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## Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary Of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer J. Noble

Friday, August 28, marked the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer J. Noble. Due to the fact that the Jones County Fair was being held on that day, a reception in their honor was not held until Saturday. On that day their old friends and neighbors called on them to extend their hearty congratulations. Mr. and Mrs. Noble reside in their pleasant home on North Gill street, where they have lived since they retired from the farm in May, 1923.

### Double Wedding in 1881.

It is of interest to note that at the time Elizabeth Scott became the bride of Elmer J. Noble, August 28, 1881, two other young people were united in marriage by the same ceremony. They were Frank A. Scott, a cousin of Mrs. E. J. Noble, and Harriet A. Noble, a sister of Mr. Noble.

The marriage ceremony was performed by the pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of Prairieburg. It occurred at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Noble in Castle Grove township. There were no attendants at the wedding, and the only wedding guest who was present fifty years ago and who also attended the fiftieth wedding anniversary was Mrs. John Deischer of Monticello, a sister of Mr. Noble.

### Lived in Castle Grove 42 Years.

Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Noble started housekeeping on a farm a quarter of a mile south of what is now known as the Noble farm. This farm was known as the Standish place. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Noble lived on the old Noble homestead. After three years the latter family removed to a farm now occupied by John Husman, and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Noble settled upon the Noble farm, where they lived for nearly forty-three years.

Mr. Noble was in partnership with his father for many years, and conducted a large farm. They became experts in the cattle feeding business, and were the first farmers in eastern Iowa to import Clydesdale horses. These horses were shipped from Scotland, and were first put on the Noble farm in 1870. Mr. Noble is one of the charter members

Their Marriage Took Place In Castle Grove Township,  
August 28, 1881; They Spent Almost  
Forty-Three Years On The Farm.

of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance association of Castle Grove, and throughout the years has held the office of adjuster in the company. He was also one of the organizers of the Peniel Presbyterian church in Castle Grove township, and is still one of the active elders of the church.

### Mrs. Noble Native of Castle Grove.

Mrs. Noble is a daughter of the late Napoleon B. and Mary Jane Scott. She was born in Castle Grove township, March 1, 1864. When a babe of six weeks she traveled in a

covered wagon from Iowa to Yuba county, California, where her father settled near the town of Marysville. It took the Scott family six months to make the trip. This was the second trip that the father, Napoleon Scott, had made to California. The first time he went, in 1853, with three of his brothers. That time the trip was made in a covered wagon drawn by oxen. After spending some time in California, they returned to Iowa due to their father's ill health. The senior Mr. Scott was one of the earliest school teachers in Jones county. The father of Mrs. Noble returned from California via the Isthmus of Panama and New York City. Napoleon Scott and his family returned to Castle Grove township in 1875. Mrs. Noble continued to make her home in that township where she attended the rural schools until her marriage, in 1881. There were four children in her father's family, two sons and two daughters. Those surviving are Mrs. Noble and one sister, Mrs. Edward Myers of Pontiac, Michigan.

### Came to Jones County in 1867.

Mr. Noble is a Canadian by birth, and first saw the light of day in Pickering township near Toronto, August 2, 1855. He was a son of Alfred and Margaret (Vardon) Noble. The family removed to Castle Grove township in March, 1867, when Mr. Noble was twelve years of age. As a young boy Mr. Noble attended Castle Grove school No. 4, which was located near what is now St. Peter and Paul's Lutheran church. At that time the church was occupied by the Baptist denomination.

During one term of school J. W. Doxsee, the senior editor of The Express, taught this school and Mr. Noble was one of his pupils. Later Mr. Noble continued his education by attending Lenox college. He was one of a family of eleven children, six of whom are now living, viz: Dr. Marshall Noble, Houston, Texas; Mrs. John Deischer, Monticello; Mrs. Emma J. McCullough, Long Beach, California; Mrs. Frank Scott, Chico, California, and Mrs. G. A. Starr, Anaheim, California.

### Four Daughters in the Family.

Mr. and Mrs. Noble were blessed with four daughters, viz: Mrs. Harold Bedell (Elsie) of Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. W. D. McLaughlin (Blanche) and Mrs. Clarence McLaughlin (Grace) of Castle Grove township, and Miss Florence Elizabeth Noble, who is librarian of the Monticello public library. They also have seven grandchildren, viz: Howard, James, Elizabeth and Mary Esther McLaughlin, Helen Louise McLaughlin, and George and Donald Bedell. All of their children and grandchildren were present Saturday to enjoy the fiftieth wedding anniversary.

