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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Finally!!! Our JCGS library has reopened. We are open from 10:00 – 12:00 and 1:00 – 3:00 on Thursdays and Fridays (Saturday hours have been discontinued through the end of 2021). We invite you to come and research our collection of books and materials (masks are optional, but still recommended for the time being). If you are unable or not ready to visit in person, our research services are always available. The cost is \$12.50 per hour, payable in advance. You can download and complete a research request form from our website <http://iagenweb.org/jasper/jcgs> or send a description of the information you are hoping to find, along with your check to:

Jasper Co. Genealogical Society  
115 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. E. – Suite C,  
Newton, IA 50208

Our telephone number is 641-792-1522. Please call during library hours only.

Jasper County has purchased a building in Newton to remodel and use for a variety of county service offices. We have learned that when the construction is finished, probably in the spring of 1922, our library will be moving into that building. Until then we will remain in our current location in the Jasper Co. Annex.

As more Iowans have been fully vaccinated, libraries in our county have reopened, although with somewhat restricted hours. The hours are changing frequently, so it is best to check a library's website or call ahead before scheduling a trip to a library. The Jasper County Courthouse has also re-opened to the public. Researchers may now view vital statistics records and property deeds in the county recorder's office without an appointment. To view court records in person, you should call the Clerk of Court's office at 641-792-3255 to make an appointment.

## Iowa Daughters of Union Veterans Records

Submitted by Pat Beckham, JCGS Head Librarian

While shelving books I ran across one I had not noticed before, **Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865**. This is a memorial book published in 1969 by the Daughters to perpetuate the memories of their fathers.

States with Daughters donating to the project are listed below:

Department of California and Nevada, Colorado and Wyoming, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Main, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, Nebraska, New York, Oklahoma and Texas, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Ohio.

Listed below are Daughters from Iowa and their ancestors. The letters before the veteran's names indicate his relation to the submitter. "F" indicates father, "GF" is grandfather, etc. Unfortunately, for some reason, military information was omitted from the records of many Jasper County Daughters in this book. Military information found in other sources is listed in parentheses.

Roeme Anderson	<b>GGF</b>	<b>Edward Arnold, Co. G, 40<sup>th</sup> Iowa VI</b>
Wilma Abel	<b>GF</b>	<b>E. H. Scales, Co. G, 4<sup>th</sup> Iowa VI</b>
H. Bee Brown	<b>F</b>	<b>E. H. Scales, Co. G, 4<sup>th</sup> Iowa VI</b>
Hazel Czerwin	<b>GF</b>	<b>Wm. J. Moltock, Co. I, 126<sup>th</sup> III. VI</b>
Hazel Gillaspey & Grace Moon	<b>F</b>	<b>Leander Gillaspy, Co. E, 25<sup>th</sup> Iowa VI</b>
Mabel Fern Leonard & Merle Widener	<b>GGF</b>	<b>Leffry D. Smith, Co. G, 34<sup>th</sup> Iowa VI</b>
Evelyn Williams & Sheila Ann Smith	<b>GGF</b>	<b>Martin Krutsinger, Co. #, 34<sup>th</sup> Iowa VI</b>
Shari Renee Smith	<b>GGGF</b>	<b>Martin Krutsinger, Co. E, 34<sup>th</sup> Iowa VI</b>
Myrtle Snyder	<b>F</b>	<b>Jacob Odom, Co. D, 1st Mo. Cav.</b>
Mary Alyce Baker	<b>GF</b>	<b>Col. B. W. Wilson, Co. B, 28<sup>th</sup> Iowa VI</b>
Iantha Johnson	<b>GF</b>	<b>Jabez W. Todd, Co. K, 15<sup>th</sup> III. VI</b>
Madge Alden Devali	<b>F</b>	<b>Edwin F. Alden, Co. H, 6<sup>th</sup> Iowa VI</b>
Aura M. Hopkinson	<b>F</b>	<b>Perry Hopkinson, Co. E, 18<sup>th</sup> Iowa VI</b>
Zelda E. Shipley	<b>F</b>	<b>Henry Thomas Lucas, Co. H, 39<sup>th</sup> III. VI</b>
Mrs. Eleanor McConkey	<b>GF</b>	<b>Dighton Davies, Co. E, 57<sup>th</sup> III. VI</b>
Ina A. Plunkett	<b>GF</b>	<b>Cpl. William Graham, Co. A, 50<sup>th</sup> VI</b>
Thelma Sweeney Reeves	<b>GF</b>	<b>Joseph A. Sweeney, Co. M &amp; E, 9<sup>th</sup> Tenn. Cav.</b>
Charlotte Pearl Stutsman	<b>F</b>	<b>Saul Stutsman, 1<sup>st</sup> Iowa Battery</b>
Lillie Alexander	<b>GF</b>	<b>Perry J. Cook, Co. I, 15<sup>th</sup> Iowa VI</b>

Bertha Cabalka Blaha	<b>GF</b>	<b>Albert Malli, Co. I, 15<sup>th</sup> Iowa VI</b>
Sylvia Blaha Roblena & Evelyn Blaha Seeley	<b>GGF</b>	<b>Albert Malli, Co. I, 15<sup>th</sup> Iowa VI</b>
Mrs. Inez Brehm & Mrs. Mary Sourwine	<b>GF</b>	<b>Daniel J. Duval, Co. G, 45<sup>th</sup> Iowa VI</b>
Cecil M. Brower	<b>F</b>	<b>Joseph Albert McIntire, Co. E, 30<sup>th</sup> Iowa VI</b>
Irene Grauer	<b>GF</b>	<b>Timothy F. Whitmarsh, Co. C, 1<sup>st</sup> Mo. Eng.</b>
Martha M. Hillard	<b>GGF</b>	<b>John A. Fletcher, Co. D, 16<sup>th</sup> Ohio VI</b>
Esther Sloat Murphy	<b>F</b>	<b>William Eugene Sloat, 7<sup>th</sup> Wis. VI</b>
Vivian Speidel	<b>GF</b>	<b>Franklin R. Snider, Co. E. 9<sup>th</sup> Ill. VI</b>
Mrs. Glenn Wootten	<b>GF</b>	<b>Francis M. Johnson, Co. I, West Iowa VI</b>
Mary Belle Curtis	<b>F</b>	<b>Stephen A. D. Fenton, Co. F, 36<sup>th</sup> Iowa VI</b>
Minnie B. Beuer	<b>GF</b>	<b>Charles Wesley Burnette, 42<sup>nd</sup> Mo. VI</b>
Alice M. Bon	<b>GF</b>	<b>George W. Streepy, I [sic] VI</b>
	<b>GF</b>	<b>W. M. Harvey, Iowa VI</b>
	<b>and</b>	
Mary V. Hanes	<b>GF</b>	<b>Peter Good, Co. B, 36<sup>th</sup> Iowa VI</b>
Blanche Patterton	<b>F</b>	<b>John Patterton, 30<sup>th</sup> Iowa VI</b>
Mattie Anderson	<b>GF</b>	<b>Banjamin [sic] F. Oren, Co. G, 6<sup>th</sup> W.V. VI</b>
Faye Boettcher & Clare Zogg	<b>GGF</b>	<b>Barstow W. Litchfield, Co. B, 141 N.Y. VI</b>
Carla Cecil	<b>GGGF</b>	<b>Cyrus Boston, Co. B, 6<sup>th</sup> Kans. VI</b>
Debbie Odell & Marvel Odell	<b>GGF</b>	<b>Benjamin Agard, Co. C, 6<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cav.</b>
Nan Thomas	<b>GGF</b>	<b>Cyrus Boston, Co. B, 6<sup>th</sup> Kans. VI</b>
Estelle Welland	<b>GF</b>	<b>Eugene DeChaine, Co. A, Wis. VI</b>
Ethel Winter	<b>GGF</b>	<b>J. E. Campbell, Co. D, 4<sup>th</sup> Iowa VI</b>
Myrtle Phipps Melton	<b>GF</b>	<b>George Phipps, Co. A, 34<sup>th</sup> Ill. VI</b>
Wylda Jackson Axmer	<b>GF</b>	<b>Mortimer Jackson, Co. P, 33<sup>rd</sup> Iowa VI</b>
Linda Axmear Miller	<b>GGF</b>	<b>Mortimer Jackson, Co. P, 33<sup>rd</sup> Iowa VI</b>
Helen Nettie Bowers	<b>GF</b>	<b>John Wesley Moore, Co. D, 30<sup>th</sup> Ohio VI</b>
Lola May Bruns	<b>GF</b>	<b>John C. Deuser, Co. H, 36<sup>th</sup> Iowa VI</b>
Lydia M. Wellerich	<b>GF</b>	<b>Frederick Maggous, Co. F, 8<sup>th</sup> Iowa VI</b>
Mrs. James (Jean) Cavin & Bernadean Seip	<b>GGF</b>	<b>Frederick Maggous, Co. F, 8<sup>th</sup> Iowa VI</b>
Carol Jean Wallerich & Diana Linn Wallerick Yass	<b>GGGF</b>	<b>Frederick Maggous, Co. F, 8<sup>th</sup> Iowa VI</b>

