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OBITUARY

AREND G. ZIMMERMANN

Mr. Arend G. Zimmermann died at his home in Amber, last Thursday, the 29th ult., at the age of seventy-three years ten months, and twenty-one days. Mr. Zimmermann had been ill for more than a year. Death resulted from stomach trouble and an enfeebled condition. The deceased was born at Strackholt, Pr. * Hanover, Germany, on January 7th 1831. He came to America in 1853 and settled in Dixon, Illinois. On the 10th of July, 1858, he was married to Anna Catherine Grumm. They came to Jones county by wagon in 1860, and made their home in the town of Monticello for six years. While in Monticello the deceased followed his trade, that of a shoemaker. He built the first brick building that was erected in the town, it being the Arduser building now occupied by Miss Ott's millinery store. Mr. Zimmermann pursued his calling in that building for several years. His eyes were turned toward the farming land of Wayne twp where he saw great possibilities. He acted wisely for he lived to see his landed possessions which he bought six miles south of Monticello increase in value from a few dollars to \$100.00 per acre. The family was prosperous and Mr. Zimmermann added to his landed possessions until he became one of the well-to-do citizens of Wayne township, the owner of one of its large farms. Four years ago he retired from the active management of his business, and removed to Amber. Mr. Zimmermann was a good citizen, honest industrious and progressive. He was a fair representative of those German residents of the county who have done so much in making it rich and prosperous. He was the father of eleven children, eight of whom survive. The survivors are: William, John, Herman, and George Zimmermann; Mrs. August Toenjes, Mrs. John Burrack, Mrs. Henry Behrends, and Mrs. George Mardorf. The funeral services will be held tomorrow forenoon at 11 o'clock and interment will be had at the German Lutheran cemetery. Rev. C. Mardorf will conduct the funeral.

The MONTICELLO EXPRESS
Monticello, Iowa
December 1, 1904

* 2951 Strackholt (Oestfriesl.)
Germany

I am searching the following surnames in Jones Co. IA. Will exchange information.
Morehead, Behnke, Schmidt, Hans, Verkap, Knutsen, Boyer, Evers, Dodds, Weideman,
Webster, Green, Schwartz, Holmes, Francis, Schone, Klamforth, Fredericksen, Hein,
Nelson, Becker, Kleineck, Butt, Mizaur, McNight, Womachka, Reinhart, Schmidtz, Felker,
Davis, Baldwin, Boquist, Jurgensen, Pfiefer, Moeller. Kathryn V. Morehead,
15440 S E Rhone Ct Portland OR 97236-2262

IGS REGION II WORKSHOP

HOST: CEDAR COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

COORDINATOR: MARGE CLEMENS - REGION REPRESENTATIVE

WHEN: SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 1997

TIME: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

WHERE: CEDAR COUNTY SENIOR CENTER
CORNER OF 2ND AND ORANGE STREETS
TIPTON, IOWA

(IN TIPTON GO WEST FROM HWY. 38 ON 2ND STREET
SEVERAL BLOCKS TO THE CORNER OF ORANGE.)

PROGRAM: SPEAKERS

CORNEL STREET - QUAKER RESEARCH
EQU SOUTHWOOD - BLACK HAWK WAR
HATH STREET - STATE ASSOCIATION FOR THE
PRESERVATION OF IOWA CEMETERIES.

DISCUSSION SESSIONS:

CHAPTER CONCERNS
STATUS OF COUNTY RECORD AVAILABILITY
PERSONAL RESEARCH QUESTIONS / ANSWERS

CHAPTERS: PLEASE RESERVE A TABLE IF YOU WISH TO DISPLAY / SELL
ITEMS. CHAPTERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN
ITEMS

ADVANCED REGISTRATION REQUIRED - DEADLINE APRIL 18

REGISTRATION: \$8.00 (INCLUDES LUNCH) - MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO

