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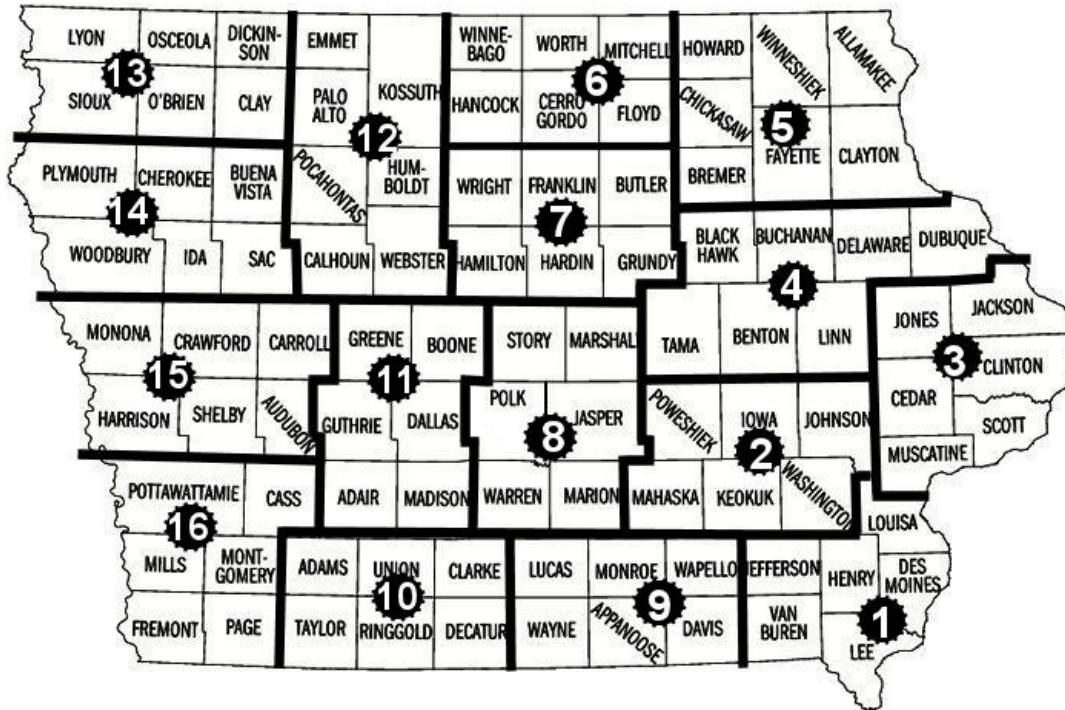
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## My Paternal Family's Iowa Connection<sup>1</sup>

By Paul Zebe  
Watertown, Massachusetts

### Introduction

Many, if not most, families have their oral traditions. Oral traditions are often hard for family researchers to prove. Nevertheless, sometimes a little digging into them can yield interesting pay-dirt. My digging revealed an unexpected family connection between my immigrant paternal grandparents and Clinton, Iowa.

As I assembled family information about my father's family, his siblings told me a number of family stories. One was that we had relatives in America when my paternal grandparents arrived from Germany. No specifics were known.

After 20 years spent researching my father's family history, I can say, to my surprise, that we indeed did have relatives in America when my paternal grandparents arrived in North America. They were found thanks to my long dead 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin three times removed, Paul Abel of Boston, Massachusetts, and his generosity to his sisters. Those relatives lived (and some still live) in Clinton.

This article focusses on the search for those relatives. It illustrates that oral family traditions can be firmly grounded in reality, although many are not (my family also believed that my paternal grandfather was a disinherited nobleman, one uncle asking relatives if I was after the family fortune and castle after learning of my interest in family history; alas, sigh, no noble title, no fortune, no castle). This article includes information about some of the German ancestry of my Iowa relatives.

### Background

My paternal grandparents and my Uncle Alfred moved from Germany to North America in 1913. My grandfather, Franz Georg ("Frank") Zebe, arrived first<sup>2</sup> with my grandmother, Matilde Zebe, and young Uncle Alfred coming about a month later.<sup>3</sup> Their stated destination was Balgonie, Saskatchewan, Canada, but they quickly settled in the nearby city of Regina. This was the birthplace of the rest of my father's North American-born siblings (in addition to Uncle Alfred, my paternal grandfather also had a son and daughter from a previous marriage who were born in Germany; they stayed in Germany with their mother).<sup>4</sup>

In 1923, the family moved from Canada to the United States. Their stated destination was Drummond, Wisconsin,<sup>5</sup> but they settled in the city of St. Paul, Minnesota, which is where my father was born.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Actually, it is the *initial* Iowa connection. For many years, a paternal first cousin of mine and his family have lived in Iowa.