Mrs. Grace Snakenberg	<b>GF</b>	<b>Ephriam Cochran, Co. K, 9<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cav. &amp; Co. F, 2<sup>nd</sup> Iowa VI</b>
Nettie Maxine Ulin	<b>GGF</b>	<b>Henry Phannebecker, Co. K, 9<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cav.</b>
Thelma L. Jelsam	<b>GGF</b>	<b>Granville Chambers Cooper, Ind. Co., Penn. Eng.</b>
Irma Spain Callison	<b>F</b>	<b>Wesley Spain</b> no other information listed
Lillie Ettelson	<b>F</b>	<b>Lyman Chamberlain Reeves [Co. G, 132<sup>nd</sup> IL. Inf.]</b>
Birdie Kingery	<b>GF</b>	<b>Steven Brown “ “ “ “</b>
Irene Grote	<b>GF</b>	<b>William Snook “ “ “ “</b>
Rose Snook	<b>GF</b>	<b>William Snook “ “ “ “</b>
Irene Fowler	<b>GF</b>	<b>Henry Luyster [Co. F, 1<sup>st</sup> Mo. Cav.]</b>
Julia Kating	<b>F</b>	<b>Bentley Moffitt “ “ “ “</b>
Stella Barrett	<b>GF</b>	<b>Jesse Rumbaugh [Co. J, 23<sup>rd</sup> Ohio Vols.]</b>
Hattie Dorsey	<b>F</b>	<b>Gideon Towne “ “ “ “</b>
Leona Hood	<b>GF</b>	<b>Patrick McGriff [Co. A, 33<sup>rd</sup> Ind. Inf.]</b>
Pearl DeHoot	<b>GF</b>	<b>George Kelly “ “ “ “</b>
Pearl York	<b>F</b>	<b>Samuel Edgar Edmundson “ “</b>
Kathryn Hoffert	<b>GF</b>	<b>Thomas Robinson “ “ “</b>
Minnie Hatch	<b>F</b>	<b>Joseph Gettys “ “ “ “</b>
Irene Toedt	<b>GF</b>	<b>Lindsey Moffitt “ “ “ “</b>
Mabelle Rickhoff	<b>GF</b>	<b>William Robinson “ “ “</b>
Grace Badker	<b>F</b>	<b>Thomas Hammond, Co. J, 48<sup>th</sup> Mo. VI</b>
Lois Riekens	<b>GGF</b>	<b>John Metchley, Co. F, 49<sup>th</sup> Ohio VI</b>
Ruth Mae Howard	<b>GF</b>	<b>George Watts, Co. F, Wis. VI</b>
Mae Hammond	<b>GF</b>	<b>John Konkler, Co. A, 31<sup>st</sup> Iowa VI</b>
Lovelle Huber, PDP	<b>GF</b>	<b>Gideon Alloway Stokes, Co. C, 27<sup>th</sup> Mo. VI</b>
Nettie L. Ott	<b>GF</b>	<b>Lt. Thomas O. Howard, Co. B, 32<sup>nd</sup> Iowa VI</b>
Alice Conrad	<b>GGF</b>	<b>Wesley Marsh, Co. M, 9<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cav.</b>
Pearl Rupe Harness	<b>F</b>	<b>John Martin Rupe, Co. E, 36<sup>th</sup> Iowa VI</b>
Addie Jones	<b>F</b>	no ancestor listed
Isabelle Smith	<b>GF</b>	ancestor's name not given, <b>Co. G, 13<sup>th</sup> VI</b>
Norah Mayen	<b>GF</b>	<b>John Richardson York, Co. F, 44<sup>th</sup> Iowa VI</b>

## Merchants in Kellogg in 1886

Judging from the ads in the four-page weekly newspaper, *The Kellogg Enterprise*, this little town had a thriving business community in its earlier years. Some of the ads printed the names of the various commercial establishments, while others listed only the owner/dealer's name. All of the businesses and products named below were advertised in *The Kellogg Enterprise* during 1886.

**A. W. Adair (Adair & Beck)** – physicians and surgeons, office one-half block East of Union Block, Frost Street

**J. W. Beck (Adair & Beck)** – physicians and surgeons, office one-half block East of Union Block, Frost Street

**(L. E.) Blosser (Blosser & Russell's Drug Store)** – prescriptions filled, jewelry, watches, notions and fancy goods, Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Electric Bitters, Bucklen's Arnica Salve, sewing machines, machine oil, and axle grease, school books

**Bobzin Brothers** – dry good, groceries, hats, caps, boots & shoes; they have no clerks to pay, doing their own work, thus insuring low prices to customers.

**Charles Bobzin** – Kellogg lumber yard, located on High Street, south of the railroad

**J. W. Burke** – attorney, Notary Public, Justice of the Peace, loans & collections a specialty, office in front room over Bobzin Brothers' Store

**J. B. Burton** – real estate loans

(J. B.?) **Burton** – Burton & Cassell's Bank

**Mrs. Lee Clawson** – dressmaker - Residence north of the Ogden House in Kellogg

**\_\_\_ Conard (Conard & Setzer)** – proprietors of **Kellogg Steam Mills** – flour and feed

**William P. Coutts** – owner, editor of *The Kellogg Enterprise*, commercial printing, circulating library, and books for sale

**H. M. Cox** – dealer in hardware, furniture and undertaker's supplies – tinware, farm bells, barb wire, spades, caskets, coffins, shrouds, pitchforks, stoves, churns, bureaus, spring beds, cutlery, pictures and frames, baskets, chairs, cribs, wash basins, looking glasses, repairing of all kinds, gold, silver, or paper money

**Mr. A. N. Dunn** – blacksmith

**Jim Fisher** – groceries, cigars & smoking tobacco

**Fisher's Restaurant**

**W. M. Gilreath** – proprietor, Star Restaurant, located first door north of the Meat Market

**C. M. Golden** – dealer in hardware, agricultural implements, harvesting machines, wagons, buggies, mowers, novelties in washing machines. Tin roofing & eve-troughing a specialty, by Samuel Failor.