CEDAR COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY AND SEND TO

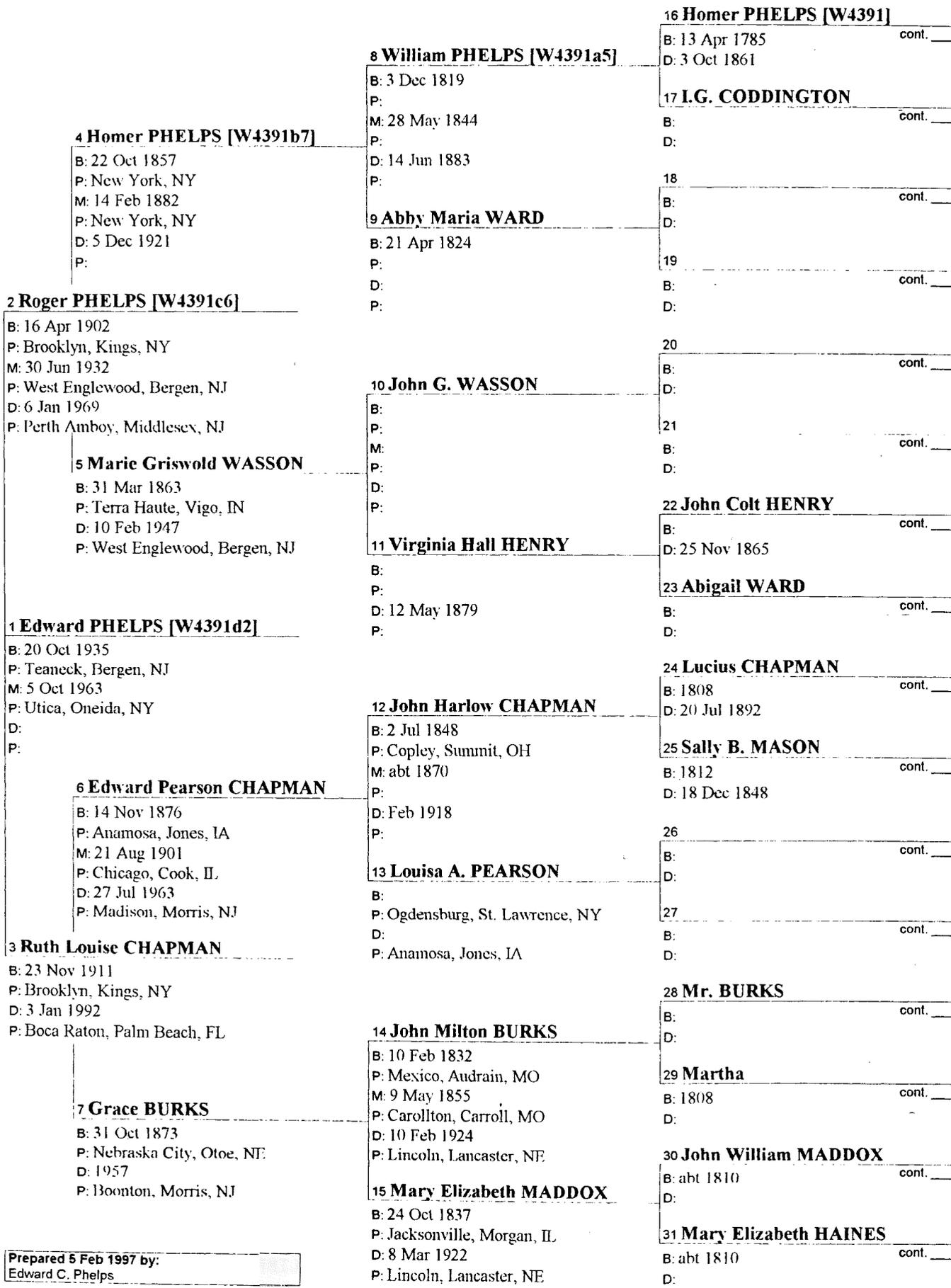
CONFERENCE COORDINATOR
5603 FIRST AVE. S.W.
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA 52405-4019

(PLEASE INCLUDE LIST OF NAMES IF YOU ARE MAKING A
MULTIPLE REGISTRATION)

Pedigree Chart

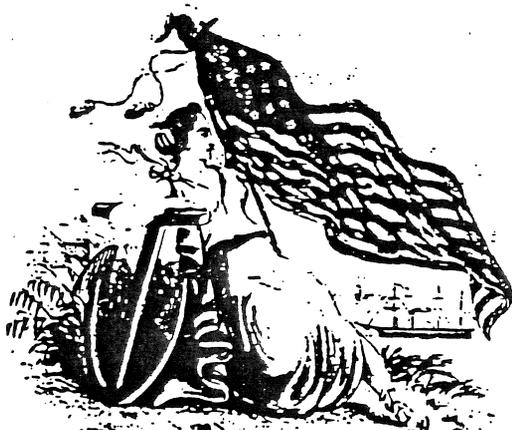
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A UNIQUE IOWA RESOURCE:
THE G.A.R. CARD INDEX FILE
By Howard E. Snedden

Did an ancestor of yours serve in the Union Army during the Civil War? Did he live in Iowa after the war? If the answers to these questions are "yes," and you haven't checked the Grand Army of the Republic [G.A.R.] Card Index File at the Historical Building in Des Moines, you may have overlooked a unique and valuable treasure trove of information.

