



NEWS 'N NOTES

JONES COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, P.O. BOX 174, ANAMOSA, IA 52205

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PREZ-SAYS:

We have started to take the society out to the people of Jones Co. and hope to interest more into finding their ancestors. We went to the Wyoming public library in March and talked with a few people about geneology (more about Wyoming later). We will be at the Monticello library 6 Apr. and at the Anamosa library 13 Apr.

Results of our survey on the history books and gene. exchange. Books 3 each, exchange 2. So books will not be printed at this time and we will still be slow with research.

If you are looking for a place to stay over in Jones Co. give the Jones Co. BED & BREAKFAST a call at: (319) 462-4267 or 462-3986, or write to them at: 124 E. Main St., Anamosa, IA 52205, ATTN: Nick Nassif, Jr. There are rooms available in Anamosa, Monticello, Scotch Grove, Martelle, Stone City and Olin. Cost ranges from \$25-\$100.

Jackson Co. Gene. is publishing a history book, they will only publish the number of orders they have. Cost is \$55 plus tax (IA res. only) \$2.20, \$4 postage & handling. Order/Write:

JACKSON CO. HISTORY BOOK

BOX 1245, MAQUOKETA, IA 52060--before 1 JUNE 1989....

State Historical Society of Iowa is hosting a conference on cemeteries, on May 19-20. Meeting will be in Newton, IA. If you wish more information write: 402 IOWA AVE., IOWA CITY, IA 52240 or call (319) 335-3916.

At our May regular meeting, BILL CORBIN, of Monticello, will speak about the Civil War. He has several programs and speaks to different groups. He helped start the Jones Co. Historical Society.

In July we will have a speaker from the State Historical, RON MOORE. He is working with the IOWA NEWSPAPER PROJECT and remicro-filming the Anamosa newspapers. (More on this later)

Several of you have met this neat talented lady, while in our Library since we opened. KATHY (JAMES) ZIMMERMAN donated the space for us and has been a great hostess when you visited. We are going to miss her and all of the help she has given us. The ANAMOSA ART & TOLE she runs is really growing. I have learned alot from watching her paint and I have enjoyed watching her students. I wanted (still do) to take classes from her but have not had the time. As it is always said, "maybe next time". When in Anamosa researching stop in and see her paintings and Cecelia Hatchers Antiques!

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12 Jan 1899, ANAMOSA EUREKA

Harriett Bohler born 29 Nov 1845, Guernsey Co. Ohio, Married Joel B. Hutton, 1873, died 8 Jan 1899, burial in south Mineral Cem. Children were sons Albert and Forest and daughter Cleo

ANAMOSA JOURNAL: 3 Jan 1946

34 burials at Riverside Cemetery in 1945;
Jan 6; Lewis T. Hartman, 78
8; Wright S. Frazier, 40
8; Marian E. Frazier, 41
Feb. 16; Mary Remley Browning, 55
21; Levi Albert Birk, 66
Mar. 11; Mary C. Sheesley, 67
14; Harriet Long, 81
Apr. 2; Lawrence K. Pillard, 47
5; Lee Van Kirk, 54
24; Arthur Lister, 72
May 7; Mabel Nowlin Miller, 65
15; Wesley Franklin Washburn, 82
17; William L. Lamb, 74
19; Elizabeth Chipman, 83
21; Sarah Leach
June 16; Gertrude L. Bebee, 73
27; Anna A. Dearborn, 83
July 19; Carl Barnes, 53
27; Infant Dirks Taylor
Aug 10, Frank Steckel, 92
11, William B. Seeley
21; Jennie E. Minier, 58
29; Lou Almeda Skull, 52
Sept 1; Henry A. Dirks
6; Irene H. Oltmans, 44
Oct 17; Mary Erickson, 78
18; Frank Rumble, 47
23; Ruth Raitzel, 31
26; Louis H. Ortgies, 50
Nov. 7; Stella H. Snyder, 74
17; Justin D. Templin, 79
Dec 6; Clara Sigworth, 67
8; John Wallace Elles
20; E.A. Sclaman

(From the ONSLOW Centennial book; 1971)

THE METHODIST CHURCH

The North Madison Methodist Episcopal Church was first erected on the south side of the road two and one half miles west of Onslow on the Onslow-Center Junction Road south of the cemetery in 1866. It was moved to Onslow in 1877 and located on the corner of Anamosa Avenue and Third street. It was used as a place of worship for fifty years.

In 1921 it was used for services by the Presbyterians while their church was being repaired after the fire when it was struck by lightning.

