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**Society News**

**Upcoming Programs**

April 22, 2:00 p.m. (Sunday) – The War of 1812 Bicentennial. At the Jasper County Historical Society building.  
June 28, 6:00 p.m. – Society picnic at the home of Lelah Main, 1133 Monroe Drive, Newton, Iowa, Bring a dish to share.

**Reminders**

We have an address clarification for those of you wanting to come to our library. We have found out from the county assessor that our official address is **115 W. 2nd St. S.**, and that is the address we will be using in anything we print from now on. However, at the present time, the sign above the door on our building still reads “**113 W. 2nd St. S.**” We are told that the sign will be changed but, until that happens, don’t be confused – we’re still in the same building in the county employees’ parking lot and, once inside, we’re the first door on your left. Come see us!

The Society web page is [www.iagenweb.org/jasper/jcgs/](http://www.iagenweb.org/jasper/jcgs/) and e-mail address is [genealogy1jcgs@hotmail.com](mailto:genealogy1jcgs@hotmail.com)

**Need a German Translator?**

Gerda Johnson is a native German and will transcribe/translate German for you and assist in research. Familiar with old hothic/sufferlin script. Contact her at [applepie2go@mchsi.com](mailto:applepie2go@mchsi.com) or call her at 515-779-9617.

**Transcribers Needed for 1940 Census Index**

The 1940 census digital images were released by the National Archives on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. As in other census years, the names need to be indexed to make it easier to locate family members. Transcribers are being recruited for the Iowa census; it’s quite easy to do. If you are interested in being a volunteer transcriber, please contact Barbara J. Hammer at [bjhdch@iowatelecom.net](mailto:bjhdch@iowatelecom.net) or call her at (641) 787-9092.

**New books added to our library shelves**

- Mayflower Families Through 5 generations Vol. 6
- Family History Leonard Likins 1794-1862
- Efnor Family Genealogy
- Newton Journal Obits 1910 - April 1913
- Newton Journal Scrapbook 1910 - April 1913
- Confetti by Marcella Smith (Growing up in Albia)

## News Items

### Where Did They Go

From the Newton Journal

#### Good Family Moved Away

25 March 1908. Yesterday morning Mr. **Thomas McCarty** had planned to leave with the car load of goods for their new home at Independence, Pennsylvania, which is in the southwestern part of the state and tomorrow morning Mrs. McCarty and her daughter Lulu, are to start for the same place.

The McCarty's have lived in Jasper County for a number of years and most of the time on the same farm, five miles north of town. Here they have endeared themselves to a large circle of friends who regret to have them move so far away.

Mr. & Mrs. McCarty lived in Pennsylvania long years ago and there a great many of their relatives are living so that they will not be among strangers in their new home.

On last Friday evening about twenty five of the young people in the country gave Miss Lulu a very pleasant surprise. The most of them collected at Charles McCartney's nearby and went to the home in a body. Although a good bit of the furniture had been packed and the carpets had been taken up the young people had a splendid time. Before they left they presented Miss Lulu with a beautiful solid silver souvenir spoon with the words "March 20<sup>th</sup> 1908" engraved on it. This will serve as a pretty reminder of the occasion and of the happy times Miss McCarty has had with her friends in Newton.

For the past two or three years Lulu has been teaching school and she will be greatly missed in the teacher's ranks. This winter she has been the teacher at NO. # Newton township, but was compelled to resign because of going away. Miss Helen Bringham had taken Miss McCarty's place at this school.

#### A Farewell Dinner

2 December 1908. The home of Mr. & Mrs. **D. D. Goodhue** was the scene of a large farewell dinner company to which all the brothers, sisters and nieces and nephews were invited. This reunion will probably be the last which the relatives will enjoy for some time, as Mr. & Mrs. Goodhue expect to leave soon for Texas to look after land interests and from there will go to sunny Florida where they will spend the winter and possibly longer. A sumptuous dinner was served at one o'clock. Excepting for the thought that Mr. & Mrs. Goodhue would leave so soon for far way Florida, the occasion was a happy one and will long be remembered by all who were present.

#### Gone to Minnesota

19 February 1908. Mr. & Mrs. **Anson Holmes** and family will leave in a few days for Minnesota where they will live in the future. Yesterday Mrs. Holmes and children went to Grinnell for a visit.

Later Mr. Holmes will join them, going from there to their new home which will be on a farm in Minnesota.

The Holmes family has lived on the Lamb place in the west part of town for a number of years. Mr. Holmes is the owner of the place and still remains the ownership. He intends to keep it until he knows whether he likes Minnesota or not. It is the hope of the friends and neighbors that they will like Iowa better and will come back to make Newton their home again.

