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WORKSHOP ON USING THE RESOURCE CENTER February 19, 1991

Liz Coleman presented an excellent survey of those materials in the Resource Center which might be most useful as we begin research there.

1. Start with charts, forms, maps available at the Center.
2. Cemetery records: The Jones County WPA project of the 1930's is shelved at the Center. It is a good place to start on locating surnames in the county. (WPA census of cemeteries in Jackson and Linn Counties also shelved there.)
3. Indices to 1879 and 1910 Jones County histories. (The Anamosa Library has the books; must be used at the Library.)
4. 1840-1877 county marriage records, indexed in book form. (Also available for sale.)
5. Maps. Sectional atlas (townships) 1877, 1893.
6. How to Do Things, a FARM JOURNAL publication of 1919 contains many surnames.
7. Roster of Iowa soldiers in the Civil War. (Also, see the 1879 history in the Library.)
8. Pedigree charts from members. (Look for surnames.)
9. Society newsletters. (Also available for sale.)
10. Illustrated Historical Atlas of Iowa, 1875.
11. Centennial books from Martelle, Morley, Oxford Junction. Sesqui-centennial books from Monticello and Anamosa.
12. Madison Center Cemetery records, census for area, family histories. Pleasant Valley Center Cemetery (off road on way to Olin), records; 1885 census of Jackson Township.
13. Church books, some of which contain births, deaths, confirmations, memberships: Wayne Zion; Zion American Lutheran of Wyoming; United Methodist of Anamosa.
14. Jones County Genealogical Society cemetery book (not complete).
15. 1965 Plat Book.

16. Census records: 1850 hard copy, Jones County. 1925 micro-film, cross-indexed. Information on cards gleaned from this census: name of head of house, age, birthplace, where married, church; wife's name, age, birthplace, church; children; husband's parents, state where born; wife's parents.

Joyce Wells has spent many, many hours of work cross-indexing this census. The card file is in the Center for use there. It should be used with care, especially in replacing the cards in proper order. The Society would like a record of surnames searched there.

17. Family histories: Kamp Papers, Armstrong, Sivers, Langenburg, Taylor, Hart, Schneider, Spade.
18. LDS books: The Source; The Library.
19. File of newspaper clippings; obituaries.

QUERIES

Looking for any GRINDROD (GRINROD) information. They were from around Wyoming, Iowa. JOSHUA GRINDROD (1828-1899) and sons: THOMAS, WALTER, FRANCIS or "FRANK". Joshua's wife ELIZABETH ANN (TRIMBLE or WIMPLE) was married before 2/27/1853 to Thomas C. SLOPER. Joshua and Eliza Ann were married in Jones County on Feb. 19, 1864. Need further verification on Eliza's maiden name, where she was from, etc.
Jim Cloverdale, 2855 23rd Ave., Marion, IA 52302

Looking for 1988 Monticello Express issues: Jan. 6, Feb. 3, May 11, May 18 and Oct. 5.
June Morrow, Jones County Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 174, Anamosa, IA

Looking for the records of orphanages operating in the 1860's in Jones Co. My great grandfather, Warren N. Brown and his sister, Mary Lucy Brown, were placed in an orphanage in Jones Co. after the death of their father, Samuel Brown, in the American Civil War, on March 7, 1863. Their mother died in 1861. They lived in Jones Co., Fairview twp.
Mrs. Kathleen Ross, P. O. Box 34F, Dowling Ontario, POM IRO

Looking for information about WM. P. RHODES and ORMI OWEN RHODES. Wm., born ca 1845, Carriage Maker. He married on June 22, 1864, Maquoketa, to Amy V. Ball, born 1849 Ohio and died 1895 Wyoming, Jones Co. She was the daughter of Jos. Daniel Ball, Carriage Maker, died 1885, Wyoming and Eliz Ann _____, died 1876 Wyoming. Wm. and Amy had son, Ormi Owen Rodes, born 1868 and died 1871. -- Need Obituary. Couple separated -- divorced?. What happened to Wm.?
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ARMSTRONG HISTORY

Alexander Armstrong and his wife, Janey, probably Jane Ambrose, of Scotland and Ireland, came to America possibly before 1790. Alexander died April 13, 1852. They were the parents of two children: John, born in 1870, and Janey who died in childhood. Some of the records place John's birthplace in Ireland; others in New York City. He moved with his parents to Philadelphia.

He was married to Harriet Hornbeck, March 25, 1831. They were the parents of seven children: Mary Jane (1831-1911), Catherine Maria (1832-1921), John Alexander (1834-1907), George Ambrose (1837-1907), James Hornbeck (1841-1906), Charles Ransom (1847-1919), Dewitt Clinton (1849-1922).

The entire Armstrong family with a niece, Harriet Doolittle, on May 10, 1852, started their westward trek from Marathon, N. Y.: by boat from Ithaca, N. Y. to Buffalo, N. Y., then by steamer to Chicago. From Chicago they traveled by rail to Cherry Valley, Ill., terminal of the railroad, from where the trip to Fairview, Iowa, was made by team, crossing the Mississippi at Sabula, Iowa, June 1, 1852.

The first year in Iowa, they made their home in the basement of Dr. Matson's house that stood alongside the lane to the farm now occupied by Darrell Lerch. The family then bought the farm where Mayme Lerch now lives. The senior Mr. Armstrong was killed when struck by lightning July 7, 1862. Mrs. Armstrong died May 30, 1888.

James remained with his mother for six years, and then on Feb. 19, 1868, was married to Ann Eliza Brady. They started housekeeping on a site owned by Joe Brown Jr. opposite the Norwich cemetery, after which they purchased a farm northeast of Martelle. They were the parents of seven children: Jennie May, Jan. 29, 1869; John Sylvestus, Dec. 2, 1870; Eugene Dever, June 17, 1873; Mary Eleanor, Nov. 23, 1875; Anna Evelyn, June 14, 1882; James, May 5, 1884; Cora Gail, Sept. 29, 1889.

Jennie Mae was married to Herbin Siden McConaughy, Sept. 28, 1892. They had no children. Mrs. McConaughy died Nov. 16, 1961.

John Sylvestus was married on Dec. 10, 1895 to Mae Eliza Pollard. They had six children: Fanny Lorene, Leslie Clair, Gerald James, Geraldine Ann, Doris Essalee, and Mae Eliza.

Fanny Lorene, Mrs. Guy Martin, no children. Leslie Clair, married to Lora Newman, two children: Zella, Mrs. James Miller, and Winona, Mrs. Ralph Bowers. Gerald James, married to Ruth Newman, three children: Faye, Mrs. Marion Davis; K, Mrs. Paul Wentzein; Avis (dec'd), Mrs. Donald Martin. Geraldine Ann (dec'd), Mrs. Lawrence Davis, second husband, Elmer Arner (dec'd), no children. Doris Essalee, Mrs. Glenn Strother, four children: Dale, married to Esther Thomas; Louis, married to Helen Bader (dec'd); Richard, married to Donna Lea Heiken; Lois Darlene, Mrs. John Davis Jr., Mae Eliza, Mrs. Arthur Siver; three children: Laverta, Mrs. Louis Langenberg; Annetta; Mrs. Kenneth Dinger; Thomas, married to Nola Townsend.

