

Family Group Record for Abram J. WESTBROOK

Husband	Abram J. WESTBROOK
Born	30 Sep 1830 Sparta, Morrow Co., Ohio ¹
Died	6 Jul 1914 Newton, Jasper Co., Iowa ²
Buried	Sugar Grove Cemetery-Metz, Jasper Co., Iowa ³
Father	Rev. Hiram WESTBROOK (1807-1891)
Mother	Maria ASHLEY (1808-1891) ⁴
Marriage	24 Nov 1859 Sparta, Morrow Co., Iowa ⁵

Events

- A biographical sketch was printed: 1878, Jasper Co., Iowa.
Biography of A.J. Westbrook

Westbrook, A.J., farmer, Sec. 1; P.O. Newton; born in Knox Co., Ohio, September 30, 1833. He learned the carpenter trade which he followed mostly till he came to this county. He enlisted in Co. E, 121 O.V.I., August, 1862, for three years, but was discharged for disability in about five months. He married Livona C. Swetland November 24, 1859; they have four children Artemas F., Charles B., H. Burr and William S.

Mr. W. and family came to this country in 1865, and engaged in farming, carrying on his father's place. Politically, he is a Republican. Has been Assessor of the Township four years. His brother L. B., is now Clerk of the Courts in this county. ~ The History of Jasper Co., Iowa, 1878.

- His obituary was published in The Newton Daily News on 7 Jul 1917 in Newton, Jasper Co., Iowa.
A.J. Westbrook
DIED YESTERDAY AT AGE OF 81 YEARS

After many months of sickness and several years of ill health, during which time he was unable to look after business with his accustomed care and attention., A. J. Westbrook passed away, yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at his home three miles southwest of Newton. His body was simply enfeebled by old age and he passed out of sleep into death.

The deceased was among the older and better known residents of Jasper county. He and his wife came to this county in 1864 -- immediately after the war. They came here with Hiram Westbrook, the deceased's father, who was at that time a retired farmer. The deceased had volunteered in Ohio, but after a few months' service in the war was released on account of disability.

The deceased was born September 30th, 1833, near Sparta, Ohio. Mr. Westbrook was married to Livona Swetland in 1860. In 1864 Mr. and Mrs. Westbrook came to Jasper county and settled on the farm southwest of Newton, where they have lived ever since. After becoming incapacitated, Mr. Westbrook's son, W. S., moved into a house in the same yard as his father and he and his wife have taken care of the couple.

The deceased leaves his life companion behind and two sons -- two sons, Edward and Stanley, having died as children with diphtheria. Surviving sons are: A. S. of Aberdeen, Idaho: Charles, of Oskaloosa: Burr, of Texas, and W. S. on the old home farm. A brother, Lee Westbrook of ?ty, and a sister, Mrs. C. B. Jones of Nebraska, also survive.

The son, Charles was for many years associated with Bert Miller in the dry good business here under the name of Miller & Westbrook. He is now engaged in the business in Oskaloosa.

No arrangements have been made for the funeral as yet known if the sons from the west can come. ~ The Newton Daily News, July 7, 1917

Wife	Livonia SWETLAND
Born	4 Jul 1836 Sparta, Morrow Co., Ohio ⁶
Died	26 Dec 1925 Newton, Jasper Co., Iowa ⁷
Buried	Sugar Grove Cemetery-Metz, Jasper Co., Iowa ³
Father	Fuller SWETLAND (-)
Mother	Elisabeth RUSSEL (-)

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- Her obituary was published in The Colfax Tribune on 21 Dec 1925 in Colfax, Jasper Co., Iowa.
Metz News

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The community was saddened on Saturday evening by the passing away of Mrs. A. J. Westbrook in Newton. She had gone there to spend Christmas with her sister and was sick only a few hours when the end came. She was eighty-nine years of age and was able to care for herself most of the time. She had made her home with her son Surr for the past two years and had lived in this vicinity about sixty years. "Aunt Vone" as she was called will be greatly missed by her many friends. ~ The Colfax Tribune, December 21, 1925.

- Funeral Services: The Newton Daily News, 28 Dec 1925, Newton, Jasper Co., Iowa.

Hold Westbrook Funeral Services
This Afternoon

Funeral services from Mrs. Livona Westbrook, who died Saturday evening at the home of her sister, Mrs. Ed. Thornton, were held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the Morgan Funeral home with Dr. G. C. Williams, pastor of the Congregational church in charge of the rites.

Pall bearers were Will, Henry and Fred Aillaud, Alva Baker, J. Callison, and Ralph Miller. Burial was made in the Sugar Grove cemetery near Metz.