#### Farewell Surprise Party

16 Sept 1908. About forty friends were entertained at the Sam Lister home on West McDonald Street on Wednesday evening of last week in honor of the son and his wife, Mr. & Mrs. **Robert Lister**, who left Thursday morning for their home in Rhode Island after a visit of two or three weeks in Newton. Robert was born and raised in Newton and has many friends and boyhood chums here who were glad to see him again. His wife is an Eastern lady and had never been this far west before so the trip was very enjoyable for her for that reason as well as meeting the people here.

As their time was mostly taken up by visiting relatives and Mr. Lister did not get to see many of his old friends, his mother and a boyfriend or two planned to surprise him by inviting a lot of them in the evening before he went away and the surprise was complete. Refreshments of ice cream, cake and coffee were served by the sister Miss Amy Lister. The guests all enjoyed meeting Robert's wife as she us a very refined young lady.

### A Farewell Surprise Party

19 February 1908. Mr. & Mrs. **William Moore** were delightfully surprised at their home four miles east of Colfax on the last Saturday evening by about thirty of their neighbors and friends. Mr. & Mrs. Moore and their family are soon to move having sold their farm at the place to give possession March 1. They have lived there a long time and have always been good neighbors and kind to all. It was as an appreciation of this fact that the surprise was planned and carried out. It was a complete surprise for Mr. & Mrs. Moore but was none the less enjoyable. A Basket supper was served. Music on the piano and graph phone furnished amusement during the evening. As a further means of expressing appreciation the neighbors presented them with two handsome rocking chairs. The Moore family will have the best wishes of all their old friends and neighbors in their new home wherever it may be.

### Will Move to Wyoming

1 January 1908. Mr. & Mrs. **F. E. Hammer** of Dexter returned last week from a visit here with their father Aaron Hammer and their two brother-in-laws, **True Eaton** and Will Cooper. Mr. Eaton expects to go about the middle of January to Luther, Wyoming where he will locate permanently. His son Ray will go with him but the wife and other children Leslie, Carrie, Beulah, Don and Mae will remain here until Mr. Eaton gets settled and makes arrangement for their going. Their many friends will regret to see them move away.

### Gone to Des Moines

18 Sept 1907. Mr. & Mrs. **Ed Finch** bade goodbye to their friends here last Saturday and went to their new home in Des Moines. They will be greatly missed in Newton for they have been prominent here in business and social circles but they will not be so far away that we will never see them again. They are located in a flat at 1435 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. Harold and Walter accompanied their father and mother but Florence will remain with her grandparents for a while that she may be here to practice with the Schubert Ladies

### Old Jasper County Family

9 Oct 1907. Mrs. **Maggie Slaughter** who used to live in Mound Prairie township visited old Jasper County friends last week. She and her family are located at Kirksville, Missouri. She said that her son Joe is in very good health. He was injured about three years ago when their threshing machine fell through the Ross bridge and has been unable to walk ever since. Being a cripple and in poor health made him rather uncomfortable. Although it is impossible for him to use the lower part of his body, he has hopes that he will someday be well again.

Mrs. Slaughter told us that her oldest son Mel had finished his course in Osteopathic school at Kirksville and has been practicing for the last two months at Webb City, Missouri. Yes, and she told us he was married too. Was married Sept 17 to Miss Myrtle Shreve of Cameron, Mo.

The rest of the Slaughter family are all in Kirksville and the youngest ones are in school. Miss Ethel graduated from Kirksville High School last June.

### Gone to Mexico

6 Nov 1907. Mr. & Mrs. **Ed Henderson** and little daughter Hope went yesterday to New Mexico where they expect to make their future home. They have traded their farm three miles southwest of Baxter for a fine farm there, near Roswell, New Mexico. Miss Abbie Hall accompanied them to New Mexico and she will make a two week visit there before it is time for the winter term of school to begin.

### Moved From Old Farm

25 December 1907. Mr. & Mrs. **Austin Halliwell** who have lived for so many years on the same farm, three miles west of Metz moved this fall to Mitchellville, where they expect to live in the future. It has been a long time since Mr. & Mrs. Halliwell began living on their old farm near Metz. Here their children were raised and grew up, only four of the children are still living and they too have moved from the old neighborhood. The daughter **Mrs. Charles Brothers** and husband and family moved this fall to California where they are permanently located. One son **James** living in Nebraska where he has been for a number of years on a farm. **Henry** and his wife and little son Thomas are spending the winter in Southern Texas. They expect to return in the spring. **George** came this fall from Kansas where he has been located for some time on a farm. Having sold out there he will remain during the winter with his father and mother as they getting pretty old and need someone to help them during the cold winter.

