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Press Release

For Immediate Release

The Zion Genealogical Society will host an all day seminar on April 26 1997. Our featured speaker will be Helen F. M. Leary who will speak on methodology. The title of her lecture is "A New Light on Old Problems: A Workshop on Problem Solving Methods". In addition, there will be concurrent Beginner Workshop classes.

Helen Leary is a noted lecturer and author who speaks frequently at national genealogical conferences. She is exceptionally knowledgeable, entertaining and adept at communicating her point. Her lectures are appropriate for any level genealogical researcher.

The seminar will be held at St. Therese Hospital, San Damiano Hall, 2615 Washington Street, Waukegan, IL 60085. Registration in advance is \$20.00 for non-members and \$17.00 for Zion Genealogical Society members before April 10, 1997. After April 10th, the registration is \$23.00 for non-members and \$20.00 for members.

Helen will teach a class on becoming a Board Certified Genealogist on the evening of Friday, April 26th, starting at 7:00 P. M at the same location. The fee for this class is \$5.00 in addition to the seminar fee.

Anyone who wishes a brochure can contact Joanne I. Layne, P. O. Box 873, Waukegan, IL 60079. Contact persons are Carrie Johann (847) 623-2396 or Joanne I. Layne (847) 360-0360.

A HISTORY OF
THE ERNSBERGER FAMILY

In 1735 The Ernsberger Family may have been residents of the town of Arnsberg, located in the North Rhine area of Germany. Other documentation indicates that they may have lived in the Rhineland area south of Arnesberg in the Palatinate.

There is a statue of "an Arnsberger" standing in the town square of Arnsberg, Germany. Whether this is a relative is not known, since the name is fairly common in Germany.

Although little is known about the Ernsberger family in Germany, it is thought that a son, Jerg Heinrich, joined a large emigration of conservative Lutherans who came to America during this period. Many conservative Lutherans opposed the union of the Lutheran Catechism and the Heidelberg Catechism by King Federick I.

Jerg Heinrich (or George Hendrick) appears on the manifest of the ship Charming Nancy, which arrived at Philadelphia on Oct. 7th, 1737. The manifest states that passengers of the Charming Nancy originated in the Palitinate, Germany. Embarkation was at Rotterdam, with an intermediate stop at London. He was sworn in as a citizen on Oct. 8, 1737.

Jerg Henrick Ernsperger married Magdalena Rausch sometime after October, 1737. On March 9, 1742, Maria Agnes, thought to be their first child was born.

George Henrich Ernstberger died between January 25, 1754 (date of his will) and March 6, 1754 when the will was brought forward for probate.

In his will and in the probate records he was known as Henry Ernstberger. He left one third of his estate in his will to his wife, Maria Magdalena. Unfortunately, there is no mention of his children in his will.

His estate consisted of personal effects valued at 106 Pounds and real estate of 225 acres against debts of 307 Pounds. After the 225 acres were sold, his estate was valued at 657 Pounds.

Maria Magdalena Ernstberger married Christian Fox (Fuchs) within one year of her husband's death. Family sources indicate that a "Christian" Ernsberger was bound as

an apprentice at age 16 to a man named Frost, possibly in payment for his passage to America. Although no records have been found to substantiate this information, it is possible that stories handed down through the years have confused Jerg Heinrich and the step-father of the Ernsbarger children, Christian Fox.

There is no record of the disposition of the other 2/3 of Jerg Heinrich's estate except that Christian Fox and wife Maria Magdalena deeded part of his property to daughter Maria Agnes. This had to come from her 1/3 share.

Most researchers believe that Christopher Arnsberger Sr.'s father was Jerg Henrich Ernsperger (George Hendrick Ernsperger) who arrived in Philadelphia, Pa. on October 8, 1737 aboard the ship, Charming Nancy. A record of the birth or baptism of Christopher Arnsberger Sr. has not been found at this time, so no real proof establishes this relationship.

Both Jerg Heinrich and Christopher Sr. were living in Lancaster, Pa. in the 1700's. Christopher Sr. had to be 21 years old or older to be married in 1771 which would make his birth date 1750 or earlier and prior to Jerg Heinrich's death in 1754.

Christopher Arnsbarger (Arnsberger) Sr. married Catherine Fahrner on Dec. 3, 1771. He died in Washington County, Maryland prior to June 11, 1811. An administration bond was issued to Christopher Arnsbarger Jr. and George Arnsbarger for the estate of Christopher Arnsbarger Sr., deceased. At that time administration bonds were issued on estates for those dying without a will.