**Mrs. J. W. Hall** – dealer in millinery and fancy goods, located 1<sup>st</sup> door north of the bank

**A. M. Harrah (Harrah & Myers)** – attorneys & notaries, loan & land offices in Kellogg and Newton

**D. R. Hill** – gasoline, garden seeds in bulk, wall paper and curtain goods, sewing machines, white lead, colored leads, mixed paints and paint brushes, homeopathic

**D. R. Hill's Drug Store** – Papilion Catarrh Cure, DeLand & Co. Cap Sheaf Saleratus Soda for baking purposes, Humphrey's Manual for all Diseases

**C. J. Irish & Co.** – white goods, fabrics, hats & caps, boots, shoes for the whole family, table linens, towels, etc.

**James H. Janeway** – The Meat Market

**Mr. T. H. Jacobs** – horse breeder; has thoroughbred Clydesdale horses for breeding. His farm is 7 miles northwest of Kellogg in Mariposa township.

**A. B. Johnston** – proprietor of **The Julia Restaurant**, also dealing in baked goods, roasted peanuts, canned goods, cigars, tobacco

**W. C. Kimberly** – insurance & real estate agent, Notary Public, located with *The Kellogg Enterprise*

**W. L. LeFevre Photographic Gallery**, located in the old Post Office building

**James Lindberg** – blacksmith; "I have leased W. H. Simpson's shop"

**Chas Maciejewski** – boot & shoe maker, located first door west of Fisher's Restaurant

**C. H. Miller** – harnesses, saddles, trunks, valises, whips, cushions for buggies and light wagons, also all kinds of repairs

**Mrs. Minnie Miller** – dressmaker, at the residence of C. H. Miller

**J. T. Molloy** – auctioneer, specializing in stock sales

**Stephen A. Morris** – vetrenary [sic] surgeon (mentioned in "Rushville" column)

**A. D. Moxley** – physician and surgeon, office in the Patterson building, opposite Union Block

**O. P. Myers (Harrah & Myers)** – attorneys & notaries, loan & land offices in Kellogg and Newton

**I. L. Patton** – grain dealer, located in the elevator, south of the railroad

**Hans Peterson** – City Expressman and coal dealer, located south of the railroad

**J. C. Peterson**, proprietor – **The Depot Restaurant** (on Depot Street) – "a good meal for 25 cents. Also Groceries, cigars, tobacco and confectionery always on hand. (special ads for fresh oysters, pickled tongue, pigs feet and cider)

**Rairdon Brothers** – dealers in general merchandise: dry goods, groceries, hats, caps, boots shoes, notions, canned goods, tobacco, cigars, located in Killduff

**(John J.?) Russell (Blosser & Russell's Drug Store)** – see L. E. Blosser for description of wares

**Russell & Mobberly's Meat Market** has been sold (announced in April)

\_\_\_ **Setzer** (Setzer & Conard, proprietors) – **Kellogg Steam Mills** – flour and feed

**A. G. Shafer** – barber, first door south of Bobzin Brothers' store; he "moved his out-fit to Missouri" in April, 1886.

**W. A. G. Simpson** has opened a meat market on Depot Street (formerly Russell & Mobberly's?)

**Dr. J. R. ("Doc") Smith**, "The Anti-monopolist" – drug store, paints, school books, clothing, dry goods, boots, hats, groceries

**C. W. Terrell** – The Chicago Cash Clothing Store: clothing, men's furnishings, goods, notions, located at #1, Union Block; opened Aug. 21, 1886

**(G. J.) Wright & Braley** – clothing and shoes

Apparently Kellogg did not have its own dental office. Several mentions were made in the April 9<sup>th</sup> and August 27<sup>th</sup> issues of *The Kellogg Enterprise* that "**Dr. A. A. Dille, dentist**, will positively be in Kellogg next Thursday."

Veterinarians were also in short supply in Kellogg. An ad from Apr. 16, 1886 stated that "**J. A. Chalmers – veterinary surgeon** "will be in the vicinity of Kellogg in a short time. Those requiring his services may enquire of Mobberly Bros., or address him at Mingo, Jasper county, Iowa."

A few businesses from Newton also advertised in the *Kellogg Enterprise*:

**Alanson Clark** – attorney & Notary Public, located on East side of Newton square

**(M. A. "Milt") Carrier** – Carrier & Larimer: shoes & boots, located in Newton

\_\_\_\_ **Latimer (Carrier & Larimer)** – shoes & boots, located in Newton

**O. C. Meredith (Meredith & Ogg)** – attorneys at law, Notary Public, Justices of the Peace, loans and collections a specialty. We loan money, buy and sell real estate and do a general Law, Loan and abstract business. Located in Newton.

**E. J. Miles** – gunsmithing, upholstering, repairing sewing machines, furniture, locks, clothes wringers, gasoline stoves, rebottom chairs, repair & sharpen lawnmowers, scissors, models made of every description & perfect the invention for others; cut stencils of every description. Located 1 block east of SE corner of square in Newton.

**W. J. Morgan & Co.** – furniture and undertaking, located on West side of the square in Newton

**E. C. Ogg (Meredith & Ogg)** – attorneys at law, Notary Public, Justices of the Peace, loans and collections a specialty. We loan money, buy and sell real estate and do a general Law, Loan and abstract business. Located in Newton.

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Before cars had blinking turn signals drivers, and riders of all kinds of equipment, used hand signals to indicate their intentions to others. An item from the *Jasper County Mirror* of Oct. 13, 1932, in reporting an auto accident that occurred on Hwy 63 east of Monroe, described a method of signaling that this *Gleaner* editor had never heard of:

"...Bart Van Dusseldorp, with his two daughters, Ada and Marguerite, with his son Simon driving, were returning home... when the son signaled to the cars behind him, *by opening the door of the car*, that he was going to turn off the pavement..."

Just wondering...Was that a common signal in those days or was it just a central Iowa teenage thing?

The following was published in the *Newton Republican*, non-extant, date unknown. It was reprinted in the *Prairie City Index*, Friday March 31, 1871.

**Murder or Suicide.**  
**Man Found Dead in the Street Stabbed to the Heart.**

On Tuesday morning at daylight the body of a man was seen lying in the road on McDonald street between Vine and Race. The neighbors were at once summoned and the Coroner was informed of the fact. The man was lying on his back, with one knee drawn up and a common pocket knife at his side. The body was removed under the direction of the Coroner – Hugh Rodgers – to one of the rooms of Wheeler’s block, nearby, and a jury, consisting of C. L. Cain, Jesse Rickman, and Thos. Chadwick, was summoned. A crowd was soon gathered, when it was discovered that the body was that of Edward D. Hazzleton [sic], a man about 36 years of age, small in stature and size, who had been teaching the winter school in the German settlement, in Malaka township, and has been about town for the past two weeks, making his headquarters at King’s beer saloon at the northwest corner of the square. He has been drinking very hard at that and other places, and has been drunk nearly all the time he has been here.