This Methodist Church shared pastors with the Center Junction Episcopal Church since both Churches were in the same circuit. The officers elected in 1877 were: Trustees, A. Clark, J.M. Paul S.L. Gilbert, J. Paul and D. Waters, Steward, L.G. Ransom. Class leader, S.L. Gilbert.

Some other families who attended services here were: the J.O. Huttons, A.A. Garnetts, N.B. Noyes, J.Z. Mackrills, H.H. Roberts, Mrs Helen Lemey, George Dunham, Charles Brulos, Charles Overleys and Lee Hansens.

EARLY BUSINESSES IN ONSLOW

(from the Onslow centennial book; 1971)

In 1872 Mr. Titus and Mr. M.B. Walters erected a wagon and carriage shop with a blacksmith shop attached. On Feb 28, 1906 a serious fire destroyed this building and its contents.

The first bank in Onslow, The Onslow Bank was a private institution organized August 27, 1893 by J. F. Chandler and C.P. Manwaring. On April 1, 1895 Mr. Manwaring retired, leaving Mr. Chandler the sole proprietor.

Mr. and Mrs Tom Lightfoot were early settlers in Onslow. At first he set up a blacksmith shop and worked in a harness and wagon shop. When this shop burned he went into business as an undertaker and sold furniture for about 35 years. In 1924 he gave up his business. His son C.O. Lightfoot and Jessie Cole bought some merchandise from Bill Holtz's grocery store and moved into the Lightfoot building in connection with his post office. Carrol sold the store in 1937

Six years after the village of Onslow was organized, E.M. Franks started the first hardware store. This was in 1877. The location of this first store was not known until 1897 when M.M. Franks bought the land and building where a locker plant is now located. Mr. Franks owned and operated the business until September 20th 1918 when he sold the building and goods to Thomas H. McMaster.

The Onslow post office was established on Nov. 20, 1871 with John Paul appointed as postmaster. Successive postmasters were: May 8, 1872, Wm. Lytton; March 4, 1878, H.V. VanDusen; September 20, 1878, N.B. Noyes; November 11, 1884, M.M. Franks; November 30, 1885, J.W. Battles; May 10, 1889, John Paul; July 13, 1883 Wm. H. McKean; June 18, 1897, N. B. Noyes until 1911 completing 20 years of service. In 1911 Charles Easler, Mr. Noyes' son-in-law, took his place for two years.

In 1872 the 1st restaurant was owned by A. Woodyard

Mr George and Deb Chase were among the first carpenters and pioneers of Onslow Mr Nelson Reade and Mr Cass Ballou were also engaged in carpenter work in the early days.

Doctors practicing before 1910 were Dr. Scott, 1892 - ?, Dr. Alexander McKean, Dr. E.H. Knittle, 1899-1910.

In 1880 John Curtright was the barber in Onslow.

ONSLow HOTEL

(from the Onslow centennial book 1971)

The first hotel was called "Summit House". It was operated by Mr. Sam Conley and his wife Sarah. Mr. Conley sold the hotel to Andrew Townsend. On July 3, 1895 this building burned

The next hotel was started as a garage by Jack Johnson but never finished. It was completed by Charles Miller and his wife Jewel Conley Miller about 1897. Other owners of the hotel were Mr. and Mrs. Will Loux, Frank and Mary Johnson, 1906 to 1909. In 1909 R.L. Greiser, in 1917 Mr. and Mrs Frank Starry, in 1925 Al Stickley, Mr. and Mrs Cal Murray and Mrs. Merta, relatives of Mrs Sam McCart. The last people to occupy the building were Mr. and Mrs Roy Beck from about 1930 to 1934. The building was torn down and a small park was established, where about 1938 band concerts were held and outdoor movies were shown in the summer months.

MADISON VILLAGE CEMETERY

Madison Village cemetery is located in section 20 of Madison twp which is 3 miles south of Center Junction and then 1 mile west. It is one of 4 cemeteries in Madison twp., according to records in the assessor office. Others are NORTH MADISON PIONEER in section 3, MADISON CENTER in section 16 and WYOMING COMMUNITY in section 24, just at the edge of Wyoming. The Madison Village cemetery is 169 x165 feet across the crest of a hill at the end of a dead-end dirt road. It has perhaps 40 graves or a least 40 markers. Tall maples, oaks and pines tower above the tombstones. Smaller shrubs and plants abound. Two-thirds to three quarters of the cemetery probably hasn't been mowed for years.

The oldest marker is believed to be for LYMAN LOCKARD who died in 1851; the newest, LESLIE WELLS, 1965. There aren't many markers with dates after 1910.