<sup>2</sup> Frank Zebe came to North America aboard the S.S. *Barcelona*, which left Hamburg, Germany, on 14 Mar. 1913 and arrived at Portland, Maine, on 3 April 1913. See Portland Passenger Lists, Vol. 10 [LDS Microfilm 1449417]: "List or Manifest of Alien Passengers for the United States Immigration Officer," Form 500 B, Department of Commerce and Labor, Immigration Service, filed by the S.S. *Barcelona* when it arrived in Portland, Maine, 3 April 1913.

<sup>3</sup> "Auswanderer-Liste von 17.5 bis 31.5.13, 1913, Folio 1479 bis 1712," p. 1484, Staatsarchiv Hamburg, Auswandererlisten VIII A1 Band, German ship *Armenia*, 17 May 1913, bound from Hamburg to Halifax, Livischendeck D, Nos. 301 and 302 [LDS Microfilm 0473023, Item 2].

<sup>4</sup> Paul Zebe, compiler, *Descendants of the ZEBE Family of Kreis Grottkau, Oberschlesien*, self-published, Watertown, Massachusetts, 2016, pp. 51-82. This book was given to family in the U.S. and Germany and to the genealogy library in Salt Lake City, the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and the St. Paul Public Library. The Library of Congress also has a copy.

<sup>5</sup> On 2 June 1923, the family moved from Canada to the U.S. aboard the Canadian Pacific Railroad according to Certificate of Arrival No. 14210 for Frank George Zebe, included with Petition for Citizenship No. 1455 for Frank George Zebe, U.S. District Court of St. Paul, Minnesota, Naturalization Intensions, 1929-1930, Microfilm Roll 36, Item 2, National Archives, Kansas City, Missouri. A different official document gives the date as 26 May 1923 and the railway as the Soo Line.

<sup>6</sup> Paul Zebe, compiler, *Descendants of the ZEBE Family of Kreis Grottkau, Oberschlesien*, self-published, Watertown, Massachusetts, 2016, p. 69.



In 1929, when my paternal grandmother died, the family quickly fell apart. The youngest four children were placed in an orphanage, the other four presumably took jobs and found places to stay, if they had not done so already, and my grandfather moved from St. Paul to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he died in 1943.<sup>7</sup> The story of relatives in America thus likely dates from 1929 or earlier.

### Initial Search for Relatives

My paternal grandfather's family was relatively prosperous: not rich, but comfortable. The father of my paternal grandfather ended up as the postmaster at a series of village post offices in *Oberschlesien* [Upper Silesia], *Preußen* [Prussia] and, when my paternal grandfather first married, he was a police sergeant in the city of Elberfeld, which is now part of the city of Wuppertal in the current western German state of North Rhine-Westphalia.<sup>8</sup> The most likely reason that my paternal grandfather fell from grace and left Germany is that he divorced his first wife.<sup>9</sup> My working hypothesis was that any kin in the U.S. were from my paternal grandmother's family. They were urban laborers in the north German city of Lübeck<sup>10</sup> and thus prime candidates for seeking their fortunes in the U.S. I had no luck with them and eventually dismissed the story.

### Paul Abel – the Search Renewed

As I researched the Abel family, one related to my paternal grandfather, I found a note in the baptismal abstract of Paul Abel – “*nach Amerika aus Gläsendorf*” [to America from Gläsendorf].<sup>11</sup> This made no sense. Paul was the eldest surviving son of a local mill proprietor and would inherit the mill in the fullness of time. Moving to America would mean turning his back on assured prosperity and embracing an uncertain future. For a time, I ignored this.

Eventually, I looked into it, not expecting much. Surprisingly, I had no trouble finding his immigration record. Paul, age 28, came to the U.S. aboard the S.S. Koln (i.e. the S.S. *Köln*), arriving in New York City from Bremen, Germany, on 28 July 1873. He was identified as a miller on the ship's passenger list. He might have travelled with August Seidel, age 45, the next person on the passenger list, who was also identified as a miller from Germany.<sup>12</sup>

I also had no trouble finding where Paul settled. Sometime before 1 July 1877, he came to live in Boston, Massachusetts. By 1 July 1877, he was a grocer in partnership with Berthold Ruecker with an establishment at “Boylston, near Boylston station.” He lived near the business on Boylston Avenue.<sup>13</sup>

This caught my interest. Not only was I not the first member of my father's family to live in the Boston metro area, I was not even the first Paul in the family tree to do so!

<sup>7</sup> See Paul Zebe, compiler, *Descendants of the ZEBE Family of Kreis Grottkau, Oberschlesien*, self-published, Watertown, Massachusetts, 2016.

<sup>8</sup> See Paul Zebe, compiler, *Descendants of the ZEBE Family of Kreis Grottkau, Oberschlesien*, self-published, Watertown, Massachusetts, 2016.

<sup>9</sup> A marginal note on the first page of the main marriage register entry No. 1114, Elberfeld, for Franz Georg Zebe and Johanna Elmilie Schäfer, 1902, stated that the divorce was granted on 13 Dec. 1905 and became final on 23 Jan. 1906. A photocopy of this document was provided by living German first cousins.

