

NEWS

NOTES

PREZ SAYZ:

Hi! We're well into the new year looking forward to all of the exciting new adventures ahead.

RESOURCE LIBRARY WILL MOVE TO: 117 1/2 EAST MAIN in ANAMOSA We have a 3 room apartment, costing \$40 a month, moving date 15 Apr. With more room to read, a place for the micro-film reader-we received from the Anamosa Pulic Library, we'll be able to accommodate more than 1 or 2 people. We have grown from the many donations from members and non-members. There is information for all, stop in and see whats new.

On 6 MAY 1989 we are hosting the IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY regional meeting, 9am to 4pm, at FAWN CREEK COUNTRY CLUB, on Highway 151, just outside of Anamosa. We have 2 super speakers, DARLENE PAXTON and JOHN M. LIITTSCHWAGGER. Super door prizes, including these books, "THE SOURCE BOOK" and "THE LIBRARY-LDS", plus more!!! There will be a sandwich, soup and salad buffet at noon, cost \$4.50, reservations required. Cost of the meeting is not known at this time, it will be in the next newsletter.

The Jones County Tourism Board is offering to set up a special tour after the meeting. Tour GRANT WOOD country, Edinburg a historical reproduction of a town, our parks and other places of interest. Plan to stay awhile and take a tour of Jones County. If interested let us know by 1 Apr.

Our "logo". The original picture is on the left and "logo" on the right, below. The history is from the "THE HISTORY of JONES COUNTY", 1910, pages 710, 713.



HISTORIC OAK AND SCHOOLHOUSE
Wyoming, Iowa, 1857
JONES Co. HISTORY - 1910

Jones County Genealogical Society



The mustering in of the soldiers in Wyoming under the shade of the historic oak tree, which stood nearly opposite the site of the old schoolhouse on the hill, and on the south side of the street immediately west of the present site of the United Presbyterian church, and the administering of the oath to the brave boys by Dr. M. H. Calkins, was a historic event in Wyoming. During the Semi-Centennial Celebration in Wyoming, in August, 1905. Dr. M. H. Calkins, made a short address on the spot where once stood this oak with its sheltering branches, and this address we have the privilege of giving herewith:

In August, 1862, on this spot beneath the shade of what was then a sturdy oak, there was gathered a company of brave men, who, with uplifted hands, took a solemn oath to support the Constitution of the United States and obey commands that led them across grey battlefields to the cannon's mouth. It became my duty to administer that oath and it was one of the saddest duties of my life. In that rank of noble men were my friends and neighbors. There were beardless boys and stalwart men whose brows were sprinkled with the grey hairs of age who were beyond conscription's iron grasp. There was one man (Thomas Green) standing over six feet in height, with his little son perched upon his shoulder. In the background were wives, children and sweethearts, sad with the thought that all these brave men might never return—thoughts which, alas, proved too true.

While the roar of the battle raged on southern fields, heaven's artillery was aimed at the tree which stood here and shattered its branches. The dead portions of the tree were removed. The branches grew in strength but could not defy the storm.

Before these men had gone others had enlisted. E. A. Crockett was the first, John Green, Ensign. Brainard, Grindrod, Gleason, White, Bronson, Randall and others followed soon after.

But under the tree that stood on this spot was organized a full company with J. D. Williams, captain; first lieutenant, Thos. Green; second lieutenant, A. M. Loomis; James Hall, Jerry Woodyard, Farnsworth Cobb. M. D. Johnson and James D. Sloan were elected sergeants. The corporals were: Leonard Gee, Geo. Gilbert, Chas. Johnson, Wm. Walters, Samuel Mackrill, David Craig and Geo. W. Sones. Henry G. Bill and Hiram Arnold, were the musicians. Mathew T. Diamond was wagoner. Captain Williams and Lieutenant Green resigned; Lieutenant Loomis was at home sick and Benjamin G. Paul was appointed captain. Paul was shot and killed the thirtieth day after being mustered in lieutenant Loomis became captain and continued in command until the close of the war. R. S. Williams became first lieutenant.

