

# Warren County Genealogical Society

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## The Beginning

On April 2, 1973 a group of interested persons met in the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company building to organize a genealogical society. Fifteen men and women were present. Mrs. Rose Bowery presided as president and Mrs. Louise Pilmer acted as recording secretary.

Primary purpose of the organization was to assist and encourage genealogical research in family history.

Charter members of the Warren County Genealogical Society were:

Mrs. Roland Abell  
Harry R. Art  
Pauline Baxendale  
Charles and Alice Beam  
Sandra Bellman  
John and Pauline Boss  
Robert and Rose Bowery  
Tenney Brinkman  
Janice Burton  
Sterl and Edith Conn  
Sue Curtis  
Margaret Daleske  
Bertine Davis  
Bob Geber  
Ruth Hall (Mrs. M. D.)  
Charlotte Hardin  
John Hare  
Kate Kauzlarich  
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Richard and Charlene McCoy  
Ronald McDole  
Loree Neiman  
Lulu Patch  
Jim Patrick  
Ethel Peterson  
Louise Pilmer  
Helen Schooler  
Roberta Smith  
Kendall and Lois Strong  
Maude Wilkins  
Beulah Wilson  
Doyle Woods

Of these, Tenney Brinkman and Marjorie Kline have been continuous members for the entire 30 years.

## Calendar:

- Mon., June 16 REGULAR MEETING, 7:00 p.m.  
Place: Rosemount Cemetery  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Program: Meet a few relatives buried here  
Dinner Details: We will have a picnic dinner, please bring money (less than \$10) for your meal.
- Thurs, June 19 IGS "Lives and Times" presentation  
Topic: Quaker History and Customs  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Place: New IGS Library  
Cost: Free to the public
- Sat., June 21 IGS Volunteer Day  
This is our day to assist at the IGS Library. We will be there from 8:45 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
- June 21 - 27 Register entries for Warren County Fair Exhibits
- July 23 - 28 Warren County Fair  
Genealogy entries are due by 12:00 Noon on Wed., July 23. Judging will begin at 1:00

WCGS regular meetings are held at the Indianola Public Library on the third Monday of the month (September through May, except no meeting in December). Special meetings may be planned for the summer.

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## Marieta's rambling comments:

Fortunately, while some genealogy societies are experiencing a slow down in activities and membership, our society is doing very well and it is exciting to be celebrating our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Several of our members have been working very hard to produce some new publications. I anticipate we will have five of them finished by the Warren County Fair in July. Two others will take longer.

The five that should be ready by the county fair are:

- 1) Index to the Warren County Atlas, 1872, 1887, 1897, 1902-1903, 1915 & 1919-1924.
- 2) Groom Index and Bride Index to Warren County Marriages 1849-1879.
- 3) Groom Index to Warren County Marriages 1880-1899.
- 4) Warren County Marriages 1900-1904
- 5) Deaths, Probates and Obituaries 1896-1899

Unfortunately, the update to the Warren County Cemetery Book and the 1895 Warren County Census will not be ready. Virginia Wheeldon has been working on the cemetery update almost single-handedly and it is taking longer than she originally anticipated. She has been very detailed in her research and is including information for stones that were inadvertently missed in the original book and corrections for the original book, as well as new stones since 1980. She has completed recording all of the information in the cemeteries and is working on the final typing. Then she will index the book. The task has been huge and we are very thankful that she was willing to undertake this project.

Carol Kubik is typing the 1895 Census and she is making significant progress. However, there were many people in Warren County in 1895. It took Thelma Pehrson a year to transcribe the information from the microfilm. This publication will include all of the information from the census, not just the names of the people.

During the spring of 2002 Thelma Pehrson (with magnifying glass in hand) copied all of the names from the Warren County Atlas compilation that was first published in 1992. This last winter Peggy Kruse typed the names and I am doing some final formatting for publication.

WCGS member Ralph Edwards, who lives in Minnesota, saw the need for better indexes for two WCGS/IGS publications--Marriages 1849-1879 and Marriages 1880-1899. He diligently indexed these and took the extra time to check LDS records for names that he questioned. Thelma Pehrson has recently checked the original records in the Recorder's Office and commentary has been added to assist researchers with the names that might be questioned.

I have nearly completed the finishing touches for publication. People who have used these two publications will find these new indexes EXTREMELY helpful.

This spring Mary Berry Rodda typed the Warren County Marriages 1900-1904 in a flash. These were abstracted several years ago and have been sitting on a shelf waiting to be typed. We should have asked Mary sooner! I still have to complete the formatting of this publication.

You have been seeing the segments of the Deaths, Probates and Obituaries in your newsletters for several months. The final segment is included in this newsletter. The segments have all been combined and we are proofreading this for the final time.

So-that's the status of all of the publications that are in-the-works! The sooner I complete this newsletter, the sooner the other publications can be finished!

Hope you enjoy the newsletter!

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## Bits and pieces about ... WCGS Celebrates 30th Anniversary

*On April 21 Ruth Ann Hall presented a program with slides prepared from photos in the WCGS Historian's books and by reading excerpts from the following letters. It was a wonderful way to relive the memories!*

### **From Rose Bowery--Charter Member and first President of WCGS**

April 6, 2003

Dear Ruth,

It was nice to hear from you and to know that you are having a commemorative program of the Warren County Genealogical Society. I have been impressed with its growth and the quality of its programs and publications in recent years.

The Warren County Genealogical Society began due to my need to have assistance in pursuit of my own research. In about the year 1970 my father, Albert Leo Frazier, gave me some documents that told some of the history of our Scottish ancestry and ignited a desire in me to learn more. I made several telephone calls to members of the Warren County Historical Society to learn if there might be some persons in the county who would be interested in starting a genealogical society. I was given the names of Edith Conn, Louise Pilmer and one other person whose name slips my mind. I called each of them and asked them to come to my home at 903 North E Street there in Indianola to discuss this possibility.

The four of us met around my dining room table soon after and laid out the procedures that should be done to have such an organization. We set a date for an organizational meeting and I was asked to head it. I cannot remember where we met, but I believe we met in the courthouse basement room a few times. I was elected to serve as its first President. I cannot recall who was elected to fill the other positions, but I know that Edith Conn and Louise Pilmer were very active through the years.

After serving as President, I also served as the editor of the newsletter for two years. I wish I could remember more of the history to include in this letter, but I am sure some of you will be able to fill in many details that I cannot. The embryonic stage is very clear in my mind as I did receive much help in doing my research. I hope to be able to meet with you some this summer. Thanks for giving me this opportunity to share with you what I know if its beginning.

Sincerely,  
Rose Bowery  
Pharr, Texas

### **From Tenney Richards Brinkman, Charter Member**

April 15, 2003

Dear Ruth and WCGS members,

Living in Michigan, it has not been possible for me to be an active member of WCGS, but I have followed your progress with interest, thanks to my cousin Louise Richards Pilmer, who over the years, kept me apprised of your current projects.

I have appreciated and supported your publications and now when a relative or friend inquires about their Warren County roots, I just go to my WCGS bookshelf and with birth, marriage, death records and 1987 and 1908 County History Books (and my memory bank) find the data needed.

In fact, I surprise myself as to how completely I can fill a chart or a family record sheet, even identify family group photos and not leave my living room!

Keep up the good work and your fine newsletter, which gives me not only Warren County information, but more items of general interest, genealogically speaking, than any other newsletter I have subscribed to over the years.

Congratulations on a successful 30 years! Your long hours of hard work have paid off!

Sincerely,  
Tenney Richards Brinkman

### **From Barbara Rasko, former WCGS President**

Dear Members of the Warren County Genealogical Society-

Congratulations on your 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Time sure passes quickly, doesn't it? I remember when I first heard of the genealogical society--my children were young, and I wanted to find out about our ancestors. My mother-in-law, Ruth Rasko, told me that a lady named Maude Wilkins was a member of the Center Chapel Church and was part of a group of people that had started a genealogical society. I contacted Maude, and was invited to attend the next meeting.

I met some wonderful people there. You know many of

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the names: Pauline Baxendale, Edith and Sterl Conn, Bertine Davis and her sister Edna Van Syoc, Charlotte Hardin, JoAnn Harvey, Marjorie Kline, Doris Lawson, Lillian Noble, Lulu Patch, Louise Pilmer, Charlotte Rice, Roberta Smith, Maude Wilkins, Beulah Wilson. Soon Molly Bowlin joined as did Thelma Pehrson and others. For over 10 years we were a very close knit group and we accomplished more than we ever thought possible.