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Bugh, Alexander	Private	E	9th Iowa Inf.	Loomis, A M #2 622 81	Capt	K	24th "
Bottomstone, G W	Sergeant	E	9th Penn. Inf.	Loudermilk #1022-21	Private	F	101st Ohio
Bender, J J	"	H	14th Iowa Inf.	Lemaster, James	Corp.	D	45th Ill. Inf.
Brubaker, Isaac #1-15-81	Private	E	9th Penn. Inf.	Lee, John F	Sergeant	F	12th Iowa Inf.
Bradshaw, P R	"	E	11th Iowa Inf.	Lindsey, N H #3-31-62	Private	E	126th Ill. Inf.
Bodenhofer, John	"	H	16th Iowa Inf.	Lozier, Jake	"	F	9th Iowa Cav.
Brainard, L V	"	E	5th Iowa Cav.	Leggett, Joseph	"	A	130 N. Y. Inf.
Bronson, J W #2-268 622	"	K	24th Iowa Inf.	Lansing, Judd #7-3 622	"	A	1st N. Y. Cav.
Brutsman, Frank #2-133 622	"	E	92d Illinois	Lawson, J S	Private	K	New Ironsides Vicksburg, U. S. N. 153d Ill. Inf.
Brown, E E	"	H	2nd Iowa Inf.	Littell, H B #4-65 622	"	A	9th Iowa Inf.
Barnhill, R S #1-183 622	"	K	24th "	Morse, M H	"	F	31st " "
Capps, Dempsey #1-8/16 148	Sergeant	D	132nd Ill. Inf.	Marshall, T R #2-46 622	Lieut.	A	121st Ohio Inf.
Carlton, L D	"	B	9th Iowa Inf.	Mackrill, S R	Private	K	24th Iowa "
Cartee, Michael	"	K	24th "	McMillan, D L #3-222	Sergeant	K	2d Wis. Cav.
Calkins, Riley #1-171	Musician	K	24th "	McDaniel, Orlando	Private	D	9th Iowa Inf.
Courtney, Jacob H	Private	E	31st "	Mills, H T	"	C	9th Mich.
Calkins, J #1-111	"	K	24th "	Mullett, M J	"	F	44th Iowa Inf.
Cameron, W T	"	I	78th Ohio	Mullett, G W	"	L	2d Iowa Cav.
Champlain, E B	"	I	155th Ohio	McRoberts, W H	"	K	11th Iowa Inf.
Clay, J R	Corp.	B	24th Iowa Inf.	Noyes, N B #2-426 12	Corp.	F	29th Ohio Inf.
Clay, D A	Private	B	24th "	Osborn, Lyman	Private	I	47th Wis. Inf.
Cook, E M	Corp.	I	24th "	Parks, Jacob F #1-2715-11-72	"	K	24th Iowa Inf.
Cook, C V	Private	I	24th "	Paul, H F	"	K	24th " "
Chase, George	"	B	124th Ohio Inf	Parshall, S F	"	"	2d Iowa Cav.
Campbell, S R #1-1911-9/11 "76	"	C	6th Penn H.A.	Pelkey, I #1-37-62	Corp.	H	8th Mich. Cav.
Courttright, J. E.	Sergeant	E	31st Iowa Inf.	Peck, W H #1-129 622	Sergeant	F	31st Iowa Inf.
Carroll, G. R.	Chaplain	E	24th "	Pealer, David #1-419 622	Private	E	20th Ind. "
Davis, W H	Private	I	32nd Ohio Inf.	Potter, J G	Sergeant	I	24th Iowa "
Dodge, Warren	"	C	88th Ill. Inf.	Paul, J M	Private	B	3d Iowa "
Demona, B A	"	H	57th Penn. Inf	Richardson, J L #5-291 622	Corp.	E	26 th Ohio Inf.
Dye, Nathan	"	I	24th Iowa Inf.	Russell, John #3-786 12	Private	C	1 4th Iowa "
Evans, G W	Private	H	21st Illinois	Rohwedder, Hans	"	M	1st " Cav.
French, I N	Private	F	31st Iowa Inf.	Richmond, George	"	I	3d Pa. Art.
Forsythe, James	"	G	13th N.Y. Cav	Sawyer, Ely	"	K	24th Iowa Inf.
Fuller, E A	Musician	H	13th Wis. Inf.	Shibley, Oliver	Musician	G	31st " "
Farrington, G L	Private	Bat. 3	Iowa Art.	Smith, B A	Private	G	31st " "
Finch, I C	"	D	18th Mich. Inf	Scrivens, B H	"	A	15th " "
Gridley, C B	Sergeant	D	9th Iowa Inf.	Sauders, J A	"	E	72d Ohio "
Grindrod, Joshua #2-109 622	Private	H	9th Iowa	Shedeck, Joseph	"	F	44th Iowa "
Giddings, W F	"	C	33rd Illinois	Sykes, R L	"	E	96th Ohio "
Garrison, W S	"	G	44th Iowa Inf.	Sacora, Joseph	"	C	15th Iowa "
Gilbert, George #2-1576 622	"	F	31st "	Stout, J S	"	A	11th Ill. "
Glenn, R R	"	K	17th "	Sears, George	"	M	1st Iowa Cav.
Hopkins, C B #6-338 12	Corp.	H	58th Penn. Inf	Smith, M V	"	I	5th " Inf.
Hogeboom, William	"	D	9th Iowa Inf.	Sawyer, Samuel	Corp.	A	169th N.Y. Inf
Hanna, Joseph	Private	K	24th " "	Tate, E G #3/3-7/8 12	Private	A	96th Illinois
Hanna, G A	"	K	24th " "	Tebo, D G	"	K	24th Iowa Inf.
Hart, A A #1-276 148 622	"	K	104th Ill. "	Tucker, C D	"	H	44th Wis. "
Hepler, A W	"	E	10th Iowa "	Thomas, Elihu	"	H	14th Iowa "
Hoskins, A R	"	M	7th " Cav.	Tebo, C F	"	K	15th Ill.
Hawley, Frank #1-2575 622	"	L	8th " "	Tompkins, O	"	K	24th Iowa "
Holman, S F	"	D	9th " Inf.	Tompkins, R #1-7-0 12	Corp.	A	27th N. Y. Inf
Himebaugh, Hiram	"	C	44th " "	Williams, R S #7-63-31 12	Lieut.	K	24th Iowa "
Hansen, Willis	Sergeant	I	24th " "	Williams, F A #1-011 235	Private	B	26th " "
Heidt, Ludwig	Private	H	26th " "	Woodyard, Jerry #1-255 622	Sergeant	K	24th " "
Haun, S S	Sergeant	B	57th Penn. "	Wertz, J J #1-234 622	Private	A	196th Oh "
Hansen, Amos	Private	B	26th Iowa "	Wiggins, C D #2-94 622	"	I	46th Iowa "
Ilsley, W H	"	"	9th Ill. Inf.	Williams, James	"	K	8th Ill. "
Johnson, Jas P	"	K	24th Iowa Inf	Young, B H	"	F	17th Ill. Inf

