred White, M. L. Dilley, E. A. Schlaman, B. H. Shaw, Walter Wigger, W. D. Carter and Gail Patterson. The Rev. David Yeend is the present pastor. He came from Drake, N. D., last December.

Members of the church who have entered the ministry in recent years are the Rev. Keith Bauserman of Palm Springs, Calif.; the Rev. John Bauserman

of Chariton and the Rev. Daniel Bean of Maquoketa.

### Prominent Names.

Some names which have stood out in the history of the church are:

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Alden, who contributed generously to building of the church and donated the parsonage still in use.

Dr. H. W. Sigworth, who came to Anamosa in 1877 and was active in the church for more than 45 years. Also active were his son, Dr. Fred Sigworth, and his daughter, Betty S. Brokaw.

Judge H. M. Remley, whose father and both grandfathers were Baptist ministers and who was a member of the church for 50 years. He taught the adult Bible class 45 years. Four of his sons were active for many years, and his grandson, James T. Remley, now is a member.

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ed by Gladys Mc Neilly

MONTICELLO (IOWA) EXPRESS, NOV. 19, 1964

# Pioneer cemetery still in use in Madison township

By Mrs. R. Von Sprecken  
CENTER JCT.--The North Madison Pioneer Cemetery Assn. recently rejuvenated with the election of four new board members and the re-election of one old one.

Through death and other reasons there has been no active board of directors since 1950. When Howard Leech, an active board member for many years, was unable to carry on his responsibilities any longer, his son-in-law, Arthur Wilcox and wife Mary took over care of the books and eventually all the business of the association.

When Wilcox, as secretary, sent out announcements for a board meeting no one appeared. After a time he gave up trying to call any meetings and continued to carry on the work as secretary-treasurer and as superintendent of the cemetery grounds.

The present directors and officers of the association are Leonard Serbousek, president; Arthur Wilcox, secretary; Harry James, vice president and directors, Dillon Mead and Truman Stanton. Mrs. Arthur Wilcox was elected treasurer.

### EARLY HISTORY

The North Madison Pioneer cemetery dates back from the earliest beginnings of immigration into Iowa.

In the 1850's, the Scotch, the Scotch-Irish, Germans and English came from Europe and settled in Madison township.

With the joys of settling a new land also came the sorrows. Physicians were few and far between. Babies often died at an early age and older people also succumbed to ailments. The need for a cemetery was apparent.

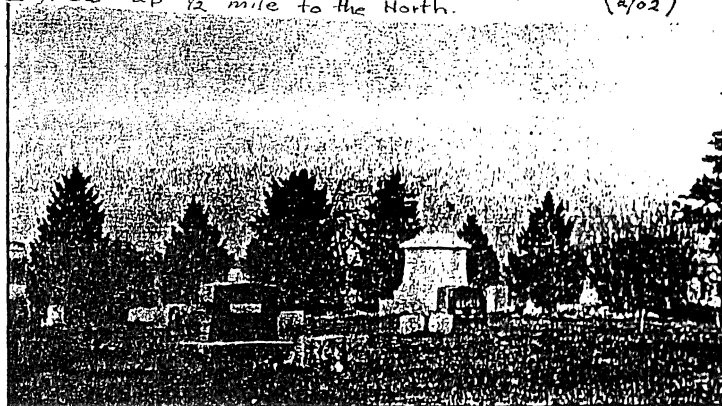
Along the northern border of Madison township they talked of this need. One man had taken his still-born sons, 2 1/2 miles away to the Johnson town burial grounds--the nearest town. When Eliphalet Nichols lost their 2 year old daughter by diphtheria, they buried the little body in their yard, and enclosed this tiny burial ground with a white painted fence.

Nichols was willing to give two acres of ground from his farm for a cemetery.

A church, called the North Madison Methodist Episcopal church, had been built nearby about 1866. The deed for the ground on which it was erected was probated in June 1867--the gift of John Alexander and wife.

This plot of ground was the northwest corner of their farm. The church faced the south end of the

The hand written insert corrects an apparent typing error--the babies burial grounds had been reversed. Since the Nichols baby was a sister of my grandmother, Rachel N. Smith, I heard this story many times and even know precisely where the burial was in that yard. (RMCB) I grew up 1/2 mile to the North. (2/02)



PIONEER CEMETERY--North Madison organized and cemetery near Center Jct, as it looks today. site. The cemetery association was recently re-

present road, which runs north and south past the cemetery. It was a plain wooden structure with three windows on each side and a bell tower above the front door on the north side.

### DEED LAND

On Aug. 15, 1868, the two acres for the cemetery grounds was deeded to the Methodist Episcopal church of North Madison by E. A. Nichols and wife.

The church had no manse, but a minister would come on horseback to preach. The church also lacked an organ.

The minister would go to the

Nichols home, one-third mile south of the church, with a hymn book and would teach Jane Nichols the tune. He wished to use for the sermon. On the following Sabbath Day, Mrs. Nichols led the congregational singing with her clear soprano voice.

Yet, how frail a thing is life! Less than six years after they had given the plot of ground to the church for burial purposes, Jane Nichols was laid to rest on this quiet hilltop. Her funeral was held in the Methodist church a few rods south of the graveyard.