Mae Eliza, John Sylvestus' first wife, died June 3, 1910. He was married a second time, Feb. 11, 1914, to Flora Sackrider, who died Jan. 18, 1955. John preceded her death, April 30, 1955.

Eugene Dever was married to Lucy Robbins, Dec. 22, 1897. They had no children. Lucy died Dec. 14, 1957, and Eugene died Jan. 26, 1965.

Mary Eleanor was married to Claude Peet, Feb. 14, 1900; one daughter, Leone Merle, born April 17, 1902, died Aug. 16, 1962. Claude died Feb. 21, 1952, and Mary died June 9, 1968.

Anna Evelyn was married on Nov. 25, 1908, to Charles Henry Brown, who died June 19, 1929. She then married Ray Airgood on Sept. 7, 1949. He died March 21, 1962, and Anna died March 27, 1970.

James Carl was married on June 9, 1904, to Edith Maude Boxwell, who died June 3, 1943. They were the parents of three children: Melvin Ray, Lynn Carl, and Gayle Cora, all of whom reside in Montana.

JOHN BAIRD

John and Helen (Donald) Baird were both born in Ayrshire, Scotland; John in 1824 and Helen in 1832. They embarked for America on their wedding day in 1851, first settling in Oneida county, N. Y.; in 1855 moved to Davenport, Iowa, then to Greenfield township, Jones county, Iowa, in 1859.

Five children grew to adulthood: Jane, Mrs. William Ellison; Agnes; Mary Ann, Mrs. Omer Cole; Katie, Mrs. Harry Peet, and Andrew James. John Baird served as justice of the peace, assessor, school treasurer, and director. The Bairds retired to Lisbon where they celebrated their 65th anniversary in 1916.

Andrew Baird was married to Myrtle Sandefur in 1900. They were the parents of three children: Clarice (dec'd); John L., Asbury, N. J.; Helen, Mrs. Herman Schmidt. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schmidt reside on the homestead. They are the parents of two sons: Gerald John and James Baird. Gerald John is married to Wava Palmer; four children: Janice, John, Andrew, and Carrie; reside in Newtown, Conn. James Baird is married to Susan Peet; three children: Amy, Debra, and Eric James; operate farm south of Martelle.

JOHN E. BARNER

John E. Barner, one of five children, was born to Samuel and Louise Barner, Oct. 4, 1862, at Orangeville, Ill. When he was 20 years old, he came with his parents to Iowa, settling on a farm near Morley.

He was united in marriage, Jan. 25, 1888, to Wealthy Jane Drips, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Drips, pioneer residents in the Linn Grove community. Immediately after their marriage, they established their home on a farm near Martelle, where they remained until their retirement.

Mr. Barner, in his youth, was a member of Company C of the Old State militia. Coincidentally, his son served in World War I with this same reorganized company.

Mr. Barner was a member of the Martelle Knights of Pythias lodge and the Masonic lodge at Mount Vernon. He was a charter director of the Martelle Farmers Savings bank, and was president of the board for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Barner were the parents of two children: George Samuel, born Jan. 30, 1890; and Mary Agnes, born May 10, 1894, now a resident of Nevada.

George Samuel was married to Gladys Leinbaugh. They were the parents of Creighton and Steven. George served on the board of the Farmers Savings bank, a director and president of the Martelle elevator, and a member of the Martelle Knights of Pythias lodge, and

of the American Legion and Masonic lodge at Mount Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. Barner resided on the farm until the death of Mr. Barner on April 21, 1952. Their son, Creighton, moved to the farm when Mrs. Barner retired to Martelle.

GEORGE BEIGHLE, SENIOR

Mr. and Mrs. George Beighle Sr. came to Martelle in 1889, residing for one year in the Peet place, presently home of the Ellis Lambertsens. They moved to Martelle, where they had built a house near the depot, where Carl Nissen now (1971) resides.

They were the parents of five children: Gladys and Joseph (both dec'd), Laura, Ethel, and George Jr.

Laura was married to Bert DeWolf; two children: Donald (dec'd), and Betty who was married to Frank Crilly.

Ethel was married to John Bauer. They had one daughter, Clara, who died in 1928. After the death of her first husband, she was married to Charles Kuntz and moved to a farm southeast of Martelle.

George Jr., married to Lydia Kautz; one son, Lyall, who was married to Helen Griffin in 1938; two children: Raymond G., Aug. 14, 1940; and Patricia, Feb. 7, 1947. Raymond was married to Kay Ellen Anderson on June 16, 1963; two children: Jonathan Jay, July 4, 1964; and James Devin, Nov. 3, 1965. Patricia was married to Richard Jongewaard on June 13, 1969.

BOBST FAMILY

Phillip and Anna Onstott Bobst, from Pike county, Ohio, moved to Iowa in 1890, locating on the Hubbell farms south of Martelle until 1912. They were the parents of nine children, four of whom came with them from Ohio: Clyde Onstott, Lee, Andrew, and Albert. Mrs. Bobst died in 1909.

Phillip moved in 1912 to a farm south of Marion until 1934, when he returned to Martelle, residing there until his death in 1959. Brief sketches of the Bobst children follow:

Clyde Onstott remained in Martelle for several years, then moved to Wyoming, Iowa. He was married to Kathryn Brutzman and had one daughter, Mildred. All are deceased.

Lee Bobst always was a Martelle resident. He was engaged in several business ventures, including restaurant, jewelry, and hardware. He was married to Hazel Waln, who is still living and resides in the original home on main street. They had no children.

Andrew Bobst moved from Martelle to the Mount Vernon area, where he operated a painting and decorating business. He was married to Hazel Border. Both are deceased. They had no children.

Charles Bobst was married to Sylvia Joslin and moved to the Joslin farm near Anamosa. They had two children, Lolita and Glatha. Charles died in 1970. His widow still lives on the farm.

William Bobst, married to Goldie Ilgenfritz, farmed near Springville, then moved to Cedar Rapids, where he was associated with the implement business. They were the parents of two daughters, Pearl and Helen. Both William and his wife are deceased.

Louie Bobst lived in the Fairview area before moving back to Martelle in 1927. After the death of his first wife, Mildred Walters, he was married to Myrtle

her Larson. He has been in the restaurant business and operated a garage since his return to Martelle. He owned and operated a service station until his retirement in 1971. Mr. and Mrs. Bobst were the parents of two daughters, Velma Larson and Gladys Bobst. Mrs. Bobst died in 1969. Louie is still living in their original home in Martelle.

Mary, the only Bobst girl, was married to Ralph Wells, and has always resided in the Marion area. They have three children: Clifford, Leland, and Iola.

Albert Bobst, the youngest, returned to Martelle in 1933. He entered the plumbing and heating business with Lee Bobst in the hardware store under the name of Bobst Brothers. Albert was married to Eva Fetter and they were the parents of four daughters: Constance, Vivian, Dixie, and Joan. Mrs. Bobst died in 1968. Albert was married to Doris Holcomb James in 1970. Their home is on the farm south of Martelle. Mr. Bobst is still active in the business.

Of the third generation of the Bobst children, three girls still reside in Martelle. Gladys, daughter of Louie Bobst, is married to Arlo Kirkpatrick. Their home is in the rural area southwest of Martelle, and they are the parents of two sons, Steven and Dennis.