Obituary

Mrs. Westbrook, who was 89 years of age, was born in Ohio in 1836 and was married there to Abram Westbrook in 1859. Her maiden name was Miss Livonia Katherine Swetland.

In 1864, Mr. and Mrs. Westbrook came to Jasper County, where they made their home. Six children were born to them, two of whom, Edward and Stanley, preceded their mother in death. Mr. Westbrook died several years ago. Surviving are the four sons, A. S. Westbrook of Oregon, C. B. Westbrook of this city, Burr Westbrook of Merrill, Ore., and W. S. Westbrook, who lives near Newton.

Mrs. Westbrook, who was lovingly known to a large circle of relatives and friends as "Aunt Vone," was making a Christmas visit at the Thornton home at the time of her death. She had been making her home with her son, W. S. Westbrook in the country, and had come to Newton to visit during the holidays. She had been in fairly good health although she has been failing for some time due to her advanced age.

It has been the custom of the Westbrook family to hold a reunion each year, and at these "Aunt Von" had been guest of honor. She had a great many friends in Newton and vicinity who will be grieved to learn of her death. ~ The Newton Daily News, December 28, 1925.

Children

1	M	Artimus Freeman WESTBROOK
Born	Abt 1861	Morrow Co., Ohio ⁸
Died	9 Sep 1934	Klamath Co., Oregon ⁹
Buried		Linkville Cemetery, Klamath Co., Oregon ¹⁰
Spouse	Alice Grace RICHARDS (1868-1953) 23 Jun 1883 - Jasper Co., Iowa ¹¹	
Spouse	Laura Catherine CHRISTIANSEN (1869-) Abt 1891 - Salt Lake City, Salt Lake Co., Utah	
2	M	Charles Bruce WESTBROOK
Born	2 Nov 1862	Morrow Co., Ohio ¹²
Died	17 May 1948	Metz, Jasper Co., Iowa ¹²
Buried	19 May 1948	Newton, Jasper Co., Iowa ¹²
Spouse	Harriet L. MORGAN (1863-1942) 14 Oct 1885 - Monroe, Jasper Co., Iowa ¹³	

Events

- His obituary was published in The Newton Daily News on 17 May 1948 in Newton, Jasper Co., Iowa.
News Story
Metz Man Dies Today in Newton
Former Merchant Here; Came to Metz District When Two Years Old

C.B. Westbrook, 85, Metz area farmer and former Newton business man, died at 3:30 o'clock this morning at Skiff

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Memorial hospital.

Funeral services will be at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Morgan Funeral Home in Newton, Rev. L. Churchill Austin will officiate. Burial will be in the Newton Union cemetery.

In Log Cabin More familiarly known as "Uncle Charley," Mr. Westbrook was a pioneer resident of Jasper county, moving here with his parents, Abram and Livonia Swetland Westbrook, in 1864 when he was only two years old. He had been born in Nov. 2, 1862. The family settled in a log cabin in the Metz area.

He married Harriet L. Morgan of Monroe in October, 1885. For many years he was a partner in The Miller and Westbrook dry goods store on the west side of the square. He was also associated in a dry goods store at Oskaloosa for several years.

Oil Station

In 1919, he and Fred Evans started an oil station on First avenue East, which is presently the Deep Rock station. He operated the station until he retired several years ago, but still retained an ownership interest.

Mr. Westbrook's wife and their one daughter, Mrs. Frank (Imogene) Zickel of Kellogg, who died last June 8, preceded him in death. Survivors include one brother, W. S. Westbrook, of near Newton, and nieces and nephews. ~ The Newton Daily News, May 17, 1948, Page 1.

3	M	Stanley WESTBROOK	
Born	31 Jan 1863	Morrow Co., Ohio ¹⁴	
Died	12 Aug 1877	Jasper Co., Iowa ¹⁴	
Buried		Sugar Grove Cemetery-Metz, Jasper Co., Iowa ¹⁵	

Events

- His obituary was published in the Newton Journal on 16 Aug 1977 in Newton, Jasper Co., Iowa.
Died

Also of the same disease [diphtheria], Stanley B. Westbrook, age 14 years, 2 months and 7 days. Sons of A.J. and L.C. Westbrook.

Alas! how sad the stroke falls on the dear parents and friends. Funeral services were conducted by Ebler Wm. Neel and Rev. J. M. Tool. ~ Newton Journal, August 16, 1877.