The company received twenty-one recruits, and participated in the following battles: Port Gibson, Champion Hill, Siege of Vicksburg, Carrion Crow Bayou, Mansfield, Cane River, Middle Bayou, Meadsville, Winchester and Cedar Creek. It is a little remarkable that only two of these men were killed in battle. Captain Paul was shot by the enemy in ambush. Two died from the effects of wounds received in battle. Twenty-one died from the effects of disease. One was drowned, two resigned and seventeen were discharged on account of poor health. Few of that number of men are in the immediate vicinity.

Only five (Loomis, Woodyard, Arnold, Gould and Hanna) are present today. You will thus see why the ashes of the old oak are like the ashes of the dead—held sacred. Gratitude is the fairest flower that blossoms in the human heart. On this spot we tarry to drop the grief laden tear, hear from those who are filled with patriotic devotion to country, and then with solemn tread march on to the silent city of the dead. And permit me to remark that I was in the first procession that followed the remains of the first one interred in this cemetery.

The Saum family is of German extraction. They came to America and settled in the Shenandoah valley of Virginia and engaged in agriculture.

Nicholas Saum was born, married, lived and died in Virginia. His father was in the Revolutionary War under Washington and

aided in establishing our national independence.

Nicholas Saum was married three times, his second wife being the grand mother of the Saums of Jones County. He was in the indian wars that afflicted the early settlers of Virginia.

His son Jacob Saum left Virginia when he was 26 years old and moved to Highland Co. Ohio. He had previously married Barbary Mowrey of the Shenandoah Valley. He had a family of 9 children, 4 of whom died young. Those living to adulthood are as follows.

Nicholas married Keziah Russell and had 7 children. He was a farmer and resided (1876) in DeKalg Co. Ill. He raised

blooded stock, cattle, horses and etc.

Polly married Alexander Starry, of Virginia, in Warren Co. Ind. Their children were; Jabez, born 17 July 1831, Warren Co. married Elenor (Elner) Simpson 17 Oct 1851, and died 17 Oct 1910 Eleanor died 14 Nov 1880, age 50. Both are burried in Center Cemetery; Daniel Starry was born 6 Apr 1834, died 29 June 1913, and is burried in Olin Cemetery; Jacob Starry 1835 - 1914, Center Cemetery. Married Mary E. Blayney, 9 Apr 1859; Lewis Starry, born 10 Oct 1844, died 22 July 1920, Olin Cemetery, married Mary Massingham 29 Oct 1867; Elizabeth married C.O. Byam 1 June 1859 (Clark Byam, born 4 July 1832 Died 3 Sept 1911 Burried Oakwood Cemetery Monticello); Polly Starry, born 29 Jan 1845, died 3 Mar 1895, married John Blayney, 19 Oct 1865, Rome township

Lucinda Saum married ___ Cronkite of Indiana, moved to Jones

county about 1839 and had 7 children.

Anna Saum married Mr. Kisling, had 2 children, died in Warren Co. Ind.

George Saum was the 3rd child of Jacob Saum, was born in Highland Co. Ohio, 22 Apr 1814, noved to Warren Co. Ind with his parents in 1829 and in 1839 came to Iowa to Lee Co. and finally located in Rome Township. He was a farmer and stock raiser with good success. He married Susannah Stingley of Warren Co. Ind., and had 9 children. He held several offices in the county and was Justice of the Peace for many years, he voted the Democratic ticket. His children were:

Jacob D. 1835 - 1917, Olin Cem. Married Anna E. Hangher (1841-1896 Olin Cem) Came to Iowa 1840 and Jones Co. 1841. He lived in Cedar Co., 1876 and Rome Twp Jones Co. 1879. He served as school director and road supervisor. He had 4 children Ira, Elvy, Mary, and Kate who died in 1864.

Nicholas Saum married Philena Daey, lived in Rome Twp, had

children Luna, Amber, Cora and Ray.