Vivian, a daughter of Albert Bobst, is married to Jams Dauber. They are the parents of three children: Leigh, Beth Ann, and James R. Jr. Dixie, also a daughter of Albert Bobst, is married to Walter Ellison. They are residents of Martelle and have no children.

Of maternal lineage of the senior Bobst family, were Sam, Charles, and Andrew, who were brothers of Mrs. Phillip Bobst, and from Pike county, Ohio, came to Martelle in 1886. They were carpenters and during their tenure in Martelle erected the Methodist church parsonage, the homes of Floyd May, Ira Maiden, Dale Arnold, Warren Wickham, Lowell McMann, Otis Anderson, Clifford Bickel, and the Brockman hotel building.

They moved to Shawnee, Okla. in 1905. Their only relatives in Martelle at the present time are Louie and Albert Bobst.

WILLIAM BOXWELL

William Boxwell, one of eight children, was born in Pennsylvania Jan. 30, 1830. He came to Iowa in 1845 with his parents who settled in Linn county. He was married to Julia McCreary on Jan. 25, 1865. They were the parents of four children: Frank L., Moses A., Clarence, and Clara.

Frank married to Mary Arminta Ellison; four children: Virtis and Virgil (twins), Hazel D. and Jessie L. Virgil was married to Florence Kline; four children: Howard, Harlan, Roberta and Glenn. Hazel was married to E. L. Patten; one daughter, Lois. Jessie L. is unmarried and resides in retirement in Martelle.

Moses was married to Margaret English and were the parents of one daughter, Ruth, who is married to L. D. Murfield; two children: Margaret and Norman.

Clarence was married to Mae Hyatt; one son, Carl.

Clara was married to Clarence Leigh; one daughter, Grace.

ALVA BENJAMIN CAFFEE

Alva Benjamin Caffee, a son of John and Eliza Ruth (Reid), Caffee, Nov. 12, 1853. His parents were early settlers in Fairview township in 1840. Alva Caffee, in 1877, was married to Cassie G. Belden, a daughter of Dr. G. W. and Louisa (Hotchkiss) Belden. They were the parents of: Gladys, Mrs. John Ireland; Alta, Mrs. Charles Darsee; Alva, married to Evelyn Harn; and Olive at home. Mr. Caffee was a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge at Martelle. (1910).

DAVID CLARK

David Clark, son of Oliver and Electa Clark, was born Sept. 25, 1832, in Lorain county, Ohio. His parents, natives of Connecticut, moved to Ohio where they remained until 1939 when they migrated farther westward to Linn county, Iowa, arriving there in Feb., 1840, settling in Franklin township.

Previously, the senior Mr. Clark, in 1837, had entered a claim to land presently the site of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. However, when the family arrived in 1840, he found that his claim had been "jumped", and as an alternative filed a claim on 160 acres in Franklin township.

Oliver and Electa Clark were the parents of twelve children, three of whom: two daughters and the son, David survived.

David was married to Mary Boxwell in Mount Vernon, Iowa, April 3, 1861. She was a daughter of Robert and Rhoda Boxwell and had been born in Fayette county, Pa. They were the parents of nine children, all of whom are deceased. The family operated 325 acres of farmland in Linn township, extensively engaged in livestock breeding. Three sons: David Ellsworth, Robert Lennie, and Bertie J. owned the land until their death.

Bertie J. Clark was married to Austa Arbingast, and were the parents of eight children, of whom three sons, Oliver, Howard and Harley B., reside on the farms. Vital statistics of the Bertie J. Clark family are:

Mary, Mrs. Gary Schmidt (dec'd); Nelliavene, Mrs. Don Bunce, Anamosa; Doris, Mrs. Edmond Sealls, Cedar Rapids; Oliver, (dec'd); Agness, Mrs. Gerald Darsee, Cedar Rapids; Howard, married to Virginia Hanson, Martelle; Homer, married to Lorraine Bartels, Anamosa; Harley, married to Jean Oelrich, Martelle. All of the Clark children were graduated from the Martelle school.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Bunce of Anamosa were the parents of three children: Donald C., Bernard L., and Carol. Donald C., a graduate of Martelle schools and the State University at Ames, is married to Beverly Cantrell and have two children. With 12 years of service, he is a Major in the U. S. Air Force stationed at Osan. Korea. Bernard L., Martelle schools and Mankato State college graduate, is associated with Investors Diversified at Minneapolis. Carol, Mrs. Howard Kent Meister, a graduate of the Anamosa schools, resides in Marion, Iowa.

Mrs. Gerald Darsee of Cedar Rapids has two children: Sandra Dollarhide and Jane Ann Dollarhide. Sandra, Mrs. Keith Keller, graduate of Martelle school and Wesleyan college, resides at Abington, Ill. Jane Ann, Mrs. Richard L. Spellerberg, resides at Ely.

GEORGE W. DAVIS

George W. Davis, born Dec. 23, 1843, was a son of George and Susanna Davis, natives of Ireland. In 1854, his parents immigrated to Philadelphia, Pa., where Mr. Davis died in April, 1856. The Widow and her family came to Iowa in 1856, first to Linn county then to Jones county.

They were the parents of nine children: James, married to Mary Ann Clark; Thomas F., married to Jane Kepler; William Davis, married to Ruth Fisher; Martha, Mrs. John McPherson; Ruth, Mrs. John Fink; George W., married to Anis Jones; Belle, Mrs. Dan Conner; Jane, Mrs. John Oldham; John A., married to Julia Chapman.

George W. Davis was 12 years old when his mother and her family settled in Jones county, and when he was 18 years old he enlisted in Company I of the Second Iowa Cavalry as Union soldier in the War between the States. After the war, he settled in Greenfield township, and was married on Sept. 18, 1868, to Anis Jones, a daughter of Thomas and Jane (Tatum) Jones, who came from North Carolina in 1863 and settled in Greenfield township.

Mr. and Mrs. George Davis were the parents of six children: Thomas Ulysses; Harry Elmer, married to Hattie E. Card; three children: Lawrence, Francis, and Elwin; Lottie, married to Philip G. Mohn (dec'd), four children: Ora R., Conrad D., Minnie E., and Florence J.; George Washington, married to Mina Weston, three children: Nellie L., Claud T., and Glen; Ira L., married to Ida B. Abel, four children: Harold E., Anis, George W., and Laura B.; Ora, Mrs. Notley Scott, two children: Grace and Carl.

THE DRIPS FAMILY

Isaac and Elizabeth (Myers) Drips were born in Ohio. Their eldest son, George W. Drips, was born in Licking county, Ohio, Feb. 27, 1836. He came to Iowa and in 1857, purchased a farm in Linn county. He was married Jan. 31, 1860, to Mary E., daughter of John and Ellen (Orme) Dunn, born Guernsey county, Ohio, April 1, 1834.

Joseph Scott Drips, youngest of the George W. Drips family, was born Oct. 1, 1875. He was married, March 20, 1901, to Frances Idella Hempy, who was born Jan. 20, 1881 and died in 1942. Mr. Drips died Dec. 2, 1943. They were the parents of two sons: George Lafe, and Linn Trafford.