However, the church was doomed to close its doors and be removed. Even in 1874 at the time of the burial, the congregation could see the hand writing on the wall.

Two railroads, the Milwaukee and Northwestern lines, came to Jones county in 1871. A town quickly sprung up at the intersection of two railroads and became known as Center Jct.

By 1873, a Methodist church was actively at work in the town. Some of the members of the North Madison church became affiliated with the new one in Center Jct. Because of this, the pioneer church soon disbanded.

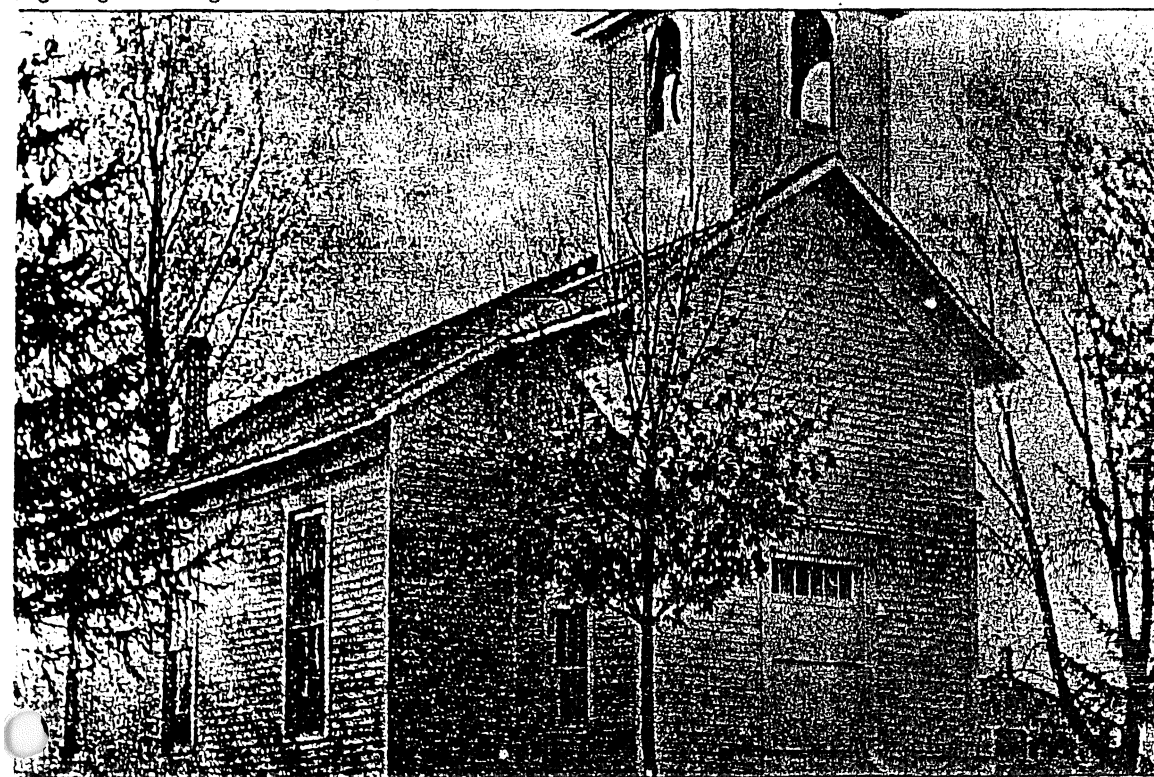
In 1877, the North Madison church building was moved into Onslow where it was used as a Methodist church for 50 years.

### CEMETERY REMAINS

The cemetery, of course, remained and was transferred to the care of the Center Jct. Methodist church.

Other interesting facts show that a dozen pine trees had been planted between the rows of burial lots at an early date. Two of these trees still remain in 1964--nearly a century later.

Three notations on the original plat shed light on a few historical facts: Resolved to sell lots after Oct. 17, 1891 at the price of five dollars per lot. On Oct. 1, 1896 the sum was raised to ten dollars and in 1906 \$100--



CHURCH OF YESTERYEAR--The North Madison Episcopal church which stood next to the cemetery. The church was built in on the Van Slike land 1/4 m. south of the cemetery.

1866 and later moved to Onslow. The cemetery remained and has continued in use.

Husband: Barnard

in: Maryland

| CHILDREN |  |
|----------|--|
| 1        | Name: Mary A. Barnard<br>Born: March 7, 1821<br>Married: April 22, 1847<br>Died: June 2, 1902<br>Spouse: Jacob B. Hoss |
| 2        | Name: Elizabeth Kirkwood Barnard<br>Born: October 14, 1826<br>Married: 1852<br>Spouse: Jacob H. Gerber                 |

in: Lancaster, Penn.  
in: Marietta, Lancaster, Penn.  
in: Anamosa, Jones, Iowa

in: Lancaster, PA  
in: Penn.