Mr. & Mrs. Halliwell and family were always highly respected and the many neighbors will regret to see them leave their old farm.

#### Will Live in Denver

2 Sept 1908. Many friends were surprised and pleased when they knew that Mr. **C.E. Bowers** and Miss **Catharine Hummel** were married in Des Moines last Thursday.

The Groom came to Newton about three years ago and held patents for a hay baler which was manufactured by the Parsons Band Cutter and Self Feeders Company. He has been a faithful employee and now will handle his own business.

Miss Hummel, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Hummel, has lived in Newton for several years past. She has been employed in various offices in Newton as a stenographer and had many friends and admirers.

The courtship began at the tabernacle meetings last winter and they joined the Methodist Church at the same time. The union of these two people can result in nothing but the best and we all join in wishing them happiness and prosperity in great big chunks.

Their home in the near future will be in Denver Colorado, where the groom will engage in selling hay presses.

#### Going to the Coast

7 Oct 1908. We met **Hon. G.M. Wilson** the other day and he tells us that he has rented his farm and will go to the Pacific coast soon and that he may retire there permanently. He has a son at Breventa and Tacoma on Puget Sound with whom he will probably make his home.

#### Has Position in Colorado

7 Oct 1908. Mr. **Hugh Rhodes** was home the first of the week for a little farewell visit with his parents, Mr. Mrs. **J.W. Rhodes**, south of town. He has been in the employ of a lumber firm in Des Moines but was recently offered a more attractive position at Brush, Colorado; he left for that place on Monday. One very fortunate feature about his new location is that it is only a few miles from Ft. Morgan where his sister, Miss Winifred, is teaching this year. All of Hugh's Newton friends will join in wishing him every success in his new work in Colorado.

#### Will Live in Washington

28 Oct 1908. **G. M. Wilson** of Ira was in town Monday and called at our office. Tomorrow he and his wife expect to leave for Seattle, Washington. He tells us that they expect to make their future home in that state, as their children are all located out there. **Mrs. C.E. Richards** is at Davenport; **Fred W.** at Bremerton and **Mrs. E. J. Ashworth** at Tacoma.

Mr. Wilson has been a resident of Jasper County for fifty one years and is one of the best known men in the county. Although Mr. & Mrs. Wilson regret to leave their old home and associations, they feel that it will be pleasant to be near their children. They will be welcome visitors any time they want to come back to Jasper.

#### Moved to Spokane

14 Oct 1908. Last Friday **Mrs. Ann Gibford** and her daughter, **Mrs. Mathew Evans** and little son Darrell left for Greeley, Colorado to visit a daughter and sister. **Mrs. Will Evans**, who was formerly, **Miss Ella Gibford** of Newton. After a visit there the ladies will go to Spokane, Washington, where the Evans will make their future home and where Mrs. Gibford will remain during the winter or possibly longer. Mrs. Evans was formally Miss **Della Gibford** and her husband is the son of **Mrs. Calvin Evans**, of Collins. He is in the real estate business and for some time past they have been living in Houston, Texas.

All the family has been visiting in Newton but Mr. Evans and daughter Velma left some time ago for Spokane to get things in readiness for the rest of the folks.

**Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Westing** who recently moved to Newton from Des Moines have rented Mrs. Gibford beautiful residence on West Plum Street and are occupying it during her absence in the west.

All Newton friends will hope that Mr. & Mrs. Evans will be pleased with their new location and that Mrs. Gibford may have a very pleasant inter with her daughter in Spokane.

## Move to South Dakota

29 July 1908. **Mrs. M.A. Burnham** and her son Charles W. left Monday morning for Pennington County, South Dakota, where they will make their future home on a claim belonging to Mrs. Burnham. Mrs. Charles W. Burnham and son are there now and like it very much. They are two miles from the railroad and in view of the Black Hills. Mrs. Burnham took some very small maple trees to plant as the trees are a scarce article in that section of the country.

## **Daughter of Wittemburg College Founder Here**

Mrs. Alice Merrill Raymond of Minneapolis, but formerly of Jasper county, was in Newton after an absence of many years.

She and her husband are making an overland trip in their automobile and stopped here that Mrs. Raymond might visit the scenes of her early days.

When here they drove to Wittemburg. It was in this community that Mrs. Raymond was raised and in the Wittemburg cemetery are buried several of her relatives. They stopped a short time with Mrs. Albert Harrah, an old friend of the family.

Mrs. Raymond is the daughter of Rev. Thomas Merrill, one of the old settlers of Jasper county and the main founder of Wittemburg college.

The college was founded in 1854 with the Rev. Merrill as principal. It flourished and prospered until the Civil War began when all the men of community were called to the front and the school was closed.

