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## Society News

### Reminders

The Society web page is <http://www.iagenweb.org/jasper/jcgs/> and our 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/>

### Acquisitions

- Images of the Past Book 1 Newton Daily News
- Newtonia (Newton High News Christmas Edition 1911)
- Shepherd Family Genealogy Vol. 1 & 2
- Schregardus Family Genealogy
- Ver Steeg Family Genealogy
- Stuart Family Genealogy
- The Story of Helena Jaquetta Brown Williams

### Newtonia Page

Submitted by Diana Wagner

*Newtonia* is the name of Newton High School publications, including the yearbook. In past years there was also a page in the Newton Daily News. This article is from the Newton Daily News; Tuesday, May 17, 1938, page 6, col. 3

### Local Students Disclose Places Of Their Birth

Inez Whittaker claims the most unusual birthplace of any Newton High School student. She was born in a log cabin near Niagara, Wisconsin!

“Have you ever noticed Ogle Lee Minear’s large ears?” asked Merna Kennedy, “Well, he was born in Missouri.” Mildred Lewellen and Margaret Rose Kimmel were born in Missouri too, both in Unionville.

Then there’s Isabelle Luther who claims Minnesota; Edith Norris, Wisconsin; Margaret Galuska, Kansas; Mary Logan, California; and Dick DuRant, South Carolina.

Also among native Iowans are Lois Jane Cobbs, Dorothy Ann Castner, Bill Cobbs, and Dorothy Kohloff, who were all born in Lovilia. Roberta Kole and Marcia Livingston came from Monroe; Lawrence Simmons and Phyllis Ann Nelson are from Grinnell.

Clarice Aldridge is from New Virginia, Iowa. “It’s a little one-horse town,” was her remark as to its location.

Jannetta Coder has lived in Pasadena, California, and has even visited Hollywood. “But Knoxville is a swell place,” she’ll say as she defends her home town.

Marjorie Farland was born in Killduff and Jean Mudd in a town named Milton which covers about a square inch, according to its daughter.

Jack Paschal comes from Colfax and Marjorie Wormley and Cyril Messenger were both born “at home”.

Yet, far or near, Newton itself, is hard to beat as a birthplace say Virginia Jenson, Don Greene, and Kelly Rucker.

## Marriage Certificates

JCGS has received 500+ marriage certificates from the years 1889 – 1899 that have been preserved in acid-free sleeves. These certificates are one of a kind and a great addition to our historical and genealogical collection. They are available for copying and mailing at \$6.00 per certificate. Send the name, book and certificate numbers along with your check.

