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### Society News

The county now has the correct address on our door. It is 115 W. 2nd St. S. Our mailing address remains the same at P.O. Box 163, Newton, Iowa.

### Upcoming Programs

No programs are planned for 2013. If you have a request, please send it to one of the board members.

### Reminders

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)

The newsletter page has changed; please change your bookmark to <http://www.iagenweb.org/jasper/jcgs/newsletters/>

### Websites to check out

Here are several free websites on passenger lists that were given in the latest online issue of About Genealogy written by Kimberly Powell. You can receive a free copy of the newsletter by signing up at <http://genealogy.about.com/gi/pages/stay.htm> .

**[Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild](http://www.immigrantships.net/)**, <http://www.immigrantships.net/>

Volunteers have generously transcribed more than 9,000 passenger manifests, many from early periods of immigration and/or smaller ports. Search the entire site by surname, captain's name, port of arrival or departure, and ship name, or browse by location. *Free*.

**[Ellis Island Records](http://www.ellisland.org)**, <http://www.ellisland.org>

Search by ship or passenger name to find any of the more than 22 million immigrants who arrived through the Port of New York at Ellis Island port in New York between 1892 and 1924. *Free*.

**[The Ships List](http://www.theshipslist.com/)**, <http://www.theshipslist.com/>

Several thousand free pages of content related to immigrants is the highlight of this site, online since 1999. The primary focus is transcribed ships' passenger lists from English speaking countries around the world, but you'll also find immigration reports, newspaper accounts, shipwreck information, ship photos, even diaries and journals. *Free*.

**[Bremen Passenger Lists 1920-1939](http://www.passengerlists.de/)**, <http://www.passengerlists.de/>

The majority of the outbound passenger lists from the major German port of Bremen were either destroyed due to lack of archival space, or lost during WWII. Thankfully, 2851 passenger lists for the years 1920 - 1939 were discovered to still exist (600,000+ passengers), and are transcribed here thanks to a partnership between the Bremen Society for Genealogical Investigation (Die Maus) and the Bremen Chamber of Commerce. *Free*.

## 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.

The following queries were on iagenweb/jasper/ website at <http://iagenweb.org/boards/jasper/queries/index.cgi>

**STOLZMAN, OTTE, SCHNOTHORST.** Posted By: Gary R. Amendt (email: gramendt@hotmail.com ) Date: 3/2/2013 at 19:57:42

I have two photos taken at Ikenberry Photographer, Newton, Iowa. One is Alvina Stoltzman Otte taken December 18, 1898. It looks as if she is maybe 15 years old. It also says she has died.

The other is Lizzie Schnothorst summer of 1898. She appears to be about 3 years old.

My grandmother, Evalyn Ernestine Hainke, daughter of Herman and Mary Hainke, resided on a farm near Newton. These photos were with pictures from the Newton area.

I'd like to send these photos to the family of these two people. If anyone of these families get in touch with me we I can send these photos along. They mean nothing to me but I do not want to destroy them

**Rufus and Thelma (BUTLER) BENNINK.** Posted By: Bill Hansen (email: wvhansen@iowatelecom.net) Date: 2/2/2013 at 10:46:27

Looking for obit transcription for Rufus Earnest BENNINK (b. 14 Apr 1906; d. Aug 1994) and his wife Thelma Mae(Butler)BENNINK (b. 21 Feb 1914; d. 16 Apr 1987). Both are buried in Newton Memorial Park Cemetery.

### Biography of Mrs. Eleanor J. Hawk

To an Iowa woman, Mrs. Eleanor J. Hawk, belongs the credit for the establishment of the custom all over this nation, of placing an American flag on the breast of the soldiers at burial. Among her personal possessions was a flag which she always placed as a guard over the soldiers who died in her home city, Colfax. It was a beautiful tribute paid by a patriotic woman to the soldiers who had bravely defended the stars and stripes. While she was Department President of the W. R. C. of Iowa, she secured the establishment of this custom in Iowa and later the national department G. A. R. adopted it.