It was reopened with the end of the war and increased both in attendance and excellence until Grinnell college was founded.

The foundation of this rival school together with the loss sustained at the time of the civil war was more than the Wittemburg school with its slender financial support could stand and Wittemburg College was declared closed.

The building stood vacant for a long time until about twenty years ago, decayed and partly demolished, it was torn down.

At its prime probably not more than fifty people attended the college, but several men and women who have reached that which the world terms success, owe, partly, that success to the start they received in that old frame building five miles north of Newton. ~ The Newton Journal, 19 July 1911.

## **John Cort was Known Well Here as Lindley White**

He Was the Son of Rev. John M. White, Pastor of Wittemburg Thirty-Five Years Ago

There were some in Newton and vicinity, who read the story of the career of John Cort last night and recognized the multi-millionaire as their boy friend, Lindley White. Others who did not recognize him by that name will recall the boy of thirty-five years ago now and probably will at the same time recall some of the escapades and pranks in which he lead in those days.

Mr. Cort is a son of the late Rev. John M. White, who from 1870 to 1875 or 1878 was the pastor of the Wittemburg Congregational church. He was in Newton less than three years ago. At that time he brought his mother's body here for burial in the Wittemburg cemetery.

While in Newton at that time Mr. Cort, in conversation with an old-time friend, stated he was interested in seventy playhouses. The article in the Billboard from which the notes were made in Wednesday's issue, states:

“Commercial expediency is Mr. Cort's motto. He is a firm adherent of the belief that people are more interested in his business accomplishments than they are in him personally. It is this guiding influence that causes him to turn most of his attention to the successful accomplishments of his enterprise, rather than to their multiplicity and needless popularization. The current season will witness no cessation of John Cort's activities.

“He will again present Leslie Carter in Two Women on the road; The Gamblers is to have several companies offering its intrinsic merits to the country, and Lawrence D'Orsay has been taken under his managerial wing and will be presented in The Earl of Pawtucket on the road. He has also arranged to the production of Sadie, a new

comedy drama, by Rupert Hughes, as well as Jingaboo, a musical farce, the book of which was contributed by Leo Ditrichstein, the lyrics by Vincent Bryan and the music by Arthur Prior. The Fox, a comedy by Lee Arthur, adapted from the original of Harold McGrath, is also to be presented to the metropolis.

“The production of plays, however, is not Mr. Court’s choice. He is more interested in the theatre end of the business and devotes the majority of his time in the West, where his larger interests lay.

“Within the last three years Mr. Cort has constructed for himself several new playhouses along the Pacific Coast. He is at this moment in San Francisco, arranging for the opening of the Cort Theatre, on September 3, which is to have as its opening attraction the Pacific Coast company of Baby Mine.” ~ The Newton Journal, 2 Nov 1911

### **It’s All Relative(s)**

If you’ve done very much research, you’re bound to have hit at least one “dead end” in your direct line – an ancestor who just didn’t seem to leave any record of where he came from, who his parents were, etc.

To help avoid those dead ends, always be sure to look for information about your ancestor’s brothers and sisters. Knowing where they lived, who they married or associated with, and where they traveled may provide you a clue to the information you are trying to find. This is especially true when your Iowa ancestor has relatives in the eastern part of the country – they might still be living in, or near, your ancestor’s hometown.

A newspaper’s “neighborhood” or “neighboring town” column is an excellent source for tracking family relatives and people’s comings and goings. In early days, these little “personals” were often found on the first page of many papers. Here are some little tidbits from early Jasper County papers.

#### **From Prairie City News 8 Feb 1878**

J. T. Holland, of Red Oak, was in town this week visiting his brother (sic) Dora Holland.

Mrs. Ketchum, mother of Mrs. Ben Worden, has been very ill for some time, but we are glad to know that she is recovering.

#### **From Prairie City News 1 Mar 1878**

Mrs. Rev. J. C. White, of Knoxville, is in town this week, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. P. V. Adkins.

Mr. Benj. Conrad of Hillsborough, OH, is in town visiting his son, Wm. Conrad.

#### **From Prairie City News 22 Mar 1878**

Miss Hattie & Mr. Chas. Wilson went to Taylor County the first of the week to see their brother-in-law, Mr. E. A. Parker, who is seriously ill.

Mrs. Dr. H. C. Porter has been visiting...with her mother Mrs. Dr. Hull of Colorado.

Mrs. N. H. Dowling is in Missouri visiting her father, Mr. Levi Jenks.

Mr. Whitlock, of Dexter (IA), is in town visiting his cousins, Mrs. Ben Worden and Miss Ketchum.