Edith and Sterl Conn had a long-time interest in the county's cemeteries. I don't know how the project started, but the Conn's, Marjorie Kline, Louise Pilmer and others spent countless hours recording the information from the county's 50+ cemeteries onto index cards. After I had been a member for a year or so, I heard the astonishing fact that there were 17 ½ shoe boxes filled with these index cards. I was amazed at the amount of work that had gone into the project, and was interested in helping the group bring the project from shoe boxes to a published book.

I was young and not afraid of risk. In 1979, as president, I worked with others to find a publisher for the book, hired my sister-in-law to type the information into a book format, drug my husband and young children through the county to photograph all of the cemeteries and inspired the group to fulfill their dream. We commissioned Doris Currier to do the art for the cover of the book. Members of the group spent hour upon hour proofing the index cards to the pages and I remember this as a crazy time. I'm not sure about the other proof-readers, but Maude and I would read for so long, we would get goofy and start laughing hysterically, and not really know why.

All of us thought we were moving ahead nicely . . . and then came the challenging part. We went back through the 17 ½ shoeboxes of index cards, found each person in the book, recorded the page, and built the index! And then we proofed that!

During all of this time we were marketing and pre-selling the books. If I remember correctly, the book was sold to libraries, family members and genealogists in almost every state and also some were sent to Europe! As I look back on our efforts, I wish we would have taken a bigger risk and printed more than 500 books! Also, I wish we would have spent a little more money on a more durable binding.

In July of 1980, I drove to Marceline, Missouri in our pick-up truck with my two five-year-old sons and picked up our beautiful new books, *Cemetery and Death Records of Warren County, Iowa*. You cannot imagine how proud we were to honor those who had gone before us in this

county and to provide such a valuable research tool to current and future generations of genealogists. Many times we received calls from other genealogical societies who were interested in how we had done our book. I dare say it became a model for many of the cemetery books that were published in Iowa in the early 80s.

I wish now that this book appeared on the Internet so it could serve an even larger audience. And, of course, I wish it could be updated to include those who have been buried in the county in the last nearly 25 years.

Our mighty group of workers went on to publish *Birth Records of Warren County, Iowa* and *History of Warren County, Iowa*. Several Atlases of the County were also made available. We held classes for Beginning Genealogists and started the Genealogical Exhibit and Judging at the Warren County Fair. All of this took place prior to 1987. We were a very dedicated group and we met frequently, worked hard. We added some very good members including Sheryl Ledlie, Marieta Grissom, Ruth Hall, Kathy Ayers and others.

The History Book was an amazing project and required a lot of effort from many of the members. Sheryl Ledlie and I drove to Dallas [Texas] to meet with the publisher, Curtis Media Corporation. Doris Currier did an oil painting of the old Warren County Court House for the cover. Members sat at the library for days, collecting the family stories and pictures from Warren County residents. We went through the holdings of the historical society and searched other sources for information on the schools, churches, businesses, townships and towns. We had hundreds of envelopes carrying photos and articles, old maps, old ads and each marked with codes, so that the publisher would know how to put the book together. We typed and we typed and we typed. . . but if I remember correctly, Curtis Media did the index! Yeah!

One of the interesting aspects of the history book project was that lots of people, and I mean a lot, didn't really think the book would amount to much . . . so they did not submit their family or business stories and they did not order a book. Once they saw the beautiful and interesting book, the cry went up that we should do another volume right away so they could record their stories. Unfortunately, we did not do that . . . but no doubt it would be a successful undertaking.

When I think about my 10 years with the Warren County Genealogical Society, the projects that we completed are not what meant the most to me. The magic of the society at that time was the chemistry of the people in the group. We developed deep and lasting friendships. We knew

each other well and we enjoyed spending time together. We took trips to do genealogical research. We went more than once to the genealogical library in Salt Lake City and the Historical Library in Iowa City. We traveled to Fort Wayne, Indiana to the genealogical library there and did some site seeing as well. We were active in the Iowa Genealogical Society and worked at that library as well as did our own research there. We were familiar with the families that each other were looking for and gathered info for each other whenever we could. Most of all we worked together, we laughed and we cried and we had fun!

We also raised the visibility of genealogy in many small ways in our community. At one point I did a television show for the public station about cemeteries in the county. We had quite a bit of press over the years from the Record Herald and Indianola Tribune. For several years I taught a 2 week genealogical class for Anita Allen's talented and gifted program. I was also called on many times to conduct tours of the cemeteries for other classes. Generally I would take them to the Ackworth Cemetery and talk about the Quakers and the graves marked with field stones, then go out to little Peck Cemetery and on to the Indianola Cemetery. Many children had a new perspective on cemeteries during these tours and they were always respectful and interested.

I am actively researching my family and do a lot of it on the Internet now. I have the same problems I always had . . . staying organized and finding the time to do the research. Truth is, I still get lost in time when I'm working on a family, and I imagine you all know what I mean. Best of luck to you with your own research!

Congratulations again on your 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

Barbara Rasko

### **From Elaine Baumgarten, another former WCGS president:**

Ruth,

Sounds like a nice project you are doing.

I don't know if I have much to contribute. I was most active after I retired from teaching in 1985. I did a little to help with the history book, and I was president of the Warren County chapter when we closed the account with Curtis Media for the books in May of 1989.

Also, we moved our library from Louise Pilmer's living room to "secured shelves" in the new Indianola Public Li-

brary. Louise and Ruth Hall deserve lots of credit for working on that project. We had to bind materials and edit and index them.

Elaine

P.S. I don't know if this is anything you want for your project: Do you have info on Kathleen Regnier's project of portraying Margaret Adamson, the 19<sup>th</sup> Century settler of Warren County in a private conversation with her husband John, who had died and is buried in the "Forgotten Cemetery" (Randolph). Kathleen wrote this drama and presented it to history classes and groups around Warren County.

### **From Thelma Pehrson, long-time Corresponding Secretary:**

In 1978 and 1979 the town of Milo was going to celebrate 100 years as a town. One of the projects was the publishing of a book "Milo 1880-1980." Since the town lies in both Otter and Belmont Townships both were to be included in the book. I was asked to write several articles from Otter township. In so doing I began hearing about the Warren County Genealogical Society from both Marieta and my Aunt Maude Wilkins, so I joined.

I never helped on the Cemetery Book or the Birth Book, but when they decided to print a History Book, I was asked to write several articles. Really I enjoyed doing this.

I have only held two offices. I was treasurer for a couple of years, then they asked me to be corresponding secretary. I took that office with the understanding it would be for a period of time and I would never be president. The period of time has been 15 years and it is time to move on. During this time I have answered hundreds of letters and queries, received many exchange newsletters and learned lots of things. I copied 5 ½ years of marriage records at the court house. We will be publishing an index for these.

A group of us spent one afternoon each week for many years copying interesting events, deaths, obits, births, etc. from the newspapers at the Historical building. We sell the results of some of this as the "Deaths, Obits and Probates" books.

Spearheading the Atlas project was also very rewarding. Finding the various years and deciding which ones to include was next. They were various sizes, so next we had to get them all the same size. George Hladky helped us to do this. Enola Disbrow was also involved. We settled on

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the years 1847, 1872, 1887, 1897, 1902-1903, 1915 and 1919-1924, as probably the best ones to use. Last year I copied the names of all the land owners in all except the 1872 atlas, which had already been done. This has been typed by Peggy Kruse and will be for sale soon.

I have also copied all the names in the 1895 census and it is being typed now.

After having seen exhibits at another county fair, I thought this is also something we could do. Marge Kline and I were Superintendents for the first couple of years. I also took another turn as Superintendent later and have helped and exhibited when I could.

As Dr. Phil says, "If you're not helping, you are missing out on something!"

Thank you!

Thelma Pehrson

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## 2003 Warren County Fair

**Please note: There are major changes for the 2003 Warren County Fair.!**

The Fair actually begins on Tuesday night, July 22. Genealogy exhibits will be brought to the fair on Wednesday morning, July 23—deadline 12:00 noon. Judging will begin at 1:00.

**Exhibits may be picked up between 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Sunday night, July 27.**

WCGS will again sponsor a series of Genealogy Mini-Classes at the fair. These are one-hour Stop-By-And-Learn classes, No fee. Marieta will be teaching the classes.