# Manlys celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary, 1911

The Sequel, by Jennie Manly

A Golden Wedding celebration of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Manly:

"The daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Manly cordially invite you to be present at the Golden Wedding of their parents at their home, August 24, 1911, Mechanicsville, Iowa."

The above invitation was issued to perhaps 150 persons. For months and days the Misses Manly had been planning and preparing to entertain in honor of the day. Neither of them having had the pleasure of attending a golden wedding, all ideas of what should constitute proper entertainment for such an occasion were largely their own. However, their ideas were greater than the capacity of the house and they were obliged to limit the number of invitations accordingly.

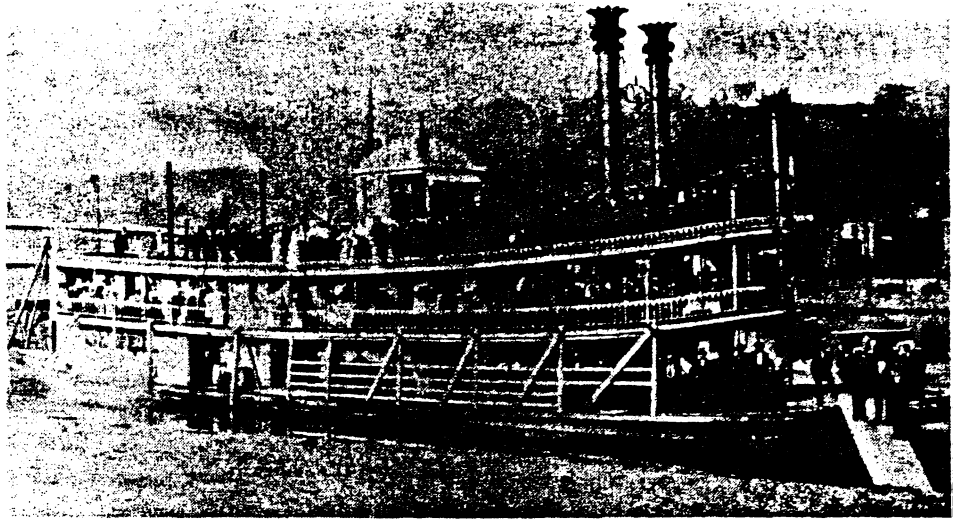
Aug. 24 dawned fair and beautiful — an exact counterpart of that day fifty years ago. The balmy air was not chilly nor yet uncomfortably warm. When the guests had arrived the company, including the bride and groom, numbered 73 persons.

The bride's dress was white barred flaxon, trimmed with tucking and insertion and made to resemble as nearly as the present mode will allow her other wedding dress. The groom wore a suit of conventional black. They received their guests informally.