Eleanor J. Johnson was born Dec. 29, 1850, in Muskingum county, Ohio, and died Feby. 27, 1913, in Colfax. She came to Iowa in 1864. In 1870 she was married to Dr. W. W. Hawk, who served for three years in the Civil War in Co. E, 33rd Iowa Infantry. To them were born two children: Mrs. Nellie H. Witmer, of Newton, and a son, Charles, who died in early manhood. There are four grand children: Jessie, Cecil, Howard and Irene Witmer.

Mrs. Hawk was a woman whose strength of character and personality made as impression upon all whom she met. Beside her state-wide work in the W. R. C., she was as active church woman, was one of the organizers of the Colfax Parent-Teachers' Association, and was its president for two years. Was for twenty-one years a trustee of the Colfax library, twelve of those years being secretary. After her death the pupils of the public school purchased a handsome chair, which they placed in the library in her memory. She was a member of the Woman's Chub of the U. S. Daughters of 1812, and of the O. E. S. She was a devoted wife, a good mother, a loyal friend and a Christian patriot. ~ The Blue Book of Iowa Women, Edited and Compiled by Winona Evans Reeves, 1914, page 229

## **Newton In 1878**

The following is the final 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.

### **W. C. WINSLOW**

Proprietor of the Union Bakery, southwest corner public square is worthy of more than a passing notice in this connection. Four years ago Mr. Winslow embarked in the restaurant business, which he continued until about a year ago, when he took possession of the present establishment, and under whose management the enterprise has gained in popularity. The Bakery department is constantly supplied with a good stock; also in the confectionery department we observe a fine line of Candies, Fruits, Nuts, &c. The Restaurant facilities are among the best in the place, and whether a lunch dish of oysters or warm meal is desired, the best hotels cannot give better satisfaction, or a bill of fare more palatable. This has already become an indispensable feature of the business affairs of Newton, and should be well and liberally sustained.

### **DRUGS & BOOKS**

Under this head we desire to speak of the superb establishment of Geo. B. Hogin. This house established 10 years ago is the oldest unchanged drug concern in the city. Commencing in a small way the enterprise has grown in importance from year to year, until to day (sic) it is one of the largest and most completely stocked of its class in Jasper county. The principal features of stock here are Drugs, Books, Wall Paper, Paints and Oils. However, there is an unusual display of Fancy and Toilet articles, and at this season of the year, especially, holiday and gift goods are observed in large quantities. In the Book Department, Blank and School Books, fine Stationery, and Stationers' Notions are largely represented. Mr. H.'s long practical experience as a druggist, extending over a period of 14 years, makes his fitness for the above business unquestioned. There seems to be an unusual completeness in all the various departments, and with goods selected with the utmost care as to purity, the facilities are rendered in every way equal to the best similar concerns of our large cities. Mr. Hogan (sic) has been very successful in his past career, and none have done more to enhance the general interests of the town. His establishment, to say the least, occupies a foremost place in the commercial ranks of Newton, as well as in public esteem, and should be well and liberally sustained.

### **THE BOOK STORE**

of J. J. Mitchell & Co., established about four years ago, is a feature of the most useful and commendable character. All the elements of a first-class Book and Stationery trade is embodied in this establishment. In stock are observed Blank, School and Miscellaneous Books, also Stationery in great variety, Stationer's Sundries, Notions, Toys, Holiday Goods, &c., and presenting an unusually fine appearance and the indications of extensive trade. The sale of Wall Paper and Toys is made a special feature, and the stock one of the largest and best in the city. Here is also the depository of the American Bible Society. Not the least noticeable feature, however, is a complete News Department, where may be found all the leading daily, weekly and monthly publications of the country. The maintenance of such establishments as this speaks well for the intelligence of the inhabitants of Newton, and Messrs. Mitchell & Co. should be well sustained in their laudable occupation.