Polly Ann Saum 1839 - 1921 Burried Riverside Cemetery, Anamosa Married Robert Johnson, 1837 - 1914, Riverside, Lived in Rome Twp, had children Frank and Alma.

Josephus, lived in Rome Twp married 25 Nov 1865 Charlotte A.

Miller, had children Artnur and George.

Hiram lived in Rome Township and married Emily Zimmerman. Eliza, 1847 - 1927, Wilcox Cem, married William Peet, 8 Feb. 1872. William born 8 May 1846, died 12 Dec 1893. Children James

(Saum family continued)

S. born 1875 and one who died in infancy.

Mahala (Mary) married Henry Hines, 19 Sept 1867 at Walnut Grove. Lived in Rome Township.

George Saum, unmarried in 1879, lived in Cedar Co. Susanna P. Saum, 1852 - 1925 Wilcox Cemetery, married Lewis Parsons 1848 - 1912 Wilcox Cem. lived in Fairview Twp, had infant son 12 Nov - 14 Nov 1873 burried Wilcox Cem.

References

Iowa State Atlas (1876) 1879 Jones Co. History, Marriage books "A" & "B" , W.P.A Cemetery list.

ANAMOSA JOURNAL, Feb 1, 1945

RIVERSIDE CEMETERY:

33 persons were burried at Riverside in 1944, they are as follows, with date of burrial and age at death. Jamuary 8; Evelyn B. Overfield, 81

12; Ellen L. Ladd, 86

13; Eleanor B. Strawman, 82

18; George Lester Haverly, 51

25; William B. Erickson, 50

28; Comander H. Shifflet, 87 February 4; William H. Miller, 75

18; Carrie Sheean Seay, 47

23, Walter E. Bebee, 77

March 5: Ralph Bumgarner, 50

22; Frederick Albert Denison

April 6; Ida Eleanor Mc Cosky

2; Catherine Conrad, 80

29; Edward S. Stone, 74 May 6; Elma Dagner Kopf, 76

12; David William Buessing, 18

15; Sharon Sue Topping, 2 months

June 9; Urban J. Shanklin, 74 14; Hulda M. Barker, 62

28; Clarence Ireland; 19

July 18; Fordham Patterson, 73

26; Nettie Mae Templin, 71

August 2; Albert E. Pelton

27: Grace May Chopper, 61

September 1; Charles Henry Brown, 82

8; Lou D. Osborne

11: Pierce James, 74

October 6; Arthur L. Remley, 66

9; Frederick O. Ellison, 91

November 13; Ernest F. Peet, 61

15; Thomas Lester, 75 December 4; Byrdena Poppe, 19

6; Eugene Alderman Atkinson, 40

RUBEN AND MARIA HALL GREEN

(from the Onslow centennial book; 1971)

Mr. Ruben and Maria Hall Green came from Ohio to Jones County in 1853 where he entered land from the government. This farm of one hundred and five acres is located in Scotch Grove Township north of Onslow on highway 136. Today it is occupied and managed by his great-grandson Gerald Green.

This continued to be the Ruben Green home until his death in March 1902. Afterwards their son T.L. (Tom) Green, one of the heirs, became owner. In 1873 he wedded Miss Mabel (Belle) DuBois. Her people were natives of the state of New York. This couple were the parents of six children, namely; Olive, Fannie who married Mr. W.A. (Ward) Hicks, Gertie, Alice who became Mrs George Overholt, Howard who attended Onslow Schools and one who died in infancy.

Howard continued to farm with his father wntil his father's death. Then Howard married Maizie Meade. After their deaths, their son, Gerald inherited the farm. Gerald married Miss Judy Hurst of Wyoming. Their daughter, Linda, is the fifth generation to have lived on this homestead and it is still owned and operated by a descendant of the family who homesteaded it from the government.