The names on the tombstones speak of old Jones county history; some of the others besides the above names include, CLARK, GRIMM, WALTON, FARRINGTON, MONROE, LOCKHARD, HOUSE, SHERMAN, THOMAS, REED, ANDREWS, BELLS, HAWLEY and BUGH. At least 3 Civil war veterans are buried there.

(Source: Center Junction Centennial Book, 1971)

ONSLow SCHOOLS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE

(from the Onslow centennial book; 1971)

Education has always received attention and been a great concern to the people in Onslow.

The first school taught in Onslow waa not a public school, but a very select or privat one taught by Miss Addie Walters of Clay Mills, during the fall and winter terms.

The first public school was taught in the spring of 1872, by Miss Sadie Doxsee. At that time the school district was a part of the sub-district No, 3 of Wyoming township. At an election held June 13, 1874, the Independent District of Onslow was organized. Three directors were elected, N.B. Noyes, Pres., John Seimers, Sec., and J.L. Doxsee, Treas.

In 1890, Onslow had its first graduation class of eleven members. Superintendents of the Onslow school were; 1888-1889, J.J. Billingsly; 1889-1890, J.D. Hullinger; 1890-1891, J.M. Davis; 1891-1892, F.E. Felenocker; 1892-1893, A.L. Franklin; 1893-1894, J. C. Magee and John E. Cameron; 1894-1895 A. W. Albertson; 1895-1896, Dan R. Perkins; 1896-1897, Fred Williams; 1897-1898, W.C. Cummings; 1898-1899, L. Buchanan; 1899-1903 C.D. Walrod

Howard Hall, a former student and resident of Onslow is the donor of a scholarship called the Grace Maple Award because of his great admiration for his first teacher. The scolarship is given to Onslow graduates.

(from the Jones County History; 1879)

FIRST BURIAL IN THE ANAMOSA CEMETERY

The first person buried in what is now the Anamosa Cemetery, was a child of John Leonard. Leonard's home was at Fairview, but he was working for some person in Anamosa (then Lexington), and his family was with him. His child died, and as there was no regular burying-ground, those who had previously died were buried on the hillside back of what is now the dwelling of Matthews and Son, and back of the Midland Railroad track. The child was buried on the hill, and among the few scattered trees overlooking the Wapsie. All who died here in the years that followed were buried on the same hill, and, finally, in the year 1854 or 1855, the ground, which was the property of Mr. G.H. Ford, was laid out into burial lots. The ground, as stated elsewhere was purchased by the Anamosa Cemetery Association.

(Editors Note)

The hill referred to above is in the area between Wyoming Street on the South and Maquoketa Street on the North, Division Line Street on the West and Dubuque Street on the East. The Midland Roundhouse and tracks were on Wyoming St. in block 6 where the swimming pool is in 1989.

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(from the Jones County History; 1879)

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP

Richland township is east of Monticello Twp (Lovell) and west of Washington twp, and is one of the first settled in the county. The south fork of the Maquoketa River crosses the southwest corner of the township, and by this means and numerous creeks, the whole is well watered. About one-third of the area is as fine prairie land as there is in the state, and the balance is timber-land. The prairie is in the northwest corner, and here the village of Bowen's Prairie is situated. Twenty years ago, this was a village of considerable importance, but the building-up of the town of Monticello caused the removal of business to that place. The following heads of families are found at Bowen's Prairie Village: E.S. Blodgett, Cyrus Whittemore, William Whittemore, Widow Heims, Frederick Pennaman, N.C. Rowley and James Craig. N.C. Rowley is the Postmaster. There are two churches in the Village and a German Church in the western portion of the township, about two miles south of Bowen's Prairie.

The timbered portion of the township is settled principally by Germans and Irish. A portion of the town of Cascade is in the north-east corner of the township, and an excellent water-power is here afforded by means of the north fork of the Maquoketa.

3 July 1902

John Emmons Ketcham, son of John and Joanna Burnett Ketcham was born in Morris County, New Jersey 29 Feb 1824, died at home in Cass Township 28 June 1902 at the age of 78 years 4 months.

He married Martha Wheaton 20 March 1850 in Delaware Co. Ohio where he lived, combining blacksmithing with farming until 1867 when he and his family came to Jones Co. Iowa. His children were, William L., Emma E., Joanna L., Harriet M., James H., John M., and Elmer S. He was a member of the Presbyterian church.

Services were in the Cass church June 30, with burial in the Cass cemetery.