George Lafe was born Dec. 15, 1901, and on Feb. 25, 1934, was married to Gladys Eldora Howland, born Aug. 19, 1902. They have one daughter, Elaine, and reside in Marion.

Linn Trafford, born Aug. 18, 1921, is married to Helen Luker; four children: Joseph Scott, Betty Jane, Roger Linn, and Mary Lou. Their home is in Strawberry Point, Iowa. Their son, Joseph Scott, is married to Dianne Higgins and teaches at Tripoli, Iowa. Their daughter, Mary Lou Schmidt, resides at Garnavillo, Iowa.

JOHN ELLISON

John Ellison, one of eleven children, was born in Elster county, Tyrone, Ireland in 1825. With three brothers: Stewart, Samuel and Thomas, he came to America, first to Massachusetts, then to Linn county, Iowa, where in 1848 he was married to Racheal Curtis of Ohio.

They were the parents of eleven children: James, married to Hannah Ray; Frank, married to Alwilder Hunter and after her death he was married to Sarah Streach Lemmer Paul; Charles, married to Ellen Boon and after her death he was married to her sister, Jane Boon; Joseph, married to Lucy Wilton; Hulda, married to Joseph Kohl; Mary Arminta, married to Frank Boxwell; Nancy, married to Jasper Wood; Linnie, married to John Mohn; John Jr., married to Daisy Joslin; Clara, married to Frank Myers; and Bertie, married to George Joslin.

John Ellison was instrumental in the early promotion of Martelle. He built the houses on the north side of Ellison street, eponym of his name. He also built the Brockman hotel building. Ellison's addition is also named after John E. Ellison and was platted in 1892 as part of Martelle.

Six of his children, their families and descendants have resided in Martelle at different times. As of now (1971), only two descendants: Jessie Boxwell, a granddaughter, and Walter Ellison, a great-grandson, are residents of Martelle.

JAMES P. ELLISON

James P. Ellison, founder of the Martelle bank, was born on a farm three miles north of Mount Vernon, Iowa, April 26, 1851, and was a son of Samuel and Mary (Scott) Ellison. The senior Mr. Ellison arrived in Linn county in 1840 and was married to Mary Scott in 1848. They became the parents of: William G., who resides on the old homestead, James P., Martelle; Mrs. Ruth A. Chamberlain, Mount Vernon; Mrs. Mary M. Oxley, Marion, and Mrs. Jane Platner, Mechanicsville. The death of Samuel Ellison occurred March 23, 1888. Mrs. Ellison still survives and is now (1910) residing in Mount Vernon.

(The above material and the following are a condensation of the James P. Ellison biographical sketch as it appeared in the 1910 Jones county history.)

James P. Ellison was reared on the old homestead and on Jan. 2, 1884, was united in marriage to Eva Newman, a daughter of Emanuel and Elizabeth (Spade) Newman. They were the parents of Samuel H. and Ethel G.

An extensive land owner in Jones county, Mr. Newman saw the need for a bank and founded the Martelle bank in 1901. That same year he erected the two-story brick block at the intersection of Marion and Iowa streets. The structure originally housed the Martelle bank and other Newman interests including an opera house on the second floor. He met his death in a car-train crash in 1921.

Religious affiliations of the family were with the Church of Christ at Martelle. Mr. Newman served as a township trustee, on the school board, and twice on the United States grand jury.

The son, Samuel H., (dec'd) married to Florence McCarn, had no children. The daughter, Ethel, married to Edward C. Gotsch has two children: James, married to Mildred Peet; and Dr. Ruth Gotsch, unmarried.

G. J. HAKES

G. J. Hakes, born Oct. 17, 1829, in Chenango county, N. Y., came to Jones county in 1847, and in 1876 with W. P. Leonard strated a general merchandise business in Martelle. He was married to Phoebe Rundall; six children: Nancy, Montague, Addison, James, Ella, and Hattie. Hattie was married to Alphonso Port; eight children: Claude, Clelland, DeVer, Mary, Devilla, John, Martha, and one deceased. The Hakes farm was located at the north edge of Martelle, where Mayme Pospishil now resides.

MARION ANSON HEMPY

Marion Anson Hempy was born in Jones county on June 1, 1850. He was the fourth of nine children of George and Drucilla (Miller) Hempy: Mrs. Sophia Staab, Mrs. Anna Pieper, Mrs. Calla Stearns, Tom, Lafe, Jake, Ben, and George Ira.

Marion Anson Hempy was married March 5, 1882, to Annetta Kohl, daughter of Amos and Anna Maria (Grimm) Kohl. They were the parents of one son: Ira Lewis, born May 20, 1885. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hempy died at the family home; Mr. Hempy on July 13, 1922 and Mrs. Hempy on Dec. 24, 1938.

Ira Lewis Hempy acquired his education at the Greenfield Center school. He was married to Grace Estella Krumroy. They were the parents of a daughter, Violet Annetta; a son, Ivan Marion, and a daughter, Verlean Gertrude, who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Hempy occupied the Hempy farm until Sept., 1953, when they retired to Anamosa. Mr. Hempy died Dec. 1, 1964, and Mrs. Hempy May 10, 1968.

Violet Annetta, eldest of the children of Ira and Grace Hempy, was born Dec. 29, 1908. She attended the Greenfield Center rural school and was a graduate of the Lisbon high school. She was married to John Merle Clifton on Dec. 29, 1928, and resides in Mechanicsville. They are the parents of three daughters, as follows:

Alberta Joyce, born June 1931, married to Vern Gerald Svobada, Aug. 25, 1950. They have three children: Ivan Wayne, born Oct. 11, 1954; Joy Elaine, Dec. 2, 1956, and Sally Kay, Sept. 10, 1961. All reside on the Cliftom farm near Mechanicsville.

Verla Irene, born March 3, 1933, married to Gerald Raymond Pollock, Oct. 3, 1959. Two children: Ann Elizabeth, Feb. 29, 1964, and John Raymond, March 10, 1966. All reside in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Patricia Noreen, born Oct. 30, 1942, married to James Carl McGlasson, Feb. 13, 1965. Two children: Laura Michele, Aug. 25, 1968, and Robert Carl, March 27, 1971. They presently reside at Charleston, W. Va.

Ivan Marion, second child of Ira and Grace Hempy, was born May 31, 1916. He attended the Greenfield Center school and was a graduate of the Morley high school. He was married on June 11, 1941, to Frances I. Ellenberger. He died July 13, 1950, when he was 34 years old. They wer the parents of three daughters, as follows:

Ilene Marie, born May 3, 1943, married to Howard Simanek, Sept. 10, 1966.

FRANK HOFFMAN

Frank Hoffman was born May 12, 1849, in Switzerland. He immigrated in 1852 to Scott county, Iowa, from where he came to Martelle in 1872 and opened the first general merchandise store which he operated for 45 years, from 1875 for several years in partnership with L. T. Blackledge.

Married to Sophia Paulstian in 1869, Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman were the parents of two daughters, Cora Belle Brown and Mable Clara Brown. Mrs. Hoffman died in 1872 in Martelle. In Oct., 1881, Mr. Hoffman was married to Caroline Rupf, who was born March 26, 1853. They became the parents of five children: Lillian, Andrew, Rosebud, Elva, and Cornelia.