<sup>10</sup> See Paul Zebe, compiler, *The Ancestors of Mathilde Maria Elisabeth EGGERS (1886-1929)*, self-published, Watertown, Massachusetts, 2012. This book was given to family in the U.S. and to the genealogy library in Salt Lake City, the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the St. Paul Public Library, and at least one library in Germany. The Library of Congress also has a copy.

<sup>11</sup> Baptism No. 30, 1845, Catholic Church baptism register for the community of Gläsendorf within the parish of Gläsendorf, Kreis Grottkau [LDS Microfilm 2423369, Item 3]. The register is an abstract of the church books organized by family, it was likely created in the 1930s, since it ends during that decade. It contains information from early church books that now have been lost. Marriage and death abstracts were also created. The early church books containing those have also been lost. Hereinafter, these shall be simply referred to as Baptism, Marriage, or Death abstracts, community of Gläsendorf. A similar set of abstracts were created for Seiffersdorf, another community within the parish. Church services alternated between Gläsendorf and Seiffersdorf. Whether abstracts, other than an index of brides, were created for the other communities in the parish, the so-called *Gastgemeinden* [guest communities], is unknown.

<sup>12</sup> Peter arrived in New York City aboard the S.S. *Köln* from Bremen on 28 July 1873, as passenger No.157, steerage, New York Passenger Lists, 1820-1891 [digitized original passenger list online at familysearch.org].

<sup>13</sup> *The Boston Directory*, LXXIII, For the Year Commencing July 1, 1877, Sampson, Davenport and Company, Boston, 1877, p. 50 [digitized original online at Google Books].

Paul Abel was born on 9 July 1845 in the village of Gläsendorf, *Kreis* [county/district of] Grottkau, *Oberschlesien, Preußen*. He was baptized at the Catholic Church in Gläsendorf on 3 August 1845. The surname of his partner in the grocery was the same as that of one of Paul's godparents.<sup>14</sup>

Paul's parents were Johann Anton ("Anton") Abel, the miller at the upper mill [*Obermüller*] in Gläsendorf, and Anton's second wife, Josepha Schuster. The upper mill was the first to obtain water from the village mill stream. Anton was born in Gläsendorf on 6 May 1802.<sup>15</sup> He died there on 22 August 1858.<sup>16</sup> Josepha was born on 2 Feb. 1820 in Klein Briesen, *Kreis Neisse, Oberschlesien, Preußen*.<sup>17</sup> She died on 28 October 1892. Her parents were Franz Schuster, *Mühlenbesitzer* [mill proprietor], of Klein Briesen, and his wife, the former Josepha Rieger.<sup>18</sup>

After Anton died, Josepha married Paul Merfert, a master miller, on 5 July 1859 in Gläsendorf. He was living in the nearby community of Ober Schreibendorf, *Niederschlesien* [Lower Silesia], *Preußen*, and was born on 29 June 1831.<sup>19</sup> This was the first hint that life at home would not necessarily be grand for Paul Abel. His stepfather would have life tenure at the mill, unless bought out. Being only 21 years younger than his stepfather, Paul Abel might have a long wait for his inheritance.

By 1880, Paul was bottling lager beer in Boston.<sup>20</sup> Eventually, he became a naturalized U.S. citizen (in 1884),<sup>21</sup> immersed in local cultural activities (in 1888 he was identified as a member of Boston's Orpheus Musical Society<sup>22</sup>), and a prosperous Boston businessman.<sup>23</sup>

His mother's 1893 probate record states that his address in Boston was unknown. It also states that he was a miller.<sup>24</sup> From this, it appears that Paul was not in regular communication with his mother in Germany.

On 9 June 1895, when Paul was 49 years old, he married Gisela Thoma in Boston. She was born in Vienna, Austria. Gustave Magnitzky, Justice of the Peace, officiated.<sup>25</sup> The couple had no children.<sup>26</sup>

Paul died on 21 Dec. 1904 in Boston, Massachusetts, and was buried in Boston's Forest Hills Cemetery.<sup>27</sup>

Paul's last will and testament read as follows:<sup>28</sup>

<sup>14</sup> Baptism No. 30, 1845, Baptism records, Catholic Church in Gläsendorf, Kreis Grottkau [LDS Microfilm 2119215, Item 2].

<sup>15</sup> Baptism No. 19, 1802, Baptism abstracts, community of Gläsendorf Catholic Church at Gläsendorf [LDS Microfilm 2423369, Item 3].

<sup>16</sup> Burial No. 25, 1858, Death abstracts, community of Gläsendorf Catholic Church at Gläsendorf [LDS Microfilm 2423386, Item 2].

<sup>17</sup> Marriage No. 3, 1859, Marriage records, 1859-1934, Catholic Church at Gläsendorf, Kreis Grottkau [LDS Microfilm 2119216, Item 3].

<sup>18</sup> Burial No. 42, 1892, Death records, Catholic Church at Gläsendorf, Kreis Grottkau [LDS Microfilm 2119217, Item 1].