1902. OBITUARY.

Mary Barnard was born in Lancaster county, Pa., March 7, 1821, and was married to Jacob B. Hoss April 22, 1847. She departed this life June 2, 1902, in her 82d year. In April, 1856, she removed west with her husband and located first in Anamosa, which was the home for twelve years. Sterling, Ill., then became their home until three years ago, when they returned to Anamosa and took up residence with their daughter, Mrs. James Johnston, who has continued to care for them.

Soon after her marriage Mrs. Hoss became a member of the Methodist church, and usually attended the services. In later years, however, she became a great sufferer from rheumatism and was much confined to her home. Her sufferings continued almost to the last, but her solace was in the constant and faithful care bestowed by husband and daughter.

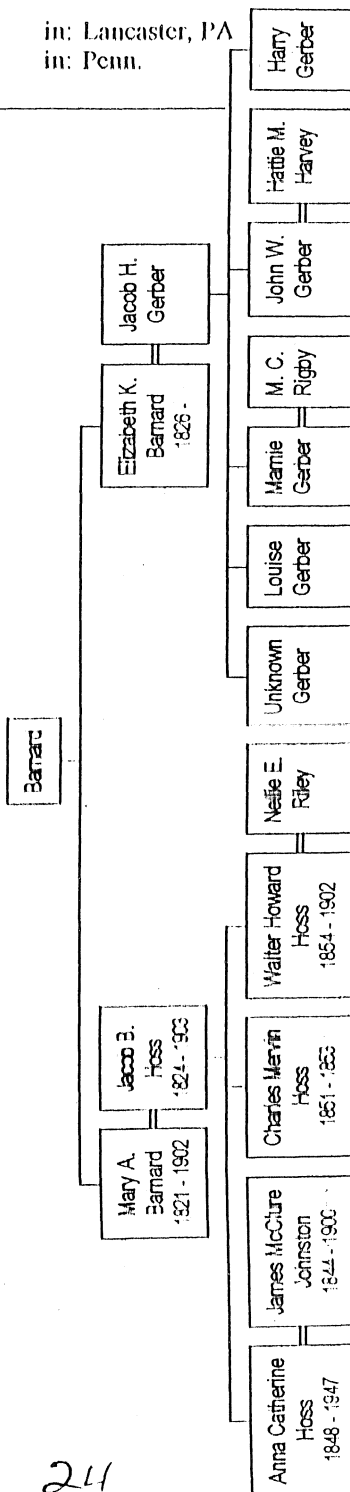
Mrs. Hoss is survived by her husband and daughter, having buried her two sons. For upwards of 55 years husband and wife have journeyed life's pathway together and, except for a few days' visit occasionally with their children, have never been separated. No wonder the aged husband feels keenly his loss.

The funeral services were held Wednesday of last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Johnston, on south Garnaville street, and the interment was at Riverside cemetery.

The pall bearers were A. Holtzoh, E. M. Harvey, E. M. Belknap, E. H. Stacy, W. W. Walbridge and Wm. Post.

The choir consisted of Alex. Wilda, James Abel, Laura Barrett and Mrs. Ramsey, with Mrs. Cruise at the organ.

DESCENDANTS OF BARNARD



**DEATH WAS SUDDEN.**

Mrs. Jacob Gerber Expires in Her Daughter's Arms.

Cedar Rapids Evening Gazette.

Beautiful as had been her life was the death of Mrs. Jacob Gerber yesterday. She had never caused a feeling of sorrow in any human breast, she had never given a wound to the tender hearts that hold her life enshrined and her dissolution was without pain, as beautiful as the sunset of a spring time day. The family is overwhelmed with sorrow at her loss, but in their grief they know that all is well. The wife and mother died, she had wished—surrounded by her loved ones and without pain or previous warning.

Mrs. Gerber has not been well for several months. One of her chief sources of sorrow, for she had none great, was that she was unable to attend her church—Grace Episcopal—during the winter. But on Easter Sunday she was able to go and she had shown her pleasure for the blessing by her conversation all the week.

Yesterday morning she arose in the best of spirits and in seemingly more than her accustomed health. Her daughter, Miss Louise, was assisting her at her toilet when she said she would rest awhile and lay back in her daughter's arms. Death came in sleep. The countenance showed no pain but a smile of happiness and contentment made her face as bright as that of the angels. Never was a life brought to a close by a more beautiful death. Mrs. Gerber had always been a quiet home woman, had lived for her religion and her family, and on the quiet Sabbath after Easter, just past the hour of noon, she passed away.

Elizabeth Kirkwood Barnard was born in Pennsylvania Oct. 14, 1826. She was married to Jacob Gerber in 1852 and removed to Iowa with her husband in 1856. They made their home in Anamosa until 1876 and since that time had lived at her present home on First avenue. Her husband, Jacob H. Gerber, survives, and with her children, Miss Louise and Mrs. Stebbins, was by her side at the last. Another daughter, Mrs. M. C. Rigby of Anamosa, with her husband arrived this morning. The sons, John and Harry, were telegraphed and are expected to arrive Wednesday.

The funeral will be conducted Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. at the home by Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Green, and the remains will be taken to Anamosa for burial.