Thursday, July 24,	6:30 p.m.	Basics of Genealogy
Friday, July 25,	6:30 p.m.	Where to go from here
Saturday, July 26,	11:00 a.m.	Basics of Genealogy
	1:00 p.m.	Where to go from here
	3:00 p.m.	Census Records
Sunday, July 27,	1:00 a.m.	Basics of Genealogy
	3:00 p.m.	Where to go from here

## 2002 Warren County Fair Exhibits

*Editor's note: As you read through these exhibits, try to think about similar exhibits you could prepare or ways you would handle these. As you prepare your exhibits ask yourself the question, "What did I learn genealogically from this?" The answer should be in the information that accompanies your exhibit.*

CATEGORY Organized Collection of Family Pictures  
Blue Willa Jean Grissom

I've tried to sort and hunt out the families of my maternal grandfather, David Tullis Belvel born February 15, 1871, married July 5, 1895, died May 5, 1951, and grandmother Milla Ann McLaughlin, born July 9, 1876, died June 24, 1948.

Then I've sorted out pictures in each family of their children. It's nice to have pictures to cover the names and dates we have. Still have lots of dates to track down on quite a few, but that's something for a future project.

I'm really impressed by some of the older pictures--some were my grandparents, some my parents and some are mine (ones I've taken with Mom's old box camera before I got my own.)

CATEGORY Genealogical Map  
Blue Jane Godwin

*(Editor's note: For this exhibit Jane drew a "map" of the farmstead where she lived as a child.)*

Pinehurst Farm was purchased by my grandfather in 1869 and has been owned by the family since. My childhood was spent on this farm and I have fond memories of my years there. All of the buildings on Pinehurst Farm have now been removed.

CATEGORY Census Records  
Red Dorothy Stearns

Earnest Hartz, Jr., was my husband's grandfather. It [the census record] shows he was 6 months old in 1880 Census and his parents born in Germany. In 1900 he was a laborer for Carl Maeschen. Carl's daughter Mary later married Ernest's brother, Charley. The 1920 Census shows Ernest was renting. He didn't attend school, but could read and write and was a farmer.

CATEGORY Personal Item  
Blue Dorothy Stearns

This [shawl] belonged to Pastor John Schumacher, my

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husband's great-grandfather. I found the note on it. I don't know who wrote it. My records show he died at age 80 (1829-1908). It may have been made by someone in the family. It was found in my mother-in-law's house and she has no information. He left this area in 1892 and probably left it behind.

CATEGORY      Personal Item  
Red              Jane Godwin

When my mother celebrated her 25<sup>th</sup> birthday in October, 1919, my father sent her a black leather case containing toilet items. He was in the U. S. Army in Richmond, VA, and she was teaching school in Omaha, NE. This mirror is the only piece left of the set. My mother used it daily.

CATEGORY      Small Toy  
Blue             Dorothy Stearns

I played with these paper dolls when I was 8-10 years old. They were special as they had fuzzy stuff on them. I haven't seen many like these. I got the idea of putting them in a frame from a doll museum I saw awhile back. There were a lot of paper dolls fixed this way in the museum.

*The following two exhibits include an example of an autobiography and an example of a biography. The two exhibits are very different. (How does Jay judge such different exhibits?) Virginia Wheeldon's very interesting autobiography was written purposely in language for her grandchildren to understand. Jane Godwin's biography of her grandfather provides many interesting and colorful details of his life.*

CATEGORY:      Autobiography/Biography  
Blue              Virginia Wheeldon

### Grandma's Childhood Memories

I arrived September 15, 1939 shortly before midnight. My parents were Orville Clifton and Mary Virginia Morr Sill. My grandmother Bessie Crabb was planning to can apples that day, so imagine her surprise shortly after she awoke to hear my daddy yelling at her that I would soon be born. Her plans for the day certainly were changed, weren't they? Somebody else's plans changed, too. Dr. and Mrs. Shaw from Indianola went to a movie to celebrate their wedding anniversary, and, in true movie fashion, somebody asked, "Is there a doctor in the house?"

My first home was with Great-Grandma Mary Clary. My daddy was 18 when his grandpa died. Daddy moved in with Grandma to do the farm work. Then when my daddy

and mama married, they turned an upstairs bedroom into a sitting room so my parents had some privacy. Grandma Clary died when I was three months old. My next home was in Milo, Iowa, then a small upstairs apartment in Indianola. Somewhere along the line, my sister Harriet joined the family. I was only two years old at the time, so I don't remember when she wasn't there. While we lived in the apartment, my sister Linda was born. By then I was four years old. I can remember bright sunshine days and late afternoon trips with my daddy to a grocery store called "Twin Pines." I would stand in the front seat close to my daddy so I could see out the windows, too. One beautiful evening when the sun was shining, baby Linda was put into a baby buggy and we walked to the other side of town to visit Grandma and DeMoss (grandpa). It was a long trip across town. I know I walked, but I can't remember if I walked the whole way or my daddy carried me part of the way. Harriet was probably riding in the buggy with Linda.

Sometime during the year I was four, we moved to a house across the street from Simpson College. Just before school started, I had my tonsils out. The little hospital was in a house a block from ours. The nurse put something that looked like a big tea strainer over my face. When I woke up, they gave me some funny-tasting gum to chew. I couldn't eat anything because my throat hurt. My friend next door brought me an ice cream cone. I couldn't eat the cone, but I ate the ice cream.

I started school when I was five. My first school was named Irving and was one block from our house. One morning just before school, daddy brought home a little black and white puppy. I couldn't play with her very long until I had to go to school. When my friend Harriett got to school, she told me the puppy was hit by a car. I worried about it until I went home for lunch. Mama said the puppy, we named Tippy, was OK.

That next spring, I came home for lunch one day and found another baby sister named Joyce. The school year was soon over, but I couldn't go the last day. I was sick with chicken pox. The next year, at the end of first grade, I didn't go to school the last day either. I was sick with measles then.

There was a little park near the train depot not far from our house. Sometimes I went there to play with friends. Mama always told me when I had to be home. One day she came for me before my time was up. It made me unhappy, but Mama said we were going to see Grandpa and Grandma Morr's new house.

Late that summer when I was almost seven, we moved to Ackworth, Iowa. I went to a country school in second grade. This school was different. One teacher taught

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grades Kindergarten through eighth grade. Most classes had one to four pupils. It was fun. We would join some other country schools and have spelling contests and Play Day. On Play Day we would go to another school for contests and games with kids from several schools. We tossed basketballs into hoops, had races, played softball. Some races were funny to watch. They were called sack races. We used old gunny sacks. They were itchy, heavy brown bags that were loosely woven strings. Nobody could run very fast. If you were alone, you had to hop more like a rabbit while holding the sack up. A 3-legged race was two people in one sack. One person would stick their right leg into the sack and the other person would put their left leg inside. They sometimes put their arms around each other, held the sack up and ran. If one person fell down, the other usually fell down, too. Everyone got back up and kept running to the finish line. Everybody looked funny running this way and there was always a lot of laughter.

During the winter when I was in second grade, our house caught fire and my baby sister Joyce died from burns and smoke. That was a sad time in our family. A week later we had a little brother named John. That year I finally got to go to the last day of school. We took sack lunches to a place near Indianola called the Lagoon Park. We played and had lunch before we went home again.

That summer when I was almost eight, we moved to Indianola again. I was in third grade at a new school called Hawthorne. May 1<sup>st</sup> was May Day. We made little baskets and put candy and popcorn in them to take to some of our friends who lived near us. We would set the basket by the door, then knock and run. Sometimes boys would try to catch the girls to kiss them. When I was in fourth grade Linda and I took out several May baskets. Harriet was out of school because she had mumps. When Linda and I got home, we found out almost all the baskets we received were for Harriet from her classmates.

Just after Christmas that year, we had another baby sister named Myrna. Harriet, Linda, John and I stayed with Grandpa and Grandma Morr while Mama and Myrna were in the hospital. The day they came home, Grandpa carried Myrna into the house. I think Harriet was sitting in Grandma's chair so she could hold the baby.

Grandma started unwrapping the blanket so we could all see Myrna. Everyone laughed because our first sight of Myrna was her feet. She was being held upside down!

My daddy went away when I was in fourth grade. I didn't see him very much for a long time.