STEPHEN R. STREEPER

(from the Onslow Centennial book; 1971)

Mr. Stephen R. Streeper came to Iowa in 1854 seeking a new He was favorably inpressed with Iowa's rich soil so decided to invest in one hundred tyenty acres of land about one and a half miles north of Onslow in Clay and Scotch Grove townships. purchase was made from the government at one dollar and twentycents per acre to be a claim for a homestead. Some building was completed after clearing the land before he returned to Indiana for his family. Coming back to Iowa the journey was made by covered wagon. On their arrival housekeeping was set up in the granary until the house could be built. Late in the fall of 1860 they moved into the new house. Both Robert and Grant Streeper's families lived with the parents for a short time. After Mr Streeper died, their son, Bernard W. Streeper bought the farm. 1900 he married Miss Sarah (Sadie) Orr. They were the parents of five children. The two older girls, Ruth and Jennie, died in infancy. Twin daughters, Mabel Gearhart and Mildred Dreibelbis and son Alva, are co-workers and owners of the farm today.

At the present time the oldest great-grandson, Russel Eugene, Alva's oldest son, rents it on shares and manages it. He is assisted by his brother Bernard Joe. Alva's other son, Robert,

and his family live in Cedar Rapids.

Today Russel's children are the fifth generation to have lived in the house which was built in 1860. The foundation of the barn the house and the stone wass were built by Mr. Stephen Streeper. Being a good mason, Mr. Streeper willingly and generously helped some of the nearest neighbors and new settlers build foundations for their buildings.

Mr. Stephen Streeper's wife, Isabella Todd Streeper, was of Scottish ancestry and a distant relative of Mrs. Abraham Lincoln.

Mr. Streeper's ancestors went from Gærmany to Holland, then came to America. They settled near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania first before coming to Iowa. The land purchased for their home in Pennsylvania was bought from William Penn.

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CENTER JUNCTION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (from the Center Junction centenial book) July 1971

Center Junction Presbyterian Church was founded in 1878 by three elders from the church in Scotch Grove. In that year the three elders, Alexander McKean, William Clarke, and Thomas Lyans petitioned for and were given their release from the Scotch Grove church and permission to form the new one. Their petition was presented to the Rev. A. K. Baird, a synodical official, on Jan 8 and was favorably acted upon Jan. 18. Two days later at a communion service conducted by the Rev. Baird, assisted by the Rev. John Rice, the three petitioners and nine others were organized into the First Presbyterian church of Center Junction The charter members were Thomas Lyans, Rebecca Lyans, Sophia Jane Lyans, Robert G. Lyans, Joanna Lovejoy, Justus C. Houser, Martha Houser, Mary Jane Espy, Robert J. Espy, Amanda Ella Lyans, Minerva Isabel Lyans and Thomas Lowry Lyans.

These charter members with few exceptions, were either blood relatives or related through marriage. Thomas Lyans and J. C. Houser were elected and installed as elders, which completed and

constituted the session.

Erection of the church, a brick structure, was completed in 1879. With the exception of a few minor alterations the same building is now in use.

The members of another church, the Methodist, disbanded in about 1945 and joined with the Presbyterians in worship. Discontinuance of the Four Horn church near Scotch Grove also added to the membership of the congregation. The name Four Horn was derived from the four little steeples that ornamented the structure.

Early pastors who served the church until the turn of the century include: Daniel Ressell, James L. Wilson, William Gay A.W. McConnell, Hugh Robinson, J. M. Bolton, Thomas W. Hine, J. C. Orth and Robert a Brough. Pastor Delmar Meester came in March 1970. Church records are complete to the present day and are in the charge of Leslie Balster, clerk of the session.

From the Wyoming Journal and reprinted in the Midland Times, Dec 1988 December 7, 1933; Cecil E. Therry, son of David and Minervia Wherry was born in Oxford Junction July 5, 1877 and died at his home in Wyoming Dec 5, 1933. For the past 11 years he had served as postmaster of Wyoming.