Mr. Hoffman was one of the original stockholders and the first president of the Farmers Savings bank in Martelle. He served as postmaster, was a member of the town council, and treasurer of the town and of the school district. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman were charter members of the Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters. Mr. Hoffman died on Sept. 18, 1925, and Mrs. Hoffman on July 7, 1933.

The children by Mr. Hoffman's second marriage were: Lillian, Mrs. Thomas J. Stewart; Rosebud, Mrs. Howard Clements (dec'd), then Mrs. Homer Allen; Cornelia, Mrs. Clayton Murfield; Elva; Andrew, married to Lenore Graaff.

Of the children, Elva has lived all of her life in Martelle, and Cordelia, Mrs. Clayton Murfield, has spent all of her life in Martelle and Greenfield township.

THE HOLCOMB FAMILY

D. C. (1836-1916) and Sarah Pierce (1836-1908) Holcomb came to Linn county, Iowa, from Pennsylvania in the mid-1850s. They later moved to Greenfield township, Jones county, Iowa, where they secured the homestead that Dillon Holcomb now farms southeast of Martelle. The old farm house constructed of hand-hewn timbers, doweled and pinned, nailed with square nails, still stands although not used as a residence.

The Holcombs had nine children: Addie, Frank D., Edward and Fred (twins), Anna, Charles, Harry, Jay and Kay.

Addie (1861-1929), married to Seward Smith, established a home south of Morley, and were the parents of a daughter, Hattie, who died when she was 18 years old; two sons: Harp and Ray, who now reside in Texas. Harp had two children, Seward and Irma. After the death of Mr. Smith in 1903, Addie married John McPherson.

Frank D. (1863-1934) married to Lota Newman (1868-1944). Two sons were born: Myron, died in 1908 at four years, and Dillon. Frank operated a meat market in Martelle before he moved to the farm. He was an Elder in the Christian church and a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge; his wife was a member of the Christian church, Ladies Aid Society, Pythian Sisters, Kings Daughters, and Ladies Auxiliary of the Norwich cemetery. Dillon was married to Vivian Wild in 1940. They have two children: Edwin and Paula Kae. Dillon was an instructor of music in public schools before he started farming on the old homestead. He was director of the El Kahir Shrine band in Cedar Rapids for 21 years. His son, Edward, is also in the music field.

CHARLES E. KOHL

Charles E. Kohl was born June 9, 1873, on the old homestead founded by his parents, Amos and Anna Maria (Grimm) Kohl. Mr. Kohl was married April 2, 1896, to Belle Andre, daughter of Reuben and Mary (Kelsey) Andre of Mechanicsville. They were the parents of five children: Lulu, Grace, Earl, Gladys, and Darrell—Jones county history, 1910.

HENRY F. KOHL

Henry F. Kohl, born March 4, 1856, at Greenfield, Wis., was eight years old when his parents, Amos and Anna Maria (Grimm) Kohl, came to Iowa in 1864, and procured a homestead in Greenfield township, Jones county. Henry F. Kohl was the second of nine children: Mrs. Mary Kline, Henry F., Will, Mrs. Nellie Hempy, Lewis, Mrs. Emma Stearns, Mrs. Tena Melton, Charles, and Mrs. Minnie Fink.

Mr. Kohl was married in 1876 to Mary Amanda Kline, born Aug. 26, 1857, a daughter of John F. and Catherine (Hickathorn) Kline, of Prairieburg, Iowa. They were the parents of five sons and one daughter: Mrs. Lona Smith (dec'd), Eldon Lewis (Del), Lisbon, Iowa; Harry Amos (dec'd); DeWitt Kohl, married Florence Vernon, Marion, Iowa; Lowell Delos (dec'd), married Bertha Shoop, and Otto Albert, Blair House, Cedar Rapids.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Kohl: Marguerite Meisner, Lillian Wright, Jessie Brown, Rena Richardson.

KUNTZ FAMILY HISTORY

History of the Kuntz family records that the father of Jacob Kuntz Jr., first of the family to come to Iowa, was a soldier in the French army under Napoleon. Natives of Alsace-Lorraine, the Kuntz family immigrated to Pennsylvania when Jacob Jr. was two years old in 1832. During the late 1840s, Jacob Jr. came to Iowa by the way of the Ohio river to the Mississippi and then north to Muscatine and inland to Mechanicsville.

He was married to Henrietta Smith, whose parents had emigrated from Germany to the Mechanicsville area. They purchased a farm in 1863 and remained there until the death of Mr. Kuntz in 1882, when the property was sold to Lafe Hempy.

Jacob and Henrietta (Smith) Kuntz were the parents of three sons: Charles, John, and George Washington. Charles and John acquired farms in Greenfield township, remaining there all of their lives. George moved to a farm four miles west of Martelle after he was married.

Charles was married to Ethel Beigle Bower.

John was married to Eva Hempy, and were the parents of four sons: Fred, Ralph, Stanley, Dean, and two daughters: Olive, Mrs. Theodore Light of Lisbon; and Hazel, Mrs. Henry Buche of Boone, Iowa. She died in 1971. The four sons are farmers in Greenfield township.

George Kuntz had on son, Herbert, who resides in Monticello, Iowa.

WILLIAM MAY

William May, a native of Dixon, Ill., came to the Martelle area in 1897, an approximate date. He was born 1876 in Pennsylvania, and was married in 1889 to Iva Kearns, a daughter of Joseph and Anna Kearns. They were the parents of seven children: Robert, Floyd, Glenn, Kenneth, Laura (Mrs. Glenn Barr), Bernita (Mrs. C. B. Claypool), and Agnes (Mrs. Frank Scott).

They were located at this time west of the Linn Grove area on property adjoining the Oscar Daubenmier farm. They later resided on the George Kirkpatrick farm, and in Monticello and Marion, before returning to Martelle in 1931.

William May was employed by the Milwaukee Lines railroad for almost ten years, after which he operated a service station in Martelle from 1930 until 1941. He served on the Martelle town council in 1938 and 1939. He died in Nov., 1941. His widow resided in Martelle until her death in 1955.

Floyd May was married to Vivian Stevens in 1927. They are the parents of four children: Charles, born in 1927; Robert, in 1931; Rose Mari, in 1937; and Ronnie, in 1943. Mr. May was employed by the Martelle Farmers Co-operative Elevator from 1942 until his retirement in 1970. He was a member of the town council from 1947 to 1953 and from 1958 to 1963.

Charles May, married to Edna Smith in 1968 resides in Anamosa. They have two daughters by a previous marriage: Rebecca, born in 1951 and Jacqueline, in 1953. Rebecca married Kevin Barnes and have one daughter, Candy Kay.

Robert May married Connie Koffron in 1931. They are the parents of three sons: George by a previous marriage; Eric, born in 1960, and Brian, in 1961, all in the family home in Martelle. Mr. May is employed as a registrar at the Men's Reformatory at Anamosa.

Rose Mari was married to Paul Frink in 1957. They have three sons: Mark, born in 1957; Jeffery, in 1960, and Donald Paul, in 1964. The family resides in Martelle, where Mr. Frink is engaged in an auto body rebuilding operation, and Mrs. Frink has been town clerk since 1968.