I joined Blue Birds and then Camp Fire Girls when I was in third or fourth grade. Near the end of fifth grade, we moved back to Ackworth. The County School Superintendent had a library in Indianola. Every few weeks, the teacher would go get new books for students to read. Sometimes I would go help pick out books. The county also had a spelling contest every spring. All of the country schools sent a representative. I went to the contest in seventh and eighth grades. We studied the words from a special "Blue Book." At the end of eighth grade, a graduation ceremony was held for country schools. Some of us occasionally felt we had something special that Indianola eighth graders missed because they didn't have graduation.

When we moved back to Ackworth, I joined 4-H. Several summers I went to 4-H camp at Lake Ahquabi. We stayed in little cabins with girls from other 4-H clubs in Warren County. We went swimming, took hikes through the woods and had craft classes. One year I made a leather belt and a small coin purse. One year I went to a 4-H camp in Madrid, Iowa, and we slept in tents.

I rode the school bus to Indianola for high school. During those four years, I was in Y-Teen, FHA (Future Homemakers of America), Jr. High Glee Club one year, and Girls Glee Club two years. The last year my name was on the list posted by the teacher to be in the Mixed Glee Club (both boys and girls), but the way classes were scheduled, I couldn't do music that year. I think my junior year in high school was the only year I didn't miss any days. I graduated from Indianola High School in 1957.

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Pierce Metz

The colorful life of my maternal grandfather, Pierce Metz, began on July 12, 1852 in St. Clair, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. He was the seventh child of Jacob and Anne (Guinn) Metz and was named for Franklin Pierce who was elected President of the United States that same year.

St. Clair was a small community in the anthracite coal mining area of northeast Pennsylvania. Jacob Metz was a carpenter by trade, a community leader and also a city magistrate. Local drunks, thieves and vagrants were daily brought to the Metz home at the corner of Front



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and Franklin Streets for hearings. Anne Metz felt that this was not the proper atmosphere in which to raise her growing sons, so she pressed for a move to Iowa, the new state across the Mississippi River.

A trip down the Ohio River and up the Mississippi River by steam boat to Keokuk, Iowa, and an ox team trip across the prairie brought the Metz family to Marysville, Marion County, Iowa, on April 21, 1855. Jacob built a 20x30 foot log cabin for the family of ten. They all slept on the floor, on straw ticks, which were piled up and stored in the corner during the day. Anne Metz used the fireplace to cook meals for her large family. By the next spring Jacob had begun work on a two-story house which was the family home for the next three decades.

The call for volunteers to serve in the Union Army during the Civil War prompted the four oldest Metz sons to enlist. Theodore, Charles, Henry and John all served in the Iowa Infantry. Theodore died of typhoid fever on June 15, 1862 and is buried in Union National Cemetery, Corinth, MS. Charles was hospitalized with typhoid fever, returned home and died March 18, 1865. The Metz family made a great sacrifice for their country.

Young Pierce received a meager education in the Marysville School. School records show that he was an honor student, as was Josie Runyon, his future wife. From the age of nine, Pierce worked at the Marysville Woolen Mill, where he ran a carding machine. Later he taught school for three years, and then worked as a clerk in a general store.

On May 12, 1875 Pierce Metz and Josephine Lois Runyon were united in marriage by the bride's father, Rev. Harrison Runyon, a minister of the Methodist church. Shortly thereafter, the couple and her parents moved to Greenfield and later to Malvern where both men managed mercantile stores.

In 1887 Pierce and Josephine moved to WaKeeny, Trego County, Kansas, where Pierce again worked in a mercantile business. During the seven years that they lived in WaKeeny, their son, Walter Roy and daughter, Madeline Maud, were born. Pierce served as captain of one of the companies of the Seventh Regiment, Kansas National Guard. He became successively adjutant major, lieutenant colonel and acting colonel of the Regiment. He resigned his position when he returned to Iowa. The regiment was later mustered into federal service during the Spanish-American War and was sent to the Philippines.

The year 1895 brought a move to Corning, Adams County,

Iowa, where Pierce worked again in the clothing business. In 1901 he was elected county auditor and served four years in that office. The family home was large and well-suited for use as a boarding house for students attending the Corning Academy. During this time Pierce served as a colonel on the staff of Iowa Governor F. M. Drake.

In 1905 the family moved to 606 Locust, Atlantic, Cass County, Iowa, where Pierce was employed by the S. D. Hunter Iron Works. Pierce was a salesman, traveling by train over his territory and selling iron bridges to counties in south west Iowa. In 1910 the controlling interest in the company was sold to Standard Bridge Company of Omaha, at which time the Metz family moved to Omaha. Pierce continued as a salesman well into the 1920s. The family home was at 2619 Fowler for many years, and after retirement Pierce and Josie lived in an apartment at 2912 South 24<sup>th</sup> Street.

After the death of his wife on November 30, 1929, Pierce moved to Alliance, Box Butte County, Nebraska, where he was cared for in the home of his son, Walter Roy Metz. He died there on October 31, 1932 and is buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Omaha, beside his wife. Survivors included his son, Walter, a daughter, Madeline Rogers of Carroll, Iowa, one sister, Ella Hetherington of Monroe, Iowa, and four grandchildren.

Community service was always a part of Pierce's life. He served as town clerk in Marysville, Iowa, deputy clerk of the district court in Adair County, Iowa for three years, clerk of the district court in Trego County, Kansas, for four years, and auditor of Adams County, Iowa, for four years.

He was an active member of Masonic bodies in several communities. He became a Master Mason on August 18, 1875 in Marysville, Iowa, and later became a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter, Commandry and Shrine.

I have only vague memories of Pierce and Josephine Metz, as I was only six years old when my grandmother died and grandfather moved to western Nebraska. I know they often came to Omaha on the train to visit us on the farm at Carroll, Iowa, because there are many pictures of them in our photo album. Family members have told me that grandfather had a lovely singing voice and enjoyed performing for groups. He was known as a flag-waving patriot, displaying the American flag and marching in parades. I have a picture of myself at age three, carrying a flag and celebrating Independence Day with my grandfather.

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Don't forget—the Entry Dates for your Fair exhibits are June 21 - 27. Check your fair book for details.

Also, plan to attend the Judging on Wednesday, July 23 at 1:00—whether or not you brought any exhibits. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn—and to get ideas for next year.

**REMEMBER**—Each time you prepare an exhibit for the fair you are preserving a piece of your family history for future generations. You are identifying something that someone may find very interesting someday! There is a limit of 20 exhibits per exhibitor each year. If you prepare 20 exhibits for 5 years, you are identifying 100 items, 20 exhibits for 10 years adds up to 200 items for posterity!

This would be a wonderful legacy for your family!

**Death Record Abstractions from  
The Advocate-Tribune, Indianola, Iowa  
1899**

*January 5, 1899, page 3, col 1*

MORRIS, Wesley. Word has been received here that Wesley MORRIS, formerly of this county, died a violent death, possibly by his own hand, in far off British Columbia.

BROWNE, Mary. J. L. BROWNE received a telegram last Friday evening from Homing Creek, North Carolina, stating that his sister Mary, who left here two years ago, was not expected to live.

BURTCH, Harriet, formerly of Indianola, but recently of Omaha, fell on the streets of that city one day last week, injuring herself so that she died almost immediately. She was dead before they got her into the house.

*January 5, 1899, page 3, col 6*

JAMES, Lincoln. W. D. JAMES of Perry, who came here last week to attend the funeral of his brother, Lincoln, is visiting his sister, Mrs. James BARTHOLOMEW [Palmyra]

BERTCH, Mrs. Isaac. The remains of Mrs. BERTCH, of Carlisle, were laid to rest in the Palmyra cemetery last Saturday. Mr. BERTCH has many friends who sympathize with him in this sad bereavement.

PETTITS, small child, of Mr. PETTITS was buried here last Tuesday [Norwalk].

*January 12, 1899, page 3, col 2*

RANDLEMAN, R. R., deceased. (Information incorrectly identifies him as Capt. RANDLEMAN, see note for January 19 newspaper.)