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2201 Marshall Dr.  
Edmond, Oklahoma

**Husband: Jacob B. Hoss**

Born: March 30, 1824 in: Chester, Penn.  
 Married: April 22, 1847 in: Marietta, Lancaster, Penn.  
 Died: December 31, 1903 in: Anamosa, Jones, Iowa  
 Father: Hoss

**Wife: Mary A. Barnard**

Born: March 7, 1821 in: Lancaster, Penn.  
 Died: June 2, 1902 in: Anamosa, Jones, Iowa  
 Father: Barnard

**CHILDREN**

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Name: Anna Catherine Hoss<br>Born: February 10, 1848<br>Married: February 21, 1867<br>Died: March 5, 1947<br>Spouse: James McClure Johnston | in: Paradise, Lancaster, PA<br>in: Anamosa, Jones, IA<br>in: Anamosa, Jones, IA |
| 2 | Name: Charles Mervin Hoss<br>Born: September 22, 1851<br>Died: July 18, 1853  | in: Paradise, Lancaster, PA<br>in: Paradise, Lancaster, PA                      |
| 3 | Name: Walter Howard Hoss<br>Born: September 7, 1854<br>Married: December 21, 1876<br>Died: Bef. 1902<br>Spouse: Nellie E. Riley             | in: Paradise, Lancaster, PA<br>in: Sterling, IL<br>in: Chicago, IL              |

April 1897

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hoss celebrated their golden wedding today at their home on west Fourth street, by entertaining a number of friends at dinner. It was a happy occasion and Uncle Jake and his bride were showered with congratulations. Prof. H. B. Hursh made an appropriate congratulatory speech, and all joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne." Dinner was then announced, it being two o'clock. Mrs. Gray of Morrison presided over this function, which was elaborate and sumptuous. She was assisted by Mrs. Vogt and Miss Bridget Riley. The party around the table was a merry one and none were merrier than the bride and groom of fifty years ago.

Those present were: Messrs. and Madames August Frank, Fred Buell, G. M. Robinson, Dr. Pennington, Prof. Hursh, N. Gaudrapp, Jr., H. F. Kont, John C. Meister, E. B. Rober.

Mesdames Johnson of Anamosa, Iowa, Rigby and Susan Gohbart.

Messrs. Alexander McCloy, Ben Royer, Howard Hoss of Anamosa.

Mr. Hoss was born in Chester county, Pa., in 1821, and his wife is a native of the lower end of Lancaster county, being born there in 1821. They were married in Lancaster, Pa., April 22, 1847, by Rev. McNair of the Presbyterian church. From there they went to the home of the bride's parents at Marietta, and later emigrated to the west in 1856 and settled at Anamosa. In 1868 they came to Sterling, where they have been respected citizens ever since. Mr. Hoss is a tinner by trade, having served an apprenticeship in Pennsylvania. They are a genial, happy, fortunate and good a couple of young old folks as bless any community.

They have seen this western country grow up and their children grow up with it, and feel complacently happy over the consummation of an event that few people live to enjoy. Everybody wishes them many anniversaries to follow their golden wedding.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hoss, two of whom are living: Mrs. Anna Johnson of Anamosa, who is here, and Howard Hoss of Chicago, who was unable to be present today. Howard Hoss of Anamosa, their grandson, is here on his way to Brooklyn, N. Y., to take a position as an electrician. He will also visit their granddaughter, Mrs. Eva Ryerson, at Goshen, N. Y.

1902

**MRS. JACOB B. HOSS DEAD**

End Came at Anamosa, Iowa, June 2--  
 Resides Here for Many Years.

Mrs. Jacob B. Hoss died on Tuesday, June 2 at the home of her daughter Mrs. James Johnson, at Anamosa, Ia., and was buried at that city on Wednesday. She was in the eighty-second year of her age at the time of her death and for many years had been badly afflicted with rheumatism, with which she suffered intensely almost up to the time of her death.

Mary Barnard was born in Lancaster county, Pa., March 7, 1821, and on April 22, 1847, was married to Jacob B. Hoss, who with their daughter, survives. Two sons have preceded their mother to the grave.

In 1856 Mr. and Mrs. Hoss moved from their eastern home to Anamosa, Ia., where they lived for twelve years. They then came to Sterling and made their home here up to three years ago, when the weight of years bore heavily upon the aged couple and they removed their home to that of their daughter at Anamosa.

For upwards of fifty-five years Mr. and Mrs. Hoss traveled the journey of life in company and they aged husband is deeply stricken in the death of his wife.

During their long residence in Sterling Mr. and Mrs. Hoss gained many staunch friends who will extend to the aged husband and bereaved daughter, most hearty sympathy in their loss.

**DEATH OF JACOB HOSS. 1903**

Jacob B. Hoss was born March 30, 1824, in Chester county, Pa., and was married to Mary Barnard April 22, 1847. Mrs. Hoss predeceased her husband June 2, 1902. In 1856 Mr. Hoss removed with his family to Anamosa, Iowa, remaining until 1868, when he made his home at Sterling, Ill. In 1868 Mr. Hoss returned to Anamosa and has since resided with his daughter, Mrs. James Johnston, who alone of his three children survives him.