An examination of the body disclosed a knife wound in the left side, over the heart. Dr. J. R. Gorrell was summoned, and made a careful examination of the body, finding no other wounds or bruises. He probed the wound in the left side, found the knife had entered the breast between the fourth and fifth rib, and passing inward and downward, entered the right ventricle of the heart, which must have produced instant death. Up to the time of the present writing no witnesses have been examined, though some have been subpoenaed; and the further examination may disclose some important facts. It appears the man came to town two weeks ago with from \$400 to \$500 in money. He has had a room and bed at the Star house ever since, but has paid nothing on the bill; has spent no money except to buy a pair of pants and vest, and for the beer and whisky he has drank [sic]; but only fifty-five cents was found on his body; a large memorandum book in which he carried his money has not been found. His watch is also missing. He may have lost his money and watch at the gambling table and then taken his own life, or he may have been murdered for his money. In any event whisky has been his ruin, and his blood spilt in our midst calls with a terrible distinctness for the suppression of these hells of iniquity that infest our town.

Unfortunately, no further information about this man’s life or death was found in the *Prairie City* paper, and no papers from other Jasper County towns have been found for this time period. Searches of Find a Grave and familysearch.com produced no results for any spelling of the surname.

What is known is that, at the time of Mr. Hazzleton’s death, the winter term of school had ended or was about to end, and the spring term would not begin until some time in April. Knowing this raised several questions: Was his drinking related to job stress? Was he unable to secure employment for the spring term and turned to alcohol as a result? Or had his drinking resulted in his employment being terminated?

Whatever the answers, it was a sad ending to the life of a man who had made his living helping shape the young minds of Jasper County’s children.



## F. L. Maytag Kidnap Plot?

The *Newton Daily News*, July 15, 1933 and the *Jasper County Mirror*, on July 20, carried information about the celebrations held on "Maytag Day," July 14<sup>th</sup>, in honor of the 76<sup>th</sup> birthday of F. L. Maytag, founder of the Maytag Company.

In the afternoon a parade was held, drawing large crowds to downtown Newton. That evening a Municipal band concert and street dance were held on the square, and at the Hotel Maytag a testimonial banquet was served to about 500 ticketed guests. Among those offering tributes to Mr. Maytag were Iowa governor Clyde Herring; C. E. Wilson, vice-president of General Motors Corp. and other manufacturing company executives from as far away as Ohio; Col. Robert McCormick, publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*; Elmer H. Maytag, president of the Maytag Co. and elder son of F. L. Maytag; W. Neal Gallagher, president of the Automatic Washer Co. of Newton; and Lester J. Dickinson, U. S. senator from Iowa.

Special guests at the dinner, honored along with Mr. Maytag, were the ten employees with the longest tenure in the company. Their names and their years of service were: Anna Grlebellng, 39; Sherman Largent, 38; George H. Ireland, 37; W. F. Harvey, 36; W. I. Sparks, 35; J. H. Harvey, 32; Henry Hennlng, 32; A. T. Eaton, 30; Walter Bones, 28; and L. C. Wilson, 27.

During his remarks, Mr. Maytag thanked those present for their friendship over the years. He stated that he had lived 67 years in Iowa, all within 20 miles of Newton. Referring to Newton as being "a coal town" when he came to town in 1881 he expressed great pleasure in witnessing the changes and Improvements which had occurred in the town since he became a part of the business community.

The July 20<sup>th</sup> issue of the *Mirror* cited reports from the *Des Moines Register & Tribune* that quoted Brig. Gen. Park Findley, former sheriff of Polk Co. and "current head of the state Dept. of Justice", as alleging that Mr. Maytag was the intended victim of a kidnapping plot while he was in Newton for his birthday. He reportedly had a bodyguard while in Newton and later had Illinois state troopers guarding him at his Solon Court estate at Lake Geneva, Wis.

The *Mirror* article continued that, for his part, Mr. Maytag denied knowledge of any plot against him or having been guarded either while in Newton or at his Wisconsin home. When questioned, officials at the Jasper County sheriff's office also denied knowing of any plans to kidnap Mr. Maytag or having had any part in guarding him while he was in town. A deputy in the office indicated that Mr. McCormick, the *Chicago Tribune* publisher, reportedly had a bodyguard with him.

Articles in the *Newton Daily News* on July 15 called the kidnap rumors "a hoax," and reported that Mr. Maytag termed as "wholly unfounded" the reports that he had received threatening letters or was menaced by potential kidnappers. The *Daily News* cited a story sent out to press services across Iowa as stating that Park Findley, who was identified as the chief of the State Bureau of Investigation, "successfully thwarted a plot to kidnap [Mr. Maytag] here Friday." The *Daily News* went on to say that, a week before Maytag Day, some local fellows were sitting around engaging in idle chit-chat and jokingly made up a list of rich Iowans they would kidnap "when they got around to it." Maytag's name was on their list. The story apparently got around to Findley, who took it seriously.

## Moses and Harriet Porter, Early Settlers of Sherman Township

Last year we received a packet of documents donated by Suzy Barros of Greenville, S.C., who found them among the personal effects of a deceased relative. The majority of the records were land patents and deeds pertaining to the family of Moses and Harriet Porter, who came from Scott County, IA, to Sherman Twp. in Jasper County in the 1860s. The records are in our JCGS library, in a notebook titled "Moses Porter: Pennsylvania to Iowa."

With some additional genealogical material provided by Becki Plunkett, Special Collections Archivist/Coordinator at the State Historical Society of Iowa, and records from Ancestry, Family Search, and Find a Grave we now have a better idea of who the Porters were and how they acquired land in a part of Jasper County that had few settlers in the early 1850s and 1860s.

According to family trees posted on Ancestry and Family Search Moses Porter was born in 1812 in Pennsylvania, the third of 12, and possibly 14, children of James S. and Elizabeth Spicer Porter. By 1817 the Porter family had moved to Muskingham Co., Ohio, where James, Sr. died in January of 1832. Moses, the second oldest son at age 18 or 19, most likely had to take on much of the responsibility of providing for, and guiding, his younger siblings, the youngest being just under 2½ years of age.

On April 8, 1838, Moses married Harriet Jordon/Jourden/Jordan in Muskingum Co., OH. The couple's first child, Rachel, was born in Ohio in 1840. In 1842 their second daughter, Elizabeth, was born in Iowa, most likely in Scott Co. Over the next twenty years six other children, four sons (James W., Ezra, Isaac, & Charles) and two daughters (Harriet & Martha, a.k.a. "Mattie"), were welcomed into the family.

At least nine of Moses's siblings appear to have settled in Iowa in the 1840s or '50s. The families of Johnathan, James, and Moses Porter, as well as Catharine (Porter) Baker all appear in the 1850 census of Scott Co. They were joined in the 1860 Scott Co. census by William, Matthew, Alvira (Porter) Trusler and her husband, Thomas, and Sarah (Porter) McKnight, widow of William McKnight. Another brother, Daniel, was in Scott county by 1870, and remained there the rest of his life. Benjamin and Elizabeth (Porter) Erven were first enumerated in Iowa in 1870, living in Guthrie Co. William and his family later moved from Scott Co. to Guthrie Co., as well.