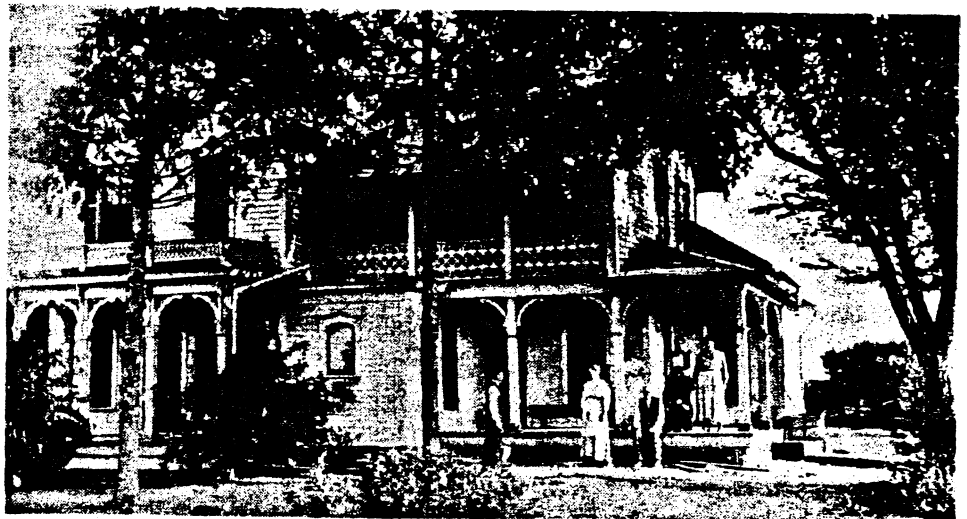
The ladies brought bouquets to the number of 12 or more in most of which yellow or gold was the dominating color. Goldenrod and goldenglow were the prevailing flowers in the decorations and a large bouquet of double sunflowers like huge chrysanthemums was the gift of Mrs. James Siver of Lisbon. The occasion might be called a double Golden Wedding, since the day following, August 25, was the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. James Siver, who were married in Albany County, New York. Twenty years ago, the 26th of last February, the families were connected by the marriage of their son Allen James Siver and Cora Manly.

Dinner was called a few minutes before noon and 28 persons were given places at two tables in the dining room. Mr. and Mrs. Manly sat at the head of one table and the other bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. Siver, as guests of honor, at the head of the other table. Grace was said by the Rev.

S. Davis, after which a substantial wedding dinner was served by the daughters and granddaughters of Mr. and Mrs. Manly. A. J. Siver and his sons assisted in serving the ice cream. By 2 p.m. the 70 or more persons present had



THIS PADDLEWHEEL STEAMER, "Jewell," is similar to the "Julia Dean," which brought Thomas Manly from Ohio to Iowa in 1853.



THIS PHOTO shows the Thomas Manly residence north of Mechanicsville. Thomas Manly is shown sitting. The others in the picture are Manly relatives.

partaken of the dinner and the tables had been cleared away.

The next order was the taking of pictures. Gordon Sawyer, the photographer of the neighborhood, had brought his camera by request and now took snapshots, first of Mr. and Mrs. Manly, then of the family group, consisting of the parents, Misses Jennie and Myrtle Manly, Mrs. Emma Bodenhofer, her husband John Bodenhofer, and their daughters Misses Helen, Hazel, Hylah, and Mrs. Cora Siver, A. J. Siver, and their sons Otis, John, and Arthur. It was regretted that the other daughter, Mrs. Rachel Vanderbilt and her husband, W.G. Vanderbilt, and their son Clell and daughter Erma, whose home is in Oregon, were too far away to come to the celebration. Lastly a picture of the entire company was taken and all are a fair representation.

This interesting part of the entertainment having been completed, the company withdrew from the shade of the trees and collected in the parlor where the following program was called by Mrs.

Cora Siver: A piano solo, "Love's Dream," by Miss Edith Ilaley; a piano solo, "Cupidetta," by Myrtle Manly; Lohengrin's Wedding March, Miss Ilaley. A speech by Mr. Manly was characteristically brief. Reminiscences of early days were made by S. W. Rundall of Marion, a brother-in-law of Mr. Manly. The congratulations of their children were presented by Miss Jennie Manly, who touched a happy chord, which was the prevailing tone in the remainder of the program. A piano duet was then rendered by Helen and Hazel Bodenhofer. A toast, "The Manly family as they appear to disinterested relatives," was responded to by A. L. Cory from near Marion. A song "I've grown to Know You So," was sung by Misses Ilaley and Helen and Hazel Bodenhofer. A toast, "Mr. and Mrs. Manly as Neighbors," was happily responded to by W.H. Kline. A reading, "The Country Lyceum Debate on Suppressin' the Press," was given by Miss Edith Cory in her pleasing manner. An address picturing in

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imagination the wedding of 50 years ago and the presentation of the wedding gifts were made by the Rev. O.S. Davis.