Certificates A – E are listed in Vol 37, No. 2, May 2013

Book	Cert.	Groom's Name	Bride's Name	Marriage Date
2	0262	Failor, E. J.	Brale, Lucy M.	05 Mar 1890
4	2327	Fenner, Albert O.	Compton, Lena M.	19 Apr 1899
3	0453	Fenner, Charles	Rood, Mary	28 Jan 1891
4	2355	Ferguson, Cress	Clemens, Lucinda	10 Jun 1899
4	2273	Ferguson, Sherman	Sumpter, Dollie	03 Feb 1899
5	2451	Ferney, James G.	Klise, Jessie	08 Nov 1899
3	0450	Ferris, Frank	Barder, Mary J.	24 Jan 1891
1	0011	Finch, Earnest G.	McCalmont, Emma	23 Jan 1889
1	0238	Florer, Delbert Lewis	Lawrence, Anna B.	31 Jan 1890
5	2467	Foster, Elsworth	Woody, Maud	29 Nov 1899
5	2420	Fouch, Clyde D.	Estle, Fannie M.	27 Sep 1899
4	2342	French, Earl	Harris, Della	17 May 1899
4	2291	Frey, Allen W.	Baker, Lola F.	22 Feb 1899
3	0388	Gage, Cyrus D.	Fenderson, Charlote M.	13 Nov 1890
1	0074	Galusha, D. Murry	Howard, Fannie E.	01 May 1889
2	0298	Galusha, R. G.	Bushey, Mae	21 Apr 1890
5	2443	Gans, Martin	Barnes, Ethel A.	31 Oct 1899
5	2394	Gardner, John	Spearing, Harriett	23 Aug 1899
2	0309	Gates, Lorin	Miller, Ella Gertrude	23 May 1890
4	2347	Gause, Milo H.	Arnold, Maud	27 May 1899
2	0266	George, William	Terpstra, Seitska	05 Mar 1890
1	0089	George, Willie F.	Rickey, Hattie	16 Jun 1889
1	0242	Gerken, Fred	Kassner, Anna	12 Feb 1890
5	2367	Gettys, Edward John	Heavlin, Ella	04 Jul 1899
2	0336	Gibbon, Michael Fitz	Sipe, Hattie May	21 Aug 1890
2	0356	Gibford, Edward Sheridan	Wolford, Ida B.	19 Sep 1890
4	2317	Gilbert, J. A.	Wilson, Daisy M.	23 Mar 1899
1	0224	Gilreath, William	Oldag, Augusta	06 Jan 1890
4	2285	Givin, John W.	Fleener, Mary A. E.	21 Feb 1899
5	2395	Goodhue, T. W.	Engle, Kate	23 Aug 1899
3	0420	Goodman, Gustov	Shoreman, Carrie	23 Dec 1890
2	0299	Gorman, James	Hartnett, Maggie	23 Apr 1890
3	0430	Gorman, Walter	Willey, Anice	01 Jan 1891
2	0314	Gotschall, Evert J.	Cooper, Anna May	03 Jun 1890
3	0496	Gowdy, Robert S.	Preston, Fannie	18 Mar 1891
1	0228	Graham, Arthur	Rawlins, Laura E.	15 Jan 1890

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5	2455	Graham, E. E.	VanGeison, Helen R.	License only
1	0004	Graham, William E.	Waggoner, Mamie S.	15 Jan 1889
4	2290	Green, Charles Augustes	Medille, Lizzie B.	22 Feb 1899
5	2422	Grefe, Chas. A.	Kaufmann, Augusta C.	27 Sep 1899
2	0270	Gregory, Charles H.	Arnold, Lora E.	13 Mar 1890
2	0352	Griffith, Thomas	Davis, Sarah	18 Sep 1890
4	2333	Griffiths, John A.	Lewis, Ann	24 Apr 1899
3	0469	Gruber, Fred	Kitchel, Laura	12 Feb 1891
4	2334	Guessford, Edward Wallace	Vinall, Daisy Agnes	26 Apr 1899
2	0254	Guessford, Stephen A.	Badger, Mary Belle	27 Feb 1890
4	2286	Hall, Wm. A.	Surber, Lucy	17 Feb 1899
5	2391	Halliwill, Henry A.	Decker, Lydia J.	16 Aug 1899
1	0221	Hanel, Louis	McCracken, Brina	01 Jan 1890
2	0359	Hanson, Edwin	Miller, Louisa	24 Sep 1890
3	0493	Hardenbrook, Frank	Miller, Sarah	11 Mar 1891
3	0458	Hardman, George	Stine, Melvina	29 Jan 1891
1	0230	Harmon, Leander	Thompson, Hattie	22 Jan 1890
1	0103	Harrick, Horace	Ware, Eliza J.	30 Jul 1889
5	2381	Harris, John D.	Benson, Daisy V.	01 Aug 1899
5	2382	Harsha, Leroy	Westbrook, Mary E.	02 Aug 1899
5	2403	Hay, John C.	Barker, Rosa B.	05 Sep 1899
4	2312	Hayes, H. A.	Kain, Mary J.	22 Mar 1899
2	0341	Heavilin, Columbus A.	Sumerlott, Margaret	27 Aug 1890
2	0361	Hegardt, John F.	Walker, Mary E.	25 Sep 1890
2	0258	Hepler, E. L.	Emmert, Caroline	12 Mar 1890
4	2271	Herslson, Frank	Borte, Florence	29 Jan 1899
1	0077	Hertzog, Collins Brown	Scarborough, Mary Eliza	23 May 1889
3	0468	Hess, Edward	Seanhart, Jettie	11 Feb 1891
5	2462	Hews, Albert	McCullough, M. Belle	22 Nov 1899
5	2437	Hickman, S. C. C.	Albee, Ida	19 Mar 1899
1	0006	Hickox, J. B.	Bryan, Margaret	15 Jan 1889
4	2282	Hill, Alexander	Davidson, Katie	23 Feb 1899
2	0312	Hill, Ed	Ballinger, Exa (Edwards)	28 May 1890
5	2431	Hinshaw, D. Elmer	Blair, Etta	08 Oct 1899
5	2484	Hixon, Anzie L.	Kirkwood, Martha	License only
3	0429	Holden, Charles	Jarnagin, Ella	29 Dec 1890
5	2463	Holden, Herman	Whissemane, Jennie	23 Nov 1899
2	0293	Holland, John E.	Russell, Lizzie G.	13 Apr 1890
1	0007	Hoover, J. W.	Howell, Effie A.	16 Jan 1889
4	2357	Howard, Charles Emory	Saum, Katharine	14 Jun 1899
5	2412	Howe, John S.	Pearson, Anna	20 Sep 1899