Christopher Arnsbarger Sr. bought and sold a considerable amount of real estate in Washington County Maryland as the records indicate. He evidently made good money on these deals because after his death there were 3 distributions of money to his wife and twelve children. We do not have a record of the first distribution. However, on the second distribution on September 22, 1812 his wife was given 179 Pounds 14 Shillings and 11 Pence. The third distribution on February 14, 1821 a total of \$2,935.91 was distributed. The wife received \$604.46 and the 12 children received \$194.28 each.

The twelve children of Christopher Arnsbarger Sr. were Henry, Christopher Jr., John, Frederick, Catherine, Mary, Cassandra, Michael, Esther, Jacob, George and Elizabeth.

The records indicate that on "May 27, 1802 in the house of Christopher Arnsberger, Sr., Mr. Christopher Arnsberger, Jr. and Catherine Fister (Feaster) (Pfister), both from Frederick County, Maryland, by license, were married in the

presence of Mr. Johann Schmidt and Andreas Kiever and various friends."

Christopher Jr. and Catherine (Fister) Arnsberger had 8 children: Sarah, Christopher, Jacob, George, Mary Ann, John, James, and Daniel.

Christopher Arnsberger Jr. died April 14, 1850 in Ballville Township, Sandusky County, Ohio. Mrs. Catherine (Fister) Arnsberger also died in Ballville Township, Sandusky County, Ohio sometime between July and September 1859. They both died under the name of Ernsperger, and are buried in McGormley Cemetery, Sandusky County, Ohio.

There is no record of any will or estate of Christopher Jr. who died in 1850. Mrs. Catherine (Fister) Ernsperger left a will. Her estate amounted to \$941.57 which was divided among her eight children after her debts were paid.

John Ernsberger and Mary Smith were married in 1801² in Maryland and resided there until 1813. In 1813 they joined a group of friends and relatives heading west. The group crossed the Allegheny Mountains and into Ohio, reaching the settlement of Whetstone, south of West Point, Morrow County, Ohio. There they were met by scouts who told them there was trouble with Indians farther to the northwest, and that it was not safe to proceed. They were probably following the Cumberland Road, begun in 1811.

The Cumberland Road was a leading factor in settling the midwest. It ran from Cumberland, Maryland, starting at the western end of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, to the present site of Wheeling, West Virginia, on the Ohio river, in 1818 and Vandalia, Illinois in 1852. It never reached St. Louis, Missouri, the intended terminal, due to public interest shifting to the railroads. Except for the west end beyond Indianapolis, Indiana, the road had stone bridges and macadam pavement 30 feet wide. It's present day route is along US Highway 40.

Jacob and Barbara (Long) Culler may have been in this group moving westward from Maryland. Several of the sons and daughters of the Jacob Culler and John Ernsberger families later married in Richland County, Ohio.

Michael Ernsberger may have also been a member of this party moving westward, as he is buried at Balleville, Sandusky County, Ohio, having died there May 19, 1850. His descendents can be found in Sandusky County, Ohio and LaGrange County, Indiana.

Philip Ernsberger, a nephew of John Ernsberger pushed on into Michigan, took up a claim of 160 acres in Oakland county, and built a log house on it. He then returned to

his old home in Maryland, married Ellen Maria Pace (1824), and returned to Michigan the following spring. Many of the descendants of Philip still reside in the state of Michigan.

Abraham Ernsberger, another nephew of John Ernsberger, was probably also a member of this original party. He eventually settled further west in the Delphos, Allen County, Ohio area, and his descendants can be found there today.

Where John Ernsberger and his party were originally bound is not definitely known; however the direction in which they travelled through Ohio, and Philip's final destination, indicates that they, too, meant to settle in Michigan. Having been delayed by Indians, and with winter approaching they instead turned to the northeast of Whetstone and settled in Richland County, northeast of Lucas, Ohio. There John Ernsberger bought 160 acres in the Monroe township.

John Ernsberger's wife Mary, died here in 1823 leaving the care of eight children Elias, Henry, George, Susanna, Elizabeth, Catherine, Solomon, and Margaret, to eleven-year-old Mary Ann. She is buried in the Mount Zion Luthern Cemetary in Richland County (the first recorded grave).

John Ernsberger and Jacob Culler were instrumental in the formation of the Mount Zion Luthern Church and its growth in the community. Cyrus Ernsberger, a grandson of John Ernsberger, was a minister of the Church in 1877. It is still an active church to date.