The gifts were as follows: A glass gold band berry set, the Rev. and Mrs. Davis; a berry set of fine china, Mr. and Mrs. Otho Brokaw of near Springville; a large fruit dish, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Manly, Sac City; a salad dish, Hylah Bodenhofer; a china plate, Edith Isley of Maxwell; orange spoons, Mrs. Louis Warner and her daughter, cousins of Mr. Manly of Columbus Junction; a jelly spoon, Charles and Will Hotchkias and wives, who were not present; sofa pillow, Mrs. Jeffreys of Mechanicsville; Mrs. Barr, Mrs. Fannie Kohl and Miss Maggie Scott each gave a cake; a gold framed mirror, Mesdames Mary Kline, Nettie Hempy, Emma Stearns and Minnie Fink; gold framed mirror, Mr. Thompson Shanklin, Springville; and Mr. and Mrs. Matt Bingham, Viola, cousins of the bride; a gilt clock, Mr. and Mrs. James Walter, Mitchellville, cousins of Mr. Manly; a gilt clock, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Heston, Mechanicsville; a leather covered couch by the neighbors and relatives who did not bring other gifts; a gold ring for Grandma by the Bodenhofer sisters; a gold ring for Mother by her daughters and \$50 in gold; the gas lights placed in the house by Miss Jennie Manly last September were intended as a wedding gift to her parents. Miss Edith Cory led in singing "The Old Gray Bonnet," and the company joined in the chorus. At Mr. Manly's request, Myrtle Manly played his favorite instrumental selection, "The Old Oaken Bucket," variations on the organ. The song, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," completed the program. As the sunset hour was drawing near the visitors began to disperse.

Others present from outside the immediate neighborhood were Mrs. W. H. Thompson, her son James and two small children, Frank Runkle and family all of Lisbon, Mrs. Iva Hempy of Morley, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Kohl and son Otto of Martelle, Mrs. Barr of Columbus, Ohio, and Seth Hannum, a brother of Mrs. Manly.

The day was most thoroughly enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. Manly and their family. They all appreciate gratefully the efforts of the friends who came and assisted in making the day and the occasion a never-to-be-forgotten success, both materially and socially, and will always be glad that they celebrated.



DAUGHTERS OF THOMAS MANLY are pictured: Jennie Mary Manly Jones, Rachel Mary Manly Vanderbilt, Clell Vanderbilt, son of Rachel, Cora Etta Manly Siver, Myrtle Edith Manly and Erma Dot Vanderbilt, daughter of Rachel.

## A daughter's letter Family history is recounted

(Editor's note: Thomas and his wife were the parents of seven daughters. Sarah Ann died in 1863 at the age of eight months. The fourth child, Alice Bertha, was taken away in 1874, before she had quite completed her seventh year. These two are buried in the Springville Cemetery. Others who grew to maturity were Jennie, Emma, Rachel, Cora and Myrtle. From a letter written June 3, 1932, by Jennie Manly Jones to Mr. J. F. King of Rochester, Washington, we are privileged to learn more about Thomas Manly, his journey west to Iowa and his homesteading in Greenfield township, Jones County. Thomas and Mrs. Manly were buried by the White Oak Methodist Episcopal Church, one of the oldest churches of this denomination still standing west of the Mississippi. Thomas passed away at his home in Jones County on July 12, 1919, aged 53 years, one month and 25 days. The church was torn down in early 1970s — at which time it was a Reformed church. The White Oak Church is located in section 22 of Greenfield Township.

Here is the letter:

Mechanicsville, Iowa  
June 3, 1932

Mr. J.F. King  
Rochester, Wash.

Dear Sir:

My sister, Miss Myrtle Manly, read your

letter which was printed in the March 17th number of the Weekly Herald, McConnellsville, Ohio. Since then she's carefully guarded that paper till I could find time to write you. We are very much interested in your letter and think you have a very good memory to recollect your voyage to Iowa. If I figure correctly you were not quite seven years old in the fall of 1853. New scenes and new acquaintances make lasting impressions on a young mind.

The name of the steamer, Julia Dean, has been familiar to me from my earliest years.

Perhaps you remember Tom Manly, then a youth of seventeen years, who in company with his brother, William and his bride, Ann King of Morgan Co., near Pennsville, and relatives by the name of King came to Iowa on the above-named steamer in the autumn of 1853.

William and Thomas Manly proceeded up the Mississippi to Muscatine and spent the winter '53-54 at a small village named Sandy Hook. The following spring Uncle William went north to Jones Co., — a distance of 50 miles, and chose the inland town of Fairview as the place to locate and engage in the blacksmithing business, with his brother as an apprentice. When Thomas became of age they formed a partnership and continued to work together 'til 1866 when Thomas quit the shop and located on a farm in the southwest township of Jones Co. (Greenfield Township) (Section 23 — where Thomas Manly now lives). In 1861 Thomas

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turned to Morgan Co. and married Alice Hannum of the Pennsville neighborhood. They continued to reside on the same farm where they reared a family of five daughters, two little girls having died in childhood. I am the oldest of the five sisters and Myrtle is the youngest.