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5	2469	Hower, C. T.	Stier, Polly	06 Dec 1899
3	0393	Hoxel, William I.	Kinart, Annie M.	20 Nov 1890
3	0477	Huddleston, Thomas A.	Parsons, Mary J.	22 Feb 1891
3	0399	Hughes, David	Stineberger, Emma	27 Nov 1890
4	2289	Hulin, Chas.	Mack, Julia	22 Feb 1899
1	0244	Hunter, George M.	Buchanan, Estelle	12 Feb 1890
4	2263	Intveld, Herman	Trotter, Elsie Mae	12 Jan 1899
2	0268	Irish, Irving A.	Miller, Minnie	10 Mar 1890
4	2324	Iske, Charles	Robertson, Maud	12 Apr 1899
2	0289	Iske, Christ G.	Carstens, Sophia E.	03 Apr 1890
3	0481	Iske, William	Tiedje, Emma	26 Feb 1891
5	2372	Jackson, Thomas	Longren, Anna	License only
1	0225	Jameson, William	Matchett, Lizzie	09 Jan 1890
5	2423	Jargensen, Fred M.	Jarnagin, Etta M.	27 Sep 1899
5	2377	Jarnagin, Milfred	Snodgrass, Bessie	30 Jul 1899
1	0021	Jelsma, Peter	DeJong, Adriana	13 Feb 1889
4	2237	John, John J.	Rider, Ellen L.	03 May 1899
2	0321	Johnson, Ed	Mays, Etta	18 Jun 1890
3	0416	Johnson, John E.	Anderson, Hilda H.	22 Dec 1890
2	0346	Johnson, P. F.	Rafferty, Ida	11 Sep 1890
3	0392	Johnson, S. H.	Casteel, Sarah J.	19 Nov 1890
3	0480	Jontz, Alonzo F.	Stier, Louisa A.	24 Feb 1891
5	2385	Jontz, Edwin G.	Wheatcraft, Minnie	08 Aug 1899
3	0434	Jordan, William N.	McIntire, Mabel R.	01 Jan 1891

### Obituaries from Newton Daily News – 1978

Submitted by Diana Wagner

#### Zelpha Koppin, Former Resident, Dies in Florida

Zelpha Grace Altemeier Koppin, 76, of St. Petersburg, Fla., a former resident of the Newton area and a former operator of beauty shops in Kellogg and Newton, died Saturday afternoon at St. Anthony's Hospital in St. Petersburg, Fla. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Johnson-Reese Chapel in Newton.

The Rev. H. Eugene Cedarholm, pastor of the First Lutheran Church in Newton, will conduct services. Burial will be in the St. John's Cemetery, north of Newton.