Today, little is remembered of the organization that began in Decatur County, Illinois, on April 6, 1866. In their day, G.A.R. members cut a wide swath. Decoration Day, now Memorial Day, began through their efforts. In Iowa, they were successful in getting the Iowa Soldiers' Home at Marshalltown built; and although supposedly nonpolitical, managed to elect six of their members governors of Iowa.

The peak year in Iowa for G.A.R. was 1890, when 20,324 members answered roll call in 435 posts throughout the state. By the 1920's, most of the old soldiers were gone; and nearly all of the posts had been disbanded; and "Taps" was sounding. It nearly sounded for the post records as well.

Luckily for genealogists, Miss Amy Noll was serving as G.A.R. state secretary during 1941. She had the foresight to realize the importance of having all the post records in a

central location, and the determination to accomplish the task of gathering them. She crisscrossed the state obtaining the records from libraries, historical societies and descendants of former members. Even so, despite her best efforts, some records already were destroyed or "lost."

Each post was supposed to keep a post minute book, describing its activities and listing officers, and a post description book, giving information concerning individual members. Using these books as her primary sources, Miss Noll began listing all data from them on five by eight-inch cards of her own design, one for each member.

Miss Noll's diligence did not end there. She consulted rosters, searched old newspapers, acquired pension and service records, wrote other states, corresponded with relatives and interviewed descendants who came to her office. The results of all this, and other information, she added to the cards. The file was organized alphabetically by post for each county, and a separate statewide index was developed for the whole.

It's not unusual to find three generations listed on a card; in some instances, four. Specific references to localities in other states as places of birth, death or marriage are common. Some cards, of course, tell little. Overall, the file is a marvelous tool.

Each G.A.R. index card contains a place for the following information: Veteran's name; residence; occupation; date and place of birth; date, place and cause of death; place of burial; war record [rank, company, regiment, state and organization]; date and place of enlistment; date and place of discharge; battles participated in and other war-related information; information about nearest relatives [name and nativity of parents, name of wife and names and residences of children]; sources; offices of honor in G.A.R.; and records of G.A.R. membership and dues paid.

Although few of the cards are entirely complete, many contain extensive information.

THIS CARD INDEX FILE HAS BEEN COPIED BY THE LDS LIBRARY AND CAN BE VIEWED AT ANY LDS BRANCH LIBRARY.

THIS FILE IS ALSO ON MICROFILM AT THE IOWA GENEALOGY SOCIETY LIBRARY.

Sixth Generation

ALBERT CLYMER (Charles Clymer #7)
Son of Charles Clymer and Mary Fisher
b. Nov. 17, 1827 Fairfield Co. Ohio
d. 1896 Jones Co. Iowa
m. Aug. 13, 1863 Jones Co. Iowa
SARAH ELIZABETH SHOEMAKER
b. Mar. 1, 1841 Ohio
d. 1890 Jones Co. Iowa

Children of Albert and Sarah Clymer

1. Mary Louise Clymer b. May 24, 1864 Jones Co. Iowa
d.
m. Mar. 3, 1881 Jones Co. Iowa
Joseph F. Hughes

Children: 1. Annie Mary Hughes b. Jan. 10, 1882
2. Leonora Gertrude Hughes b. Sept. 7, 1883
3. Thomas Albert Hughes b. Apr. 29, 1885
4. Gilbert Leslie Hughes b. July 30, 1890
5. Otho Franklin Hughes b. Sep. 30, 1896
6. Emmett Orville Hughes b. Jan. 3, 1900

2. Loretta Jane Clymer b. Aug. 26, 1865

3. Emily Alice Clymer b. Feb. 13, 1867 d. Sept. 20, 1868

4. Christina Ann Clymer b. Apr. 23, 1868 d. July 4, 1868

5. Samuel Washington Clymer b. Sep. 20, 1869
d. Jan. 22, 1922
m. Dec. 7, 1892

Gertrude House

Children: Laurette Pearl, Bessie Mae, Elsa Evelyn, Mary Idel,
Hubert Mervin, Julia Elizabeth.