*January 12, 1899, page 3, col 3*

MORRIS, I. W. About 150 Woodmen from Indianola, Carlisle, Sandyville and Milo attended the funeral of I. W. MORRIS at Palmyra last Monday, the first named conducted the services. Fuller details prove that his death was an accidental one. He had purchased a ticket for Des Moines and had started home. Near Hope, British Columbia, he stepped out on the car platform to view the scenery and disappeared about 6 p.m. About 9

a.m. the next morning two squaws found him near the track terribly bruised and wounded from his fall and his clothes were saturated with blood, but still alive. They notified the section boss, who immediately sent word to headquarters and the company cared for him promptly and as much as possible, but he died before they reached the hospital with him. He still had sufficient strength to tell all about the cause of his death. The platform was very icy, the wind high, the road rough and crooked and the train running at high speed and he was blown and jostled off. No one had pushed him or even seen him fall. He suffered terribly from the cold and loss of blood. But the best of care, if found immediately, it is not supposed he could have long survived his terrible injuries.

*January 19, 1899, page 3, col 1*

RANDLEMAN, R. R. of Carlisle, listed in last week's paper, is the brother of Capt. RANDLEMAN.

*January 19, 1899, page 6, col 2*

HARVEY, Mrs. The remains of Mrs. HARVEY from near Summerset were brought to Palmyra Tuesday of last week for interment. She was a sister of our townsman James STUMP [Palmyra].

*January 26, 1899, page 3, col 3*

CARPENTER, Norman A., who died recently near Sandyville, was a member of the Masonic lodge of that place.

*February 3, 1899, page 3, col 2*

WESTERFIELD, Dr., for many years a resident of Indianola, died a few days ago in Chicago. His cremated remains were brought here yesterday for interment.

BRIGGS, sister. F. BRIGGS has received word that his sister died very suddenly, January 23, at Belaire, Kansas. She was enjoying her usual good health until a few hours before death.

SHEETS, Mrs. M., who has for many years resided in the northwest part of town, died last Sabbath. The funeral services were held at the family home Tuesday.

*February 3, 1899, page 3, col 3*

TURNIPSEED, daughter. The remains of the 16-year-daughter of N. TURNIPSEED, of Des Moines, were brought to Palmyra for interment last Saturday [Palmyra].

CUTLIP, Mrs. James, died at her home north of Palmyra last Thursday from heart failure. Her remains were taken to Hartford for interment. [Palmyra].

McNEER, child. Mr. and Mrs. Manual McNEER's child died Friday. The cause of death was lung fever. The remains were laid to rest Sunday [Milo].

SUMMY, Mrs. Henry, died at her home in Pleasantville Sunday a.m. Her remains were brought to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. PRICHETT's Sunday evening. She leaves to mourn her loss a husband and two children. The funeral was conducted by Rev. C. FAIR Monday at Goode's Chapel.

*February 9, 1899, page 3, col 3*

HUNT, Mrs. Martha BERRY, died last Saturday morning, February 4, at the home of her brother, Senator BERRY, after a severe illness of about 10 weeks. She had a first attack shortly after the Senator's family had their protracted siege of typhoid fever. She seemed to recover, but it is presumed the disease started then, developed recently beyond the skill of physicians to overcome. She suffered intensely and could take no nourishment. In 1887 she married Rev. Alpheas HUNT, who died four years later, since which time she has lived with her mother, Mrs. Captain BERRY. She leaves three children 7-10 years old. The funeral services were held at the M. E. church Monday p.m. conducted by Pres. HARRIS and Rev. Dr. MILLER, the latter of whom had also performed the marriage ceremony by which she and Mr. HUNT were united in wedlock, and who had baptized all her children. The funeral was a large one for she had many friends in Indianola and was universally held in high esteem.

WESTERFIELD, Dr. Cyrus, was born in Preble county, Ohio, June 24, 1818, died January 28, 1899. In October 1842 he was married to Elizabeth C. FINCH. They moved to Iowa in 1865, settling at Fort Dodge, and 2 years later moved to Warren county. There were born to

them fourteen children, of whom 8 daughters and one son are still living and all were at his bedside when death came. At the age of 23 he began practicing medicine at Noblesville, Indiana. He practiced medicine in this county, when living in Greenbush, also at Clyde, Wayne county. For the last four years he lived in Chicago, where he recovered his sight after having been totally blind for a number of years. He had for some years cherished a desire to have his body cremated at death and his wish was carried out. The funeral services were at 1 o'clock Monday, January 30, under the management of the Grand Army Post and the cremation at 3 o'clock the same day. The ashes were brought to Indianola and on February 2 were placed in the cemetery of the Grand Army Post here.

*February 9, 1899, page 3, col 4*

BERGER, Ulysses, was born in Pittsylvania county, Virginia, October 9, 1817 and moved to Henry county, Indiana in 1830 and to Andrew county, Missouri in 1845, to Warren county, Iowa in 1846 and to Cowley county, Kansas in 1892, where he died February 1, 1899. Mr. BERGER married Miss Margaret WADDELL, November 11, 1841, who died January 29, 1891. To them were born five sons and five daughters. Three of the sons died in early manhood. In August 1892 he married Mrs. Clarissa MOORE, of Udall, Kansas, to which place he moved. He was one of the earliest settlers in this county, coming here three years before the county was organized and was one of the first appointed justices of the peace and a member of the first grand jury. The only capital he started with was good health, industry and pluck, but by good management and hard toil, he had lands and competency at his death. Soon after coming here he united with the Methodist church and gave the lot upon which the church was built and of his money towards the erection and afterwards when the railway came, laid out the town of Wick near the church. His widow being too sick to come from Kansas, set the body here that it might be buried beside the wife of his youth in the cemetery where he helped dig the first grave. Funeral services were held in Kansas by the pastor of the Congregational church which he had united and at Wick, a sermon was preached by the writer from 1 Chron. 29: 15. S. W. LEE

*February 9, 1899, page 3, col 5*

PERKINS, Mrs. Mary HITCHCOCK, died February 3, 1899 at her home six miles west of Indianola. She was born in Nelson, Ohio, March 16, 18735, came with her parents to Danville, Iowa in 1839 and was married to Mr. Oliver PERKINS October 21, 1858. She reared a son and two daughters. One of the daughters died at the age of 14 years. The son and other daughter, Mrs. FLOYD, are left. Mrs. PERKINS and family came to Warren county in 1868 and resided at the home place 6 miles west of Indianola until she died. Her husband died some seven years ago. She was a member of the First Presbyterian church over a quarter of a century. The funeral rites were conducted by her pastor February 5, 1899 at the residence. Buried in Indianola cemetery.

*February 9, 1899, page 3, col 6*

COE, Grandma, died at her home in Norwalk last Tuesday of paralysis at the advanced age of 75 years. The funeral was conducted by Rev. MABEE of Des Moines, a former pastor of this place.

*February 16, 1899, page 6, col 3*

BEEM, child. Death entered the home of George BEEM last Thursday and his little child now sleeps in the cemetery at Palmyra and George is dangerously ill.

HUGHS, mother and child. Death is always an unwelcome visitor and accompanied with sadness, but doubly so when it comes as it did to Mr. HUGHS: first, the infant child was buried on Saturday and then the young wife and mother of the child was laid beside it on the following Monday of this week. All sympathize with the bereaved husband.

*February 23, 1899, page 3, col 1*

SHAFER, Lillie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. SHAFER, died last Sabbath night. The funeral services were held Tuesday.

BROWN, Mrs. W. C. and infant child. Mrs. W. C. BROWN died Tuesday a.m. only a few days after burying their infant child. The funeral services were held at the house yesterday a.m.

PERRY, Mrs. Ned W., after a protracted illness of consumption gradually growing weaker and for some weeks hovering between life and death, died early Monday morning, February 20. The funeral services were held at the family home on South Third street Tuesday

a.m., conducted by Rev. HOPKINS, assisted by Pres. HARRIS and attended by many citizens and students for Mrs. PERRY was widely known and held in high esteem. Harriett E. RICHARDSON was born at Nevada, Iowa, December 23, 1862, near which place she spent most of her early life. She came to Indianola to attend Simpson College in 1883. Was a student of this college for two terms and a member of Delta Delta Delta society. She was married to Ned W. PERRY, October 23, 1885. To them were born four children, Grace, 13; Russell, 11; Dorothy, 6; and Harriett, 4 years of age.

*February 23, 1899, page 6, col 4*

LOOMIS, Mrs. Kate. Last Wednesday Mr. STRUDE received the sad news of the death of their daughter from smallpox at her home in San Francisco. They will have memorial services at the Friends church in Cumming, of which she was a member. She was one of Warren county's former school teachers. She had been married just 3 months the day she died. She leaves a number of relatives and friends.