Survivors are a step-daughter, Mrs. Fredrick (Naomi) Eggan of West Virginia; three sisters, Mrs. Minnie Altemeier and Mrs. Bertha Klopping, both of Newton, and Mrs. Ella Campbell of Wichita, Kan.; three brothers, William Altemeier of Madrid, Adolph H. Altemeier of Grinnell and Ross Altemeier of Denver, Colo.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Mrs. Koppin was active in the Senior Citizens of St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mrs. Koppin also had taught school in the Barrett community in Jasper County and operated beauty shops in Las Vegas, Nev., and St. Petersburg, Fla. She retired in 1969.

The daughter of Adolph G. and Louise Japcke Altemeier, she was born July 6, 1901 in Dexter, attended Jasper County schools and was a graduate of Newton Community High School, Newton Normal School and Des Moines Beauty School. ~ Newton Daily News; Tuesday, January 3, 1978

### **Isabel Nimmo Dies Sunday; Rites Wednesday**

MONROE – Mrs. David (Isabel) Nimmo, 68, a secretary at the Monroe Elementary School, died Sunday at the Pella Community Hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at United Methodist Church in Monroe.

The Rev. Jerry Walcott, pastor of the church, will conduct services. Burial will be in the Silent City Cemetery in Monroe.

Walters-Coburn Funeral Home in Monroe is handling arrangements.

Survivors are two sons, Thomas of Shreveport, La., and Roger of Kahoka, Mo.; a daughter, Mrs. Pete (Kathy) Oropeza of West Covina, Calif.; 10 grandchildren; her mother, Kathleen Thomas of Pella; a brother, Mark Thomas of Bartlesville, Okla.; and a sister, Josephine Minoch of Covina, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her husband, father and a brother.

The daughter of David and Kathleen Todd Thomas, she was born Nov. 12, 1917 at Pella.

She was married Feb. 28, 1942 at Pella. ~ Newton Daily News; Tuesday, January 3, 1978

### **Wilford Bond Dies Sunday; Services Today**

COLFAX – Funeral services for Wilford Bond, 77, a longtime resident of Colfax, were held today at the United Methodist Church in Colfax.

The Rev. James Pemble, pastor of the church, conducted services. Burial was in the Hillside Cemetery at State Center.

Masonic services were held today at the church.

Walters-Coburn Funeral Home in Colfax handled arrangements.

He died Sunday at the Clear View Manor in Prairie City.

Survivors are three sons, Ralph of Columbia, Mo., Carl of Las Vegas, Nev., and Howard of Colfax; a daughter, Mrs. Ed (Mamie) Hummel of Colfax; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild. ~ Newton Daily News; Tuesday, January 3, 1978

### **Arnold Kunze Dies Sunday; Services Today**

COLFAX – Funeral services for Arnold W. Kunze, 78, of Rt. 1, Mitchellville, a longtime resident of Colfax area and a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank in Colfax, were held today at the Walters-Coburn Funeral Home in Colfax.

The Rev. Robert Jones, pastor of the Christian Church in Colfax, conducted services. Burial was in the Colfax Cemetery.

He died Sunday at his home.

Survivors are his wife, Gertrude; a son, Jerry of Maxwell; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters and his parents.

Mr. Kunze was a member of the Colfax Christian Church, the Colfax Riverside Masonic Lodge and the Order of Eastern Star.

The son of Herman and Caroline Wauker Kunze, he was born Aug. 15, 1899 at Davenport.

He was married to Gertrude Young Aug. 6, 1925 at Colfax. ~ Newton Daily News; Tuesday, January 3, 1978

### **Donald Auestad, Former Newton Resident, Dies**

Funeral services for Donald M. Auestad, 70, of 209 W. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Vinton, a former resident of Newton, were held recently at the Wesley United Methodist Church at Vinton.

The Rev. Harold Wagner and the Rev. Ira Williams conducted services. Burial was in the Mount Hope Cemetery in Madrid.

Campbell-Russell Funeral Home in Vinton was in charge of arrangements.