#### **From Prairie City News 29 Mar 1878**

Mrs. Wycoff and her two daughters of Bushnell, IL, were in town visiting her daughter, Mrs. Dr. J. N. Porter.

#### **From Prairie City News 26 Apr 1878**

On Sunday last a son of John W. Dinsmore, who resides a few miles north of Newton, fell and broke the ligaments of his right arm.

Rev. H. M. Sexton, who for the past year has been pastor of the M. E. Church of this city, has severed his connection with the church and left...for his new field of labor in Vinton (IA) where he will take charge of the Albright Methodist Church.

#### **From Newton Journal, 1 Jan 1880**

Died: On Monday (Dec) 29 (1879), Mr. George Ledyard of our city (learned) that his aged mother had died that morning...The deceased, Mrs. Lydia Ledyard, was born at Norwich, CN, in 1804 and died at Channahan, Will Co., IL....She had been a resident of that place 27 years. Her husband, age 84, is still living. They had 3 children, one of whom died at Vicksburg in 1864 while in the army. One living child resides in Milwaukee, the other in Newton. (abstract of the article)

**From Newton Journal 3 Oct 1888**

W. H. Korff and wife were hastily called to Newton Monday evening on account of the alarming illness of Mrs. Korff's father, Mr. John Steiglitz (this item in the Baxter news column).

Oscar Vert, residing in Kasson, IA, has been spending a few days with his brother Harry in (Newton).

Mrs. Oscar Little is enjoying a visit from her niece, Miss Bee Curtis, of Chicago.

Miss Mary Hogan of Scott Co. arrived in Newton last Monday and will spend the winter with her cousin, Mrs. O. C. Meredith.

**From Newton Journal 17 Oct 1888**

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Carns...returned from...a visit at Sioux City, where their daughter, Mrs. Jennie Salmon is now visiting with relatives and probably will remain there all winter.

**From Newton Journal 31 Oct 1888**

Mrs. Will Davis has returned after a short visit with relatives in Nebraska. Her mother, Grandma Bell, accompanied her home. (from Buena Vista area column)

**From Newton Journal 7 Nov 1888**

Mrs. Alex Woods has spent the past month in visiting her brother, Wildman Murphy and other relatives in Colorado. (from Buena Vista area column)

**From Grinnell Herald, 7 Nov 1893**

A. W. Woodford and family of Pilger, NE, stopped over in Chester this week for a visit with H. A. Woodford, his brother. (from Chester column)

**From Newton Herald, 22 Jan 1897**

Mrs. Eva Rayburn returned home last Monday from Newton, where she has had to remain on account of sickness. Her mother, Mrs. Nicholson, return home last week. She has been attending her daughter during her recent illness. (from Lynnville area column)

**From Newton Herald, 29 Jan 1897**

Old lady Brewin is still lying in a very critical condition at the house of her son-in-law John Booth, south of town.

Mrs. Ribeldaffer returned from Tingley, IA, where she has been acting as nurse for her daughter, Jennie, who has been sick but is now able to resume her work in the schools there.

Mr. & Mrs. F. Bussing expect to take their departure for California in the near future. Should they be favorably impressed with the place they will remain there; if not they will return to Iowa.

**From Iowa State Democrat (Newton), 1 Dec 1898**

Charlie Squires, of Indiana, is visiting his brother Sam and other relatives in this vicinity. (from Murphy area column)

Mrs. W. G. Burnside and daughter Irene, of Winterset, spent Thanksgiving with her sister Mrs. Harry Morris. (from Newton column)

Mrs. S. F. Jarnagin of Colfax returned home after a couple weeks at Galesburg attending her mother, Mrs. Jane Main, and sister Mrs. A. B. Jarnagin, both of whom are seriously ill.

Mrs. Jacob Leibsle of Melbourne returned home Tuesday after a ... visit with her brother, C. F. Coppersmith and sisters Mrs. Oscar Evans and Mrs. Louise Williams. (from Newton column)

John Scarbrough who, with his good wife, left here Nov. 10 after visiting all fall with his brothers Samuel of this place and A. J. at Monroe, is lying very ill at his home in Decatur, IL, having suffered a stroke of paralysis which has completely affected his brain. (from Newton column)

Ray, son of William Smith, has been quite sick recently. (from Hickory Grove column)

W. W. Houston of Toledo, OH, is visiting his brother-in-law, T. G. Bryant. (from Newton column)

Aaron, son of Thomas Robinson, is very sick with typhoid fever, at his home south of town. (from Newton column)

Ralph F. Graham went to Aledo, IL, for a short visit with his mother and other relatives. (from Newton column)

Mrs. F. P. Wigton of Norfolk, NE, spent last week visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. F. M. (or E. M.) Giles. (from Newton column)