*March 2, 1899, page 3, col 1*

BLACK, John. W. T. BLACK received word last week that his brother, John, living at Corning, was dead. Mr. BLACK was in such poor health he could not attend the funeral.

*March 2, 1899, page 3, col 2*

RANDOLPH, K. H. John W. RANDOLPH left Saturday night for Denver in answer to a telegram announcing the death of his nephew, K. H. RANDOLPH at that city. He has telegraphed to Thomas JEYS that he would be here with the body on Friday morning, coming by the Burlington route. The body will be taken to Mr. JEYS residence.

*March 2, 1899, page 6, col 5*

VAN GILDER, brother. S. J. VAN GILDER was called to Knoxville, Illinois last Thursday on account of the death of his brother at that place.

*March 9, 1899, page 6, col 5*

SMITH, Grandma, died at her home in Norwalk Thursday morning after a two weeks sickness at the age of 79 years. The funeral was conducted from the Christian church Friday afternoon by Rev. CASTOR.

POOL, son. The young son of Mr. and Mrs. POOL died Saturday with the measles at the home for the feeble minded. The body was brought to

this place [Norwalk] Monday evening on the 5:30 train. Interred at the North River Cemetery.

*March 9, 1899, page 6, col 6*

CULMER, father. Rev. CULMER returned from Indiana Thursday morning where he had been to attend his father's funeral [Norwalk].

WRIGHT, Mr. Wm., departed this life Wednesday March 1, after a long and painful illness. He leaves a wife and a large family of grown children besides a host of friends to mourn his loss. His remains were laid to rest in the Sandyville cemetery, Thursday, March 2.

*March 16, 1899*

No deaths reported.

*March 23, 1899, page 3, col 2*

MILES, Man. A young man named MILES, who lived near Patterson, was accidentally killed in Kansas. Body brought back. Funeral at Patterson. Nephew of Daniel MILES. -- *Winterset News.*

*March 23, 1899, page 3, col 6*

DUNCAN, Mrs. A. J., died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edd R. GUTHRIE, Sunday evening, March 19, 1899 at 5:30 o'clock. Louisa Jane HENDRICKS was born in Kentucky, March 17, 1825, and spent her girlhood years in the state of her nativity. Nearly 54 years ago, she was united in marriage with A. J. DUNCAN, and a few years later, in 1852, moved to Hartford in this county where she continued to reside until three years ago, when she with her husband came to Indianola to spend their last days, with their only child, Mrs. Ed. R. GUTHRIE. She united with the Baptist church in her early life and lived and died in the Christian hope. Her husband's death occurred December 12. These two lives united for more than a half century, were separated at the end by just a few days.

*March 23, 1899, page 6, col 5*

ONSTOT, Grandma, died of paralysis at her home a half mile north of Norwalk last Saturday at 3 o'clock, at the age of 73 years. The funeral services were held at the house. Laid to rest in the Norwalk cemetery. They were preparing to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their marriage the 27<sup>th</sup> of this month. Leaves an aged husband, two daughters and one son.

*March 30, 1899, page 3, col 4*

MILES, Charles - run down and killed. A young man of 23 years, who has been working in Kansas, recently returned to visit relatives near Patterson. When he went back to Kansas, a young man named Willie CUNNINGHAM accompanied him. During the blizzard last Saturday night, the two were walking on the railroad track, near Staffordshire, Kansas, CUNNINGHAM, who was about 20 feet behind MILES, heard a train almost upon them. He jumped off the track and shouted to MILES, who attempted to jump also, but not quick to save himself for the train struck and killed him almost instantly. His hip was crushed and his back and one leg broken. He died without speaking. -- *Winterset Madisonian*

*March 30, 1899, page 3, col 3*

ARMSTRONG, Mrs. Lee, funeral. The body was brought here from Charter Oak, Iowa, where the family lived the past two years. Funeral services at the M. E. church Monday p.m.

*April 6, 1899, page 3, col 2*

TODHUNTER, Mrs. Lewis, died last Friday, after six or eight months severe sickness with dropsy and kindred ailments. The funeral services were held at the M. E. church Sabbath p.m.

SWATSLANDER, children. Mr. and Mrs. Solomon SWATSLANDER, of Chariton, have been visiting in town the past week. In the last few weeks they have buried their second and third children, one aged 16 months, the other aged about three and a half years. Measles and grip were the diseases that took them off.

BURMISTER, Frederick. Son of A. J. BURMISTER and nephew of R. H. and A. C. BURMISTER of Prescott, died at his home in Agua Fria valley on Monday, after an illness of only nine days of pneumonia. His remains were brought to Prescott on yesterday afternoon's train on the P & E railroad and the funeral took place immediately after its arrival. Interment was in the Masonic cemetery. Deceased was a very estimable young man of a retiring disposition and most exemplary habits and character.

*April 13, 1899, page 3, col 2*

COCHRANE, Samuel, son of John COCHRANE, died in Des Moines and the body was brought home Monday. The funeral services were held at the parental home Tuesday p.m. Mr.

COCHRANE was about 30 years old. When he was a boy, he was kicked on the head by a horse. He had never fully recovered from this injury and had gone to Des Moines to have a portion of the skull removed, but did not survive the operation.

*April 13, 1899, page 6, col 3*

SNYDER, Mrs. M. The death of Mrs. SNYDER occurred north of town last Friday night. The funeral occurred at the Free Methodist church at Ackworth Sunday.

WILLIAMSON, Grandma. Frank KELLAR attended his grandma's funeral at Wick on April 6.

*April 20, 1899*

No deaths reported.

*April 27, 1899, page 3, col 2*

CLAYTON. B. F. CLAYTON was called to Pottawattamie county last Saturday by the death of his brother.

McNEELY, Mrs. Word was received here a few days ago that Mrs. McNEELY was driving between Carlisle and Clarkson. Her little child with her had its hat blown off and jumped out after it. This frightened the team. It ran off and threw her out. She received fatal injuries of which she died in a few hours.

*April 27, 1899, page 3, col 3*

GRIFFITH, Dr. J. A., died at his home near Winfield, Kansas on April 21. He lived many years at Lawrenceburg this county and a few years here in Indianola. Then moved to his recent home. He left many friends in this county.

*May 4, 1899, page 3, col 2*

YOUNG, James. Funeral services were held for James YOUNG at the Baptist church last Tuesday. Mr. YOUNG formerly lived here, but for some years had been living in Montana and later in Minneapolis.

*May 4, 1899, page 3, col 4*

McDOLE, Mrs. John. Mrs. Martha PARKER was called near Farmers Chapel last week by the death of her sister, Mrs. John McDOLE.

*May 4, 1899, page 3, col 5*

McDOLE, Mrs. John. Wealthy M., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. BEAMAN, was born near Sandyville, Warren county, Iowa, June 29, 1856. She married John H. McDOLE,

December 28, 1875. Unto them was born 6 children, five still living. Wealthy was a kind and loving wife and affectionate mother, with a kind word and smile for everyone. She united with the M. E. church, June 5, 1892. She died at her home April 19, 1899. Leaves a husband, five children and four sisters. Funeral services were conducted at 1 o'clock p.m. on Sunday, April 30 at the Farmers Chapel by her pastor, Rev. A. L. CURTIS. Burial in Indianola cemetery.

*May 4, 1899, page 6, col 4*

ESSIC, infant. The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Frank ESSIC died at their home near Des Moines last Thursday and was buried at the Linn Grove cemetery.

*May 11, 1899, page 3, col 5*

WIGGINS, mother. Rev. WIGGINS' mother died at the Presbyterian parsonage last Tuesday [Milo].

*May 11, 1899, page 6, col 3*

LOCKRIDGE, Ollie A. We are again calling upon to chronicle the death of one of the noble women of the community, Ollie A. LOCKRIDGE. She was born in Greenfield township, Warren county, Iowa, August 15, 1869. She was the third daughter of James and Elmira COOK. Her girlhood life was lovely. She grew to be a young woman of noble spirit. February 21, 1894 she was married to Daniel R. LOCKRIDGE. Their first child died before she did. Two children are living, Lois, in her third year and an infant of three weeks. For the last weeks, she had hovered between time and eternity. She died May 5. The funeral services were held Sunday at 10 a.m. at the Baptist church in Spring Hill, Rev. PECK of Indianola, officiating. The rain came in torrents, yet the church was crowded. A large procession followed to the cemetery, showing the esteem in which she was held.