### **WILLIS M. MITCHELL,**

Decorative, Fresco and Scenic Artist, claims, for a few moments, our attention. Improvement and advancement in Art matters, in whatever form or under any and all circumstances should be encouraged and sustained. Newton possesses, in the person of Mr. Mitchell, a true genius, and one – although a young man – who already shows evidence of rare adaptability for the execution of artistic ornamentation of the character above alluded to. Too high praise cannot be bestowed upon the execution of Mr. M's hand, as recently observed by the Writer, work that will compare favorably with that of those who have had years of study and experience. He seems to be peculiarly adapted for this class of work, and is evidently more than ordinarily endowed naturally with the eye and conception of a true artist. Mr. Mitchell is quite a young man, possessed as yet with limited experience, but he is certainly possessed with the elements requisite to become a skillful painter, and with the experience, perseverance and culture of coming years cannot fail to excel as an artist.

## **HARDWARE, STOVES & AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS**

This feature in the mercantile interests of Newton is liberally respected; and as the leading representative in this line, we allude to the large establishment of Wm. Vaughan & Sons. This house was originally established by Wm. Vaughan about 1856, and the concern is the largest and most completely stocked of its class in Jasper county. There are three general departments of stock, namely: Hardware, Stoves and Tinware, and Agricultural Implements, and other of which would be regarded by most towns the size of Newton as a desirable adjunct to their business interests. They occupy a state room 110 feet in length by 22 in width, three stories high, together with several large ware houses and sheds, and all the available space occupied with goods. While all the departments are unusually full and complete, the implement department is perhaps the more important feature, here is observed everything that may be required for the prosecution of farming pursuits, from a garden rake to a threshing machine, or mower, or reaper. As some of the leading articles, we will mention the Studebaker Wagon, the Deere & Co. Sulky (Gilpin) Plow, and the celebrated Marsh Harvester. The above are among the best implements made in this country. Messrs. Vaughan & Sons have ever made it a point to handle none but the best goods, and their long experience has made them competent judges, and the result is their stock embraces the best and most reliable class of farm machinery made. Likewise in the Stove and Hardware department, all that pertains to a first-class trade is represented. And throughout the entire establishment, the completeness of stock, the reliability of goods and low prices are a distinguishing feature. All in all the establishment is a leading element in the business interests of Newton, and would do honor to the business circles of the largest city in the State.

### **THE BANK OF NEWTON,**

Wm. Vaughan manager, justly considered, forms a leading feature in the business and monetary interests of Newton and Jasper county. This institution, organized about one year ago, as successor to the First National Bank, occupies a foremost place in the banking interests of the county, and, to say the least, is a valuable adjunct to our commercial interests. The facilities for the transaction of all business pertaining to the banking system are unsurpassed, and in the arrangement and construction of the establishment, everything has been considered that tends to enhance the interests and security of those so fortunate as to be numbered among its patrons. They are the occupants of a substantial building fitted up with especial reference to the banking business, and the location upon the north side of the public square, one of the most convenient and desirable in the city. The room contains a spacious vault – fire proof – in which are all the latest improvements in the way of safe and lock attachments, making the institution absolutely safe from the encroachments of either fire or theft. Mr. Vaughan, upon whom the principal management of the establishment devolves, has been a resident, and constantly identified with mercantile and banking interests of Newton for the past 22 years. He was one of the originators fo the First National Bank of Newton, organized in 1863, and with which he was connected during its entire career and is not only one of our pioneer business men, but a man of long experience, and none are better or more extensively known in a business capacity in this section of the State. He is also the senior member of the leading Hardware House of Jasper county, of style of Wm. Vaughan & Sons. Briefly all business pertaining to the transactions of the best and largest banking houses of the country is embodied in the functions of this institution, and for which, under the present management, we bespeak and prosperous future (sic).