Our father passed away July 12, 1919, at the age of 83 years. A stroke of paralysis on March 17, 1919, and dropsy caused his death. His afflictions were light as he was able to talk and use his hand and sit in a wheelchair. He ate supper at the table and passed away at midnight. Mother left us April 2, 1921. My husband died July 7, 1921. Since Oct. 1921, I have had my home with Myrtle in the homestead left her by our parents. By industry and sacrifice the farm of 200 acres in 1866 had grown to be 675 in 1918. Our parents signed a deed to each one of us for 135 acres, retaining their life lease in the estate. Their way of disposing of their real estate has proven very satisfactory to all of us.

The old home is beautifully located on a public road. One sister, Cora Siver, is in a new home built on the land Pa deeded to her a mile and half from this home. Her three sons and a near neighbor farm our land or most of it on the shares for grain and cash for pasture. Sister Myrtle and I keep a horse to drive but not an automobile. We have two good milk cows, a flock of 28 sheep and 26 spring lambs. Also 90 hens. For the past year I have been somewhat an invalid and can do only light work. So the care of the chores and the oversight of the farm falls on Myrtle. I am 68 years old and she is 17½ years younger.

The sister next younger than I lives in the county seat of Jones Co., but a Democrat was elected and took the office Jan. 1, 1931. (not a satisfactory change.)

My brother-in-law is now announcing as a candidate of State senator for the district

of Jones and Cedar counties. Next Monday June 6th will decide who all candidates are to be. Another sister of ours, Mrs. Rachel Vanderbilt, is now in Anamosa taking care of an invalid lady who has rooms in sister Em's large house. Rachel has been a widow since Oct. 1920. She and her family went to Oregon in 1909. After burying her husband near Grant's Pass she returned to Iowa. Her son is a foreman in the carburetor factory at South Bend, Ind. Her daughter and husband prefer to live on the Pacific coast and are now located at Everett, Wash.

Perhaps you know much of the history of Uncle William Manly's family. No doubt your father and Ann-King Manly were relatives. We were acquainted with Lewis and Joe King, sons of James King and brothers to Aunt Ann.

The name Caleb Gregg is one I've heard often. I realize that Herbert Hoover has a hard place to fill and believe he is only one of a 100,000,000 people who are to blame for this depression. "It isn't hard to sway horses in the middle of a stream." — so I mean to vote for Hoover again.

I've written more than I intended to write. I shall be glad to hear from you and to give you additional information if you wish.

Your's truly,  
Jennie Manly Jones

P. S. Lewis and Joel King each married a daughter of Joseph Bingham, first cousins to our mother. Our brother-in-law knew a William King in Cedar Rapids 35 years ago whose father owned part of what is now West Cedar Rapids. Was he related to you?



FOUR GENERATIONS are shown in this photo taken Sept. 15, 1917, at the home of Thomas Manly in Mechanicsville. Pictured are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Manly, Cora Manly Siver, James Otis Siver and Glen LaVerne Siver.

## Tom and Alice buried in church cemetery

# White Oak Church is hub of pioneer life

(Editor's note: This article was written in 1928. Both the following articles were recycled from the originals in 1967 by Rita Jane Siver.)

One of the oldest and most historic churches in the Des Moines Conference is church at White Oak. Erected in the year 1868, this was one of the first Evangelical churches west of the Mississippi river.

The pioneer missionary to the people of White Oak was the Rev. William Kolb. He was succeeded by the Rev. E. F. Mell, and

under Brother Mell's labors, the church was erected. The heaviest contributor toward the erection of the edifice was Brother Amos Kohl, who gave the handsome sum of \$550.

The church was dedicated in November 1868 by the Rev. R. Dube, Presiding Elder. In these early days the services were partially in the German language and the circuit, of which White Oak was a part, was usually served by two ministers — a senior and a junior pastor. Herewith we are glad to include the names of the pastors who have served White Oak, these

names not all appearing in chronological order. They are as follows:

William Kolb, E. F. Mell, Revs. Metfessel, Cail, Moore, Houpt and Knoll; Ira Kamberlin, J. H. Yaggy, J. Henn, J. Rank, Charles Pickford, J. G. Bixler, L. A. Jones, A. Niebel, A. L. Rucker, F. A. Gossman, M. J. Randall, E. B. Utt, J. E. Stauffacher, M. J. J. Randall (second pastorate), W. M. Force, I. R. Wright, J. G. Walz, J. B. Meloy, O. S. Davis, L. A. Jones, H. V. Streyffeler, and the present pastor, J. B. Meloy.

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# White Oak —

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It will be observed that among this list are men of large ability, a goodly number of whom became prominent in the ministry of our denomination.

The following served as presiding elders: R. Dubs, H. Langeschulte, William Kolb, C.W. Anthony, E.B. Utt, A. Bussard, B. H. Niebel, J. E. Stauffacher, (two terms), J. Auracher, J. G. Walz and C. H. Stauffacher.