6. Olive Clementine Clymer b. Oct. 2, 1871

7. Albert Charles Clymer b. Feb. 24, 1873 d. Feb. 3, 1875

8. Rachel Elizabeth Clymer b. Dec. 18, 1874

9. William G. Clymer b. Sept. 15, 1876 d. Aug. 21 1877

10. Nancy Ellen Clymer b. Sept. 1, 1878 died same day

11. Matilda Clymer b.

12. Imogene Clymer b.

13. Daniel Clymer b.

14. Innocence Clymer b.

Seventh Generation

SAMUEL WASHINGTON CLYMER (Albert J. Clymer, Charles Clymer #7)
b. Sept. 20, 1869 Jones Co. Iowa
d. Jan. 22, 1922 " " "
m. Dec. 7, 1982 " " "
✓ GERTRUDE HOUSE b. Oct. 20, 1873
1872 d. Sept. 20, 1966

Children of Samuel and Gertrude Clymer

- ✓ 1. Laretta Pearl Clymer b. Feb. 12, 1894
d. Aug. 26, 1960
m. Feb. 12, 1917
Lloyd (Babe) Hunter
Children: Muriel, Myrtle, Arlene
- ✓ 2. Bessie May Clymer b. Oct. 27, 1895
d. Dec. 30, 1977
m. Mar. 9, 1918
William Tebbetts
Children: Edith, Dean, Robert, John.
- ✓ 3. Elsa Evelyn Clymer b. May 24, 1897
d.
m. Dec. 21, 1916
William Sievers
Children: LaVerne, Bernice, Glenn, Floyd & Lloyd (twins),
Lucille
- ✓ 4. Mary Idel Clymer b. Oct. 17, 1898
d. May 7, 1978
m. Dec. 12, 1918
Elmer O. Russell
Children: Alfred, Verlon, Geraldine, Lyle, Phyliss.
- ✓ 5. Hubert Mervin Clymer b. Aug. 23, 1900
d.
m. May 23, 1938
Beatrice Jones
- ✓ 6. Julia Elizabeth Clymer b. May 25, 1902
d.
m. Aug. 30, 1968
Henry B. Hanken

Note: Information gathered from public records, Muriel Clymer Duncan of Morley, Iowa and H. Hughes of Savanna, Illinois.

PLEASANT HILL CHURCH.

One of the first settlements in Hale township was in the beautiful grove known to the first settlers as "Nigger Point" later changed to the name of Pleasant Hill, the name by which it is known at the present time. Daniel Garrison was the first white settler, coming from the state of Indiana in June, 1838. Soon after others were attracted by the beautiful grove, among them was the Simeon Cole family who settled in the grove in the early spring of 1850.

Mr. Cole was a devout man, and as the settlement grew, conceived the idea of organizing a church. Accordingly a meeting was called in the early fall of 1855. The meeting was held in Simeon Cole's log house, Elder Reeves, of Tipton, preaching the sermon. At this meeting the first church society in Hale township was organized, the church now known as the Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist church. There were nine united with the church at this meeting, including Simeon Cole, Senior, and wife, Henry Cole and wife, John Cole and wife and M. N. Phillips and wife, the names of the other members not being definitely known. Meetings were held regularly thereafter in Simeon Cole's house, excepting when the weather would permit them being held in the grove near the house, until the schoolhouse was built in 1865, when the meetings were held therein. The schoolhouse soon became inadequate to hold the pioneers of this rapidly growing colony, and the people began to talk of building a church. The needs of a church building became so apparent that a meeting was held on the 3d day of February, 1868, to consider the matter. The meeting was largely attended, and it was unanimously decided to build a new church.

About this time Rev. O. E. Aldrich, of Wyoming, became the pastor, and to him was delegated the authority to draw up the incorporation papers, which he proceeded to do. They were submitted to Squire Roger, Rome, for an opinion. Mr. Rogers pronounced them all right, and they were adopted. Henry Cole, Jackson Simmons and Jesse Finch were elected as the first board of trustees, M. N. Phillips was the first clerk.