Four years later John Ernsberger married a Mary Ann (Polly) Archer and in the 1850's they and their four children, Daniel, Levi, Sarah, and Ada, and their families moved to Illinois, and then onto Iowa, where John died in 1858. He is buried in Fairview Township, Jones County, Iowa.

The Iowa territory evolved from the Louisiana Purchase in 1834 - 1838, and statehood in 1846.

Macomb/Rushville, McDonough County, Illinois, is in an almost straight line west of Lucas, Richland County, Ohio. The Ernsberger party may have passed through this area as Z.B. Hartman and Sarah (Ernsberger) Hartman, who were married in Richland County, Ohio, lived there from 1851 to 1891. They then moved to Centralia, Kansas, raising nine daughters. They are buried in Centralia, Kansas, and their descendants can be found in Eastern Kansas and Western Missouri (Kansas City area).

Elias, Henry, Mary Ann (Culler), Susanna (Sackman), Elizabeth (Culler), Catherine (Culler), Margaret (Archer)

Ernsberger all remained in Richland County, Ohio, and their ancestors can be found there today, in and around Lucas and Mansfield, Ohio.

George Ernsberger may also have been in the original party too, moving further west with John Ernsberger, his father, as he settled with his family in Caldwell County, Missouri. George and Margaret Ernsbarger are buried in Kingston, Caldwell County, Missouri. His descendants can be found today throughout the state of Missouri, particularly in Bates County.

Not much is presently known about Solomon Ernsberger and his family, but he too may have been a member of the party pushing westward as there is some evidence that he may have settled around Mentone, Indiana.

Levi Ernsberger and his family were part of the party pushing westward also, as there is evidence of them living in Jones County, Iowa, in 1860. But at this time, where they finally settled is unknown. There is evidence that they may have returned to Ohio, and then on to Mentone, Indiana.

Daniel Ernsberger and his family continued to push further westward from Jones County, Iowa settling in Nemaha County, Nebraska in 1864/1865. In 1877 they moved further west, settling on a homestead in Bow Creek Township, Rooks County, Kansas.

Daniel was preceded to this area in 1874 by his sister Ada, wife of John Marshall. John and Ada (Ernsberger) Marshall were probably among the original group which left Ohio in the 1850's with her father John Ernsberger. John and Ada Marshall homesteaded land in Bow Creek Township. Later they moved to a farm north of Stockton, Kansas, and are buried in the cemetery in Stockton, Rooks County, Kansas. Their descendants can be found in and around this area today.

Daniel Ernsbarger left the Rooks County, Kansas area and moved back eastward down the Solomon river to Delphos, Ottawa County, Kansas. Daniel and Margaret Ernsbarger are buried in Delphos, Ottawa County, Kansas. Their descendants can be found today in this area.

John Ernsberger's gravestone reads: "J. Ernsbarger". Daniel Ernsberger, Levi Ernsberger, George Ernsberger and their descendants all use the "Ernsbarger" spelling. This change in spelling is unexplained, however, there are several family theories.

The Ernsbarger history is interwoven with the proud heritage of those early pioneers who faced tremendous

hardships to settle the western frontiers of America. They came to America seeking religious, political and economic freedom. They faced a harsh existence, often just to survive the cruel winters on the plains. They fought a revolutionary war, the Indians, and a devastating civil war. Their efforts and those of all pioneers have shaped our boundaries and our nation. Today the progeny of the pioneer Ernsbargers can be found in the record of settlement of at least 12 of the Republic's most prosperous states. It is heritage of which we can be proud to call our own.