Survivors are his wife, Hazel; a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Janice) Erling of Rock Island, Ill.; a son, David of Moline, Ill.; five sisters, Mrs. Kathryn Childers of Tucson, Ariz., Mrs. J. W. (Irene) Stock of West Des Moines, Mrs. Arley (Audrey) Thompson of Kensett, Mrs. Alvin (Marilyn) Diest of Des Moines and Mrs. Leo (Nancy) Cerfogli of Ankeny; a brother, Warren of Berwick; and a grandson.

Mr. Auestad, a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church in Vinton, had been a labor and track foreman with the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad.

An Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, he was a member of the George G. Luckey Post of the American Legion of Vinton.

The son of Andrew Oliver and Della Mae Newman Auestad, he was born May 7, 1907 in Boone County.

He was married to Hazel May Scott June 2, 1940 in Des Moines. ~ Newton Daily News; Tuesday, January 3, 1978

### **Mable Herwehe Dies Sunday; Rites Wednesday**

Mrs. Jacob P. (Mable Anne) Herwehe, 96, of Nelson Manor Nursing Home, a resident of Newton since 1934 and former resident of the Monroe area, died Sunday noon at the Manor.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Toland-Wallace Funeral Home.

Dr. Richard Bentzinger, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, will conduct services. Burial will be in the Silent City Cemetery in Monroe.

Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Dexter (Thelma) Ammons of Des Moines and Mrs. Francis (Elizabeth) Gearhart of Buena Park, Calif.; six grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Perry (Inez) Clifford of Aberdeen, S.D.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband in 1968; a daughter, Vera Hancock in 1934; a sister and three brothers.

The daughter of William and Mary Crowder Shaw, she was born Nov. 23, 1881 in Nebraska.

She was married Nov. 25, 1903 at the home of her parents north of Newton. ~ Newton Daily News; Tuesday, January 3, 1978

### **O'Connor, Elizabeth**

#### **Former Resident's Wife Dies Monday**

Mrs. Martin (Elizabeth) O'Connor, 62, of Grinnell, wife of a former resident of Newton, died Monday at the Grinnell General Hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Congregational United Church of Christ in Grinnell.

Survivors are two sons, including John O'Connor, a former resident of Newton; three grandchildren; and a brother.

She was preceded in death by her husband. ~ Newton Daily News; Tuesday, January 3, 1978

### **Alma M. McPhee, Former Kellogg Resident, Dies**

KELLOGG – Mrs. Arch (Alma M.) McPhee, 93, of La Jolla, Calif., a longtime resident of Kellogg, died Monday in La Jolla.

Graveside rites will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday morning at the Silent City Cemetery in Kellogg.

The Rev. Carl Klein, pastor of the Kellogg United Methodist Church, will conduct services.

Johnson-Reese Funeral Home in Newton is handling arrangements.

Surviving is a son, Lane McPhee of Solana Beach, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her husband, a former longtime Kellogg pharmacist.

The daughter of Karl and Carolyn Pauling, she was born Dec. 3, 1884 in Illinois. ~ Newton Daily News; Wednesday, January 4, 1978

### **Herbert Briggs, Former Amboy Resident, Dies**

Private funeral services for Herbert Briggs of Kansas City, Mo., a former resident of the Amboy neighborhood, were held recently at Kansas City. Burial was in Kansas City.

He died recently at his home.

Survivors are a son, David, of Missoula, Mont., and a granddaughter, Cinnamon of Missoula, Mont.

Mr. Briggs was a member of the Center Friends Church, northeast of Newton.

He was married to Helen (obituary was incomplete in the newspaper). ~ Newton Daily News; Monday, January 9, 1978

### **Carman, Pamela Kay**

#### **Former Resident Killed in One-Car Accident in Iowa**

A former Newton resident, Pamela Kay Carman, 18, of Unionville, Mo., was killed Wednesday afternoon in a one-car accident near Conesville, Iowa.

Miss Carman, who attended Newton Community High School for more than a year and resided in Newton for more than five years before that time, was one of four persons in an automobile which left the road.

The driver of the vehicle was uninjured but the other two passengers in the automobile suffered broken bones in the accident.