The members went to work at once to get the material for the new church on the ground. Henry Cole donated the rock for the foundation, which was hauled from the quarry without expense. The contract was let to H. Rummel and Jacob Harbaugh, for five hundred and fifteen dollars, and seven teams went to Muscatine for the finishing lumber. The work of building the new church was commenced in the early spring of 1869, and the early fall found the building completed and ready for use. The building was thirty by forty feet, with a high cupola, surmounted with a dome and ball of tin, gilded with gold. The building stands on the highest point of land in that community, and can be seen for miles in almost every direction. The building is located near the southeast corner of section 21 of Hale township.

Shortly after the completion of the new building Rev. O. E. Aldrich held the greatest revival ever known in the county at that time. Sixty-four were converted, and with but few exceptions all were baptized and became influential members of the church. Under the pastorate of Rev. Aldrich, who was one of the best known pioneer preachers, the church continued to grow stronger, and in the early seventies was the strongest church in eastern Iowa.

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THE CREAMERY.

The Hale Creamery, for a number of years was one of the most prosperous industries in the township. It was built about the year 1894 by a stock company promoted by W. J. Mills and C. E. Walston. This stock company operated the creamery with good success for about four years when it was then sold to a Cooperative Company. Two years of experience was sufficient for the new owners, and it was then resold, and after some minor changes in ownership, the creamery became the sole property of Walston & Merritt, C. E. Walston, W. J. Mills and A. G. Alden. The business was continued, almost without interruption, and was finally destroyed by fire on the morning of July 4, 1907. There was no insurance. Though the creamery was a profitable institution, it was not rebuilt.

HALE LODGES.

HALE CAMP, No. 4083, OF THE MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA, was organized at Hale, July 27, 1896, with the following charter members: W. J. Mills, C. F. Walston, F. D. Cruise, P. L. Markey, J. F. Iler, Fritz Kruse, J. W. Wooder, A. E. Mullett, George Briggs, W. H. Brownell, C. J. Miner, William Martin, E. Horton, C. W. Huston, M. E. Wooder, H. A. Mills, B. F. Curley, H. E. Coon, O. E. Thornton, G. W. Schledetsky, D. L. Smith, John Burch. The officers were: C. E. Walston, C.; P. L. Markey, adv.; W. J. Mills, clerk; F. D. Cruise, banker; J. F. Iler, esc.; C. W. Huston, W.; H. A. Mills, S.; Dr. J. W. Kirkpatrick, physician; F. Kruse, delegate. Managers—E. Horton, O. E. Thornton, J. W. Wooder. There are sixty-seven members at present with the following officers: Michael Souhrada, C.; Freeman Mason, clerk; C. E. Walston, banker; M. E. Wooder, adv.

WAPSIE CAMP, No. 1488, ROYAL NEIGHBORS OF AMERICA was instituted at Hale, April 5, 1899, with forty-eight charter members as follows: Mrs. Fannie Clay, oracle; Mrs. Mary Horton, V. O.; Mrs. Anna Iler, rec.; Mrs. Minnie Cruise, receiver; Mrs. Lizzie B. Giddings, chan.; Mrs. Clara B. Freeman, marshal; Mrs. Mary Martin, O. S.; Mrs. Kate Kruse, I. S.; Frank W. Port, physician; J. W. Wooder, N. L. Sweet, Anna Henak, Nora Mills, Addie Starry, Clara Shankland, Minnie L. Anderson, Sadie Patton, Nellie Mills, Mary E. Walston, C. E. Walston, F. A. Byerly, Carrie Biggart, Nina Byerly, Viola Brownell, E. C. Freeman, C. C. Wood, J. W. Patton, D. E. Vrooman, Wm. Martin, W. H. Brownell, Ora Thornton, Louie M. Wood, Maggie Mullett, F. W. Stange, Ida Shumaker, A. Shumaker, Wm. Henak, H. A. Mills, Cora Wooder, Ollie M. Blahney, J. F. Iler, Frank J. Miner, I. K. Shankland, E. Horton, Fred Cruise, Bert Clay, Melton Tubbs, Cora Tubbs. There are thirty-six members in this camp at the present time. Regular meetings are held, and the camp is in a prosperous condition. The following are the officers for 1909: Mrs. Kate Kruse, oracle; Mrs. Emma Warner, vice oracle; Miss Elva Conley, recorder; Mrs. Charles Woodard, receiver; Mrs. S. M. Conley, chancellor.