### **D. G. McCALMONT**

Heads one of the leading Grocery and Provision stores of Newton and Jasper County, and a feature in every way worthy of a leading place in this review. In the various branches of trade necessary to complete the commercial ranks of all cities and towns, none are more indispensable than the grocery and provision store, and none are susceptible – as the case may be – of a wider range of perfection or imperfection. In the present case, a glance over the establishment discloses a stock of goods which, in character at least, will compare with that of the best retail houses of our large cities. Mr. M. established his present business about two and a half years ago, and the fact that the establishment stands to-day at the head and front of the grocery interests of the county demonstrates two facts at least: First, that the gentleman is possessed of a thorough knowledge of the business which he represents and, second, that the stock is of superior character. Staple and Fancy Groceries, Crockery, Glass and China Ware, Cigars, Tobacco, Canned Fruits, and, in fact, everything that pertains to a first-class trade, are largely represented. In Crockery and China Ware, especially, the showing is the best and largest in the city; and

to say that he is doing a leading business in every respect, is only doing justice to a worthy enterprise and one that is a leading feature in the business circles of our enterprising city.

### **JEWELRY AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS**

Under this head we are pleased to allude to the superb establish of Denning Sturdevant. He has been identified with this enterprise, located on the north side of the public square, for the past six years, and the establishment has ever assumed a foremost place in the business affairs of the city and county. The stock is all that pertains to a first class Jewelry and Music Store. In each department, which are distinct one from the other, the stock is large, and replete with goods of known reliability, and the establishment offers all the advantages to purchasers that would be secure by the best similar concerns of our largest cities. In the Music department the sale of the celebrated Warren & Clough Organ, made at Detroit, Mich., are made a special feature, but the stock embraces many other first class instruments besides musical merchandise of every description. While in Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Silverware, Spectacles, &c., the showing is the largest and best in the county. The appointments of the store and the arrangement of stock are equal to the best, the goods are new and unique in style, and the general appearance of the store of the most pleasing character. Mr. S. is a practical Watchmaker and Jeweler of 30 years experience, and his facilities for all kinds of watch work or repairing are fully up to and unison with the other features of the establishment. This, to say the least, is a model enterprise and one of the most commendable features in Newton's business interests.

### **...GROCERIES, FRUITS, &C.**

...of the public square *LAST 3 LINES AT BOTTOM OF COLUMN 6* F. Hawk & Son. This enterprise was established by Mr. H. senior, 8 years ago, and at once took a position not far from the lead as traffic in Staple and Fancy Groceries, Crockery, Fruits, &c., and each succeeding year has found the establishment contesting the honors, in the importance of business transactions, with the best and largest in the county. To become convinced that this house is a popular trading place, one has only to take a glance at the complete and excellent stock of goods represented. The compliment of all that is desirable in the grocery trade, is found here. The sale of Fancy Groceries, Green and Canned Fruits is a special feature, and the showing in this department is one of the best and largest in the city. The proprietors are enterprising business men, and in the inauguration of the establishment they have ever recognized the fact that they, who serve the public interest best, enhance their own most.

### **BOOTS & SHOES**

In speaking of this department of the business interests of Newton, we are in justice bound to accord the establishment of F. T. Campbell the place of honor. Here we find an enterprise in every way worthy (of) a position in the commercial ranks of our largest cities. The Boot and Shoe trade of our provincial cities seldom attains to any great degree of prominence, so far (as) any particular firm or house is concerned, but in the case of Newton we are pleased to notice an exception. For the house in question is not alone the leading one in that represented, but one of the largest, handsomest of Newton's business enterprises, and the embodiment of all that is desirable in the sale of Boots and Shoes. The stock is large and replete with goods from the best makers in the country, comprising everything in the line from the coarsest brogan to the elegant kid shoe or slipper, and from the tiny baby shoe to those required for the largest kind of people. Eleven years ago Mr. Campbell became the successor of W. R. Manning, and the establishment is one of the old "land marks" of the city. Mr. Campbell was elected last fall by the people of Iowa to the position of Lieutenant Governor, and although a comparatively young man, his experience in a public capacity is by no means limited. Whether in private or public life, whether in business or official capacity, Mr. Campbell is a gentleman exceedingly popular, and one eminently fitted for any position that the people of the great State of Iowa may see proper to confer.