Moses' youngest brother, David, his wife, Sarah, and their three children were living in Newton Twp., Jasper Co. by 1860. Moses and Harriet settled in Sherman Twp. in 1865. Brothers John, James, and Andrew eventually made their homes in Jasper Co. for at least a few years. Their sister, Alvira Trusler, and her husband were here by 1870 and remained in Jasper Co. until their deaths.

The first land record we received for Moses and Harriet was dated Mar. 19, 1849. On that date Moses purchased land in Hickory Grove Twp., Scott Co., IA, from his brother-in-law, Philip Baker, Jr., the husband of his older sister, Catharine. Witnesses to the indenture Moses signed to Philip for the land purchase were James and John Porter, the latter signing as "acting Justice of the Peace." The original land patent, dated 1841, shows that Philip Baker, Jr. received the land patent for this 160-acre property from the government land office at "Du Buque".

Also in March of 1849 Moses signed a 3-year contract with Henry Edwards, whereby he received one hundred sheep from Edwards. Moses agreed to pay Edwards \$1.25 per head, plus delivering to Edwards 200 pounds of cleaned, washed wool at each spring

clipping. At the end three years Moses was to return one hundred young sheep to Edwards, presumably keeping all other sheep for himself. Handwritten entries on the back of the contract noted that Edwards only received 143½ pounds of wool in May 1850 and that Moses paid \$14.13 for the first year's rent of the sheep. Nothing further was found to indicate whether the contract was continued after this disappointing first year.

Moses Porter continued purchasing land in Scott County until 1856, by which time he owned a total of 625 acres. He was still paying off mortgages on some of his lands in that county as late as 1863.

In 1854 Moses patented his first three properties Jasper County's Sherman Twp.: the E½ & NW¼ of SE¼ of Sec. 3 (120 acres), the NE¼ of Sec. 8 (160 acres), and the SW¼ & E½ of NW¼ Sec. 10 (240 acres), paying \$1.25 per acre for each, or a total of \$650 (the equivalent of \$22,432.92 in 2021). The following year he purchased another 40 acres in Independence Twp. for \$400. Moses later added to his lands in sections 3 and 10, perhaps renting them out or holding them for family members, while he and Harriet continued to live in Scott Co.

During the 1860s Moses continued buying, and also losing, land in Jasper County. Certificates from the first half of the decade show that he acquired 160 acres in Sec. 11 and 40 acres in Sec. 29, both in Independence Twp. In 1860 he purchased parts of the NE¼ and NW¼ of Sec. 15 (Sherman Twp.) from his brother James; this land was sold for back taxes in 1862 and redeemed by Harriet later that year. Moses also redeemed 160 acres in Polk County that had been sold for back taxes in 1859. His lands in Sections 11 and 29 of Independence Twp. were sold for non-payment of taxes In 1862, and the Porters apparently did not redeem these properties.

In 1865 Moses & Harriet purchased the NW¼ of Sec. 15 in Sherman Twp. and they built their house at the northeast corner of the property. Originally bounty land, the warrant for this parcel was issued to Sgt. Jefferson C. Davis of the Indiana Volunteers who assigned it to John Hedden in June 1854. The Porters' farm was immediately south of the home property of Moses' elder brother John and his wife, Rosannah, located in Sec. 10. From here the Porter children would have walked about 1½ miles to attend the school located at the SE corner of Section 5.

Moses and Harriet appear to have been land speculators, as well as prolific mortgagers. Their deeds and mortgage papers revealed that In the time they lived in Iowa they acquired at least 2,465 acres of land, including several parcels in Guthrie and Adair Counties. They mortgaged all or part of their properties in Scott Co. to purchase land in Jasper Co., and they used their land in Sec. 15 of Jasper County's Sherman Twp. as collateral in at least three mortgages, borrowing \$1,875,00. In some cases, they mortgaged a piece of land back to the seller in order to make the purchase. But with other mortgages there is no record of what the Porters did with the money they were loaned. Moses and Harriet borrowed from banks, unrelated individuals, and even their own family members. Over their years in Iowa they borrowed money from Moses' brother, Matthew (\$488.49), brothers-in-law Philip Baker, Jr. (\$1,200) and Thomas Trusler (\$631.15), as well as from their daughter, Rachel, and her husband, William F. Baker (\$400).

One curious document among the Porter papers was an 1880 warranty deed in which Moses sold the home property to his wife Harriet for \$1,200, with the stipulation that she was to assume the couple's remaining \$200 mortgage on it (which she satisfied in 1882, after which time the property was never again mortgaged).

Interestingly, aside from the two parcels in Sec. 15 that were registered to Harriet alone, only Moses' name was listed as the purchaser on any of the other property deeds among the Porters' papers. According to the State Library of Iowa, women in Iowa have always had the right to own property. Although her name did not appear on any of the couple's land deeds, Harriet signed documents for every piece of land in Iowa that the couple mortgaged.

Moses & Harriet also seemed to have trouble paying their taxes and promissory notes on time. Most of the promissory notes (mortgages) they signed were due 1 or 2 years from the date they were executed; however, a number of them were not fully paid back for up to 5 years, and at least three of their Jasper Co. properties have no record showing that the mortgages were ever satisfied. Eleven of their properties in Jasper Co. were sold for delinquent taxes. The Porters were able to redeem at least seven of these properties after they paid the back taxes and penalties; three of those redemptions were for portions of their home property in Sec. 15 of Sherman Twp.

Both Moses and Harriet Porter died intestate in Jasper County, he on Aug. 8, 1892, and she on March 10, 1906. No letters of administration were found for Moses's estate; presumably his portion of the couple's lands passed to Harriet. In 1906 her heirs were her sons, E. F. [Ezra, appointed administrator] and James; daughters, Elizabeth Goodell, Harriet Davis and Mattie [Martha] Patton; and six grandchildren, George, Isaac, Moses, Aaron and Earnest Baker, and Harriet Baker Dodd, the children of her deceased daughter, Rachel Porter Baker. The estate appraisers' report did not place a value placed on her land, which was to be sold, and it stated she had no personal property.

At the time of Harriet's death all but 80 acres of the couple's remaining properties had either been transferred to their children or sold. She had retained only the N½ of the NW¼ of Section 15. Because we have no records pertaining to Moses and Harriet's lands that were deeded to other individuals, we have no way of knowing how many properties they sold voluntarily or how many they lost at tax sales and, for whatever reason, did not redeem.

Moses, Harriet, their son Isaac (age 13), and two of his siblings, John (& wife Rosannah) and Alvira (and husband) Thomas Trusler, are buried at Union Chapel Cemetery, which is located at 7227 W. 100<sup>th</sup> St. N., on a country road between Ira and Mingo.

Among the Porters' papers were deeds and letters showing that several parcels of land they purchased had previously been owned by individuals as far away as Maine, Tennessee, and Indiana. On the following pages are two seldom-seen artifacts that were included in the packet that we received: the original land patent for the Porter's home property in Sherman Twp. and a dollar bill from 1862. Measuring just under 2½" x 5¾" it is shorter than our modern currency, which checks in at 2 5/8" x 6¼".