December 5, 1918; Addie Jayne Wolf was born in Hale township Feb. 7, 1865, and died Sunday, Nov 24, 1918 of intestinal consumption. She was married to James William Wooder of Hale in Feb 1882. Three children survive, Ernest, Mrs Inez Switzer and Mrs Elsie

Houstman of Olin

From the WYOMING JOURNAL and reprinted in the MIDLAND TIMES, Dec 1998
Dec. 26, 1918; Aja Curtright, 17, eldest son of Mr and Mrs. D.E.
Curtright passed away at 2 a.m. Monday at his home in Wyoming. Aja
was a victim of the flu and pnuemonia. He was born Jan. 1, 1902
at Olin.

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MINI ANCESTORS

- * Information wanted on Anne C. GREEN; father Erwin GREEN; married John E. PRINGEY, 4 Sept 1873. Came to Jones County from Callic Co., Ohio; b. 1849; died 2 March 1881 in Cumberland. Want information on the period she spent in Jones County. Wilma Symonds, Route 1, Box 169, Cumberland IA 50843.
- *Want information on James LEONARD, B. 1835, Ireland, d. 19 Oct. 1896 Manson Iowa. Married between 1852 and 1869 in Jones Co.to Julie Meloday, b. Mar 1840, Ireland, d. 1913, Manson Ia. their first child was born in 1870. Anthony Peiffer, 4612 143rd Ave.SE Bellevue, WA 98006
- *Would like to correspond with anyone tracing the HESTER and GILBERT families who arrived in Jones County in 1840's. Especially the William J. HESTER who married Martha GILBERT Sept 24 1849 in Jones county. Also, would like to contact Mrs Garner R. SEARL whose address at one time was Patterson, CA. Bill McGarr, Box 546, Weleetka, Oklahoma 74880
- * Need information on the family of Jacob GULLER Matilda KIPP family, especially their son, Samuel H. FULLER, born 30 Dec 1846, Petersburg N.Y., died 7 Dec 1929 Cowles Neb.Buried in Batin Cem. Elm Creek Neb. Served in Civil War from Anamosa in Co. L. 8th Cavalry. Married Ellen BURR 9 June 1881 Red Choud Mebraska. Dorothy Miller, 314 Marclare St. Dixon Ill, 61021
- * Want information on George W. LAMMON, Bliza EDDY, Squire S. LAMMON, wife Elizabeth Manley. All resided in Monticello area. Gloria Weiser, 12057 8th N.E., Seattle WA 98125.
- *My Doose(Dose, Dohse) ancestors immigrated from Schleswig-Holstein Germany in 1903. Their passage was paid by Johann Von Sprecken of Wyoming IA, who had immigrated in 1878, reportedly an uncle. I would like to contact anyone who can confirm the link between the DOOSE and VON SPRECKEN families. Need information about Johann VON SPRECKEN. Jazelle M. Fike, 4334 Welcome Ave N., Crystal MN 55422
- * Need information about Oliver and Rebecca BUCKNER LOCKWOOD. Rebeccas sister Angelina Buckner married William SOESBE and their daughter Rebecca SOESBE married Jacob Bodenhofer. I have two photos of Husband and wife taken in the 1890's at Sweems Studio in Cedar Rapids. Would like to identify the people in these pictures. Mrs. Hazel Hammon, 310 2nd Ave East, Lisbon IA 52253
- * Etta LAKE was born in 1853 to Elijah and Roxanne FERRIS LAKE. She married Will Simmers in Cedar Rapids and ran a boarding house there in the later 1800's. I would also like to hear from BARNARDS and CURTRIGHTS whose ancestors lived in Anamosa. Arnold Lake Hovey, Route 3, Box 148, Flint TX 75762
- *I would like to find long lost relatives of Charles STEWART and Phoebe MORSE/MORRIS. They lived in Wisconsin, Nebraska and finally Iowa in 1887. Twelve known children includeing; James, Frank, Bert Fred, Dell, Jane, Sarah, Charlotte MOLONE and Mary BEBEE. I do not know the names of the remaining children. Selma Hubert, 42 Blue Sky's Dr., Naples Fla 33942

MADISON PIONEER CEMETERY

On August 5, 1868 this cenetery was first started when 2 acres of ground were deeded to the Methodist Episcopal church on North Madison by Eliphalet A. Nichols and his wife, the former Nancy Jane Krouse, of one of the pioneer families. The M.E. church located nearby was the only church for miles around, with the church edifice being built about 1866. The deed for the ground on which it was erected was a gift of John Alexander and his wife. in 1877 this North Madison church building was moved into Onslow, after the members had disbanded it and had gone into the Center Junction Methodist church in town. The cemetery was then transferred to the care of the Center Junction Methodist church.