Funeral services for Miss Carman will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Comstock Funeral Home in Unionville, Mo., with burial at Hartford, Mo.

Survivors include her father, Charles Carman, her step-mother, Joan Carman, and two brothers, Randy and Michael, all of Unionville, her grandmother, Helen Mahl of Newton, an uncle, Gary Mahl of Newton and her paternal grandparents, and Mrs. John Carman of Unionville.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Judy Mahl Carman, and a brother in infancy.

Born in Unionville, Mo., she resided in Newton for approximately five years before the death of her mother. She returned to Newton with her father and step-mother about two years ago when she was a high school junior.

Miss Carman, who was born Feb. 22, 1959 in Unionville, was graduated from Oskaloosa Community High School last spring. ~ Newton Daily News; Friday, January 13, 1978

### **Carman Rites held**

Funeral services for Pamela Kay Carman, 18 of Unionville, Mo, a former resident of Newton, were held recently at Unionville, Mo.

Among survivors, are two brothers, George and Patrick Carman; two sisters, Marcy and Stacy Carman; and her step-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Boelkhe of Newton.

She died in a car accident near Conesville, Ia. ~ Newton Daily News; Tuesday, January 17, 1978

## **Blankenship, Charles Edward**

### **Former Monroe Resident Dies In Auto Crash**

MONROE – Charles Edward Blankenship, 25 of Des Moines, a resident of Monroe most of his life, was killed in a one-car accident near Des Moines Monday evening.

Mr. Blankenship, who resided in Monroe until a year ago, was pronounced dead on arrival at Broadlawns Hospital in Des Moines after his car struck an underpass.

According to Iowa Highway Troopers, who investigated the accident, Blankenship was alone in his automobile traveling east on Interstate-80.

His vehicle struck the underpass at the junction of Interstate-80 and Iowa 141 northwest of Des Moines.

The former Jasper County man was thrown from his car. He suffered multiple injuries.

The accident occurred at approximately 11:25 p.m. Monday.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Monroe United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Jerry Wolcott, pastor of the church, will conduct services. Burial will be in the Silent City Cemetery in Monroe.

Memorial contributions to the Heart Fund or the United Methodist Church will be accepted.

Walters-Coburn Funeral Home in Monroe is handling arrangements.

Survivors are his mother, Mrs. Walter Blankenship of Des Moines, a brother, R. David Blankenship of Des Moines; an aunt, Mrs. George Hensler of Monroe; and a niece, Tiffany Blankenship of Des Moines.

He was preceded in death by his father and his grandparents.

Mr. Blankenship, vice president of Blankenship Bros. of Des Moines, was a member of the Monroe United Methodist church, Associated Builders and Contractors, Iowa Land Improvement Association, Iowa Ski Club, Iowa State Century Club, and YMCA.

The son of Walter and Phyllis Gloyd Blankenship, he was born Oct. 19, 1952 in Des Moines, was a 1971 graduate of Monroe Community High School and attended Iowa State University in Ames. ~ Newton Daily News; Tuesday, January 17, 1978

## **Elsmer Walker Dies**

PRAIRIE CITY – Elsmer Walker, 72, a longtime resident of Prairie City, died Wednesday evening at his home in Prairie City.

Walters-Coburn Funeral Home is handling arrangements which have not been completed. ~ Newton Daily News; Thursday, February 2, 1978

## **Newton Woman Dies Friday; Struck by Auto Month Ago**

### **Whitmore, Marcia**

Marcia Whitmore of 400 E. 21<sup>st</sup> St. S. died Friday of injuries suffered Dec. 30 when she was struck by a car as she was scraping the ice from the windshield of her auto.

Ms. Whitmore, who was married to Robert Van Gorp of Newton, leaves a 5 year-old son, Lee.

Funeral services were held today at Jackson Ala.

Survivors are a son, William Lee Whitmore of Newton; a brother, Mark, of Cowarts, Ala.; a sister, Beverly, of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; and her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Archie McIntyre of Cowarts, Ala.

She was an employee of the Newton Bowl.