**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:**

**Know Ye** That in pursuance of an Act of Congress, entitled "An Act to raise for a limited time an additional military force, and for other purposes," approved February 11th, 1847,

*Jefferson to Davis Sergeant Captain Gibson's Company Third Regiment Indiana Volunteers*

having deposited in the **GENERAL LAND OFFICE**, a WARRANT in *his* favor, numbered *9,380*

**There is therefore Granted by the United States** unto

*John Woodson, assignee of said J. P. person to Davis and to his heirs, the North West quarter of Section fifteen, in Township eight North, of Range twenty West, in the District of Jasper Co. to hold at Fort Robinson, Iowa containing one hundred and twenty acres*

according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Land returned to the **General Land Office**, by the SURVEYOR GENERAL, which said tract has been located in satisfaction of the above mentioned Warrant, in pursuance of the Act of Congress above mentioned, approved February 11th, 1847.

**TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** the said *part of said* section of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said *John Woodson and co. his* heirs and assigns forever.

**In Testimony Whereof, I, Abraham Reese**

**PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**, have caused these Letters to be made Patent and the SEAL OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed



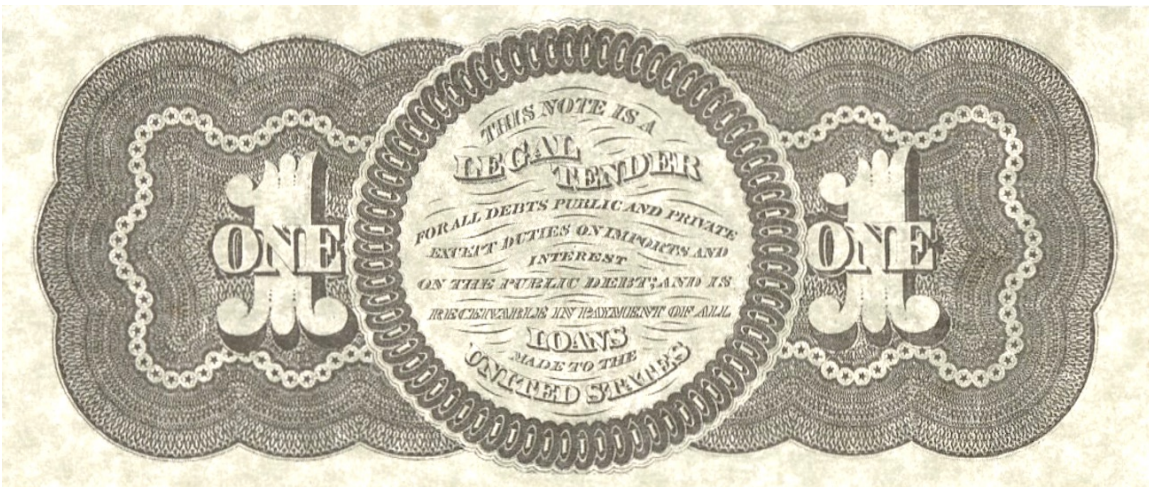
**GIVEN** under my hand at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the *thirteenth* day of *August* IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD one thousand eight hundred and *forty seven* and of the **Independence** of the United States the *eighteenth*

BY THE PRESIDENT:

*Franklin Pierce*  
By *W. E. Martin* *Acty*  
*John E. Minner*  
Recorder of the General Land Office.

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Dollar bill (background color has a slight green tint), dated 1862, from among the Moses & Harriet Porter memorabilia



## COFFIN NAILS

An old story has it that every laugh draws a nail out of one's coffin. A modern opinion has it that each cigarette smoked drives a nail into the coffin of the smoker. Hence the name "coffin nails." Reports from the examination of the national guard that are seeding to enter the service of Uncle Sam indicate that 90% of the cigarette smokers are being rejected as unfit to enter the service. This will tend to bring the cigarette before the public under a new role. During the Civil War when a man desired to fix himself physically so that he would be unable to pass an examination for entrance to the Army, he shot a forefinger off the right hand or cut off a toe. Now it is easier. All that is necessary is to smoke coffin nails, and if he sticks to it he is sure to be rejected. Uncle Sam has no use for cigarette sucking dudes. Coffin nail consumers need not apply.

*Brooklyn (Iowa) Chronicle, 20 May 1898*

## 1914 Farmers' Directory of Mariposa Township

The following list of Mariposa Township farmers appeared in the Atlas and Plat Book of Jasper County, Iowa, 1914. We do not have this atlas in our JCGS library, but it can be found at the State Historical Library of Iowa, and the farmers' directory is available in their digital collection: [digital.lib.uiowa.edu](http://digital.lib.uiowa.edu).

Mariposa is a rural township in northeast Jasper County, adjacent to Marshall County (see the county map on page 20 for the exact location). No incorporated towns were ever located in this township. In 1914 the closest towns with post offices were Kellogg (Kellogg Twp.), Newton (Newton Twp.), and Laurel (in Marshall Co.) to the north.

In this directory residents were listed by the location where they received their mail. Information for each property owner is given in the following order: Name, section of the township (sec), number of acres (ac), wife (wf), children (ch), and years in Jasper County (shown in parentheses).

### **Kellogg P. O.**

- Adams, Guy, sec 25, ac 150, wf Cora, ch Fay, (35).  
Altemeier, E. C., sec 27, 28, ac 160, wf Sadie, ch Roy, Virgil, Delzia, (24).  
Anderson, Andrew, sec 33, ac 160, wf Minnie, ch Martha, Anna, Carl, Fred, Gertie, Ralph, Clarence, Beulah, (30).  
Antle, Edd, sec 35, ac 160, wf Edna, ch Dorothea, (29).  
Antle, S. F., sec 25, ac 160, wf Lillie, ch Howard, Trilla, (25).  
Bleakley, W. W., sec 36, ac 160, wf Sylvia, ch Mary, Ray, Ernest, Iola, Leonia, (40).  
Butler, C. A., sec 25, ac 70, wf Carrie (1)  
Clark, Taylor, sec 36, ac 160, wf Amelie, ch Ruth, (1)  
Dodds, Robert, sec 35, ac 160, wf Minnie, ch William, Emma, Louise, (9). Clover Nook Farm.  
Ehler, Jerry, sec 22, 23, ac 280, wf Annie, ch Agnes, Gertrude, Emma, Eddie, Elmer, (26).  
Faircloth, J. T., sec 22, ac 160, ch Gertie, Sewell, Bryan, Ralph, Bird, (30).  
Farland, Louis, sec 35, ac 160, wf Isabelle, ch Harold, Lena, Mary, Bert, Albert, Goldie, (7).  
Farland, Paul, sec 33, ac 200, wf Mamie, ch Louise, (6).  
Finch, A. J., sec 13, ac 160, wf Ida, (21).  
Finch, G. D., sec 13, ac 160, wf Katie, (25).  
Henning, Fred, sec 27, ac 80, wf Marie, (22).  
Horn, M. D., sec 28, ac 160, wf Effie, ch Hazel, Myrtle, Odessa, Gladys, Dorothy, Mildred, Winifred, William, Maxine, (30).  
McBroom, Mrs. Lucy A., sec 22, ac 160, ch Homer, Lloyd, Herald, Lyle, Ceres, Gladys, Lura, Howard, Thelma, Almyr, Audra, Vernon, Robert, Ardis, (22).  
Miller, A. G., sec 24, ac 80, wf Laura, ch Maurice, Virgil, Oliver, Ruth, Marvin, (42).  
Morris, Robert, sec 33, ac 160, wf Cora, ch Velma, Olive, Russel, Merlin, Doris, Wendel, (41).  
Morrison, H. S., sec 34, ac 160, wf Ora, ch Mozelle, Dortha, (26).  
Newman, B. N., sec 26, 35, ac 320, wf L. A., ch Alice, Nina, Ralph, Emma, (40).  
Propp, Charles, sec 16, ac 200, (28).  
Reichelt, Carl C., sec 28, ac 160, wf Gusta, ch Lela, Grace, Donald, (36).  
Schultz, F. W., sec 23, ac 160, wf Edna, ch Dorothy, Rolland, Wilson, (11).  
Schultz, Fred, sec 27, ac 160, wf Mae, (5).