*May 18, 1899, page 6, col 4*

LARK, father. F. A. LARK, who was called to Missouri by the death of his father, returned home Saturday [Sandyville].

*May 18, 1899, page 6, col 5*

MARTIN, babe. A babe was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry MARTIN. It lived but a few hours and on Tuesday was buried in the Linn cemetery [Prole].

*May 25, 1899, page 3, col 3*

SINSEL, Mrs. C. J. Mrs. R. P. ANDERSON received word last week of the sudden death of her sister, Mrs. C. J. SINSEL of Boise City, Idaho on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. SINSEL made the acquaintance of a number of our citizens during a visit here with her sister last fall. This is the first real sorrow that has fallen to the Father and Mother YOUNG.

*May 25, 1899, page 3, col 4*

TALBERT, baby. The 8-months-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Henry TALBERT died Tuesday, May 16, and was buried Wednesday at the Norwalk cemetery.

*June 1, 1899, page 3, col 2*

LARRABEE, Carrie ENO. John ENO received a telegram Monday announcing the sudden death of his niece Carrie ENO LARRABEE at McDonald, Kansas, at noon the preceding day, Sabbath, May 28. Miss Carrie ENO had taught many terms of school in this county and was highly esteemed as a successful teacher as well as for her high character and sterling worth.

*June 1, 1899, page 6, col 4*

MORRIS, boy. The two-year-old boy of Elsa MORRIS died Thursday of last week of membranous croup. The death was sudden and unexpected.

*June 8, 1899, page 3, col 6*

CAMPBELL, William Whitfield, was born near Wick, Ia., May 13, 1889 and about two years ago went to Illinois. Last Christmas he came back to his Uncle Jacob CAMPBELL's and was taken down by quick consumption. For weeks he was not able to lie down. All of this time not a word of murmuring or complaint. Death came to his relief May 30. Funeral services at Wick by Rev. S. W. LEE.

*June 8, 1899, page 6, col 6*

WILLIAMS, Mrs. (colored), whose home was in Des Moines, was buried in the Norwalk cemetery Sunday.

*June 15, 1899*

No deaths reported.

*June 22, 1899, page 3, col 2*

GRAHAM, Nora, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark GRAHAM, died Saturday p.m. at the time of her parents, northwest of town. She had been afflicted several years with heart disease, but

also other diseases. Take to last resting place on Monday p.m.

PROUDFOOT, Jacob. S. N. PROUDFOOT and wife of Colorado Springs were here for the funeral of his father Jacob PROUDFOOT.

*June 22, 1899, page 3, col 3*

PROUDFOOT, Jacob, one of the early settlers of Warren county, died last Saturday at his home in Liberty township, Clarke county in his 77<sup>th</sup> year. Suffered for years with chronic stomach trouble. Visited two weeks ago with his son Aaron PROUDFOOT. Remains interred near New Virginia.

*June 22, 1899, page 6, col 5*

McCRAE, Mrs. Charles, was laid to rest in the Sandyville cemetery Saturday evening.

STINSON, infant. The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. STINSON was buried last Wednesday evening [Norwalk].

*June 29, 1899, page 6, col 5*

McCRAE, Mrs. Ruth, formerly Ruth COONS, died Friday morning, June 16. Member of the Christian church 9 years. She was born November 9, 1860, was married May 18, 1898, and died June 16, 1899. She leaves a husband, son, mother, brother, three sisters and a host of friends. Her infant babe was laid to rest a few days before her.

*July 6, 1899, page 6, col 2*

WRIGHT, Miss Nellie. Funeral largely attended last week [Milo].

*July 6, 1899, page 6, col 3*

DOOLEY, son. The 18-year-old son of Mrs. DOOLEY, whose home is near Cumming, was drowned Sunday while seining in Coon river [Norwalk].

*July 13, 1899, page 6, col 4*

DOOLEY, son. The body of young DOOLEY, who was drowned the 2<sup>nd</sup>, was found the 10<sup>th</sup>, 3 miles below where he went down.

*July 20, 1899, page 3, col 2*

KENOYER, Will. Last Thursday evening Will KENOYER, who lived some miles east of town, was driving a team to a reaper. He stopped to throw something off the sickle bar. Just as he stooped to reach it, one of the horses kicked him over the heart, killing him instantly.



*July 20, 1899, page 6, col 4*

LUTZ, infant. The infant babe that was born to Mr. and Mrs. P. LUTZ last week, lived but a few days. It was buried in Linn Grove cemetery [Prole].

COON, Nettie, the oldest daughter of George H. COON, died last Sabbath evening from paralysis. Remains laid to rest in the cemetery at Palmyra Monday.

*July 27, 1899, page 3, col 1*

MYERS, Susie. The funeral services of Susie MYERS were held at the home of John W. MOON Tuesday p.m. July 26.

*July 27, 1899, page 3, col 2*

HAWS, Mrs. Mary C., died Tuesday night after a severe and protracted illness. Services were held at the home yesterday p.m.

GILLIS, "Mosey", died at the family home in Homedale. Little "Mosey" son of W. B. and Nellie GILLIS, aged 20 months, died on July 23. The body was taken to the home of his grandparents M. F. and Lizzie CLARK, where the funeral services were held.

*July 27, 1899, page 3, col 3*

WOOD, Clyde, the 17-year-old son of A. L. WOOD, postmaster at Winterset, was drowned in a pond near that place last Sabbath. He and 3 others were in a boat in about 10 feet of water. He could not swim and was the victim of the fool who rocks the boat for fun.

*July 27, 1899, page 3, col 5*

KNOUFF, son. The six months old son of Martin KNOUFF died the 24<sup>th</sup> of cholera infantum [Norwalk].

BLACK, Uncle Peter, died of paralysis at his home in Norwalk last Friday night and was buried Sunday in the cemetery near his home. Services were conducted at the M. E. church by Rev. Dr. SENSENY. He leaves a wife and 14 children besides a number of other relatives and friends. He was near 69 years of age.

BROWNING, baby. John BROWNING's baby died very suddenly July 20 of cholera infantum and was laid to rest in the Sandyville cemetery.

*July 27, 1899, page 6, col 5*

WATLEY, Jake of Tacoma, was buried recently near Hickory Grove.

EMMONS, Mrs. J. W., who has been living in Milo ever since the town started, died Monday, July 10 at 9 o'clock.

DUNN, Mrs. Lou, whose maiden name was Nellie SHAW, a daughter of Samuel SHAW, died July 10 at 9 o'clock. Milo lost two good women this one morning.

*July 27, 1899, page 6, col 6*

CRIPPEN, Miss Helen Orinda, died July 20, 1899, at the Home of the Aged in Des Moines, Iowa. Deceased was born in Athens, Athens county, Ohio, December 21, 1820. In 1855 she moved to Illinois with her mother, living there until 1875 when she came to Iowa where she spent the remainder of her life. The body was brought to Indianola for interment to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. HATFIELD, old Athens county friends of the decedent. She was 79 years of age. She took up painting and teaching [there is a long discussion of her life and hobbies].

*July 27, 1899, page 9, col 2*

FIELD, Nancy, who has been confined to her bed the last 9 months, died last Monday at 1:30 a.m. at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. BENNUM, in Jackson township. She was in her 87<sup>th</sup> year. . . . Mrs. Lydia COURTER, of Davis county, Missouri, left for her home. She had been here helping to care for her mother, Nancy FIELD.

*July 27, 1899, page 9, col 5*

PIM, Thomas. On Thursday morning, July 20, Thomas, the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. P. PIM of Lucas met with a fatal accident. He was driving the horse to a hay stacker and was seated close to the horse. In some manner the tug broke and the single tree came back with great force and struck him in the breast crushing him badly and bursting two arteries. Death was instantaneous.

*July 27, 1899, page 9, col 6*

HAWES, Mrs. Mary C., died at Indianola, Iowa, Wednesday morning, July 26, 1899. Maiden name was CROSTHWAIT. Born in Fulton county, Illinois, January 8, 1841 and moved with her parents to Lewis, Cass county, in 1856. First united in marriage to Dr. J. B. CAREY of Lewis and after his death married Edward B. HAWES in 1864. Moved to Indianola in 1896

to be near her sister and to give her son the opportunity to attend Simpson College. She united with the Methodist Episcopal church when about fourteen years of age and continued a faithful member of the same until her death. She leaves four children. Buried in Atlantic. [long obit].