Charges were filed against Jeffrey Allison of 431 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St. S. after the accident.



Jasper County Attorney Chuck Neighbor said that he would review the case with investigating officers to determine if additional charges would be forthcoming. ~ Newton Daily News; Monday, January 30, 1978

### **Van Wyngarden, Wilhemina Jabaai**

#### **Prairie Citizen Dies**

PRAIRIE CITY – Mrs. Ira (Wilhemina Jabaai) Van Wyngarden, 80, a longtime resident of Prairie City died Wednesday evening.

Walter-Coburn Funeral Home in Prairie City is handling arrangements. ~ Newton Daily News; Thursday, February 16, 1978

### **Brodersen, Dana**

Monroe Girl, 15, Accident Victim

A Monroe girl was killed Monday night when she fell from a car on Jasper County Road F70 on the west edge of Monroe. The victim is Dana Brodersen, 15, who was a passenger in a car driven by Christopher Bruce Sellers, 17, of rural Monroe.

According to the Iowa State Highway Patrol, Sellers car was eastbound on F70 at approximately 8 p.m. when Miss Brodersen, who was a passenger in the vehicle, fell from the car and was killed instantly.

Troopers Groos, Gorsuch and Verhelst were at the scene of the accident, along with the Jasper County Sheriff's Department and Monroe police.

No further details had been released Wednesday morning.

Walters-Coburn Funeral Home in Monroe is in charge of arrangements which have not been completed.

Miss Brodersen, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Brodersen of Monroe, was a sophomore at Monroe Community High School.

Among survivors are a sister, Lisa, a junior at Monroe High School, and two brothers, Brett, a 1977 Monroe Community High School graduate and Doug, a Monroe school student.

Miss Brodersen, manager of the wrestling team, was active in golf, softball and also participated in dramatics. ~ Newton Daily News; Tuesday, February 28, 1978

### **Hampton, Merle**

Services Set For Mrs. Hampton

Funeral services for Mrs. Frank (Merle) Hampton, 63, of Prairie City will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the First Reformed Church in Prairie City.

Walters-Coburn Funeral Home in Prairie City is in charge of arrangements. ~ Newton Daily News; Wednesday, March 22, 1978

### **Weiger Overdyk Dies Wednesday; Rites Saturday**

RUNNELLS – Weiger Peter Overdyk, 86, of Runnells, died Wednesday at Clear View Manor in Prairie City.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Walters-Coburn Funeral Home in Colfax.

The Rev. Harold Cashatte of Des Moines will conduct services. Burial will be in the Waveland Cemetery in Prairie City.

Friends may call at the Walters-Coburn Funeral Home in Prairie City until noon Saturday.

Survivors are his wife, Nellie, and several nieces and nephews.

The son of Peter and Petji Overdyk, he was born July 7, 1891 in The Netherlands.

He was married to Nellie Colyn Mar. 6, 1937 at Prairie City. ~ Newton Daily News; Friday, April 28, 1978

### **Harold B. Frey Rites Scheduled for Saturday**

COLFAX – Funeral services for Harold B. Frey, 68, of Colfax will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the United Methodist Church in Colfax.

The Rev. Jim Pemble, pastor of the church, will conduct services. Burial will be in the Colfax Cemetery.

Walters-Coburn Funeral Home in Colfax is handling arrangements.

Survivors are his wife, Helen; a son, Dennis of Redondo Beach, Calif.; a daughter, Mrs. Stephen (Connie) Berkey of Colfax; and six grandchildren.

Also surviving are four brothers, Clarence of Des Moines, Morris of Knoxville, Burtis of Oskaloosa and Roy of East Moline, Ill.; and three sisters, Mrs. Clifford (Grace) Baker and Florence Frey of Mingo; and Mrs. Gerald (Bertha) Tuft of Bondurant.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

Mr. Frey, a retired Monroe Co. employee, was a member of the United Methodist Church in Colfax and had served on the Colfax school board.

The son of Allen and Lola Baker Frey, he was born Feb. 8, 1910 at Mingo and was a 1928 graduate of Mingo Community High School.