<sup>19</sup> Marriage No. 3, 1859, Marriage records, 1859-1934, Catholic Church at Gläsendorf, Kreis Grottkau [LDS Microfilm 2119216, Item 3].

<sup>20</sup> Federal population census return, Suffolk County, Boston, dwelling 208, family 277, Enumeration District 766, p. 27, enumerated 8 June 1880 [digitized original online at Ancestry.com]. Also, Federal Census of Manufactures, 1880, Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, p. 14, line 44 [digitized original online at Ancestry.com]. Also, Abel Paul, 194 Lamartine, J. P., Bottler, *The New England Business Directory and Gazetteer for 1891*, Sampson, Murdock, & Co., Boston, p. 238 [digitized original online at Google Books]. Also, "Board of Police, 419," *Boston Daily Advertiser*, 2 Apr. 1898, p. 5, Issue 79, col. D [digitized original formerly online at AmericanAncestors].

<sup>21</sup> Naturalizations, card file, card A 140, Abel, Paul, Lamartine St., Boston, Certificate No. 128-60, U.S. Dept. of Labor, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Form 1-IP.

<sup>22</sup> *Boston Club Directory*, 1888, p. 160 [digitized original online at Google Books].

<sup>23</sup> William Richard Cutter and William Frederick Adams, eds., *Genealogical and personal memoirs relating to the families of the State of Massachusetts*, Vol. III, Lewis Historical Publishing Co., New York, 1910, pp. 1630-1631 [digitized original online at Google Books].

<sup>24</sup> Probate packet of Josepha Merfert verw gew Abel geb Schuster, 13 Feb. 1893, Polish Archive at Opole. This is filed in the archive as follows: **sygnatura:** 45/1251/0/1382; **tytuł i daty:** Akten betreffend das Testament der verehelichten Mühlenbesitzer Josefa Merfert geb.[orenen] Schuster verw.[itweteten] gew.[esen] Abel zu Gläsendorf; 1892-1893; **hasła indeksu:** Abel Josepha; Gläsendorf; Merfert Josefa; Schuster Josefa; Szklary; testament; **opia:** documentacja aktowa; ; ; poszyt; stan dobry; neogotyky; ; rękopis, druk; mem; ; 230x360; 553; Merfert Josefa; ; ; -; -.

<sup>25</sup> City of Boston, Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841-1910, Marriages, Vol. 453, p. 123 [from original records held by the Massachusetts Archives, online database: NewEnglandAncestors.org, New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2004].

<sup>26</sup> William Richard Cutter and William Frederick Adams, eds., *Genealogical and personal memoirs relating to the families of the State of Massachusetts*, Vol. III, Lewis Historical Publishing Co., New York, 1910, pp. 1630-1631 [digitized original online at Google Books].

<sup>27</sup> Commonwealth of Massachusetts, City of Boston, Return of Death, 1904, Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841-1910, Vol. 24, p. 263 [from original records held by the Massachusetts Archives, online database: NewEnglandAncestors.org, New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2004].

<sup>28</sup> No. 129,185, Paul Abel Will, Filed 22 Dec. 1904, Recorded Vol. 855, p. 84, Probate Court, Suffolk County, Massachusetts.

Know all men by these presents, that I, Paul Abel, of Boston in the County of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being of Sound and disposing mind and memory, do make this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills and codicils by me at any time heretofore made.

First. I direct my executors hereinafter named to pay all my just debts and funeral expenses as Soon as may be after my decease.

Second. I give to my beloved wife Gisela Abel all my household furniture, pictures, apparel, books, horses, carriages, harnesses, and all articles of household ornament, domestic use and consumption that may belong to me at the time of my decease, to her own use.

Third. All the real estate of which I shall die seized or possess, or to which I shall be in any way entitled at the time of my decease, I give and devise to Gustave Magnitzky and Frank Ganter, both of said Boston, to have and to hold the Same as joint tenants, to their own use, but upon the trusts following, to wit – To hold the said real estate as they may receive the same, or to sell the same or any part thereof at any time held under this trust at public or private sale at their discretion without responsibility on the part of the purchaser for the application of the purchase money, and to reinvest the proceeds according to their best judgment, making suitable deeds and transfers, to collect the rents and income of said trust property, and, after paying and deducting all necessary and proper charges and expenses, to pay the remaining or net rents and income to my said wife during her life, and at her decease to sell the property and real estate then remaining and divide proceeds in equal shares among my sister Anna Meis of Clinton, Iowa, and my cousins Aurelius Hippert and Reinhold Hippert, both of the City, County, and State of New York, if then living, and if not then living to the issue then living of said sister and cousins, such issue taking by representation the share to which the parent if living would have been entitled.

Fourth. I give and bequeath to my said sister Anna Meis such sums of money as may be credited to me in book numbered 43242 of the Institution for Savings in Roxbury and its Vicinity, and in book numbered 154296 of the Provident Institution for Savings in the Town of Boston, at the time of my decease, to her sole and separate use.