Glenn May married Doris Kadlec in 1950, and have no children. They reside in Martelle.

ARD D. MCCONAUGHY

The McConaughy family was typically pioneer; of Scotch-Irish origin, their descendants emigrated from Ireland to the United States, locating in Pennsylvania and Ohio.

From the Pennsylvania lineage, Ard D. McConaughy, one of several brothers, came to Greenfield township, Jones county, Iowa, in 1856. He was born in Washington county Pennsylvania in 1837, and when he was about five years old his parents moved to Delaware county, Ohio, from where, when he was 19 years old, the family journeyed to Iowa in a covered wagon. Tragedy struck en route: a brother was drowned or lost while fording a river.

As a young man he chose to settle in Greenfield township, about a half of a mile from the site of the homestead which is still in the family. He was married in 1861 to Minerva Ernsberber, who was born in Hancock county, Ohio, and whose family came to Iowa in 1846.

The twins, Edward and Fred, were born in 1865. Fred died in infancy. In 1895, Edward was married to Anna Hempy (1876-1949) and farmed east of Martelle. Edward was a violinist and his wife taught organ and piano. They moved to Martelle, where Mrs. Holcomb died in 1949, and Mr. Holcomb in 1955.

Anna (1867-1899) was married to John Dumont, and were farmers north of Martelle. They had one daughter, Eustatia, who died in 1899 when she was 13 years old. They also had two sons, Clayton and Loren, who reside in Texas. Clayton had one daughter, Grace Stevenson, a resident of Marion, Iowa. Loren had one son who died in infancy; twin daughters: Marion (dec'd), and Marie.

Charles (1870-1933) married to Blanche Newman (1875-1962). Two children: Harold and Doris. Charles owned and operated a farm south of Martelle, and as a hobby raised thoroughbred horses. Ill health forced him to retire to Martelle where he operated a service station until his death. His son, Harold, was married to Elsie Jordon of Marion in 1916, moving to California in 1922. They had two children: Wayne and Kay. Harold died in 1965. Doris married Elmer James in 1931. They purchased and farmed the Charles Holcomb farm until Elmer's death in 1963. Elmer and Doris had two children: Marilyn and Lyle. Marilyn is married to David Etzel, WMT announcer, and they have three children: Lisa, Dana, and Eric. Lyle is associated with a Davenport, Iowa, bank, and is married to Margaret Schwirtz. They had three children: Byron, Chris, and Nick. After Elmer's death, Doris attended a beauty school and operated a shop in her home. She was married to Albert Bobst in 1970. They remain on the farm.

Harry Holcomb (1874-1961) was married to Dora Wallick (1883-1964) at Cedar Bluff in 1902. They were the parents of two sons: Lawrence and Kenneth. Harry was the first cashier of the first bank in Martelle, the Ellison-founded Martelle Bank. In 1909, the Harry Holcombs bought a farm east of Martelle from Frank Holcomb. Mr. Holcomb was an elder in the Christian church, a member of the Masonic and Knights of Pythias lodges, a township assessor and Jones county treasurer for two terms. Lawrence married Ethel Richardson in 1932; two children: Arlen and Ann. Arlen is married to Martha Palmer. They live east of Martelle and have two children: Julie and Greg. Ann is married to Nick Svoboda and their home is in Niqon, Wis., where Nick is personnel director of Milwaukee Gear Co. They have three children: Amy, Matthew, and Kathryn. Kenneth married Lela James in 1935 and have one son, Donald. Kenneth later married Ruth Ricklefs and they have five children: David, Lois, Linda, Darrell, and Joy.

Jay Holcomb (1876-1950) married Amy Murfield and they had two sons: Byron, who died at seven years, and Chester. They farmed south of Morley. Chester was married to Nita Clay and they had one son, Charles, who married Bonnie Smith. They have three children: Robert, Mary, and Susan. This family all have lived on and operated the same farm Jay purchased many years ago.

Kay was born in 1879 and died in 1906.

Six children were born to this union, four of whom grew to adulthood. Herbin (Bud), Clarence E. (Earl), and John Clinton (Clint) operated farms within a half mile of each other. George Willis (Will) resided for the most part of his adult life in Des Moines, Iowa.

There are only two close direct living descendants of Ard D. and Minerva McConaughy, one of whom is Merle, a son of George Willis and Jennie (Madison) McConaughy. He was married to Elizabeth Nosley, has one son, Douglas, and resides between Martelle and Mount Vernon. The other descendant is Tracy McConaughy Miller, a daughter of John Clinton and Cleo (Murfield) McConaughy. She was married to Raymond Miller. They are the parents of two children: a son, John, who lives on and operates the original home farm; and a daughter, Ellen, Mrs. Gary Smith.

Herbin and his wife Jennie Armstrong had no children; however, they made a home for and raised Mae Armstrong (now Mrs. Arthur Siver); and Argus McConaughy (dec'd), who was the second son of George Willis.

To Clarence Earl and Minnie (Slagle) McConaughy, one son, Owen, (dec'd) was born. There are seven great-grandchildren in the lineage.

GEORGE W. MEEKS

George W. Meeks was born in the Slide Rock area near Morley in 1849. In 1875, he was married to Martha Ferguson Shotwell, widow of Joseph Shotwell. (The Joseph Shotwell family emigrated from Ontario, Canada, to the Martelle area in 1866.)

George Meeks, in 1883, purchased and moved to the farm now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Merle Meeks. George and Martha Meeks were the parents of two children: Philena, born in 1877, and William Burtin, born in 1881.

Philena was married to C. W. Wurzbacher and had one daughter, Bernadine, Mrs. Richard Miller of Seattle, Wash. William Burton, married to Lillian Duncan in 1904, had two sons: Merle and Donald, who live on the home farm and a farm adjoining on the west.

Merle Meeks and Janet Reade of Onslow were married in 1939. Their three daughters: Andria Meeks Erzberger and her husband, Heinz, live in Palo Alto, Calif.; Adria Meeks Trede, her husband, Dale, and their son, Kirk, live in Durant, Iowa; Margaret Meeks is employed in Muscatine county.

Donald Meeks was married to Mildred Mallie of Mount Vernon in 1937. Their son, Howard Meeks, and his wife Sandra, and their two children, Brian and Julie, reside in Ames, Iowa. Barbara Meeks Rickart, with her husband, Jerry, and a daughter live in Mason City, Iowa. Mrs. Donald (Mildred Mallie) Meeks died in 1945. In 1947, Donald Meeks and Jeanette Heiserman of Wellman were married and are farmers in the Martelle area.

Burt Meeks was a pioneer of the later years. He was a charter member and president of the Jones County Farm bureau, and one of the organizers and first president of the R.E.A., now the Maquoketa Valley R.E.C. He started breeding purebred Duroc hogs in 1905, a business that the family has continued to the present time for a period of 66 years.

OLIVER P. MILLER

Oliver P. Miller was born May 25, 1859 on a farm south of Morley. He was the son of Abraham and Elizabeth Freeman Miller. He was married in 1881 to Hattie Murfield, daughter of John B. and Elizabeth Ann Bancroft Murfield. Their first home was located across the street from the Brockman hotel. They were the parents of ten children: Arthur (1882-1895), Pearle (1884-1906), J. Clarence (1886-1950), Ray (1888-1899), Bessie (1890-1956), Verne F. (1894-1967), Ralph (1896—), Dewey (1898-1968), Esther (1912-1970), Donald (1906—).