4	M	Burr WESTBROOK	
Born	Mar 1866	Jasper Co., Iowa ¹⁶	
Died	7 Apr 1940	Klamath Co., Oregon ¹⁷	
Spouse	Alice Grace RICHARDS (1868-1953) 27 Jun 1883 - Jasper Co., Iowa		
Spouse	Grace STEWART (Abt 1867-) 26 Nov 1890 - Newton, Jasper Co., Iowa ¹⁸		

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- News Item: The Daily Herald, 1 Jan 1903.
Westbrook & Geise

The only drug store on the west side of the square is that owned and conducted by Messrs. Westbrook & Geise, two of the most popular men of the town.

The store is in the same room formerly used by Harvey Skiff as a drug establishment, and the people of Jasper County have been buying their drug supplies out of there for the past quarter of a century.

Mr. Burr Westbrook has been in the drug business for a great many years, having for a long time conducted a store in Monroe in partnership with Ralph Parmenter. Not being satisfied to remain in Monroe he removed to Newton, where the opportunities were greater. Soon the partnership with Mr. Geise was formed and Burr received a lucrative position on the road traveling for a paint company, where he has secured a high standing as one of the best paint salesmen in the county.

Mr. Ed Geise is a young man who has grown up in Jasper County and has been engaged in the mercantile enterprises ever since he was a boy. He was for a time in association with August Wendt, Sr., in the general mercantile business. After a short time the present partnership was formed, which has been a very successful one, the popularity of the establishment

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being a great help.

The stock of drugs and chemicals is supplemented by a full line of paints and oils, and in sundries everything is carried usually found in the first class drug stock. The cigar counter is very popular, and in candies the stock is as fine as can be found anywhere. In the summer season the ice cream trade is very heavy.

Both proprietors are very gentlemanly and popular with the young class of the town, which insures a large trade with them.

The proprietors are assisted by Frank Thomas, familiarly Tommie, a popular young pharmacist, and by Harry Scheark, on of the best boys in Newton. ~ The Daily Herald, Illustrated Edition, Friday, January 1, 1903, Page 23, Column 5

5	M	Edward WESTBROOK
Born	30 Jul 1870	Jasper Co., Iowa ¹⁹
Died	10 Aug 1877	Jasper Co., Iowa ¹⁹
Buried		Sugar Grove Cemetery-Metz, Jasper Co., Iowa ¹⁵

Events

- His obituary was published in the Newton Journal on 16 Aug 1977 in Newton, Jasper Co., Iowa.

Died

Westbrook - of diphth Diederia, August 10th, 1877, Edward M. Westbrook, aged 7 years, 1 month, and 3 days.

Alas! how sad the stroke falls on the dear parents and friends. Funeral services were conducted by Ebler Wm. Neel and Rev. J. M. Tool. ~ Newton Journal, August 16, 1877.

6	M	William Shurr WESTBROOK
Born	23 Apr 1875	Jasper Co., Iowa ²⁰
Died	8 Feb 1955	Newton, Jasper Co., Iowa ²⁰
Buried		Sugar Grove Cemetery-Metz, Jasper Co., Iowa ³
Spouse	Elta L. RIDER (1873-1957) 9 Feb 1898 - Jasper Co., Iowa ²¹	

Events

- His obituary was published in The Newton Daily News on 8 Feb 1955 in Newton, Jasper Co., Iowa.

Shurr Westbrook, Lifetime Resident, Dies Early Today

Shurr Westbrook, 79, who lived his entire life on a farm south of Sugar Grove Grange, died today at 6:30 a.m. at Skiff Memorial hospital.

Mr. Westbrook was born in a log cabin on the farm April 23, 1875, to Abram and Livonia Swetland Westbrook. He was a charter member of the Palo Alto Grange where he served as secretary for a number of years and was a 50-year member of the Newton Masonic Lodge this year.

Funeral services will be held at Morgan-Loehr funeral home at 2 p.m. Thursday with the Rev. W. W. Johnson of United Presbyterian church officiating. Burial will be in Sugar Grove cemetery.

The deceased was educated in Jasper county schools and Hazel Dell Academy and married Elta L. Rider Feb. 9, 1896, [sic-1898] at the home of her parents near Ira.

Survivors are his wife; two grandchildren, Duane Westbrook and Mrs. Kenneth (Charlene) McGregor; one great grandchild, Janet McGregor; and a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Jeanette Scheffers. He was preceded in death by his parents, one son, and five brothers. ~ The Newton Daily News, February 8, 1955.

- Military: Spanish American War. Was in the Iowa National Guard at Newton, Iowa at the time of the Spanish American War. - Past and Present of JC, Iowa, 1912.

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