Fifth. Of the shares of stock owned by me in the Massachusetts Breweries Company at the time of my decease, I give and bequeath as follows: -

1. Thirty shares to my sister Auguste Neumann.
2. Thirty shares to my sister Karoline Schmette.
3. Thirty shares to my sister Bertha Claar.
4. Thirty shares to my sister Ida Schmidt.
5. Thirty shares to my sister Anna Meis.
6. Thirty shares to my said cousin Aurelius Hippert.
7. Thirty shares to my said cousin Reinhold Hippert.
8. Thirty shares to Anna Ricker, singlewoman of said Boston

Sixth. All the rest and residue of the personal estate to which I shall be in any way entitled, or over which I shall have any power of appointment, at the time of my decease, I give and bequeath to my said wife Gisela Abel to her sole and separate use.

Seventh. The provisions herein for my said wife are in lieu of dower and of all statutory provisions out of my estate.

Eighth. I appoint the said Gustave Magnitzky and Frank Ganter executors of this my will, and request that they be exempt from giving any sureties on their official bonds as executors and as trustees.

In witness whereof I hereto set my hand and seal, and declare this to be my last will and testament, this fourth day of October, A.D. nineteen hundred and four.

Paul Abel

Signed and sealed by the testator and by him declared to be his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence, and in the presence of each other, have hereto subscribed our names as attesting witnesses, the word "widow" on the third page of this will having been erased, and the word "singlewoman" interlined before execution.

Ernst Donath  
Frank F. Ernst  
Gustave F Magnitzky  
v Gustave Magnitzky  
6.(?)

The probate of Paul's last will and testament provided the following additional information:

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- Auguste Neumann<sup>30</sup> lived in Berlin, Germany
- Karoline Schmette lived in Carlsbad, Germany
- Bertha Claar lived in Eichau, Germany
- Ida Schmidt lived in Sprottau, Germany

Paul's estate included cash, shares in the Massachusetts Breweries Company (formed in 1900 when ten Boston breweries merged<sup>31</sup>), and mortgaged properties numbered 3-5 on Emelda Terrace and 192-196 on Lamartine St. in Jamaica Plain (formerly West Roxbury), Boston, Massachusetts.<sup>32</sup>

Paul's estate was not settled until the 1930s. Florence M. Doudera sued the estate's trustee, the Exchange Trust Company, for not getting prices consistent with the market when Paul's real estate holdings were liquidated in 1920 (the trustee got \$20 thousand when it reportedly should have gotten \$30 to \$32 thousand, based on the local real estate market). The probate court ruled for the plaintiff, who was awarded an additional \$7500. The case was appealed and heard by the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, which affirmed the lower court's decision.<sup>33</sup>

According to Paul's will, the remaining property was to be sold when Gisela died and the proceeds shared equally by Anna Meis of Clinton, Iowa, Aurelius Hippert of New York City, and Reinhold Hippert of New York City.<sup>34</sup> The Hipperts are not known to be Abel descendants. It is not known who Florence M. Doudera was or how she fits into this.

## Anna Meis

<sup>29</sup> No. 129,185, Paul Abel, Probate of Will, Filed 22 Dec. 1904, Recorded Vol. 856, p. 308, Probate Court, Suffolk County, Massachusetts.

<sup>30</sup> Actually, Auguste was an older half-sister. While they had the same father, Auguste's mother was Antoinette Friederika Ernestine Christine ("Ernestine") Abel nee Abel, her father's first cousin.

<sup>31</sup> "Ten Boston Concerns Merge as Massachusetts Breweries Company," *New York Times*, 8 Aug. 1900.

<sup>32</sup> No. 129,185, Paul Abel, Executor's Inventory, Filed 6 Feb. 1905, Recorded Vol. 853, p. 206, Probate Court, Suffolk County, Massachusetts.

<sup>33</sup> "Exchange Trust Co. v. Doudera," Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, Suffolk, 4 Feb. 1930, *The North Eastern Reporter*, Vol. 170, West Pub. Co., pp. 73-74.

<sup>34</sup> No. 129,185, Paul Abel, Probate of Will, Filed 22 Dec. 1904, Recorded Vol. 856, p. 308, Probate Court, Suffolk County, Massachusetts.

Anna Meis (more often Mees) lived with her husband, Peter Sr., in the town of Clinton, Iowa. They married in Lyons, Clinton County, Iowa, on 5 Sep. 1891.<sup>35</sup>

Anna was born on 7 March 1854 in Gläsendorf, *Kreis Grottkau, Oberschlesien, Preußen*. Like her brother, Paul, her parents were Anton Abel and Josepha Schuster. She and her twin, Agatha, were baptized on 11 March at the Catholic Church in Gläsendorf.<sup>36</sup> Anna died in 1909 and was buried in St. Boniface Cemetery, Clinton, Clinton County, Iowa.<sup>37</sup>

No definitive immigration records could be found for Anna<sup>38</sup> or her husband Peter.