A carpenter for 40 years, Mr. Miller constructed 6 schoolhouses, 12 store buildings, 2 church buildings, 2 banks, 95 houses, 82 barns, and a majority of the buildings in a brick block at Martelle.

J. Clarence, the only son settling in this community, was married Dec. 29, 1909, to Georgia Pearl Martin, daughter of Fred and Francis (Dripps) Martin. They operated the Martelle telephone exchange for a year, then spent the next 40 years operating the farm they purchased from the J. B. Murfield estate, east of Martelle. Parents of two sons: Chester and James.

After J. Clarence's death in 1950, Mrs. Miller retired to Martelle, where she resides in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Davis. Mrs. Davis is a granddaughter.

Chester, married to Madalene Buckner, resides in Ocala, Fla. They have two children: Gary and Camille. Gary and his wife, the former Susan Greene, attend college in Orlando, Fla. Camille, married to James McKnight, stationed with the navy at Milton, Fla.

James was married to Zella Armstrong. They operate a grocery business in the brick block, which they own and in which they reside, on Marion street in Martelle. The building was constructed by O. P. Miller, grandfather of James. Their daughters are: Sandra, Mrs. Ronald Davis, secretary-bookkeeper of Martelle Co-operative Telephone company; Ruthann, employed St. Luke's hospital, Cedar Rapids; Janis, secretary, Julin Printing, Monticello. James purchased the home farm in 1957.

ELIAS VANDEMARK MILLER

Elias Vandemark Miller, born Feb. 22, 1824 and died March 26, 1893, was a native of Stark county, Ohio, from where the family moved to Lancaster, Ohio. He learned the carpenter trade in Ohio, and when he was 19 years old came to Greenfield township, Jones county, Iowa.

He was married Jan. 13, 1848, to Susana Grauel, after whose death he was married to Elizabeth Barnard. By both wives, he was the father of 13 children, one of whom was Estel V. Miller.

As an enlistee, he served in Crackers Iowa brigade of the Union army, advanced to First Lieutenant and Captain, participated in battles at Shiloh, Vicksburg, Atlanta, and in Sherman's march to the sea. In Greenfield township, he was a member of an anti horse thief association, was justice of the peace for 30 years, and served as assessor.

JOSHUA S. MURFIELD

Known as the Cherry Grove Store farm, originally the Joshua S. Murfield property in Greenfield township, has been in the Murfield family for more than 119 years. Joshua S. Murfield born Oct., 1825, in Franklin county, Ohio, was married in March, 1846, to Elizabeth Ann Bancroft of Union county, Ohio. They came to Jones county, Iowa, in 1850, first to the Highland Grove area and then to Greenfield township, where they acquired 365 acres, 80 of which was virgin land procured from the government.

They were the parents of eight children: Richard B., Delmar F., Charles W., Caroline M., Claudius James, Mary, L., Hattie A., and John B.

John B. Murfield, born May 15, 1865, was married on Feb. 22, 1888, to Minnie Mohn, born March 14, 1866. They located on the home place and became the parents of eight children: Clayton L.; Gayle, Mrs. O. W. McBride, Marion; Merle T., Jerald S. (dec'd), Lynn D., Homer E. (Bob), and two children who died in infancy.

Clayton L. Murfield, born June 19, 1889, was married to Cornelia Hoffman on July 25, 1912, and had one daughter, Doris Carolyn, now Mrs. Warren Wickham of Martelle. They resided on the farm in Greenfield township until Dec., 1921, when they moved to Martelle,

where with his brother-in-law, Andrew Hoffman, operated a garage and implement business until 1942. Mr. Murfield was active in public affairs, mayor of Martelle, member of the town council, and president of the Farmers Savings bank from 1954 to 1960. In 1971, he still was a resident of Martelle.

Merle Murfield, married to Erma Leibach, purchased the home place and operated the farm for 53 years. They were the parents of Elizabeth Ann who is married to Kenneth Larson and have three children: Nancy, Thomas, and James, all residing on a farm near Fairfield. Mr. Murfield died Nov. 13, 1968.

Lynn D. Murfield is married to Ruth Boxwell and resides in Anamosa, where he is associated with the Citizens Savings bank.

Homer E. (Bob) Murfield was married to Nell Stampfli, and is located at Apple Valley, Calif.

WILLIAM R. ROBINSON

William R. Robinson, son of Asa and Hannah Robinson, was born in Champaign county, Ohio, from where, when he was four years old, the family came to Fairview township, Jones county, Iowa. He was 26 years old when he enlisted in Company H 35th Volunteers of the Union army, and was in action at 18 conflicts during the three years he was in service.

He was married to Lizetta Piper, March 10, 1870. They were the parents of 11 children, one of whom was Ida M., Mrs. Vestal Miller (dec'd), Martelle.

Estel V. and Ida M. (Robinson) Miller were the parents of Ellis Virgil Miller of Martelle. Ellis Virgil, better known as Virgil, is married to Philomene Corwin who are the parents of Ernest V. Miller and Marilyn M. (Miller) Bunting whose children are Dean and Daniel Bunting.

AMI NEWMAN

The history of the Newman family begins with Emanuel and Elizabeth Spade Newman, who came to Iowa from Richland county, Ohio, in 1853, settling in Fairview township for four years before moving to Greenfield township where they lived the rest of their lives.

They were the parents of five daughters and five sons, namely: Mrs. J. P. Ellison (Eva), Mrs. Frank Holcomb (Lota), Mrs. William Kohl (Mary), Mrs. Charles Murfield (Passa), and Mrs. E. E. Miller (Emma); George, Jacob, Otis, Elmer and Ami.

Ami Newman was born May 3, 1861. He remained on the farm assisting his father until his marriage on Aug. 19, 1886, to Jennie Bates, a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ira (Emily) Bates. Mr. and Mrs. Newman were active in the Martelle Methodist church.

Their son, Harry, was born Nov. 4, 1897. After finishing school at the Cornell academy, he assisted his father on the farm. He was united in marriage to Bertha Leinbaugh on Feb. 15, 1919. Two sons were born to them: Dean of Jackson, Mich., and Dale who resides on the home farm. There are five grandchildren: Craig Cheryl, and Brian of Jackson, Mich.; Scott and Christine of Martelle.

GEORGE ALBERT NEWMAN

George Albert Newman was born Feb. 12, 1866, in Greenfield township, where he spent his entire life. He was the seventh child of Emanuel and Elizabeth (Spade) Newman. He was united in marriage in Dec., 1892, to Estella Chapin, daughter of Charles W. and Eloise (Holcomb) Chapin. They were the parents of six children: Lora Maude (dec'd), Er Verne (dec'd), Clancy Vance (dec'd), Mary Elizabeth Eloise now Mrs. Kenneth Gordon, Hubert Lee (dec'd), and Ruth Chapin now Mrs. G. J. Armstrong. Mr. and Mrs. Newman were members of the Martelle Methodist church.