### **A. C. BOLLHOEFER,**

Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Wood and Willow Ware, &c., is worthy of consideration. Mr. B. established his present business about five years ago, but he has been a resident of Newton for the past 10 years, and is well and favorably known as an honorable, reliable gentleman. He carries a good stock of goods, and all the departments of his establishment is replete, and the indications of extensive business is clearly indicated. Mr. B. has ever conducted his business affairs upon the principle that honesty and

fair dealing is the surest road to success, and the result has been the building up of a good trade, and the acquirement of an extended popularity with the public of Newton and vicinity.

#### **JASPER & WENDT,**

is the style of one of our leading business houses, inaugurated about 10 years ago, under the name of Jasper, Shelp, & Co., and changed to present management five years since. Here we find a store 85 feet in length by 22 in width, well filled with goods, embracing Dry Goods and Groceries – the leading features – also Clothing, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, &c. In the matter of trade, this house has over occupied a leading position, and the business transactions are among the largest in the county. They carry a full stock in all departments. The goods are unexcelled, in quality and the prices are below competition. The proprietors are experienced business men, fair and honorable in business transactions, and a constantly increasing trade has been the reward for their unceasing efforts in behalf of their patrons and the public generally.

#### **REA & AXTELL,**

dealers in Dry Goods, Notions, &c., are the representatives of an interest, leading in character, and one entitled to a foremost place in this review of our commercial interests. This house was established by Mr. Rea, about three years ago, and at once assumed a leading place in the business affairs of the city. About two years since Mr. Axtell became a partner, and under the present style the establishment has gained increased prestige and popularity. They occupy one of the elegant rooms in the Kennedy block – on the west side of the public square – 80 feet in length by 22 in width, and well filled with goods, the character of which are fully equal to the similar concerns of our large cities. Messrs. Rea & Axtell were the first in Newton to adopt the exclusive dry goods system, and making Dry Goods and Notions a special feature, have been enabled to secure the best class of patronage. The proprietors are men of experience, a fact clearly indicated by a glance over the establishment. The chief characteristics, however, are good goods, low prices, fair and honorable dealing, and elements that have allied to place the concern at the head and front of the Dry Goods interests of Jasper county.

#### **B. GARDNER & CO.,**

is the style of one of our leading Drug establishments, and an enterprise worthy of more than a passing notice in this connection. This firm, which comprises Mr. Gardner and H. J. Skiff was organized about five years ago; however Mr. Gardner has been identified with the drug business in this city for the past 20 years, and is, in fact, one of the pioneer druggists of Jasper County. They occupy a store 80 x20 feet, with cellar of same size, and the space well filled with goods. The stock which embraces Drugs, Medicine, Paints, Oils, Toilet Articles, Perfumery, &c., is full and replete to the minutest detail, and the facilities for doing business are not inferior to the best and largest similar concerns of our large cities. The proprietors are possessed of long experience, a fact which alone should commend the establishment. The drug business of Newton is unusually well represented, and as one of the leading features in that line we allude to the establishment in question.

#### **BAKERY & CONFECTONERY**

Under this head we will speak briefly of the establishment of Walter Clark. This house inaugurated about five years ago, has ever occupied a foremost place in the business represented, and has long since become practically indispensable to the public. Mr. Clark is a practical and experienced man, and his facilities in the Bakery Department are unexcelled by any. We observed good stock in both the Bakery and Confectionary Departments, the latter especially being supplied with a fine line of Candies, Fruits, Nuts, &c. The Restaurant facilities are no less inferior. Mr. Clark is prepared to furnish warm meals, lunches, or oysters on short notice and in a style equal to the best hotels in the country while the prices for the same are considerably less. This, to say the least, is a worthy feature, and should be well and liberally sustained.