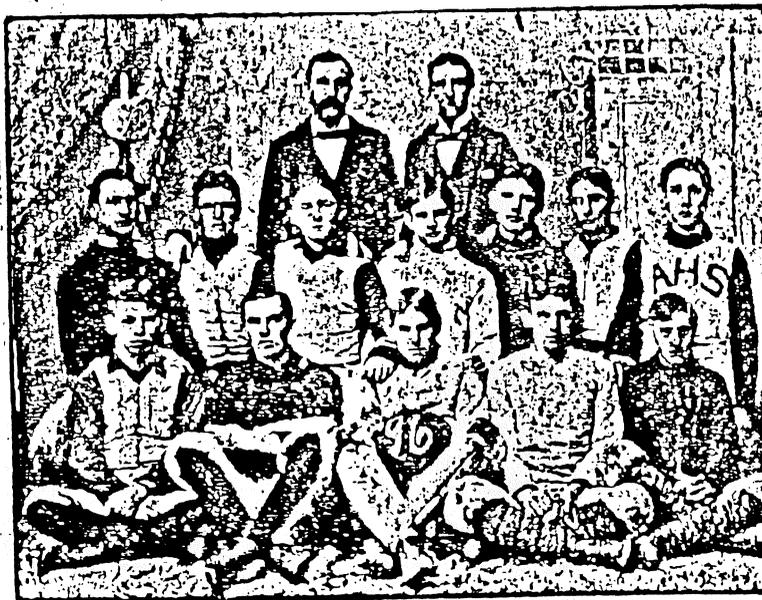
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Anamosa Journal - 18 Aug 1938

FIRST ANAMOSA FOOTBALL TEAM

The Corbyn School

Rev. J. L. Corbyn came to Anamosa from St. Louis in 1875 and became rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church. He soon organized a class of boys and taught them in the vestry of the church. The following year he persuaded his sister, Miss Marcia P. Corbyn, to join him. She had been teaching at Wolf Hall in Denver, and Bishop Spaulding was reluctant to give his consent to her leaving. Mr. Corbyn promised her that he would build a school house if she would assist him in teaching. The building was erected on Booth Street back of the residence that Mr. Corbyn built. (After Mr. Corbyn passed away the building was moved up and connected with the residence. It is the fourth house from Main St. on the west side.) The school became very popular so much so that Mr. and Miss Corbyn were obliged to employ assistants, who were successively, Laura Monroe, later Mrs. Charles Gould, Cella Martin, and Frances Sibley. Many useful lessons were learned besides those in the text books. Morals and deportment were inculcated. The best influence surrounded the pupils, some of whom are now prominent citizens of this and other communities. Miss Corbyn passed away in August, 1890, and Mr. Corbyn in May, 1900. Burial was in Quincy, Ill. Their works do follow them.



Back in 1896, the good old days of the flying wedge and the center rush, these young Anamosa athletes decided they would go in for a little grid-iron sport for themselves, and their decision resulted in the formation of the first Anamosa high school football team.

The boys might not have been right up to style—there isn't a single mustache, sideburn, or nose-guard in sight—but they played a whale of a lot of football just the same.

Reading from left to right, front row: Will Griffith, deceased; Lee Reid, employed in Zeuch's grocery store here;

Levi Birk, farming five miles northwest of Anamosa; Wall Ellis, retired, Anamosa; and Alfred Remley, of the Anamosa Lumber Company.

Second row, left to right: Roy Stewart, a grocer in Washington Iowa; Clarence Crocker, Joe Foley, Perry Beam and Elmer Birk, all deceased; Roy Overly, farming three miles northwest of Wyoming; and James Pope, a mail clerk at Marion.

Back row, A. Palmer, superintendent, deceased, and Jewett Niles, employed in the Clark Clothing Co., Cedar Rapids.

ATTORNEYS

The following excerpts are taken from a letter written in 1911 by M. W. Herrick, member of the firm of Herrick, Cash and Rhinehart to T. E. Booth discussing the attorneys there had been in Jones county up to that time.

"I find it will be impossible for me to go into the biographies of the members of the bar of Jones county, however, I will give you a list of the attorneys of Jones County since I came here in April, 1868.

"When I came here there were in active practice the following named attorneys:— Judge McCarn, J. L. Sheean, S. T. Pierce, J. S. Stacey, Milton Remley, C. R. Scott, T. R. Ercanbrack, Ezra Keeler, John McKean, and John Parsons, all of Anamosa; A. J. Monroe and a young man by the name of Bradley, whose given name I have forgotten, of Monticello; and W. I. Chamberlain of Wyoming. Alexander Hughes came to Monticello in 1869 and was in partnership with me for a short time. J. M. King, of Cascade, practiced mainly in Jones county and subsequently went to Anamosa and became a member of the firm of King and Deitz, so he may also be regarded as a Jones county attorney. All of these are dead, excepting Judge McCarn, Milton Remley and Ezra Keeler.

Later J. W. Jamison, B. H. Miller, F. O. Ellison, R. M. Bush, J. Q. Wing, J. E. Finke, W. M. Welch and J. S. Welch became members of the bar; J. W. Doxsee followed a little later, and still later C. J. Cash, B. E. Rhinehart, J. E. Remley and Geo. Lawrence came on. Later still were A. A. Cole, of Olin, Park Chamberlain and R. M. Corbit of Wyoming, George Bennett, C. B. Paul and George Gorman of Anamosa. D. D. Rorick has been an attorney at Oxford Junction for a number of years.