According to the 1895 Iowa state census, "Emma" [Anna] was a Catholic.<sup>39</sup> According to the 1905 Iowa state census, "Annie" had been in the United States 14 years and Iowa 12 years.<sup>40</sup> That means that she came to the U.S. in about 1891 and Iowa in about 1893.

Her mother's 1893 probate record stated that Anna lived in "Klinton Amerika" and that her married name was Peters.<sup>41</sup> From this, it appears that Anna, like her brother Paul, was not in regular communication with their mother in Germany. On 20 June 1886, Anna had a son out of wedlock, Maximilian.<sup>42</sup> The child died on 15 Aug. 1886.<sup>43</sup> This might have been the cause of the poor communication. This might also have been the cause of her moving to the U.S.

The value of Anna's inheritance from her brother Paul's estate in 1907, not including her share of his real estate, was \$810 for the 30 shares plus dividends and \$1,167.29 cash from the two savings accounts.<sup>44</sup> A dollar was considerably more valuable 1907 than it is today in terms of purchasing power (\$1 then had roughly the purchasing power of about \$25 today).<sup>45</sup>

Peter Sr. was born in Schleswig-Holstein, in what became Germany, on 6 March 1856.<sup>46</sup> His parents were identified as Hans Mees and Margaret Goldsmith.<sup>47</sup> Anna was not his first wife. Prior to Anna, he presumably was married to Christina M. Hardarsen, with whom he had one known son, Peter Jr., who was born in 26 Oct. 1887 in the town of Clinton, Iowa.<sup>48</sup> In 1895<sup>49</sup> and 1900,<sup>50</sup> Peter Sr. was a laborer in a sawmill. Peter Sr. died in the town of Clinton on 5 July 1926.<sup>51</sup> At the time of death, he

<sup>35</sup> "Iowa, County Marriages, 1838-1934," database, *FamilySearch* (familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XJH9-K4M : 25 September 2017), Peter Mees and Annie Abel, 05 Sep 1891, Lyons, Clinton, Iowa, United States; citing reference 12654, county courthouses, Iowa; FHL microfilm 1,005,212. Her parents were identified as Anton Abel and Josepha Schuster. Also, 1900 Federal Census return, Clinton City, Clinton County, Iowa, Sheet 9A, 7 June 1900, dwelling 181, family 186, lines 31-34 [digitized original online at Ancestry.com].

<sup>36</sup> Baptism No. 17, 1791, Baptism abstracts, community of Gläsendorf, Catholic Church at Gläsendorf [LDS Microfilm 2423369, Item 3]. Thekla Abel and her husband, also called Franz Weinitschke, are ancestors of the author.

<sup>37</sup> Iowa Gravestone Photo Project, St. Boniface Cemetery – Clinton County, Iowa, iowagravestones.org/cemetery\_list.php?CID=23&cName=St.+Boniface.

<sup>38</sup> Anna *might* have been Anna Abel from Germany, passenger No. 268, 34 years old, who arrived aboard the *S.S. Werra* in New York City from Bremen and Southampton on 8 Oct. 1889, New York Passenger Lists, 1820-1891, [digitized original passenger list online at familysearch.org].

<sup>39</sup> Peter Miss, dwelling 363, family 365, 1895 Iowa State Census [digitized original online at familysearch.org].

<sup>40</sup> Annie Mees, 1905 Iowa State Census [digitized original online at familysearch.org].

<sup>41</sup> Probate packet of Josepha Merfert verw gew Abel geb Schuster, 13 Feb. 1893, Polish Archive at Opole. For additional information on this, see Footnote 17.

<sup>42</sup> Baptism No. 23, 1886, Baptisms, Catholic Church at Gläsendorf, 1883-1946 [LDS Microfilm 2119216, Items 1-2].

<sup>43</sup> Burial No. 32, 1886, Burials, Catholic Church at Gläsendorf, 1871-1935 [LDS Microfilm 2119217].

<sup>44</sup> No. 129,185, Paul Abel, Executor's first & final Account, filed on 30 Jan. 1907, allowed on 7 Mar. 1907, and recorded in Vol. 897, p. 349, Probate Court, Suffolk County, Massachusetts.

<sup>45</sup> The CPI was created in 1921 and backcast to 1913. The bundle of goods in the CPI is much different at its start than it is today, of course.

<sup>46</sup> Standard Certificate of Death, Original, 023-1854, Dept. of Vital Statistics, Iowa, Peter Mees [digitized original online at Familysearch.org].

<sup>47</sup> "Iowa, County Marriages, 1838-1934," database, *FamilySearch* (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XJH9-K4M : 25 September 2017), Peter Mees and Annie Abel, 05 Sep 1891, Lyons, Clinton, Iowa, United States; citing reference 12654, county courthouses, Iowa; FHL microfilm 1,005,212, and 1900 Federal Census return, Clinton City, Clinton County, Iowa, Sheet 9A, 7 June 1900, dwelling 181, family 186, lines 31-34 [digitized original online at Ancestry.com].