Prior to removing to Sterling Mr. Hoss had become a member of the M. E. church in this city and always claimed affiliation therewith, but since returning owing to family circumstances, he has worshipped at St. Mark's church, where for three years at least he has been an almost constant attendant.

On Christmas eve he was present at the children's exercises at St. Mark's and expressed his delight therein, appearing in his usual happy spirit. The following afternoon he complained of sickness and the physician being called it was ascertained he was a victim of pneumonia. The issue was not in doubt. He passed to his rest at 8:30 A. M., December 31, 1903, the funeral exercises being conducted by the Rev. Felix H. Pickworth at the house.

The choir was composed of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Cook, Mr. T. E. Booth and Mrs. Koedick with Miss Myrtle Balch at the organ. The pall-bearers were Elisha Stacy, D. M. Hakes, E. J. Wood, E. C. Holt, J. P. Scroggs and E. M. Harvey.

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Husband: Jacob H. Gerber         |                          |
| Married 1852                     | in: Penn.                |
| Wife: Elizabeth Kirkwood Barnard |                          |
| Born October 11, 1826            | in: Lancaster, PA        |
| Father: Barnard                  |                          |
| <b>CHILDREN</b>                  |                          |
| 1                                | Name: Unknown Gerber     |
| F                                |                          |
| 2                                | Name: Louise Gerber      |
| F                                | in: Florida              |
| 3                                | Name: Mamie Gerber       |
| F                                | in: Anamosa, Jones, IA   |
|                                  | Spouse: M. C. Rigby      |
| 4                                | Name: John W. Gerber     |
| M                                | Married: November 17     |
|                                  | Spouse: Hattie M. Harvey |
| 5                                | Name: Harry Gerber       |
| M                                |                          |

**MARRIED.**

Wednesday evening, Nov. 11, at the residence of Mr. F. M. Harvey, by Rev. J. L. Corbin, Mr. John W. Gerber, of Cedar Rapids, and Miss Hattie M. Harvey, of this city.

This event was quite unexpected and accounts for the flying word of Mr. Chas. Harvey, brother of the bride. Mr. Gerber was an Anamosa boy years ago and has been engaged for some time with Benedict & Co., fruit commission merchants, Cedar Rapids. He is a young man of fine reputation and first class business qualifications, and will no doubt prove a generous provider and a kind husband. The bride is a lady of most estimable worth in every essential meaning of that word. Her inherent gentleness, modesty and intelligence have always drawn many friends around her, and they will heartily join with us in cordially wishing well wishes for the future of both bride and the fortunate young man who won her for his bride.

The wedding was a very quiet one and attended only by the relatives. After partaking of a beautiful repast, the happy couple were taken over to Martelle where they boarded the evening train for their new home in Cedar Rapids. Blessings be upon them.

**GERBER HARVEY.**

One of the most genuine surprises for many a day was the wedding of John Gerber, who is with L. Bonadlet, next door to the GAZETTE office. Last evening without "anyin' a word" he took the 4:45 train for Anamosa, on a mission which was a very happy one, indeed. Accompanying him were his mother and sisters, Misses Mamie and Lou, and Madames Frank Ohler and E. R. Shaw. They were met at the depot by friends and proceeded to the home of E. M. Harvey, the contractor, where John promised, according to the rite of the Episcopal ritual, to cherish and protect the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey, Miss Hattie, for life. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. L. Corbin, rector at that place temporarily. The brother of the bride, Mr. Chas. Harvey, assisted as best man, and Miss Mamie Gerber, sister of the groom, made a most charming bridesmaid. The ceremony was witnessed only by the intimate friends and relatives, but was one of the most pleasant occurring in that burg for years.

Little need be said of John Gerber in this connection, for he is a stranger to no one, a pleasant acquaintance to everybody. He is punctual in business, practical, genial, whole souled, and an unflinching worker, and has just the temperament which would make any woman happy.

The bride is one of the most admired of the ladies in Anamosa, is a most excellent young lady, and we heartily congratulate both.

The party were served a most delicate and beautiful supper after the ceremony, and then were driven to Martelle, where they took the train, arriving here at 10:30. John is all business, and is at his post today, smiling and handing out the cigars. If any one else can beat that record of leaving here at 4:45, getting a wife, a fine supper, heaps of congratulations, a ride to Martelle, and arrive home at 10 o'clock, we would like to see him. Mr. and Mrs. Gerber will live at 406 First avenue.

**DEATH OF LOUISE GERBER.**

A telegram received last week announced the death of Miss Louise Gerber in Florida, where she went a short time ago to look after her business interests. Miss Gerber has been assistant cashier in the National bank for many years. A sister, Mrs. M. G. Rigby, of Anamosa, with whom she made her home, died a few years ago. She has living two brothers, John of Washington, Harry of Florida, and a sister, Mrs. Nicodemus of Fremont, Neb. A nephew, John Rigby, resides in Knoxville Tenn., and a niece, Mrs. H. Kratochvil lives in Anamosa. Miss Gerber was a member of the Episcopal church and also belonged to the Order of the Eastern Star.

The body arrived from Florida, Tuesday evening and the funeral was held yesterday afternoon at 2 P. M.