**From Iowa State Democrat (Newton), 1 Dec 1898 (cont.)**

Fred Giles and wife were down from Des Moines to eat turkey with “the old folks.” (from Newton column)

Miss Minnie Bollhoefer returned to Prairie City Tuesday morning after a visit with her father, A. C. Bollhoefer. (from Newton column)

Miss Minnie Herzog, who had been here to attend her brother Henry’s wedding, left Tuesday for her home in Austin, MN. (from Newton column)

Mrs. C. A. Epperson and baby returned home to Grinnell Monday after a short visit with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Arnold. (from Newton column)

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilson, daughter Grace and son Ray, went to Colfax to eat turkey with their daughter and sister, Mrs. John Clippinger, Jr. (from Newton column)

Mrs. Jennie Bryant and her daughter Stella left Monday for their home at Dresden, OH, after a 2 months visit with Mrs. Bryant’s brothers John A., George, and Dr. Buchanan. (from Newton column)

Rev. J. B. Scarbrough of Monroe came over Monday evening, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. F. O. Youngblood, who left for her home at Mt. Liberty, OH, after a seven-week visit. (from Newton column)

Mrs. L. J. Reno, who had for the past two weeks been visiting her son Louie and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Evan Adamson, left a few days since for her new home in Pueblo, CO. (from Newton column)

John Thompson and wife of Lynnville, who had been here with their daughter, Mrs. C. D. Gage, for 3 weeks, went to Colfax Wednesday to remain with their daughter Mrs. Maggie Lemon, until spring. (from Newton column)

Mrs. Phin. Early, of Clyde, was visiting her father-in-law, P. H. Early, last week. (from Newton column)

Phil Hill of east of Baxter was in Saturday and spent the day with his father, W. E. Hill. (from Newton column)

A. Failor returned Tuesday from a visit with his daughter Mrs. Mary Ely, at Ft. Dodge. (from Newton column)

Mrs. J. H. Reed, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Nancy Logsdon, returned home to Berwick, MT. (from Newton column)

**This ‘n That**

- We have been reading of different towns which boasted of having a resident who was 100 years or more, but Colfax takes the cake, Mrs. Rachel Vaughn, mother of Mrs. Andrew Oliver is a few months over 110 years of age. She was born a slave in Virginia. She remembers the war of 1812; has seen “Old Hickory” and other great men. She seems hale and hearty but does not expect to live long enough to hear of a slave buying his freedom in the Philippines. ~ Newton Herald; October 19, 1900, page 5
- Do not resent growing old – many are denied that privilege.
- A Birthday Card: I’m glad we’re related ...I don’t have to make excuses for being seen with you!
- It is absurd to think that life begins for us at birth. The pattern was set far back; we merely step into the process. – Kathleen Coyle
- This country needs a family tree producing more lumber and fewer nuts.
- Ancestors are the people that made us possible.



## Newton In 1878

The following article is the third installment of the Newton business review that appeared in the *Newton Journal*, 7 February 1878. It provides one of the most complete pictures of the early days of the town that we have found to date.

### PHILADELPHIA CLOTHING HOUSE

J. H. McCalmont, proprietor, our next place of observation, is entitled to a distinguished place in this review, and is not only one of the largest establishments in Newton, but one of the most popular trading places. This house was established 18 years ago, and has ever been distinguished for the excellent quality of goods sold as well as the low prices of the same. There are three general features of this establishment, Clothing, Hats and Caps and Gents' Furnishing Goods, Trunks, Valises, &c. All departments seem to be unusually complete in the various details of stock, and the indication of experience on the part of the management is clearly visible upon every feature of the concern. The store is 85 feet in length by 21 in width, two stories high, and all the available space occupied making a stock unsurpassed in character or extent in Jasper county; and whether in Men's, Boys' or Youths' Clothing, Furnishing Goods, Hats, Caps, or Trunks and Valises, this house presents opportunities to the purchasing public, equal to the best establishments of our larger cities.

### WORTHY OF NOTICE

is the large Furniture and Undertaking Establishment of J. H. McCord. This department of trade is unusually well represented and as one of the leading features we will allude briefly to the house above indicated. This enterprise was inaugurated over 13 years ago, and at once assumed a position in matters of trade equal to the best business concerns in the city. The indications of experienced management are clearly revealed upon every feature of the enterprise, and the stock, most of which is of home manufacture, is superior in styles and quality. Likewise in the Undertaking department the facilities are unexcelled. The stock is not only large, but very complete, embracing everything that pertains to a first class trade from a common chair to the elegant chamber or parlor suit, besides many articles of use and beauty usually found only in the stores of our larger cities, and as regards matters of trade with facilities equally as good.