<sup>48</sup> "Iowa, County Births, 1880-1935," database, *FamilySearch* (familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XVZ6-VN5 : 20 May 2016), Peter Mees, 26 Oct 1887; citing Clinton, Clinton, Iowa, United States; county district courts, Iowa; FHL microfilm 1,005,215, and 1900 Federal Census return, Clinton City, Clinton County, Iowa, Sheet 9A, 7 June 1900, dwelling 181, family 186, lines 31-34 [digitized original online at Ancestry.com].

<sup>49</sup> Peter Miss household, dwelling 363, family 365, 1895 Iowa State Census [digitized original online at familysearch.org].

<sup>50</sup> Peter Mess household, 1900 Federal Census return, Clinton City, Clinton County, Iowa, 7 June 1900, dwelling 181, family 186, lines 31-34, ED 11, sheet 9A [digitized original online at Ancestry.com].

<sup>51</sup> Standard Certificate of Death, Original, 023-1854, Dept. of Vital Statistics, Iowa, for Peter Mees (Peter Mees Jr., Clinton, Iowa, was the informant, and Hans Mees was identified as the father of the deceased) [digitized original online at Familysearch.org]; and Iowa Gravestone Photo Project, St. Boniface Cemetery – Clinton County, Iowa, iowagravestones.org/cemetery\_list.php?CID=23&cName=St.+Boniface.

reportedly had lived in Clinton for 44 years,<sup>52</sup> meaning that he had arrived in about 1882. According to the 1905 Iowa state census, Peter had been in the United States 22 years and Iowa 22 years.<sup>53</sup> That means that he came to the U.S. and Iowa in about 1883. On the other hand, the 1900 Federal Census says that he came to the U.S. in 1885. It also says that he was a naturalized citizen.<sup>54</sup> According to the 1895 state census, he was a Lutheran.<sup>55</sup> In 1900, he lived in his own home, upon which there was a mortgage. By 1905, the mortgage had been paid off.<sup>56</sup>

He and his family were living at 226 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Clinton in 1900,<sup>57</sup> 1905,<sup>58</sup> 1910,<sup>59</sup> and 1920.<sup>60</sup> His 1926 death record says that his last address was 226 12<sup>th</sup> Ave.,<sup>61</sup> but that might be in error.

## The Relatives Found!

Anna and Peter had one child, Clara Cecelia Mees. Clara was born on 20 Sep. 1892 in Iowa.<sup>62</sup> She died on 10 Feb. 1920<sup>63</sup> and was buried in St. Mary's Cemetery in Clinton.<sup>64</sup> In 1904, Clara, 12 years old, attended a private school for 10 months,<sup>65</sup> presumably a local Catholic school.

Clara married John Francis Burke on 17 Jan. 1912 in Clinton County.<sup>66</sup> He was born on 25 March 1891 and died on 24 Dec. 1935 in Clinton. John was also buried in St. Mary's Cemetery in Clinton. He was a graduate of the Clinton Business College<sup>67</sup> and had been an assistant cashier at a Clinton bank<sup>68</sup> (according to a transcription of the 1929 directory for Clinton, Iowa, he was an assistant cashier for the Merchants National Bank in that year and lived at 818 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street<sup>69</sup>).

Clara and John had two children: Thomas J. and Catherine Ann Burke.<sup>70</sup>

<sup>52</sup> Standard Certificate of Death, Original, 023-1854, Dept. of Vital Statistics, Iowa, for Peter Mees (Peter Mees Jr., Clinton, Iowa, was the informant, and Hans Mees was identified as the father of the deceased) [digitized original online at Familysearch.org].

<sup>53</sup> 1905 Iowa State Census [digitized original online at familysearch.org].

<sup>54</sup> Household of Peter Miss, 1900 Federal Census return, Clinton City, Clinton County, Iowa, 7 June 1900, dwelling 181, family 186, lines 31-34, ED 11, sheet 9A [digitized original online at Ancestry.com].

<sup>55</sup> Peter Miss, dwelling 363, family 365, 1895 Iowa State Census [digitized original online at familysearch.org].

<sup>56</sup> Peter Mees, 1905 Iowa State Census [digitized original online at familysearch.org].

<sup>57</sup> Peter Mess household, 1900 Federal Census return, Clinton City, Clinton County, Iowa, 7 June 1900, dwelling 181, family 186, ED 11, sheet 9A [digitized original online at Ancestry.com].

<sup>58</sup> Peter Mees, 1905 Iowa State Census [digitized original online at familysearch.org].

<sup>59</sup> 1910 Federal Census, Clinton City, Clinton County, Iowa, sheet 13A, 25 Apr. 1910, dwelling 263, family 275, lines 3-5 [digitized original online at Ancestry.com].