ONSLOW

(Condensed from an article in the ONSLOW Centennial book 1971)
Onslow is located in two Townships, Wyoming and Madison. Mr Esau Franks and family were among the early settlers. In 1844 the first school house was built and Silas Garrison was the first teacher with seven pupils enrolled. In 1850 William Ecklers came from New York and settled north of Onslow; in 1851 Sam Conley the first Co. Supt of Jones County located east of town; in 1852 the John Russells started their home northeast of here; in 1852 the Taskers from Ohio chose the South Prairie for a location; the Sims and Wassons from Pennsylvania located at the edge of town; The Spencers from New York at Spencerville and the Emerson Browns from Maryland north of the village; in 1854 the Streepers and Scroggies from Pennsylvania to the north of town; and in 1855 the McDaniels from Ohio. In 1852 Mr John Dennison came from Ireland, then the Orrs, some of Mr. Dennison's relatives from Massachusetts, the Hamiltons, the Duncansons, the Fadleys from Ohio in 1856, in 1857 the Wood-yards from ohio and the Overleys from Kentucky. In 1855 a Mr. Scriven settled in Madison Township at the place where the village of Onslow now stands, a Mr Gilbert located one-half mile north of the town and worked in the cheese factory, the Fred Dockstaders and C. Himebaugh lived about a quarter of a mile west. The Chases, the Abrams, the Coles and the Kirkpatrick's located in the area where Onslow is located.

Jennie Chase, daughter of George and Mellissa Chase and an aunt to Mrs. Thelma Johnson Soesbe, was the first girl born here and George Bedel was the first boy.

The town was first called Franksburg in honor of Mr. Franks, but due to a delayed shipment of goods for Mr. Franks, which had been sent to Franksburg, Minnesota it was suggested that the name be changed because they were determined it would not happen again. After some discussion it was decided to choose the name Onslow for the governor of Maine.

GEORGE BYRON HALL

(from the Onslow Centennial book; 1971)

Mr. George Byron Hall was the second veterinarian known to have practiced in Onslow. He was born in New York State in 1840 and came with his parents to Iowa in 1843 where they bought land from the government. They settled on this homestead in Clay Twp. at Clay Mills where they engaged in farming. Later they moved to the farm where the Raymond Taylos now live. In 1907 he moved to Onslow where he practiced his profession as a veterinary surgeon. and became well known as "Bye" Hall. He and his wife Jennie Hodge Hall had four children, George, operated a meat market, Frank and his wife Cora had a grocery store, Albert (Bert) managed a livery barn and Elta, who married Wm. L. Brown lived in Wyoming but later moved to California. They attended Onslow Presbyterian Church.

10 July 1902

July 4, Milton C. infant son and only child of Mr. and Mrs. Watler Van Wusen passed away at the Wilson farm north of town (Anamosa). Interment was in Riverside cemetery. Mrs Van Dusen is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wilson.

COURTHOUSE CORNER

The following names are registered in our notebook in the clerks office.

- * Looking for relatives of John and Ella MORRISSEY. Teresa McLaughlin, 335 Koser Ave. Iowa City, Iowa 52246
- * Looking for John WENGERS and Jacob ZIMMERMAN families. Joyce Rohde, Box 67, Ryan Iowa 52330
- * Researching SIMMONS and BOOTS families. Velma Boots, Central City, Iowa 52214
- * Information wanted; RESH, PIERCE and BARNES families. Richard Pierce, Hiawatha, Iowa 52233
- * Researching GILLILAN family and Martha PARSONS GILLILAN. Nancy Jausel, R.R. 1, Box 31A, Ryan Iowa 52330
- * Researching Paul RUE (RUH, RUHE), Mary Ann RUE, augustine CARPENTER from Fairfield Co. Ohio. Virginia Carpenter Jansen, 2632 SE 242nd , Bothell, WA 98021
- * Looking for Sarah E. HOGOBOOM and Joseph LEGGETT. Sharon Wayne, 560 Berkshire Dr. Dixon CA 95620
- * Looking for Asa COOLEY, Edward SWIFT. Ruth Guenther, R.R. 1, Box 102A, Colombus Junction, Iowa
- * Searching for all branches of the families of Paul Thmpkins SHIMERDA. Ann Netser, 301 Hilltop Rd. Marion, Iowa 52302