Schumann, A. C., sec 23, 24, ac 160, wf May, ch Lee, Mamie, (46).  
Somerville, Mrs. James, sec 25, 26, ac 293, ch Will, Frank, Lait, Henry, Clara, Rosa,  
(7).  
Sparks, Jerry, sec 27, ac 160, wf Mary, ch Alta, Gladys, Fresia, Burrel, (24).  
Starr, C. W., sec 36, ac 160, wf Myrtle, ch Myrtle, Peter, (29).  
Stecher, J. J., sec 24, ac 80, wf Rosa, ch Barney, Ralph, Leonard, Mabel, (23).  
Veith, Louis, sec 29, 32, ac 160, wf Mary, ch Marvel, Lenore, Leonard, (42).  
Wertz, Frank, sec 27, ac 80, wf Elizabeth, ch Lillie, (12).

### **Laurel P. O.**

Albers, Otto, sec 18, ac 160, wf Agnes, ch Margie, John, (34).  
Albers, P., sec 2, ac 48, wf Jennie, ch ralph, (15).  
Banghart, Mrs. E. J., sec 13, ac 200, wf [sic] Arvis, [ch?] Mary, (41).  
Benskin, J., sec 15, ac 240, wf Sophia, ch Curtis, Bert, Elsie, Harley, (1).  
Bolthoefter, Henry, sec 18, ac 160, wf Mary, ch Elmer, Lula, Carley, Orvin, (55).  
Buchrow, C. W., sec 3, ac 160, wf Elsie, ch Charley, (35).  
Caesar, Hugh, sec 1, ac 100, wf Euphemia, ch George, Hugh, Thomas, Agnes, (4).  
Davis, James, sec 9, ac 160, wf Sarah, ch Charley, Martha, (12).  
Dooney, George, sec 1, ac 60, wf Mary, (5).  
Feldschneider, Fred, sec 17, ac 200, ch Clara, Grace, Freda, (28).  
Forman, Fred, sec 5, ac 160, wf Millie, (24).  
Gregson, W. M., sec 12, ac 320, wf Freda, ch Lendall, (1).  
Haines, George, sec 15, ac 160, wf Alice, ch Anna, Margaret, (6).  
Hainke, H. sec 8, ac 160, ch Freddie, Mabel, Eddie, (35).  
Hall, Arthur, sec 12, ac 160, wf Jennie, ch Harold, Wilber, Viola, (28).  
Harland, James, sec 5, ac 137, wf Minnie, ch Mary, (2).  
Hasslbrink, C. I., sec 2, ac 141, wf Amelia, ch Lelia, Lewis, (6).  
Hoak, W., sec 4, ac 160, wf Minnie, ch Retha, Sam, (19).  
Jontz, Earl, sec 7, ac 160, wf Lyda, ch Wanda, (21).  
Kalma, John, sec 6, ac 320, (2).  
Kassmuir, W. F., sec 6, ac 137, wf Agnes, ch Lawrence, Opal, (35).  
Klamberg, F., sec 7, ac 160, wf Reka, ch Elmer, Floyd, Violet, (42).  
Klein, L., sec 16, ac 80, wf Martha, ch Roy, Billie, (12).  
Lafrenz, John, sec 11, ac 160, wf Hattie, ch George, Louis, August, Amanda, Elsie, (30).  
Larson, G. T., sec 8, ac 320, wf Rena, ch Bernice, Lyle, Jay, (25).  
Lavery, T. A., sec 3, ac 200, wf Anna, ch Thomas, William, John, (35).  
Lavery, T. A., sec 11, 14, ac 40, ch Margaret, Matilda, (42).  
Lavery, Pat, sec 2, 3, ac 200, (40).  
Lavery, Tom, sec 2, ac 91, (40).  
Miller, Simon, sec 5, ac 320 wf Ruth, ch William, George, (22).  
Murdock, W. S., sec 24, ac 160, wf Sarah, ch Louis, Earl, Ruth, Esther, Neoma, John,  
(12).  
Osten, Louisa, sec 17, ac 160, ch Fred, Lizzie, (20).  
Paul, Harvey, sec 11, 12, ac 240, wf Edna, (25).  
Paul, James, sec 10, 15, ac 280 wf Anna, ch Merle, Daisy, (43).  
Paul, J. S. sec 1, 2, 12, ac 480, wf Mary, ch George, Marion, Perry, Miron, Mary, (35).  
Paul, S. R., sec 1, ac 141, wf Mary, ch Eveline, (23).  
Phipps, Earnest, sec 24, ac 160, wf Etta, ch Willie, Esther, (1).  
Rader, V., sec 7, ac 160, wf Sylva, ch Oscar, Dorothy, --.  
Robinson, C. W., sec 15, 16, ac 128, wf Naomi, ch Clarence, Mary, (40).  
Sash, W., sec 9, ac 40, wf Sadie, (10).



Sheek, Tom, sec 10, 11, ac 320, (9).  
 Springer, W. C., sec 7, ac 120, wf Amelia, ch Ida, Lillian, Erma, --.  
 Toedt, H. H., sec 6, ac 160, wf Mary, ch Richard, Louis, Mandy, Martha, (55).  
 Thompson, Arthur, sec 11, 14, ac 240, wf Lizzie, (5).  
 Thompson, Robert, sec 10, ac 160, wf Rachel, ch William, Robert, Lillie, Lester, (7).  
 Wescott, W. H., sec 1, ac 60, wf Susan, (2).

**Newton P. O.**

Bollhoefer, Fred, sec 20, ac 200, (28).  
 Damman, Ernest, sec 30, ac 80, wf Emma, ch Esther, Elmer, (41).  
 Damman, Henry, sec 25, 30, ac 120, wf Myrtle, ch Gladys George, (37).  
 Ebert, Henry, sec 30, ac 80, wf Mary, (29).  
 Ebert, Henry C., sec 29, 32, ac 110, wf Marie, (29).  
 Eilert, H. W., sec 31, ac 320, wf Mary, ch Hamrud, Fritz, Mary, Willie, Emma, Minnie, Lydia, Harry, (19).  
 Flanagan, O. J., sec. 32, ac 80, wf Minnie, ch Verona, Leo, (38).  
 Flanagan, W. M., sec 32, ac 80, (25).  
 Klein, Charley T., sec 19, 20, ac 360, wf Kate, ch Johnny, Ella, Freddie, Charley, (46).  
 Osten, A. J., sec 31, ac 162, 33, wf Martha, ch Leslie, (4).  
 Osten, Fred, sec 18, ac 100, wf Minnie, ch Stella, Elva, (46).  
 Propp, John, sec. 31, ac 160, wf Ida, ch Florence, (40).  
 Schnathorst, Theodore, sec 29, 30, ac 160, wf Lizzie, --.  
 Schnathorst, Gus, sec 31, ac 80, wf Minnie, ch Clara, Marie, Wilbert, Eddie, Vernon, --.  
 Stork, Henry, sec 18, ac 140, ch August, (65).