Three notations on the original plat shed light on a few historical facts as follows; Resolved to sell lots after Oct. 17 1891, at the price of \$5 per lot. On Oct 1, 1896 the sum was raised to \$10 per lot. Since 1950 the price has been \$100 per full lot with half of that sum added to the capital investment fund and

the other falf used for general repairs and upkeep.

The wording of the last notation on the old plat is a bit amusing. It reads "All persons occupying lots in above cemetery are expected to place monuments within and on line of said lots"

The next legal entry is a full generation later and was prompted by the offer of a good new fence across the east side of the cemetery and a gateway with the name in an arch above the gate. The conditions of the effer systed that this shall be a cemetery association incorporated under the laws of the state of Iowa and the name shall be North Madison Pioneer Cemetery. The donor was O.J. Felton of Cedar Rapids, son of the early pioneers, M.O. Felto and wife, Annie.

On June 10, 1929, articles of incorporation were drawn up and signed. Later Dr. Stuart N. Smith of Ames planted evergreens a around the cemetery enclosure. Three sides are now completely filled in with his evergreen trees.

Present directors are Leonard Serbousek, chairman and secretary June Serbousek; others are Harry James, Truman Stanton and Paul Smith.

The following soldiers are buried at this cemetery; Civil War soldiers; William Davis, Jacob Courtney, Lyman Osborne and Joseph Leggett.

World War I; Lloyd Collier, George Bell, Fred Lewis, George Arthur Dew, Pierce "Pete" Norris and "obert G. Mead.
World War II: Harvey K. Dew.

Source: Center Junction Centenial book, 1971

12 Jan 1899, ANAMOSA EUREKA
Keziah Wood, born 22 Apr 1815 in Tennessee, died 3 Jan 1899 in
Rapid City S.D. Married Buel Wood 4 Aug 1843 in Iowa City, children
Abram, Sabrina, Nathan, Lydia, Chauncey, and Buel R., the latter 2
were lawyers in South Dakota.
NOTE: Abram b. 1844, d. Apr 1894 San Francisco CA,; Sabrina, d. Mar
1865 age 16, Highland Grove Cem.; Nathan, d. Nov 1875 age 29, Highland Grove Cem.; Lydia Married Peter Kane 1879, d. Feb 1886, Highland Grove Cem.; Buel Wood Sr. d. 4 Dec 1868 Highland Grove Cem.

ANAMOSA IOWA GENEALOGICAL 6 May 1989 SOCIETY REGIONAL JCGS RETURN LUNCH RESERVATION P.O. BOX 174 COST: \$4.50 ANAMOSA, IOWA 52205 NAME. Address. .Zip

CALENDAR

Feb 21 and March 21 Regular Meetings at the Courthouse, Community

Feb. 15; Board Meeting at the Resource Center

. BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

Feb. 14; Onalee Arnold Feb 14; June Morrow

Feb. 4: Joann and Travis Walters Feb. 10; William and June Morrow Feb. 21; Gloria and Kenneth Weiser

March 10: Wilomena Alspach

19 Jan 1899, ANAMOSA EUREKA

Mrs. Elizabeth Jones Mellett, b. 11 Feb. 1828 and d. 8 Jan 1899.

buried at Riverside with husband and 4 children

She was married 26 May 1853 to E. T. Mellett, surviving children John and Frank.

AIN'T IT THE TRUTH DEPARTMENT

Your great great grandfathers obituary states that he died l

leaving no issue of record!

The town clerk you wrote to in desperation and finally convinced to give you the information you need can't write legibly and doesn't have a copying machine!

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