### W. H. THRIFT,

dealer in Hardware, stoves and Agricultural Implements, is the representative of one of our leading business enterprises, and one entitled to a foremost place in this review. This house, established 11 years ago, has ever occupied a leading position in matters of trade, and will compare favorably in every respect with the largest and best establishments in this section of the State. Mr. Thrift occupies a large brick store 80 feet in length by 22 in width, two stories high, and all the available space occupied with goods. The general features of stock are Hardware, Stoves and Tinware, Plows, Cultivators, Corn Planters, &c. These, however, are only leading articles; the stock in all departments is replete with the best of goods, selected by an experienced man, who is well informed as to the wants and requirements of the public. During a long business career here, Mr. Thrift has gained hosts of friends, and none are better or more favorably known either as business man or citizen. Fair and honorable in his dealing with the public, selling goods at a reasonable profit, he has secured a large share of the public patronage, and built up an enterprise, a credit to himself and an honor to the town.

### JASPER COUNTY BANK,

Lufkin & Wilson proprietors, was inaugurated in August, 1869. The banking interests are unusually well represented, and by safe and reliable institutions, in Jasper county. There is perhaps no feature in the business interests of the county of more actual necessity to the convenience and wants of the commercial public than banking institutions. Literally speaking, they form a cog in the great wheel of commerce, and without which the great machine called business would become absolutely demoralized. The functions of the institution in question are general banking and during a career of more than eight years, it has ever enjoyed the utmost confidence of the public, a fact which, perhaps, is more clearly indicated in the extensive business transactions of the concern. The proprietors are both old residents of Jasper county and possessed of an extensive acquaintance throughout this section of the State, and so far as the transaction of all business pertaining to the banking system is concerned, their facilities are unexcelled. Mr. Lufkin is Treasurer of the Newton Machine Works, and upon whom . . . [unable to read] (Top of next column) institution is regarded as one of the staunch and reliable fixtures of our business interests, and entitled to the unlimited confidence of the public.

## **THE GROCERY HOUSE**

of W. F. Bodley inaugurated four years ago, is one of the largest, best stocked in the city, and its popularity as a trading place is commensurate with its superb appointments. Here we observe a stock combining all the elements of a first class Grocery and Provision Store, and presenting an appearance equal to that of similar establishments of our larger town and cities. The stock is not only large but embraces a class of goods in many respects superior to those usually found in the provincial cities. And so far as the advantages for trade are concerned, no house in the state can do better by patrons. The goods are as reliable, and the prices as low as the lowest. The stock is replete with staple and fancy Groceries, Crockery, Glassware, Cigars, Tobacco, &c. Mr. B. has been identified with Newton for the past 24 years, is well acquainted with the wants of the public and in the inauguration of his present establishment has ever recognized the fact that he who works to the interest of his patrons is ever certain of enhancing his own. His system has proved a successful one, inasmuch as it has placed this house at the head and front of the grocery interests of Jasper county.

## **THE CLOTHING HOUSE**

of McGregor & Co., our next place of observation, occupies a position of leading importance as regards the mercantile interests of Newton. This house which is under the management of James Jackson was originally established 15 years ago under the style of Herrick & Co., and assuming the present name in 1867. However, Mr. Jackson has been identified with the establishment from the start, and it has secured a place in the public esteem second to no other similar concern in this section of the state. Here we find a sales room 80 feet in length by 22 in width, filled to the utmost capacity with men's boy's and youths' clothing, hats, caps, furnishing goods, trunks, valises, &c. The styles and character of the goods are unexcelled and the showing in all departments is of the best character. Briefly, good goods, low prices, fair and honorable dealing are the distinguishing features here, and the main cause of past success.

## **DRY GOODS AND GROCERIES**

Under this head we desire to speak of the large and well stocked house of Burns & Condit. This enterprise was inaugurated by Robert Burns – not he of poetic fame however – in 1868. In 1873 or about five years ago the present alliance was effected. A leading place in public estimation as well as in business matters, has since been accorded this establishment, mainly from the fact that good goods, complete stock and low prices have ever been the chief characteristics of this concern. Each department is complete within itself and the class of goods superior in quality to those usually found in the stores of our provincial cities. They occupy floor space 132 feet in length by 22 in width, and well filled with goods. In the Dry Goods Department the showing is large, embracing the finest of Dress and Fancy Goods, Domestic, Flannels, Sheetings, etc. Likewise in Groceries, Crockery and Glassware. The display is one of the largest and best in the place. Messrs. Burns & Condit are wide-a-wake (sic) business men, ever striving to enhance the interests of their patrons, well-knowing that by so doing their own success and interests are advanced.