He was married to Helen Ball Mar. 4, 1934 at Kellogg.

He died Thursday at the Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines. ~ Newton Daily News; Friday, April 28, 1978

### **Vernon Ratcliff Services to Be Held Saturday**

LYNNVILLE – Funeral services for John Vernon Ratcliff, 92, of Lynnville, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Lynnville Friends Church.

The Rev. Ernest Thompson, pastor of the church, will conduct services. Burial will be in the Lynnville Friends Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Walters-Coburn Funeral Home in Monroe until 10 a.m. Saturday and at the church after 11 a.m. Saturday.

Survivors are three sons, Walter of Monroe and Gene and Roy, both of Newton; two daughters, Eva Rosamond Johnson of Sand Point, Idaho, and Mrs. Ambrose (Betty) Collum of Grinnell; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Eva Mae, a daughter and his parents.

Mr. Ratcliff was a member of the Lynnville Friends Church and had served on the Lynnville school board and the city council.

A mechanic, he had operated a shop in Lynnville and worked for Jasper County.

The son of William and Maranne Cobbs Ratcliff, he was born June 14, 1885 at New Sharon.

He was married to Eva Mae Bowen Feb. 1, 1902 in Des Moines.

He died Wednesday at the Skiff Memorial Hospital in Newton. ~ Newton Daily News; Friday, April 28, 1978



## Blogging

A blog is usually one person's thoughts on everything from day-to-day living to very specific topics. The blog appears as a web page, but if you subscribe, the blog will come directly to your e-mail. There are hundreds of blogs on genealogy. The website [genealogy.about.com/](http://genealogy.about.com/) has a nice section on blogs. The following is a summary of genealogy blogs that are favorites of Professional Genealogist, Kimberly Powell. The original article is at <http://genealogy.about.com/od/blogs/tp/genealogy.htm>.

1. **Genea-Musings**. Randy Seaver's excellent is a representative for the many great personal family history bloggers. His site includes enough of an eclectic mix of news, research processes, personal reflections, and genealogy debate to make it of interest to almost any genealogist.
2. **The Genealogue**. Chris Dunham's unique brand of genealogy humor puts a special spin on just about everything genealogy, from interesting items culled from old newspapers to tongue-in-cheek commentary on current genealogy news and products, to a regular genealogy challenge to keep us all on our toes.
3. **Ancestry Insider**. This "unofficial, unauthorized view" offers current reports, updates and yes, even criticisms, of the big genealogy Web sites - especially Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org. This blog is often the first to report on new updates, products and announcements from the "big" genealogy organizations, and provides the "insider" point of view you won't easily find elsewhere.
4. **The Genetic Genealogist**. Blaine Bettinger helps you add DNA to your genealogy toolkit with his insightful posts on the current and future status of genetic genealogy. His easy-to-read blog, updated almost daily, highlights various genetic testing companies and projects, current news and research, and various tips and resources for people interested in genetic genealogy testing and/or disease gene analysis.
5. **Boston 1775**. If you have any interest in the American Revolution (or maybe even if you don't) this outstanding blog by J. L. Bell is a daily pleasure. The eclectic content covers New England during the time just before, during and after the Revolutionary War, and uses a wealth of information taken from original source documents to discuss how that history has been taught, analyzed, forgotten and preserved. You'll soon be looking at America's early history in a different way.
6. **Geneablogie** by Craig Mason. I have the archetypal American background, being descended from both slaves and slave owners; from Native Americans and prominent (English and French) and not-so-prominent (Scots-Irish) seventeenth century immigrant families. What does that mean for me in the world today? I'm sorting that out.

I have learned much about history, geography, sociology, economics, and other issues as I've gone on this journey. Along the way, I've also picked up a few technical skills, interacted with a lot of folks, found previously unknown cousins, and made some friends.

*GeneaBlogie* consists of genealogy news, tips, stories, some tech stuff, reviews of genealogical media of all sorts, and of course, my [Craig Mason] personal observations on my research.

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