The funeral was held from the B. A. Osborne residence, Father Campbell, Episcopal minister from Cedar Rapids officiating. Mrs. Lawrence Miller rendered appropriate hymns, Mrs. F. W. Henke, accompanist. Burial was in Riverside. The relatives present included her sister, Mrs. Nicodemus of Fremont, Neb., Mr. Nicodemus Harry, brother, from Florida, and brother John from Washington, D. C.

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Dates of articles  
are unknown.

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Family Group Sheet

**Husband: James McClure Johnston**

Born: December 1844 in: Wellsburg, Brooke, VA (W.VA)  
 Married: February 21, 1867 in: Anamosa, Jones, IA  
 Died: September 2, 1900 in: Anamosa, Jones, IA  
 Father: Johnston  
 Mother: Sarah

**Wife: Anna Catherine Hoss**

Born: February 10, 1848 in: Paradise, Lancaster, PA  
 Died: March 5, 1947 in: Anamosa, Jones, IA  
 Father: Jacob B. Hoss  
 Mother: Mary A. Barnard

**CHILDREN**

|        |  |  |
|--------|--|--|
| 1<br>F | Name: Olive Menetta Johnston<br>Born: September 23, 1867<br>Died: June 13, 1884  | in: Anamosa, Jones, IA<br>in: Anamosa, Jones, IA                               |
| 2<br>F | Name: Mary Eva Johnston<br>Born: February 4, 1870<br>Married: December<br>Died: 1958<br>Spouse: Ira Ryerson                                  | in: Anamosa, Jones, IA<br>in: Anamosa, Jones, IA<br>in: Goshen, Orange, NY     |
| 3<br>M | Name: Jacob Howard Johnston<br>Born: May 11, 1874<br>Married: 1900<br>Spouse: Mary Scranton  | in: Anamosa, Jones, IA<br>in: Elizabeth, Union, NJ<br>in: Brooklyn, Kings, NY  |
| 4<br>M | Name: Charles Sidney Johnston<br>Born: February 8, 1877<br>Died: October 1902  | in: Anamosa, Jones, IA<br>in: Fort Crook, Omaha, NE                            |
| 5<br>M | Name: James McClure Johnston<br>Born: July 25, 1880<br>Died: October 27, 1953  | in: Anamosa, Jones, IA<br>in: Anamosa, Jones, IA                               |
| 6<br>M | Name: John Emmett Johnston<br>Born: June 10, 1882<br>Died: November 12, 1955<br>Spouse: Margaret   | in: Anamosa, Jones, IA<br>in: Anamosa, Jones, IA                               |
| 7<br>M | Name: Walter Guy Johnston<br>Born: December 4, 1884<br>Died: March 29, 1947  | in: Anamosa, Jones, IA<br>in: Anamosa, Jones, IA                               |
| 8<br>M | Name: William Mervin Johnston<br>Born: August 12, 1887<br>Married: January 21, 1915<br>Died: July 29, 1976<br>Spouse: Stella Augusta Coleman | in: Anamosa, Jones, IA<br>in: Anamosa, Jones, IA<br>in: Maquoketa, Jackson, IA |
| 9<br>F | Name: Anna Margaret Johnston<br>Born: June 8, 1890<br>Spouse: J. Gerald Murphy   | in: Anamosa, Jones, IA<br>in: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, OK                      |

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Mrs. Anna Johnston

## Mrs. Anna Johnston To Observe 96th Birthday

Mrs. Anna Johnston observes her ninety-sixth birthday this Thursday at her home on south Garrettsville street. No special celebration is planned, but friends will visit her during the day.

Mrs. Johnston was born Feb. 10, 1848, at Paradise, Pa. She came to Anamosa, then known as Lexington, with her parents in the year 1856. Her parents names were Jacob and Katherine Hoss. Recalling her first trip to Anamosa, Mrs. Johnston says, "The roads were terrible" she accompanied her parents by night on the trip from Cambridge to Anamosa. Her family passed the time by telling tales and finished the trip by stopping at the hotel. The trip took 11 hours.

### Now Anamosa Grows

Mrs. Johnston has watched the entire development of the town of Anamosa. She recalls the time when the present site of main street was covered with timber, and the place where the depot and freight yards are now located was the site of a small lake.

Mrs. Johnston still gets about the house without using glasses, although her eyesight is not as keen as when she was younger, and she must have the aid of a magnifying glass to read. Until three years ago she was an industrious knitter, and did some crochet, g and embroidery work,

but rheumatism has disabled her hands. She retains a cheerful outlook on life, and passes her time by visiting with members of her family and friends.

### Children Named

She has two daughters, Mrs. Ira Bryerson, Goshen, N. Y., Mrs. J. G. Murphy, Hopkin, Minn.; four sons, William, James, John and Walter, all of Anamosa; 13 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

## DEATH OF JAMES JOHNSON

1900

Passed Away At His Home Last day Morning.

It was with a sense of deep regret that the people of Anamosa learned last Sunday morning of the demise of James Johnson. His health had been poor for several years past. Two years ago he was afflicted with pneumonia and for days he hovered between life and death. He recovered sufficiently to resume his work but the effects of the disease had so shattered his health that slowly but steadily he has failed. The end came last Sunday morning at 2 o'clock.