Interested in finding my grandmother's family. She was Anna Louise, officially, it is Louise Anna STOECKER, b. 15 Oct. 1884 in Clarence, Cedar Co. IA. m. Virgil Ross NORTHRUP 12 Sept. 1095 in Olin, Jones Co. IA. Parents, born in Holstein, Germany, were John STOECKER and Elizabeth WENSLow STOECKER. Lynn E. Bird 8616 Warren MI 48093

This is from the

This Bible information is from photocopies I received from Annie (Baldwin) Geyer of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The Bible belonged to Jerome C. and Melinda Jane (Coffits) Cook originally.

BIRTHS

Carrie Mae COOK--18 Jul 1877
William Henry COOK--17 Dec 1879
Arthur Charles COOK--19 Dec 1881
Bertha Cleo COOK--16 Jan 1885
Jessie Louisa --23 May 1886
Jennie Florence--4 Apr 1888
 on Pleasant Hill , Olin, Ia.
Viola Amanda--18 Jan 1890
 on Pleasant hill, Olin, Ia.
Walter Jerome Cook--22 Jan 1892
 Pleasant hill
Elsie H. Blanche--7 Jul 1894
 in Fairview Twp.
Thomas Howard COOK--6 Nov 1895
 in Anamosa

DEATHS

Margret SLIFE--10 Jan 1895--77 yrs. 4 mos.
 22days old
Bertha Cleo COOK--5 May 1895--10 yrs. 3 mos.
 20 days old
Carrie Mae SEXTON--11 Apr 1903--25 yrs. 9mos.
 22 days old
Francis John SEXTON--14 Apr 1903--2 wks 2 days
Louisa COFFITS--16 Apr 1911--82 yrs. 2 days
Malinda Jane COFFITT COOK--2 Jan 1929--76 yrs.
 4 mos. Laid at rest 4 Jan 1929
Jerome C. COOK--27 Jun 1936--82 yrs. 6 mos.
 Died with a sun stroke

MARRIAGES

Jerome C. COOK and Melinda Jane COFFITS--2 Sept 1876
Carrie Mae was married in Cedar Rapids to Mr. Frank SEXTON 18 Dec 1902
? ? COOK was married in Anamosa--22 May 1904
Jennie F. COOK and Karl BOEGEL--10 Aug 1909 at Anamosa, Ia.
Viola Amanda COOK and Edward KOPECKY--2 Nov 1910 at Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Other information that was with the marriages:

Carrie Mae was born in Anamosa Bertha Cleo was born in Monticello
W. H. COOK was born in Fairview Twp. Jessie L. was born in Langworthy
Arthur Charles was born in Anamosa

Jerome C. Cook was the son of William and Ananda (Herron) Cook.
HE is the brother of my Great-grandmother, Monterey (Cook) WHITE O'BR IEN.
 JoAnn Walters

ANAMOSA EUREKA: 2 Feb 1865.

Died at Castle Grove, 4 Dec 1864 Willis G Cady, son of Samuel P. and Sylvia
Cady age 9 months

Wanted - Day, Month, and year and burial place of Amanda Marie McMANUS
Mary McCracken 30062 Backbone Dr Sedalia MO 65301

Does anyone know David STAMBAUGH's middle name?? C.E. Stambaugh RT 1 Damascus AZ 72039

Does anyone have information on Belle Boyd GILLILAN PFIEL who md James Alvin HART
She d 11 Feb 1905 in Marion IA. Was div. then. Jean Cadman 12725 Jim Crk. Rd.
Arlington WA 98223

Joseph Franz MORGER lived in Castle Grove Twp Jones Co IA in 1860 before and after his
service in the Civil War. He d 12 May 1867. Does anyone know where he d and where he
is buried? Joseph md Jemima Jane SPENCER. Jemima's parents were James and Eliza
SPENCER. They lived Langworthy IA. Does anyone know where James and Eliza are buried?
Sharon E Morger Jones 3120 St. Thomas Way Bakersfield CA 93306-4563

I am looking for any information on James M ANDRESS who lived in Monticello IA in
1900. Does anyone have information on him? Elton Smith 6706 Revere Ave
Milwaukee WI 53213

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