## **CLUTTER & DAFT**

are disciples of the "art photographic," and have been laboring for years to create a higher standard of excellence in that line, and as far at least, as the people of this vicinity are concerned their efforts have been crowned with success. This is an old established gallery; about two years ago, however, Mr. Clutter became the successor to W. H. Scribner, and in May of last year the present firm was organized. The gallery is located on the west side of the public square, in the Kennedy block, provided with all modern conveniences and improvements in the way of apparatus, and the best similar concerns of our large cities cannot produce work of a superior character. Messrs. Clutter & Daft are possessed of many years practical experience, and judging from specimens of their work, they keep thoroughly posted in all that pertains to the business. They make photography and view work a special feature, and whether in card, cabinet, or life-size their productions show evidence of superior skill in execution. Ink and oil work is also furnished; they carry an extensive stock of frames, and we cannot see why their facilities are not fully equal to the galleries of our metropolitan cities. Messrs. Clutter & Daft are possessed of a true artistic knowledge of the business, as is evinced by their work and their efforts to improve artistic manners should be well sustained by the public.

## Queries



When writing to the Jasper County Genealogical Society for research help the following guidelines have been established.

- Please type or print your letters.
- Limit of two (2) requests per letter (use separate form for each surname).
- Make your request short and to the point, be specific on what you are requesting.
- Include as much information about the person you are looking for as you can, date, places, etc.

Donations – We request a donation of \$12.50 per hour of research, which includes postage, and the cost of copying from our library materials and/or the public library materials. The cost for copies from courthouse records is one dollar per copy. We cannot guarantee to find the information you request, although we will make every effort to do so. Please send SASE (self-addressed stamped envelope). Requests received without a contribution will not be returned or acknowledged. Make your check payable to Jasper County Genealogy Society. Please allow 30 days for a response. Thank you.

### **Orr**

Looking for marriage license for Charles R. Orr and Ruth Etta Pettit.  
Married on or about 4 April 1928 in Jasper County.  
Alan R. Orr  
2315 Grand Blvd  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

### **Russell**

I'm looking for James William Russell obituary and burial information. I also want Mary Elizabeth Rickett Russell obit and burial information.  
Daniel A Olson  
1123- 142<sup>nd</sup> Street E.  
Tacoma, WA 98445

### **Murrell/Murrell/Merrel**

I would like to find obit for Wiley Anderson Murrell and his wife Mary Magdalene Honce Murrell. Are there any newspaper articles or other mentions of the Murrells? I'm also looking for obit for Anne Elisy/Eliza Murrell Brown wife of Aaron Brown. She was b. 21 Dec 1845 in VA and d. 2 May 1892 in Jasper County.  
Pamela McMurray  
2620 Winthrope Way  
Lawenceville, GA 30044-7200

## **Figure this one out!**

### **Son-in-Law of ... Own Son-in-Law ... It's Simple**

Tazewell, Va. (AP) – Son-in-law of his own son-in-law, you say?  
Now ain't that something. Let's see now, how was that again?  
Well, they got married here about a week ago: J. H. Hall, of Mercer County, W. Va., who is 93, and Roxie Bailey Rutherford, of Bristol, Va., who is only 63.  
You see, Roxie is the step-daughter of J. H. Hall's daughter Annie, who married Roxie's father, John W. Bailey. If you keep that straight, it's simple.  
Hall is a son-in-law of his own daughter, and also a son-in-law of his own son-in-law.  
He is Bailey's father-in-law, which makes Bailey a father-in-law of his own father-in-law.  
Further, the new Mrs. Hall is now mother-in-law to her own father, and Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Bailey are each other's step-mother. Mr. Hall and Mr. Bailey are step-sons to one another, and the two wives are step-daughters to each other. ~ Source: Newton Daily News; 04 August 1952

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To know where I come from is one of the greatest longings of the human heart. More than genealogical data, we seek in the lives of those who went before us the meaning of our lives. – Ardis Whitman

## Jasper County Genealogical Society

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The Jasper County Genealogical Society was organized on 26 October 1977, and is a chapter of the Iowa Genealogical Society.

Meetings are held on the last Thursday every other month at 7:00 P.M. on the last Thursday of each month, January through October. A holiday supper and election of officers is held the first Thursday in December. Executive Board meetings are held as needed to conduct the business of the society.

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The telephone number for the Society is (641) 792-1522. We can return local calls but are not able to return long distance calls. Our e-mail address is [genealogy1jcgs@hotmail.com](mailto:genealogy1jcgs@hotmail.com) Internet access is at [iagenweb.org/jasper/jcgs/](http://iagenweb.org/jasper/jcgs/)

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