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**Books for Sale**

Anticipating the move of our library in 2002, we have decided now is the time to start downsizing. We have four boxes of worn books that have been removed from our shelves and replaced with ones in better condition. Before discarding these books, they are being offered to our members; the only thing we ask is that you send five dollars (\$5.00) to cover mailing. There is a seven volume set listed below; please send ten dollars (\$10.00) for mailing if interested in that.

- Past and Present of Jasper County, Iowa Volume II 1912 illustrated
- History of Jasper County, Iowa 1878
- Iowa Official Register 1915-16, 1917-18, 1919-20, and 1921-22 Also 1991-92
- Honor Roll – Jasper County, Iowa 1917-18-19 An illustrated Review of WW I
- Uncle, we are Ready! Registering America's Men 1917-18 by John J. Newman
- DAR Patriot Index
- DAR Patriot Index Vol. II
- Newton City Directory 1986
- Jasper, Marshall and Grundy Counties Portrait and Biographical Record 1984
- Revolutionary War Soldiers and Patriots Buried in Iowa
- Times Encyclopedia and Gazetteer (7 volumes) 1935
- School Annuals:  
 Baxter, Iowa: The Oriole 1921  
 Newton, Iowa: The Newtonia 1920, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 1931, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 1940, 1959, 1960

### **It's All Relatives (Baxter area, 1907)**

Items regarding family relationships taken from the *Baxter New Era*, Aug. – Oct. 1907

Chas. Burdick returned last week from Wasecca, IL, where he visited his mother and other relatives. (8 Aug 1907)

Misses Gertrude O'Brien, of Oelwein, and Alice Drake, of Chicago, were guests at the home of their uncle, J. E. O'Brien, last week. (8 Aug 1907)

Mrs. Paschal arrived home last week after spending several weeks at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bulin, at Nashua, IA. (8 Aug 1907)

Miss Eva Fletcher, of Coon Rapids, mother-in-law of Dr. Downs...visited at the Downs home last week. (8 Aug 1907)

Mr. & Mrs. I. H. Pulis, of Cambridge, en route to Des Moines to visit their son, Will and family, stopped off at Baxter and were guests of their daughter, Mrs. J. G. Holmes and family. (15 Aug 1907)

Mrs. Julia Jeffries, of near Ira, left for Garretson, SD, last Monday, where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. Meck, for a month. Before returning home she will visit her brother-in-law, A. L. Mann, who resides at Mitchell, SD. (22 Aug 1907)

Mrs. Marilla Bagley of New Hampshire arrived in Baxter last Saturday and is visiting her brother, D. W. Smith. (22 Aug 1907)

H. B. Nease of Chicago arrived in Baxter Thursday for a visit...at the home of his granddaughter, Mrs. Hancock. (22 Aug 1907)

Mr. & Mrs. Jno. Northrup, of Chicago, are in Baxter visiting his parents, Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Northrup. Mr. Northrup is an attorney, and has a fine practice in the city. (29 Aug 1907)

Miss Laura Stephenson, who lives with her sister, Mrs. T. H. Lavender, left Saturday for a visit of several weeks in Hutchinson, KS. (29 Aug 1907)

Louis Moon of Atlantic, IA, arrived Saturday for an over-Sunday visit with his aunt, Mrs. C. M. Forney. (29 Aug 1907)

Mrs. Rachel Smith, living in the south part of town, is entertaining her daughter, Mrs. Belle Logsdon, of Perry, IA. (29 Aug 1907)

Clyde Fletcher, of Iowa City, visited his brother-in-law, Dr. Downs, two or three days last week. (29 Aug 1907)

Dr. F. W. Kiesau and family of Frankville, IA are visiting their relatives in Baxter and vicinity. Mrs. Kiesau's maiden name was Deppe. (5 Sep 1907)

Mrs. W. M. Grant and Miss Lundy returned Sunday from Eldora where they spent the week with two other sisters. The four sisters had not met for 16 years. (12 Sep 1907)

Mrs. Norris Allen, daughter, and Miss Maggie Rudolph of Keota arrived Thursday for a visit at the home of their brother, Dr. Crawford. (19 Sep 1907)

Miss Jennie Wren, who is teaching school at Tama...was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Harold Klise...Sunday. (19 Sep 1907)

F. H. Hancock, of Mapleton, father of our townsman F.R., was a guest at the home of the latter this week. (19 Sep 1907)

Mrs. Gustav Krampe received a telegram Monday from Chicago stating that a nephew, son of Mr. & Mrs. John Greene, had that morning died. (19 Sep 1907)

Ewd. Lowderbaugh and family of Odebolt, IA, were guests at the home of the former's brother, Henry, last week. (26 Sep 1907)

Disappeared from his home near Marshalltown 25 Sep 1907, Henry Kiser, supposed to be insane. He is about 30 years old, 6' in height, weight about 210, light complexion, and of German nationality. When he left home he was heavily armed. Any person giving information that will lead to his detention will receive a reward of \$100. Send all information to H. H. Maggard, Marshal of Baxter, IA. (A brother, Fred Kiser, lives at Baxter). (3 Oct 1907)

A more detailed article on the disappearance appeared in the same paper, on page 5. An article in the New Era, 17 Oct 1907, said that Henry Kiser's body was found Sunday (13 Oct?) near his home in Eden Twp., Marshall Co., the victim of a suicide. He was the son of Carl and Henrietta Kiser, aged 35y 7m 24d. Burial was in the German Cemetery east of Baxter.

Alexander Graves, of Madison, NE, brother of B. C. Graves, is in town, the guest of the Graves family. (17 Oct 1907)

Mr. & Mrs. M. C. Graves, of Cuba, IL, relatives of the B. C. Graves family, arrived in Baxter last Tuesday. (17 Oct 1907)

Mrs. Hazel Cammack, of Baxter, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Ed King, of Elwell, left the first of the week for Ames, where she will visit her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Jas. White. (17 Oct 1907; this item originally published in Maxwell (IA) *Tribune*)

Mrs. C. C. Cammack left last week for a few days' visit with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Jas. White, of Ames. (17 Oct 1907)

Edward Monaghan of Manson, IA, arrived in Baxter Thursday and visited until Saturday with his brother, P. J. and family. (17 Oct 1907)

Mrs. J. F. Klise, of Baxter, came over Tuesday evening and spent the night with her cousin, L. E. Floret and wife. (17 Oct 1907; this item originally published in Kellogg *Enterprise*)

Two brothers, L. E. Fowler, of Collins, and George Fowler, of Aurora, IL, with their wives, arrived in Baxter last Thursday for a few days' visit at the home of the former's son, L. E. and family. (17 Oct 1907)

Mrs. John Sowerwine, accompanied by Miss Clara Lavender, both of Newton, and Mrs. Lavender of Wittimberg [sic], arrived Friday and were over Sunday guests at the T. L. Lavender home. Mrs. S. is sister, Mrs. L. a sister-in-law, and Miss Clara a daughter of T. L. (17 Oct 1907)

Mrs. W. T. Thorp and two little girls, left for Louisville, CO, Monday and will remain there until next spring. While there she will make her home with her son, J. E. Thorp, and wife. Mrs. Thorp's health has not been of the best of late, and it is thought a change of climate will do her much good. (17 Oct 1907)

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