JENNIE MANLY JONES and James Hayes Jones were married at the White Oak Church in 1915.

During the division in the Evangelical Association, when the church was lost to the local congregation, the edifice was purchased from the Association by Brother Amos Kohl, improved by him to the extent of \$100, and donated to the local society free of all expenses to them. During the years of its existence this church has enjoyed some mighty revivals, among the most far-reaching of which in recent years should be mentioned those conducted, respectively, by the Rev. M. J. Randall during his second pastorate, and by Rev. J. B. Meloy during his first pastorate.

The church edifice is somewhat unique in its character. Severely plain in its appearance, it bears the marks of a pioneer church and its original form has not been changed. It was largely built of native timber and though it has stood the blasts of Iowa winters for half a century, its massive frame work has not been impaired. Barring any special adversity, with reasonable care on the part of the congregation, this church will likely stand for another half century, and would thus be 100 years old.

During the present Conference year, the church was improved to the extent of about \$200. It now presents a fine appearance, and few country churches are in better repair than this church. It was reopened on Nov. 17, 1918. A remarkable fact is that at this service there were present five persons who attended the dedication 50 years ago. They are as follows: Mrs. Mary Kline, and Mrs. E. E. Sawyer, Lewis Kohl, Mrs. Addie Kohl, and Mrs. Nettie Hempy. All are now faithful and active members of the church.

Our society at White Oak, while not large in numbers, is composed of influential, well-to-do people, and if they continue faithful and active, this church cannot but have a bright and prosperous future.

## "White Oak" 60 Years Ago

by Jennie Jones

It is a credit to the pioneers that they erected a house of worship before building commodious dwellings for themselves. The White Oak Evangelical church was built 60 years ago this summer, and has been known as The Albright church, and often spoken of as "The Dutch Church." A number of preachers in that early day delivered sermons in the German language. Much of the singing and the prayers were in German.

The Rev. Henry Riesland and his wife, Caroline, came from Germany and located on a farm north of the Holcomb farms, which was their home until 1872 or 1873. The Rev. Riesland was one of the ministers and the cemetery was platted according to his direction. In the early '70s, he and his wife and their many sons and daughters moved to Nebraska and

located on land not far from Lincoln. The number of their children was 22, 19 of whom lived and grew to manhood and womanhood.

A letter from one of the daughters, Mrs. Louise Sawyer, at present a resident of Lincoln, Neb., says that her father's early home was near Hamburg. After serving three years in the army he went to Berlin and learned the trade of weaver. He also became a preacher, but, being afflicted with asthma, gave up preaching. Mrs. Sawyer writes that her mother was a dear good woman. Nine of the children are still living. The oldest sister and a brother are in Chicago; one brother is at Beemer and three brothers are at Wood River, Neb.; another sister, Mrs. Mary English, resides in Lincoln, and the youngest sister, Mrs. Ella Hoppel, lives in Washington state. One brother Gottlieb, was killed by lightning many years ago. His widow and three daughters survive. Another brother, Frederick is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Calhoun of Montrose, Iowa. Her daughter, Miss Ellen Calhoun, has had employment in the Will Robinson home since last October.

William Riesland, a brother of Rev. Henry Riesland, owned the farm which is now the home and property of Irvin and Elmer Hempu. William Riesland died in 1875 at the age of 60 years and was buried in the White Oak cemetery. Of his family of five sons and three daughters, two or three of the sons survive. The daughter Mollie married Dan Grimm and was the mother of Dora Grimm, who married Richard Russell. In conversing with Miss Calhoun I asked her mother's maiden name and learned it was Riesland. I made further inquiries and obtained the above information.



THE WEDDING of James Hayes Jones and Jennie Mary Manly was held Dec. 16, 1915, at the old White Oak Church in Jones County's Greenfield Township. Pictured from left to right are: The Rev. L.A. Jones, Albert F. Hall, James Hayes Jones, Jennie Mary Manly, Florence Stearns, Myrtle Edith Manly and the Rev. C.C. Dilavon.

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**OBITUARY.**

Silas Wright Robbins was born in Chenango county, N. Y., September 15, 1845, and died in Martelle, Iowa, April 28, 1925, at the ripe age of 79 years, 7 months and 15 days.

In 1851 his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Robbins, removed to Iowa, taking their only child, Silas, with them and located in Fairview township, Jones county, about one mile from where the town of Martelle is now standing. This trip into a raw country was made with the Soper and Breed families and Mr. Robbins was the last of the little band which came from New York to settle here in that early day. Here he grew to manhood and on September 5th, 1868, was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Dumont. To this union were born four children, one son and three daughters as follows: Mrs. Cora Garretson, Martelle; Mrs. Clara A. Peet, deceased; George, Mt. Vernon; Mrs. Lulu Armstrong, Marion. After about nineteen years of life together, death separated them August 12, 1887.