#### **NEXT ON THE LIST**

is the establishment of S. M. Preston. Among the many commercial mercantile houses of Newton none are better or more favorably known and since Mr. Preston took charge of the enterprise – about ten months ago – the former popularity has not only been maintained, but in many respects augmented. The stock here is of a general character that is consisting of Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Has, Caps and Groceries. At least these are the leading features. The stock is one of the largest in the city and the goods in all the various

departments of a superior character. Mr. Preston commenced here as the successor to V. W. Skiff & Co. He is a man of experience however, and the business of the concern will suffer nothing by the change. Among the various mercantile establishments of Newton none are better situated for doing business, and if good and reliable goods and low prices are any object, the public will not fail to seek out this establishment when in want of anything embraced in the stock above alluded to.

#### **D. L. CLARK,**

Banker, has been identified with the business interests of Newton for the past 23 years, and as one of the oldest business men of central Iowa, is entitled – as regards mention of his business affairs – to a leading place in this resume of the commercial interests of Newton. His first connection with the Banking interests of this city dates back to the year 1864, at the time of the organization of the First National Bank of Newton, of which institution he was for several years President. In 1871 his present institution was established, and as one of the leading and substantial features in the Banking and Monetary interests of this section, we allude to the establishment. Banking institutions when properly conducted are among the most necessary features in the business interests of the country, and, as regards the transaction of all business pertaining to Banks and banking, no establishment in central Iowa is better facilitated than the one in question. Mr. Clark is well and extensively known, is a man of large business experience, and one of the most staunch and reliable business men of Jasper country. His spacious vault is a guarantee of safety to himself and patrons, and the fact of his doing a leading business bespeaks the excellent standing of the institution with the public. This to say the least is a creditable feature in the business circles of Newton and worthy of the unlimited public confidence which it enjoys.

#### **Jasper County News in Colorado Newspapers**

Submitted by Sue Cochran

I searched the Colorado Historic Newspapers Collection online for some Jasper County-related items. You have access to these newspapers on the web at [www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org](http://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org).

*Fort Collins Standard*, Wed 1 Apr 1874

“The Patrons of Husbandry” by Mrs. Pauline Swalm tells the story of a new farm organization known as the Grange. In 1868, a Grange was organized at Itasca, MN, the first official chapter. It was quickly followed by a Grange at Newton, Jasper County, IA and another at Waukon in Allamakee County, IA. It’s an extensive article explaining the beliefs and current platform of the organization.

*Aspen Daily Chronicle*, Thu 30 Jan 1890 & Mon 3 Feb 1890

Iowa Supreme Court finds in favor of a group of shippers in Jasper County, Iowa, who filed suit against the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad, claiming the rail company played favorites and charged the Jasper County shippers more than other customers.

*Herald Democrat* of Leadville, Tue 14 Feb 1893

“**Naughty Nephew**” “Alleged Attempt to Blackmail the Discoverer of Creede”

Young man said to be Floyd Harvey of Iowa arrived in Pueblo under the assumed name of A.L. Abbott of Aspen. He talked around that he was in Pueblo to blackmail Nicholas Creede, demanding money to keep silent about a killing in Jasper County, IA, some twenty years ago. Harvey/Abbott claimed that his uncle killed a man who threatened to foreclose a mortgage on the Harvey family’s farm. [Editor’s note: We heard for years that William Harvey of Monroe had killed a man, possibly in a disagreement over the affections of a woman, and had escaped to Colorado, where he changed his name to Nicholas Creede and discovered so much gold they named the town of Creede after him. This news item appears to confirm parts of that story while questioning others.] Creede confirmed that he had recently received several letters alluding to an incident at “Dunreath, Jasper County, IA”, but had failed to identify the writer. Harvey/Abbott, son of the postmaster at Leon, IA, boarded a train headed back to Iowa, but apparently committed suicide by poison while crossing Kansas.

*Julesburg Advocate*, Thu 23 Feb 1899

“Another Prominent Citizen Called Home”, an obit for William A. Slusser, born at Nevada, IA 12 June 1866 and died 22 Feb 1899 at Julesburg, Sedgwick County, CO. Attended high school at Monroe, IA and taught

school in Jasper County. To Julesburg in 1887; married Tillie Fischer 5 Feb 1891. Children Edna and Charlie. Methodist; IOOF; county assessor; sheriff; town council; school board.