J. W. NEWMAN

J. W. Newman, the son of Emanuel and Elizabeth Spade Newman, was born July 16, 1852, in Richland county, Ohio, and came to Iowa with his parents in May, 1853, first settling in Fairview township, four years later in Greenfield, where he grew to manhood.

He was united in marriage in 1875 to Caroline M. Murfield, a daughter of J. S. Murfield. They were the parents of three daughters: Blanche, Mrs. Charles Holcomb; Gertie, Mrs. Earl Boxwell, and Edna, Mrs. Herbert Harter. A farmer for 16 years, Mr. Newman later identified with the lumber business in Martelle. Religious affiliations of the family were with the Martelle Christian church. Mr. Newman was a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge, and served on the town council, and school board. Mr. Newman died Jan. 2, 1922, and Mrs. Newman on Dec. 30, 1940.

Blanche, the eldest daughter, was married to Charles Holcomb, and were the parents of two children: Doris and Harold. They owned and operated a farm until their retirement to Martelle. They were members of the Christian church. Mr. Holcomb died March 31, 1933, and Mrs. Holcomb on April 22, 1962.

Harold, eldest of the Charles Holcomb family, was married to Elsie Jordon of Marion, Iowa. Two sons were born: Wayne, Phoenix, Ariz., and Kay, Temple City, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Holcomb farmed east of Marion for five years before moving to California. Mr. Holcomb died in 1965. Mrs. Holcomb remains in Temple City. Five grandchildren: Judy, Donald, Brent, Greg and Brian.

Doris of the Charles Holcomb family, was married to Elmer James, who are the parents of two children: Marilyn, married to David Etzel of the WMT stations, resides in Marion and has three children: Lisa, Dana and Eric. Lyle, married to Margaret Schwartz, resides in Eldridge, Iowa, and is associated with the North West Bank and Trust company at Davenport, Iowa. They have three children: Brian, Chris, and Nick. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer James farmed until his death in 1963; his former widow is now married to Albert Bobst.

Gertie, the second daughter of the J. W. Newman family, was united in marriage to Earl Boxwell. Parents of eight children: three daughters: Zella, Mrs. Harold Beeman, San Bernardino, Calif.; Isabel, Mrs. James Bynum, Amarillo, Tex.; and Lois, who died when she was three years old—five sons: Howard (dec'd), Paul, Lloyd (dec'd), Alton (dec'd), and Iven. Mr. and Mrs. Boxwell were farmers east of Martelle and at Manchester, Iowa, after which they moved to Greeley, Colo., then to Amarillo, Tex., where their five sons operated a mortuary.

Edna, the youngest of the senior Newman family, was married to Herbert Harter, and moved to Edinburg, Tex., where Mr. Harter engaged in real estate. They were the parents of two children: Jean, Mrs. Joe Terrill, Amarillo, Tex., and Herbert Harter II, Dumas, Tex. Mr. and Mrs. Terrill are the parents of four children: Jamie, Sarah, Elane and Nancy; and Mr. and Mrs. Harter II have a son, David, and daughter, Mary Ellen. The senior Mr. Harter is deceased. His widow resides in Amarillo, Tex.

JOHN A. REED

John A. Reed was born in Scotland, and with his parents, two brothers and a sister, immigrated to Ogle county, Ill., in 1850. In the Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under General Sherman, he was wounded just before the siege of Atlanta and was mustered out. He returned to Illinois until 1968, when he moved to Springville, Iowa, where he operated a store for two years.

He was married in 1870 and bought a farm northwest of Martelle. They were the parents of seven children: Jennie, Carrie, Irvin, Cuyler, Arthur, Eugene and Guy.

The two daughters married brothers: Jennie (dec'd 1946) was married to Willis Brown, two sons and a daughter; Carrie (dec'd 1932) was married to Fred Brown, two daughters and a son.

Of the five sons: Irvin died in 1897; Cuyler, who owned the home place, died in 1958, and had one son, Iven, who now resides at Springville, Iowa; Arthur (dec'd 1965), Denver, Colo., son and daughter, Denver; Eugene, 92 years old, resides with a daughter at Springville, another daughter at Hudson, Iowa; Guy, the youngest at 87 years, lives at Independence, Iowa, son and daughter, Winthrop, Iowa. There were 16 grandchildren, 13 of whom are living.

The senior John A. Reed died Dec. 17, 1905; Mrs. Reed in 1923.

Ivan, only son of Cuyler Reed, was married to Florence Larson, and are the parents of four children: Gareth, Caren, Keith, and Gwendolyn. Gareth, married to LaVonne Bartels, one son and two daughters; Caren, married to Judith Davis, two sons and one daughter; Keith, married to Beth Kesterson, one daughter; Gwendolyn, Mrs. Donald Baker, five sons.

REMINGTON FAMILY

History of the Remington family in Iowa started in 1849, when Samuel Remington and his wife, Mary Ann, and their son, Eliphalet, left Alloway, N. Y., with their destination Fairview, an original settlement southwest of Anamosa, Iowa. The trip was made by canal boat and stagecoach. Since Alloway was a rural community adjacent to Lyons, N.Y., on the Erie canal, the boat segment of the journey apparently was on that canal to Buffalo, N. Y.

When they reached Galena, Ill., Mr. Remington became seriously ill, and although medical attention was immediately procured, he died within 24 hours from an affliction thought to have been appendicitis.

Mrs. Remington and her son, Eliphalet, continued on to Fairview where they remained until 1851, when Mrs. Remington was married to Joseph Norman Kirby. They were the parents of one daughter, Mary Elizabeth, who was married to George Penn, and after his death to C. W. Webster.

Joseph Norman Kirby (Joseph Norman and his wife, Mary Ann Remington) settled on land south of Martelle, where they established a stagecoach stop with hotel accommodations and a post office. The stagecoach stop was known as the Elk Horn tavern, and the site as Prospect Hill. No dates are available, other than those in the records of the United States Post Office department, which show that the first post office in the area was established at Prospect Hill, approximately a mile south of Martelle, on Dec. 9, 1872. Charles W. Ormsby was commissioned as the first postmaster.

Eliphalet, named in honor of Eliphalet Remington II of the Remington family of firearms manufacturers, was married to Cordelia Anderson. They had one son, Guy, born in 1881.

Guy was married to Elsie Rogers of Oxford Junction and had two sons: Lolin and Iven.

Lolin was married to Wilma Graaff and they had two children: Steven, and Phyllis, Mrs. Donald Bunting.

Iven was married to Elizabeth Kerner who by a previous marriage had a daughter, Kathleen, Mrs. Arthur Collins with four children: Diana (Mrs. Robert Stout), Christine, Elizabeth and Janet. Iven and Elizabeth then had a daughter, Carole, who is married to Wayne Lerch and they have three children: Terri, David, and Daniel, all at home. Iven's wife, Elizabeth, died and he married Charlotte Vulner, no children.

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Jones County Gen. Society has received correspondence from an individual in the northern region of Germany:

I do research work in a part of the northern region of Germany. In the past 10 years, I collected a lot of information from churchbooks.

I will do research in villages of northern Germany. I charge \$13.00 per hour plus mileage and postage.

For the village of Misselwarden, I have put together a village lineage book(1680 through 1900). This book costs \$45.00, including postage.

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