On March 5, 1895, he was married to Miss Jessie Yule, who traveled the balance of his life's journey with him. A few days before his decease he stated that the care he had received from his family had prolonged his life. About twenty-five years ago they retired from the farm and established their home in Martelle.

Mr. Robbins was a pioneer in Iowa and witnessed the various changes that have occurred since 1852. He tasted the hardships of the earlier years and the comforts of the later, without placing much emphasis upon either.

In middle life he became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Previous to that time he was in sympathy with the aims and purposes of the church, from which position he never receded.

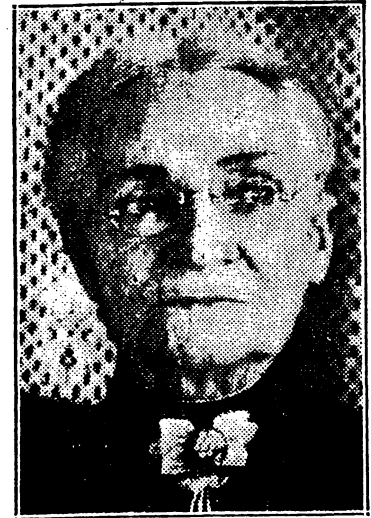
Mr. Robbins was interested in public matters deeming them of great importance to society and sought by voice and vote to carry out his ideas of public welfare. He also gave careful management to his own affairs, in which he was successful. His father deceased in 1865, leaving the responsibilities of the home and the farm upon the mother and son, which they bravely and successfully bore. His mother made her home with him until her decease in 1907, at the age of 87 years.

There survive him, beside the aforementioned wife and three children, two granddaughters, Mrs. Helen Olson, of Forest City, Iowa, and Miss Mildred Robbins, of Mt. Vernon. A host of neighbors and friends will sympathize with the bereaved relatives.

The funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. L. L. Lockard, in the Methodist Episcopal church, Friday afternoon, May 1, and his body lies beside that of the wife of his youth in Norwich cemetery.

# Martelle Church Of Christ Was Founded 75 Years Ago

Building Was Moved From  
Fairview in 1874 By Team  
Of Oxen And Sixty  
Horses.



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**MRS. JAMES H. ARMSTRONG.**

Special to The Gazette.

**MARTELLE**—Mrs. James H. Armstrong, 86, is the oldest active member of the Church of Christ here which will celebrate its seventy-fifth anniversary with a homecoming here Sunday.

This organization was founded at Fairview in 1858 by State Evangelist N. A. McConnell. The church was built at Fairview in 1871 and moved to Martelle in 1874. It was a difficult task to move so large a building in those days. The church was placed on skids and moved by oxen which proved too slow so sixty horses, fourteen teams in the center and eight teams on the side, were hitched to the church and left the oxen far behind when they swung into the collar. Amid much excitement the church was safely moved to its present location. The beautiful yard was donated by C. W. Ormsby.

Rededicated in 1894.

In 1869 four men contributed \$200 each for the support of the church. Union services with the Methodist congregation were held from 1878 to 1894 in the Church of Christ which was rededicated in 1894. At this time an annex was built on the east end and a church parlor and kitchen added.

Harry Holcomb has been elder in the church for the last thirty years; he is now Bible school superintendent, a position held by Frank Holcomb for fifteen years. Among the pastors who will be remembered for their devoted service to the church are: The Revs. N. A. McConnell, J. N. Smith, Mershon, Ingraham and Eaton. The present minister is the Rev. R. B. McDonald who has

organized a young people's club which meets monthly.

The diamond anniversary celebration will open with Bible school at 9:30 a.m. with a class of children taught by Mrs. R. A. Spurrier of Cedar Rapids and one of adults conducted by Hugh Orchard of Cedar Rapids. The sermon at the morning service will be preached by J. A. Dillinger of Des Moines. A picnic dinner will be served at noon.

Iowa City Man To Preach.

Miss Thelma Rich will direct the orchestra at the afternoon session. Harry Holcomb will give the history of the church and Mr. Dillinger will talk on "Iowa Christian Missionary Society and Its Work." There will be a selection by a male quartet, greetings by visiting pastors and an address by Mr. Orchard.

The evening session will begin at 7:30 and Casper C. Garrigues of Iowa City will give the sermon on "The Supreme Imperative." Mrs. Guy Martin will sing a solo.

## GOETTSCHE FUNERAL HOME

Memorial Service For

**JAMES GARFIELD PERKINS**

May 2, 1881      July 21, 1951

Methodist Church  
Tuesday, July 24, 1951  
Two O'clock

Clergyman  
Rev. H. C. Culver  
Cedar Falls, Iowa

Interment  
Riverside Cemetery

Casket Bearers  
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Dr. H. B. Donovan, Jefferson  
Dr. A. J. Eisbach, Dubuque  
Dr. Everett Evans, Cedar Rapids  
Lee Finn, Anamosa  
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