*Akron Weekly Pioneer Press*, Fri 20 Oct 1899

George Kling, Republican nominee for county clerk; native of Germany, born 19 Dec 1848. To US April 1866, making shoes in St. Louis. Returned to Germany in 1870 and brought his parents to St. Louis, but soon moved to Jasper County, IA, where they bought a farm. Married 1879 Katherine W. Offer. Lived Hickman, NE for a time before moving to Colorado.

*Plaindealer (Ouray, Colorado)*, Fri 9 Jun 1911

Joshua Chipps, pioneer farmer, aged 82, of Jasper County, IA, is touring the West with relatives Mr. & Mrs. Oscar McCauley. Visited his nephew J.F. Knous in Ouray. Plan an extended stay in Long Beach, CA.

*Fort Collins Weekly Courier*, Fri 1 Mar 1912

“Golden Wedding”, Rev. and Mrs. J.B. Scarbrough celebrated 50 years at home of their daughter, Mrs. C.B. Hertzog. John Breckenridge Scarbrough wed 24 Feb 1862 in Amity, OH, to Kate Elma Swails, a descendant of the Cosner family of Virginia. J.B. was born in Brownsville, PA. Moved in 1875 to Sigourney, IA, later to Monroe, Jasper County, IA. Children: Mrs. Hertzog, Blanche Youngblood of Ohio, Paul Scarbrough of Belmond, IA, and Pearl Gaston who died 28 Feb. 1895. Came to Fort Collins September 1910.

*Brandon Bell (Kiowa County)*, Fri 13 Feb 1914

John Lovitt, born 11 Dec 1835 in Whitley County, KY. Moved to Jasper County, IA, in 1867; to Rush County, KS, in 1880; to Cheyenne County, CO, in May 1912. Married Emmarine Adkins 28 July 1861. Eight of nine children survive: Charles, John, Staten of McCracken, KS; William of Sedgwick, KS; Maggie Farley of Crescent, OK; Jennie Ware, Mary Prior, Edward Prior of Colorado. Burial at McCracken, KS.

*Wray Rattler (Yuma County)*, Thu 25 Feb 1915

“Death Claims the Rattler’s Foreman”, Philip E. Smith, printer & foreman for the paper, died in Denver following surgery. Born 16 Jan 1881, in Jasper County, IA, and died 21 Feb 1915. Edited papers at Murray and Creston in Iowa. Wed Ella/Etta? Pearl Hastings at Creston 27 Sep 1903. Two children: Dwight and Lolita. To Colorado 1907; to Wray 1913. Mother Mrs. J.W. Smith was there at the death; brothers D.V. Smith of Denver, S.R. Smith of Loveland, CO. Services to be at Creston, IA.

*Range Ledger (Hugo, Lincoln County)*, Sat 6 July 1918

Lucinda Gilbert Weaver born 22 Nov 1848 in Carter County, KY, died 3 July 1918 at Bovina, CO. Moved aged 17 to Jasper County, IA, with parents. Wed Ephraim S. Weaver at Prairie City 2 Sep 1868. Seven children: James died at Bovina several years ago; Clara Johnson of Hugo; Samuel G. (Bert) of Brush; Lyman G. of Newton, IA; George W. of Hugo; Ella of Bovina; Lucinda Settles of Colorado Springs. Brothers: Robert Gilbert of Viola Center, IA; Frank Gilbert of Coon Rapids, IA; sister Amy Weaver of Coon Rapids. Buried at Bovina beside her husband who died over twenty years ago.

*Routt County Republican (Hayden, Routt County)* Fri 10 Oct 1919

USDA item about Farm Bureau mentions Jasper County.

Obit from the *Colfax Tribune*, 5 May 1921, reprinted in *Fort Collins Courier* on 9 May 1921. Margaret Groom Adams, 1872 – 1921, buried at Mitchellville. Lines are scrambled & out of order, but she had lived at Ft. Collins for several years.