Transient Attorneys

There have from time to time been what might be called transient attorneys, who remained in the county only a short time and disappeared.

I want to call your attention to just one of the present practicing attorneys, as we have all supposed that Judge McCarn is the oldest man as well as the oldest practitioner. This is, in part, a mistake. N. W. Hutchins, of Wyoming, is a little older than Judge McCarn, was born in 1831, so he is eighty years of age while the judge is past 79. A. J. Monroe lived to be 95 years of age.

You undoubtedly well remember Alexander Hughes, who served as county superintendent. Hughes went to Dakota and took up a homestead, and within a year entered the active practice of the law. He became attorney general of the state of North Dakota when admitted, and was undoubtedly in his time the ablest attorney in Dakota. He afterwards became general attorney for the Union Pacific Railway company, later, Assistant General Attorney for the Great Northern, and was, as I remember, third or fourth Auditor of the Treasury during Harrison's administration. Some five or six years previous to his death he took up his residence at Minneapolis and became extensively engaged in electric light and power plants and telephones, his health compelling him to retire from the practice. He died at Minneapolis about three years ago.

J. Q. Wing

You, of course, remember the erratic and natural born orator J. Q. Wing, who came to such a sad end. He was disbarred from the practice of law while located in Davenport. Following this, he went to Austin, Texas, and became a reporter on one of the daily papers of that city during a session of legislature, overworked and died very suddenly.

I had forgotten the name of Ernest Hicks, who was admitted to practice probably twelve to fifteen years ago, served nearly one term as county attorney, resigned, and formed a partnership with a man by the name of Barger in Chicago, the firm name being Barger and Hicks. They are making insurance law a specialty. He is still located in Chicago and one of the prominent attorneys of Illinois. I overlooked also A. B. Oakley, who formed a partnership with Jamison in 1877 at Anamosa, the firm being O. and J.

Highly Honored

Quite a good many of Jones county attorneys, have been highly honored. John McKean, was a state senator, but resigned his office to take the office of judge to which he had been elected. He was egotistical, a prolix, unentertaining sort of speaker, but an honest man, a good lawyer and certainly made a very exceptional record as judge, having been reversed only two or three times. Ellison, as you will remember, was representative and state senator and is now serving his second term as district judge. Judge Miller also served one term as district judge. Milton Remley became attorney general and made the ablest attorney general Iowa ever had.

Judge Remley, served most successfully as judge of the district court for about seven years, and was a very prominent candidate for judge of the Supreme court.

Ed. note— In 1911, M. W. Herrick had practiced longer in Jones county than any other resident attorney, except McCarn, having been admitted here in June, 1868.

Characteristics

James Remley, a present lawyer in Anamosa, has contributed a few remarks concerning the characteristics and personalities of some of these earlier attorneys.

He speaks of Judge McCarn as a quiet, peace-loving individual who didn't contest cases but was an abstract and probate judge of a generous disposition. Coming to Anamosa in 1856 from Tipton, he made it his home until his death February 15, 1922. When 35 years of age, the Judge was taken ill with spinal meningitis and to recuperate, went to Golden, Colorado, but returned here soon after. He lived to an age of 89 years, and at the time of his death, was, by far, the longest time attorney in Anamosa.

Mr. Remley describes J. L. Sheean as having been a very active sort of person, being much in the public light. At one time he ran for congress. All the sons followed in the footsteps of their father and became lawyers, the one, James, becoming attorney general for the Northwestern railroad and John becoming an attorney in Chicago. Will located in Anamosa, was appointed to the State Board of Control, and was elected Senator from this district. road and the other, John, becoming an attorney in Chicago.

Judge Remley

Judge Howard Marshall Remley came to Anamosa as a boy of 12. In 1872, after graduating from the University of Iowa he went into practice here. For seven years he was district judge of the eighteenth judicial district. In his later years he went into partnership with his son, the present James Remley and instituted the firm of Remley and Remley.