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MINI ANCESTORS

- * Would like to correspond and exchange information with anyone doing research of STICKLEY families. Mine into Iowa out of Ohio and Virginia, originating in Switxerland. Mark Hickok, 1589 Sunrise Dr., Anchorage, Alaska, 99508
- * Would like to correspond with descendants of Ira and Lucinda HOLMES COLEMAN, were in 1880 Jones Co. Census from Hale, or anyone who has information on his children, William and Ella. Also Emily COLEMAN BARKER, wife of A Merton BARKER, married 10 April 1864, lived in Olin. Where did these people go? Liz Coleman, Rt 2, Anamosa IA 52205.
- * Seeking information on BARNARD and Curtright families, Anamosa. Mary Genora BARNARD, Born Anamosa in 1864. Her parents were John Harvey BARNARD and Emily Curtright. Mary married Walter Ferris LAKE Sr. in Anamosa and Walter became the foreman for the Anaomosa Eureka for 16 years. Who were the parents of John Harvey BARNARD and Emily CURTRIGHT, and their brothers and sisters? Need the names and address of any living descendents of the BARNARDS or CURTRIGHT still living in the Anamosa area. Any information will be helpful. Arnold Lake Hovey, Rt. 3, Box 148, Flint, Texas 75762
- * WANT INFORMATION: there was a cemetery in Section 27, Clay Twp. at the end of a dead end road on the north side of Mineral Creek. My source says it has been completely destroyed. If you have any data about this cemetery contact any local Society Member.

17 June 1875: ANAMOSA UREEKA

Married; at the Fisher house, Anamosa on the 19th Instant by A. Higby, J.P., Mr Frank Kellogg and Miss Cynthia Sylvester, both of Hopkinton, Delaware Co.

Married; at the residence of the brides parents on Monday June 14th by Elder N.A. McConnell of Cedar Rapids, E.H. Lockwood M.D. and Leah Mershon of Fairview, Jones Co. Iowa.

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ATTENTION: ALL MEMBERS.

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HELP!!- To the new members 1988 and 1989. If you have not sent a pedigree chart or family group sheet for your Jones County ancestor please do so. The pedigree charts will be printed in the newsletter as possible help to others. If possible send it in the Ahnentafel form. (yourself #1, Your parents #2 and 3, grand parents # 4, 5, 6, and 7. each male ancestor has an even number, doubled for the father and add one for his wife. Direct male line would be numbered 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64 and etc. Your mother would be number 3, her father 6, grand father 12, great grandfather 24 and so on.)

We are still looking for people who were born in Jones County before 1880. If you know anyone in this category send the information to the Society. Please include the source of your information, Bible, Obit, etc.

We also need Queries for the "Ancestors" and Mini Ancestors column. There may be someone in the area who can help you if they knew that you need help on a family.

Do you have obituaries, Bible records, old letters or biographies of early settlers? If you would like to share, the information will be printed in the newsletter.

If there is anything you would like to see in the newsletter or if you have any suggestions or criticisms of the newsletter please drop me a note. My address is, June Morrow, 4986 Wagner Road, Central City, Iowa 52214.

The monthly meeting of the Jones County Genealogical Society was held in the Court House in Anamosa on March 21.

We are preparing to host the regional meeting of IGS on May 6. Liz Coleman is chairing a committee working on theme and decorations. The membership voted to have a theme of "Bridge of Time" for the meeting.

We are also making plans to move the Resource Center from 122 East Main to 117½ East Main. We will do this in April.

The Anamosa/Monticello papers will publish a "Guide to Jones County" for tourism purposes. J.C.G.S. will have an ad in that publication.

We will be taking materials about desecration of cemeteries to the township trustees soon.

The evening's speaker was Loren Horton of the Iowa Historical Society. He presented a slide program on "How to Visit a Cemetery." He has available a pamphlet summarizing this presentation: "Cemeteries, Research Tools of the Past."

Renee Dooley, Beverly Frankfurt, and JoAnn Walters will have a panel presentation at the cemetery conference to be held in Newton on May 19-20. They will tell about the Society's efforts to preserve and protect cemeteries in Jones County.

CALENDAR

APRIL 18: Regular Meeting 7:30pm

MAY 6: IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 9am-4pm Fawn Creek Country Club Anamosa.

MAY 16: Reg. Meeting 7:30pm Speaker-BILL CORBIN on Civil War

May 19-20: CEMETERY CONFERENCE, Newton IA
BIRTHDAY

MARCH 10: RENEE DOOLEY

APRIL 7: JAN WENNDT

12: JAMES SIBERT

13: EVELYN FILLOON

14: JoAnn WALTERS

AREA EVENTS

HERBERT HOOVER PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY MUSEUM, WEST BRANCH, IA--Exhibit of WW I mementos and will be open from April 15 to Oct. 29.

19 JAN 1899 ANAMOSA EUREKA

INEZ LEWELLEN CHADWICK, born 10 Jul 1876, married NELSON CHADWICK 15 Sept 1897, died 9 Jan 1899, Burial in Riverside Cem. Survived by her sister MRS. ELMER LANDIS.

AIN'T IT THE TRUTH!

The will you need is in the safe of the Titanic!

The spelling of your European ancestor's name bears no relationship to its current spelling or pronunciation!

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