### More News Items

From *Newton Journal* 10 Oct 1888

A Glorious Reunion. The 22<sup>nd</sup> IA Regt. and others met at Iowa City last Wednesday and Thursday. Of the members of the 22<sup>nd</sup>, which was raised in Jasper County, by Capt. A. T. Ault, the following attended:

Thos. Allum – San Diego, CA

Geo. C. Nicholl – Des Moines, IA

Asa E. Burch – Indianola, IA

John W. Dinsmore – Prairie City, IA

Levi Versaw – Altoona, IA

N. Townsend – Newton, IA

W. F. Strater – Orient, IA

T. M. Rogers – Newton, IA

Of Co. K of the 28<sup>th</sup>, also raised in Jasper County, attendees were:



Col. John Meyer – Newton, IA  
Henry C. Houck – Newton, IA

H. S. Efnor – Reasnor, IA  
M. V. Sanders – Reasnor, IA

From *Newton Journal* 24 Oct 1888

Last week, Mr. & Mrs. M. A. McCord were visiting with friends up in Story Co., and while playing there their little daughter, Stella, while playing with some children, fell from a fence onto a barbed wire, one of the barbs cutting an angry gash over an inch in length and through her left cheek, making a very painful wound, and will probably leave a scar.

From *Newton Journal* 31 Oct 1888

Used up. Jim Bewyer's right eye and head are in deep mourning, as a result of an accident Monday afternoon, which came within a hair's breadth of being a most serious if not a fatal affair for Jim. While driving his express wagon along North Street (now N. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.) his team was startled by a dog, throwing Jim forward between the horses and the ground, two wheels of the carriage passing over his cheek and head, cutting his head and cheek badly and bruising his eye. He is able to be around, but looks pretty badly demoralized.

From *Newton Journal* 7 Nov 1888

Rev. W. J. Gaines, one of the newly elected Bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal Church..., was owned by a brother of Gen. Robt. Toombs in his slave days. (Newton column)

Masonic offices for Gebal Chapter #12, R.A.M. installed on Thursday Nov. 1 include: C. H. Wilder, Fred Maytag, R. C. Lane, F. C. Morgan, E. E. Lyday, J. H. Bailey, F. D. Wynn, John Lester, S. W. Sturdevant, Irey Quaintance, J. B. Eyerley, and A. J. McGregor.

From *Newton Herald*, 22 Jan 1897

Dr. & Mrs. W. H. Shaw have taken Maggie Keer, of Percy, into their hearts and home. Maggie Keer was a girl of 12 summers who had no mother, and these good people have and will do good by her. (from Monroe area column)

From *Iowa State Democrat* (Newton), 24 Nov 1898

J. W. Murphy...was initiated June 26, 1850, into the Lynchburgh lodge #178, A. F. and A. M. (Masons) in Ohio. (from Murphy column)

From *Iowa State Democrat* (Newton), 8 Dec 1898

Rev. Frederick Rasche, of Burlington, arrived last Saturday to assume his duties as pastor of the Horn church, north of town, taking the place of the late Rev. Scheidemann. (from Newton column)

The Christian Church (of Kellogg) has called Rev. Collins of Kingsley to the pastorate. The pastor and family will reside in the house recently occupied by Rev. McKee. (from Kellogg column)

From *Newton Herald*, 6 Mar 1908

C. Smith of Colfax, who is a mule driver in No. 7 mine, met with a bad accident this week. His mule kicked him straight in the face and knocked several of his teeth out and cut his face in bad shape. (from Seever's area column)

From *Newton Herald*, 31 July 1908

J. F. Klise is the first Baxter citizen to purchase an automobile. It is the carriage variety. What we don't know about autos would make several books and then some, but we'll risk the remark that Jim used good judgment in purchasing the carriage make. It appears to be stout and durable and spins over the ground at a good clip. (orig. published in Baxter New Era)

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