John S. Stacey, Mr. Remley names as a judge of probate, Ezra Keeler as a long-time Anamosa lawyer. Henry Keeler also practiced law in Anamosa and his daughter is the present Mrs. Florence Whitcombe. Judge Hubert is remembered as having been from Anamosa, as well as J. W. Jamison who never went to college but studied in the justice court at Olin. After he left Anamosa, he went to Cedar Rapids where he

became a leading lawyer and attorney of unusual ability. He was very effective in pleading his case before the jury, and in other respects, was as versatile a man as ever lived.

B. H. Miller, who grew up at Olin, worked in the justice courts there before he was admitted to the bar in Anamosa. He was elected judge of the district court about 1903. Clifford B. Paul was a lawyer in Anamosa who died in May of 1932 and James Pierce was another lawyer of an earlier date.

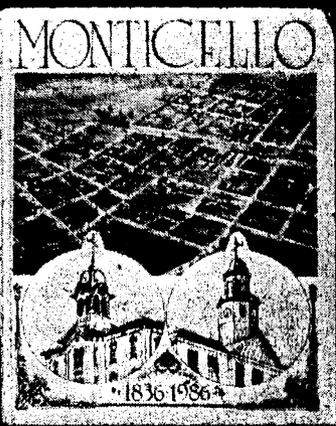
In conclusion, Mr. Remley spoke of Judge Ellison who but recently retired from his many years of active service in the district court. The present lawyers in Anamosa now are Ben Rhinehart and Glen McLaughlin, in partnership; Wright Frazier and Warren Rees, also of the same firm; James Remley of Remley and Remley; George Lawrence and Warrence Lawrence, C. Cash and Paul Cash.

Private Schools

Beside the public school there were several private schools, these were the Hazel Knoll school and Jones county academy, the Carbyn school, the Catholic school.

In the spring of 1858 Rev. Bishop Isbell, wife, and three daughters, came to Anamosa from the East. Rev. Isbell at one time was pastor of the M. E. church and preached in Cass. Shortly after reaching Anamosa, in the summer of 1858, a commodious stone house was erected one mile from town, to which a school building was added and the Hazel Knoll Family Boarding School was established and was continued fourteen years by the personal instruction of Mrs. Isbell and her eldest daughter, Miss Eliza Isbell. A large number of those who were under their tu-

ition are now filling honored places in the world. Miss Eliza passed away in July, 1872. Mrs. Isbell died in April, 1879. Miss Emily Isbell, youngest daughter, aided in the music department of the Hazel Knoll school. She married Hon. J. M. King of Cascade, afterward moving to Colorado. Miss Adelaide Isbell, after teaching for some years in different schools, married Col. Charles F. Springer in December, 1866, a U. S. Congressman, and made her home in Edwardsville, Ill. After four years Col. Springer died. After a year she returned here and became the principal of the Jones county academy in Anamosa. The school had been organized one year before and Mrs. Springer taught for ten year or more. Mrs. Springer passed away some years ago but is remembered and often quoted by former pupils.



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and Pringle. Glen Pringle 7828 Garner Dr Manassas VA 20109-3134

We now have the following microfilm at our Society for Jones Co.:
1840, 1850, 1856, 1860, 1870, (1880 - partial Soundex) 1885. 1895. 1900. 1905,
1910, 1915, and the 1925 census on card index.

I am seeking information regarding the death of Matilda Wagner HARRIS, who
supposedly died in Wyoming, IA in June 1867. She was the wife of Thomas H.
HARRIS. She had sons: Clark W., Joseph, Frank, William B., and George;
daus. Elesta Amarilla, Alice Leuisa Matilda, and possibly another one whose
mar name was Mrs. Curvo. Susan White HC61, Box 61 Coleman OK 73432-9517

Anyone with information on Wilson POTTS and family - Wilson d 11 Dec 1891
and is bur. in Riverside Cemetery. contact Robert R Derber 302 Brandon Ct
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Emma BLUCK Denver Homemaker, 97 The Denver Post Monday October 14 1996

Emma Grace McCammant Bluck of Denver, a homemaker, died Tuesday. She was 97.
A graveside service will be at 9 A.M. today at Crown Hill Cemetery, West 29th
Avenue and Wadsworth Boulevard.

She was born Oct 4, 1899 in Olin IA. Her husband Walter, preceded her in death.
Her interests included cooking, garage sales, flea markets and vegetable gardening.
She is survived by a daughter, Shirley Rockwell, Phoenix; three sons, Robert,
Grand Junction, Dean, Port Angeles, Wash., and Wayne, Grants Pass OR; a sister,
Wilda Murray, Las Vegas.NEV.; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and two
great-great-grandchildren.

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