*August 3, 1899*

No deaths reported.

*August 10, 1899, page 3, col 1*

FRASE, Jas. A., who has been dangerously sick for some two weeks died yesterday morning.

*August 17, 1899*

Newspaper is missing.

*August 24, 1899*

No deaths reported.

*August 31, 1899, page 3, col 3*

PECK, infant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. PECK was buried last Sunday, Rev. HOPKINS officiating. The young parents were consoled by a large attendance of friends.

*September 7, 1899, page 3, col 2*

RAY, child. M. C. RAY, of Richland, one of the grand jurors, was called home Friday by the fatal illness of his child. It died Saturday night.

*September 7, 1899, page 6, col 4*

DAVISON, Mrs. Carrie, died Thursday evening at the home of her brother Wm. CROW and was buried at this place Sunday evening. The burial was conducted at the M. E. church by Rev. KNEPPER. She leaves a husband and three small children [Norwalk].

*September 14, 1899, page 3, col 3*

HOAGLAND, J. A. Mrs. BLODGETT was called to Liberty, Clarke county, last Thursday by the sudden death of her father, J. A. HOAGLAND, a merchant of that place. He had just returned from New Virginia with a load of merchandise and had put his team in the stable on the afternoon of the 6<sup>th</sup>. Shortly afterward he was found lying on the stable floor behind the horses, unconscious and died in a few minutes. One leg and arm broken and there were other wounds and bruises on his body. It was evident that one of the horses had kicked him to death.

*September 21 and September 28, 1899*

No deaths reported.

*October 5, 1899, page 3, col 2*

FISHER, Mrs., mother of one of our Indianola teachers, Miss Augusta FISHER, was buried last Friday. Three of the schools were dismissed to attend the funeral.

*October 12, 1899, page 3, col 2*

SCHIMELFENIG, Chris. Adam SCHIMELFENIG received a message from Sioux City, just before 6 o'clock Saturday evening that his brother Chris was dead. He left for Sioux City on the 6 o'clock special to Des Moines.

*October 12, 1899, page 6, col 5*

CARPENTER, Nora, died October 8. Little Nora, daughter of A. J. and Mary B. CARPENTER, age 7 years, 5 months, 12 days. She was a bright little one and loved by all [Sandyville].

*October 19, 1899*

No deaths reported.

*October 26, 1899, page 3, col 2*

BLACK, father. M. T. BLACK and wife went to Monmouth, Illinois last evening in answer to a telegram announcing the death of Mrs. BLACK's father, who was 80 years old.

*November 2, 1899, page 3, col 3*

PARK, Mrs. Amanda, relict of Andrew PARK, died on Wednesday, October 25 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. SEGNER in Des Moines. The body was brought here Friday morning for interment and taken directly to the M. E. church where the funeral services were held. Mrs. PARK had many friends in Indianola.

*November 2, 1899, page 6, col 6*

MORRIS, John, was born near Harpers Ferry, Virginia, February 9, 1812. At 12 years of age he moved with his parents to Annysburg, Park county, Indiana, where he lived until August 10, 1852 when he settled in Palmyra township on the farm where he died Monday evening, October 23, 1899, lacking a few months of being 88 years of age. He was a charter member of the M. E. church at Palmyra. Up to within a few years of his death he was a great worker. In early life he was a flat boatman, having made 32 trips down the river to New Orleans. Thus passes away an old pioneer who has helped to make Iowa one of the best states in the nation.

*November 2, 1899, page 7, col 3 & 4*  
GLASSGOW, Mrs. J. At the home of her father, Mr. Nelson CUNNINGHAM, occurred the death of Mrs. GLASSGOW, October 18, 1899. She spent her childhood and youth at this place growing up among us. January 6, 1899, she was married to James GLASSGOW. She had been a faithful member of the M. E. church for 15 years. She leaves a husband, 2 sons, 3 daughters, father, mother, one brother and other relatives.

*November 9, 1899, page 3, col 3*  
McCLINTIC, Leorenzo D., died Saturday, November 4 at the old family home southeast of Summerset. The funeral services were held at the Baptist church and the body interred in the Scotch Ridge cemetery Sabbath p.m. Mr. McCLINTIC was born in West Virginia March 10, 1826, lived 3 years in Indiana and came to Iowa at an early day settling in Lee county and in 1850 came to Warren county and settled near Summerset. He was married in Lee county to Amanda HART, who survives him. There were born to them 9 children, seven of whom are still living. He joined the Baptist church at Summerset in 1888 under the ministrations of Rev. BOWELL. One of the pioneers, a man of genuine grit and energy and more.

*November 16, 1899, page 3, col 3*  
LINDBLOOM, Mauritz, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Olof LINDBLOOM, was buried Tuesday p.m. Funeral services were held at the family home.

*November 23, 1899, page 3, col 1*  
GREGG, Elisha. Mrs. Cora BEEM was called to Chariton last week by the sudden death of her father, Elisha GREGG.

*November 30, 1899, page 6, col 3*  
OLDAKER, Mart, died last Tuesday morning after two months' sickness.

OLDAKER, Martin. J. H. SMITH, of Indianola, was in Milo last Wednesday to attend the funeral of Martin OLDAKER, his brother-in-law.

OLDAKER, Martin. John OLDAKER was called home from Chariton for his father's death and will remain a few days with his mother and sister.

*November 30, 1899, page 6, col*

GODLOVE, Mrs. Dora, died last Saturday morning. She was buried Sunday at Hammondsburg cemetery. [Milo]

*December 7, 1899, page 6, col 2*  
OLDAKER, Martin. Ed BOLTON, who is teaching school at Cool was at home last week to attend the funeral of Martin OLDAKER, his half-brother.

*December 14, 1899, page 3, col 3*  
GIBBONS, Mrs. Dr., died at Indianapolis, December 7. The body was taken to Wichita, Kansas for interment beside the grave of her husband. Henry HAYDEN, her brother, attended the funeral last Sabbath.

*December 14, 1899, page 6, col 2*  
BATTEN, wife and 2 daughters. The wife of Thomas BATTEN and two eldest daughters died at North Branch, Kansas. Mr. BATTEN was a long time citizen of this vicinity [Motor].

*December 21, 1899, page 3, col 3*  
PRICE, Abe, died Wednesday morning after a severe illness with complications of disease. Mr. PRICE was in his 65<sup>th</sup> year and had lived in Indianola for 40 years or more. Funeral will be tomorrow.

*December 21, 1899, page 3, col 3*  
WALLACE, Miss Belle, who has been lingering with consumption, died Tuesday a.m., age 25 years. The funeral service will be held at 2 o'clock p.m. today at the family home in northwest part of town.

*December 21, 1899, page 3, col 1*  
PRICE, Abe. Mrs. Emma PRICE REEVES of Butte, Montana came in Saturday to be with her father in his last hours.

*December 21, 1899, page 3, col 2*  
PRICE, Abe. Clint PRICE was called to Indianola last week to be with his father who is dangerously sick with a complication of diseases that makes his recovery very doubtful.

*December 28, 1899, page 3, col 1*  
BRAUGHT, Daniel, one of Warren county's pioneers, died at his home in White Oak twp last Saturday night.

*December 28, 1899, page 6, col 2*

ROBISON, Fred. Frank ROBISON received the sad news one evening last week that his brother Fred, living in Missouri, had been shot.

<b>A</b>		CLARK, Lizzie	86	GILLIS, Nellie	86
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BARTHOLOMEW, Mrs. James	80	COCHRANE, John	83	GODLOVE, Dora	88
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BERRY, Senator	81	CULMER, father	83	HATFIELD, Mrs. J. L.	86
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BLACK, M. T.	87	CUTLIP, Mrs. James	81	HENDRICKS, Louisa Jane	83
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BOWELL, Rev.	88	DUNCAN, A. J.	83	HUGHES, mother	82
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BRIGGS, F.	80	DUNN, Lou	86	HUNT, Mrs. Martha	81
BRIGGS, sister	80	<b>E</b>		HUNT, Rev. Alpheas	81
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BROWN, Mrs. W. C.	82	ENO, Carrie	85	JAMES, Lincoln	80
BROWNE, J. L.	80	ENO, John	85	JAMES, W. D.	80
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BROWNING, baby	86	ESSIC, infant	84	<b>K</b>	
BROWNING, John	86	ESSIC, Mrs. Frank	84	KELLAR, Frank	84
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