### Biographical.

James M. Johnson was a native of Virginia, born at Williamsburg, in 1844. With his parents he removed to Iowa, when but two years of age, and the Hawkeye State has been his home since. In 1860, he was married to Miss Anna Hoss, of Sterling, Ill. A portion of their early married life was spent in Monticello. From there they came to Anamosa. Later during a number of years, they made their home in Cedar Rapids, after a short time in Springville, returning to Anamosa in 1888. Nine children were born to them, eight of whom survive. They are: Eva, now Mrs. Ira Bryerson, of Goshen, N. Y., at present in the old world; Howard, an electrician in New York City; Sidney, with regular army in the Philippines; James, John, Anna, Walter and William, at home. Ollie, the eldest, preceded her father in 1884. Mrs. Johnson also survives.

Deceased served throughout the rebellion. He enlisted in 1862 at Springville. He fought in the battles of Corinth, siege of Vicksburg, was on the Red River Expedition, was at Stone River, Champion Hill, marched through the Carolinas and was at Arbor Creek. He belonged to the 24th Iowa, Huzzey's Brigade.

James M. Johnson was one of the most indulgent and self-sacrificing of men in his family. An unremitting worker, his will power alone impelled him when his physical condition was such as would have compelled another man to give up. He has reared a splendid family and his devotion was an object lesson. He had a remarkable disposition in its evenness. If he ever wronged a man he did it unknowingly. He has been a land mark in the city for twenty years, and his passing is felt by our people as a personal loss to each.

The funeral was held Friday afternoon from the home, Mrs. Plymouth of 111 North 1st street officiating. The funeral services were held in the city. Fred Haddock, U. A. H., had charge of the ceremony. The funeral was held at rest in Riverside cemetery.

1900

At the fall term of the Academy, starting December 1, the following students are 100, or perfect, in school records: Misses Mary Harvey, Pauline Bowers, Lavina Franks, Alta Atkinson, Ollie Johnston and Corda Atkinson. In attendance and punctuality Alta Atkinson is 100 and received prize or perfect deportment for last two terms; and Misses Harvey, Franks and Johnston are 99. Gould Dietz took prize in oral lessons. Lavina Franks ranks highest—95—in arithmetic and orthography. Mary Harvey is best in physiology and 85 in Arithmetic. Ollie Johnston is first in "Science of Common Things" and Daniel Streeter stands next highest. Jennie Gillen is 90 in chemistry, French and literature. Several have done remarkably well in history.



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A game of ball between the juveniles of Anamosa and the juveniles of Monticello came off at the fair grounds yesterday afternoon, resulting in a victory for the latter, the score standing 28 to 7. The Anamosa players were twice the size of the Monticello kids. The excellent pitching for the Monticello club was done by Billy Podhaski who is no bigger than a hop-o'-my-thumb.

Andrew Miller, an old man who made his home with Len Wisniro of Richland township, for several years, died last Saturday of old age. His body was brought to town Monday for shipment into Dubuque for interment. But on account of its decomposition the railroad company refused to receive it. Connor & Hogan were paid \$15 for taking it to Dubuque in a wagon.

Mr. Geo. Bacher, who is in the employ of D. B. Flisk & Co. Chicago, was interviewing Monticello trade last week. Mr. Bacher, very much resembles his brother Charlie who used to live here. Being of a diffident nature, he is very much embarrassed at times during his trip here, by the young lady acquaintances of his brother very cordially grasping his hand and enquiring after his health and worldly prospects.

4 Aug 1877

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5 Jan 1899

MORTUARY FOR 1898.

The following is the record of burial in Riverside Cemetery for 1898:

| 1898.    |  | Age      |
|----------|--|----------|
| Jan. 9.  | Mrs. Jacob Bodenhofer                      | 62 years |
| " 10.    | Edith Harrison                             | 2 "      |
| " 21.    | Mrs. Rebecca Andrew                        | 32 "     |
| " 27.    | Mrs. Edmund Booth                          | 80 "     |
| Feb. 8.  | S. G. Matson                               | 80 "     |
| " 18.    | Barney Waggoner                            | 94 "     |
| " 19.    | Mrs. Sarah Hopkins                         | 66 "     |
| Feb. 2.  | D. C. Tice                                 | 72 "     |
| " 9.     | Mac Byerly                                 | 3 "      |
| " 10.    | John Van Ness                              | 35 "     |
| " 12.    | E. T. Mellett                              | 70 "     |
| " 16.    | Mr. John Dummitt                           | 80 "     |
| " 22.    | E. W. Gawley                               | 46 "     |
| Apr. 1.  | Roy Taylor                                 | 18 mos.  |
| " 7.     | C. H. Baldwin                              | 88 years |
| " 12.    | Mrs. C. H. Baldwin                         | 81 "     |
| " 22.    | Mrs. J. Rhoad                              | 30 "     |
| " 29.    | Mrs. Wm. Buckner                           | 55 "     |
| May 8.   | Mrs. H. Duhning                            | 55 "     |
| June 10. | B. L. Matson                               | 64 "     |
| " 11.    | Mrs. Chas. Porter                          | 64 "     |
| " 30.    | Hugh Connors                               | 48 "     |
| July 1.  | Mrs. N. B. Smith                           | 27 "     |
| " 3.     | Son of Jonas Green                         | 2 wks.   |
| " 5.     | Wm. Stout                                  | 74 years |
| " 7.     | Reuben Reed                                | 65 "     |
| " 17.    | Fred Curry                                 | 68 "     |
| " 25.    | Infant daughter of Wm. Blackmar.           |          |
| Aug. 7.  | J. B. Porter                               |          |
| Sept. 8. | Ray Port Andie                             | 7 mos.   |
| Oct. 3.  | Mrs. Lucian Jellis                         | 77 yrs.  |
| " 3.     | Mrs. Nellie Smith                          | 77 "     |
| " 10.    | H. H. Stivers                              | 70 "     |
| " 12.    | Cora Smith                                 | 71 "     |
| " 21.    | Inez Nowlin                                | 76 "     |
| Nov. 1.  | Fannie Leach                               | 75 "     |
| " 20.    | Mrs. E. H. Brandt                          | 70 "     |
| " 21.    | Infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jennie Tompkins |          |
| Dec. 5.  | Mrs. Mary McBride                          | 40 "     |
| " 6.     | H. L. Lankull                              | 68 "     |
| " 15.    | C. J. Nolden                               | 54 "     |
| " 20.    | R. O. Peters                               | 74 "     |

Total

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### THE WARMEST YEAR

The year 1931 with an average temperature of 53.2 degrees is warmer by one degree than 1921 which has heretofore been the record for the warmest year in Iowa since statewide averages became available in 1873, according to the Weather and Crop Bureau of the Iowa Department of Agriculture. Every month of the year was warmer than normal except March, which, with an average temperature of 57.5 degrees, was 2.2 degrees below normal, September was the warmest of record, November next to the warmest and December the third warmest.

The drought of 1930 was more or less noticeable through the crop season of 1931 but showed a tendency to decrease in intensity in August and from September to December every month had an excess of precipitation which brought an annual total for the state up to 36.37 inches or 3.22 inches above normal. November with 5.77 inches of rain was the wettest of record and the total rainfall of October, November and December, 11.26 inches, is the greatest for these three months in 69 years. The year 1909 with 9.79 inches stands next and 1928 with 8.88 inches stands third.

The heavy and frequent rains of the last four months have saturated the soil to considerable depths and made the rivers and streams exceedingly sensitive to comparatively small rainfalls. An inch of rainfall now sends many of the streams out of banks whereas it would ordinarily require 3 or 4 inches.

### ANOTHER WORST STORM

Regarded as the worst March storm in the month certainly went out like a lion. The weather Friday was a mixture of slow falling rain and snow and as night came on the weather forecast of a severe storm became more apparent. By nine o'clock a heavy fall of snow accompanied by a high wind was making all who were out in it pretty anxious. Many travelers continued to drive till they were stuck in the snow. Some of the snow fences had been taken down to allow farmers to get in the field and this allowed the snow to pile up on the paving. The going got impossible at the farm of Richard Hulce and drivers with their passengers, finding they had arrived at the end of the road, began to seek shelter at the Hulce farm house. All comers were welcomed until the house had thirty-four guests for the night. Included in this all night party was a number of Stanwood high school students who had attended a sub-district music contest at DeWitt. Saturday it was found that the only way to move was with a bob sled and the stranded were brought to town that way. The Stanwood young folks got home on the afternoon fast train which was stepped for Marshalltown, Tama and Cedar Rapids passengers who had also left their cars at the Hulce farm.

The road from the east was open about 10.30 Sunday morning and autos filled up the two business blocks with the cars all headed west. John Hoffner with the county grader had opened the town streets and the county road a mile east and a mile south to the paving. This

dirt road let the first cars through from the east. Later Mr. Hoffner opened the highway into town.

The two highway commission plows went out of commission early in the storm and it was 2 or 2.30 on Sunday before the plows arrived in Clarence and the cars could go on from here. The road just west of Clarence was too much for autos but E. H. Wendt made it on Saturday with a team and bob sled. West of Stanwood the drifts were too deep for the plows and the cars had to go north on 88 to 117 and into Anamosa to get to Cedar Rapids until Monday morning when the Lincoln Highway was opened.

There was of course no bus service. The local bus line and the Northwestern stages kept off the road, but there was one Greyhound that came through in the long line of autos, transports and trucks. At one time Sunday afternoon there were in Clarence 46 new cars loaded on transports besides many new cars driven singly and in pairs. Both the Motor Inn and Clarence Motor Co. garages were filled with new cars Saturday and Sunday.

Many pictures were taken by home people and the travelers of the jam of cars in town. Sunday was a reminder of the old mud days. The hotel and restaurants did a good business and for once the bakery was thoroughly and completely appreciated as a local enterprise. The town would have had to bake its own if wholly dependent on wagon bread.

The worst storm of the winter came after the arrival of spring and the robins. Some were thoughtful of the birds and put out food for them which was readily picked up.

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