<sup>60</sup> Peter Muese household, 1920 Federal Census, Clinton City, Clinton County, Iowa, 2 Jan. 1920, dwelling 22, family 27, line 94, ED10, sheet 1A [digitized original online at Ancestry.com].

<sup>61</sup> Standard Certificate of Death, Original, 023-1854, Dept. of Vital Statistics, Iowa, for Peter Mees (Peter Mees Jr., Clinton, Iowa, was the informant, and Hans Mees was identified as the father of the deceased) [digitized original online at Familysearch.org]; and Iowa Gravestone Photo Project, St. Boniface Cemetery – Clinton County, Iowa, [iowagravestones.org/cemetery\\_list.php?CID=23&cName=St.+Boniface](http://iowagravestones.org/cemetery_list.php?CID=23&cName=St.+Boniface).

<sup>62</sup> 1900 Federal Census, Clinton City, Clinton County, Iowa, sheet 9A, 7 June 1900, dwelling 181, family 186, lines 31-34 [digitized original online at Ancestry.com]; Iowa Gravestone Photo Project, St. Boniface Cemetery – Clinton County, Iowa, [iowagravestones.org/cemetery\\_list.php?CID=23&cName=St.+Mary's](http://iowagravestones.org/cemetery_list.php?CID=23&cName=St.+Mary's).

<sup>63</sup> "The Clinton Herald1935" under "Notes for **John Francis Burke**:" [www.genealogy.com/ftm/s/h/a/Mary-C-Shaw/WEBSITE-0001/UHP-0338.html, accessed in 2017].

<sup>64</sup> Iowa Gravestone Photo Project, St. Boniface Cemetery – Clinton County, Iowa, [iowagravestones.org/cemetery\\_list.php?CID=23&cName=St.+Mary's](http://iowagravestones.org/cemetery_list.php?CID=23&cName=St.+Mary's).

<sup>65</sup> Clara Mees, 1905 Iowa State Census [digitized original online at familysearch.org].

<sup>66</sup> "Iowa, County Marriages, 1838-1934," database, *FamilySearch* (familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XJJ9-74Y : 27 September 2017), John Francis Burke and Clara Cecelia Mees, 17 Jan 1912, Clinton County, Iowa, United States; citing reference item 20650, county courthouses, Iowa; FHL microfilm 1,839,999. Her parents were identified as Peter Mees and Anna Abel.

<sup>67</sup> Patrick B. Wolfe, *Wolfe's History of Clinton County, Iowa*, B. F. Bowen, Indianapolis, 1911, p. 644 [digitized original online at Google Books].

<sup>68</sup> "The Clinton Herald1935" under "Notes for **John Francis Burke**:" [www.genealogy.com/ftm/s/h/a/Mary-C-Shaw/WEBSITE-0001/UHP-0338.html, accessed in 2017].

<sup>69</sup> See 1929 Clinton City Directory A-B, files.usgwararchives.net/ia/clinton/history/dir/1929ab.txt

<sup>70</sup> "The Clinton Herald1935" under "Notes for **John Francis Burke**:" [www.genealogy.com/ftm/s/h/a/Mary-C-Shaw/WEBSITE-0001/UHP-0338.html, accessed in 2017]. (See footnote 58.)

In 1920, John, Clara, Thomas, and Kathryn Burke were living together at 705 Ninth Avenue in Clinton.<sup>71</sup> In 1925, son John F., grandson Thomas Jr., and grandchild Catherine A. were living in the household of Thomas J. Burke (Sr.) and his wife Catherine. Thomas J. (Sr.) and Catherine are John's parents and were living at 810 Sixth St. in Clinton.<sup>72</sup>

Thomas J. Burke (Sr.), John's father, had joined the Clinton city police department in 1890, rising to the rank of Captain before leaving it in 1899. He was made a Clinton County deputy sheriff in 1900 and served in that position until Jan. 1907. Beginning then, he served a number of two-year terms as the elected Clinton County sheriff (Democrat).<sup>73</sup> By 1915, he was retired.<sup>74</sup>

In 1930, Thomas J., John F., Thomas J. Jr., and Catherine A. Burke were living together at 818 South Sixth Street in Clinton.<sup>75</sup> On 1 April 1940, Catherine was living with her paternal grandfather, Thomas J. Burke (Sr.), at the same address.<sup>76</sup>

Thomas J. Burke Jr. was born on 12 June 1912, probably in Clinton. He died on 23 April 1990.<sup>77</sup> Thomas Jr. married Silvia (Sylvia on her tombstone<sup>78</sup>) Miller in Spencer, Clay County, Iowa, on 11 Jan. 1942.<sup>79</sup> She died in 1970.<sup>80</sup> Thomas Jr. and Silvia reportedly had one child, John M. Burke. John was born in about 1944,<sup>81</sup> probably in Clinton (one source says 24 Oct. 1944 in Clinton, Iowa<sup>82</sup>).

Catherine Ann Burke was born on 25 December 1913,<sup>83</sup> probably in Clinton. She died on 15 July 1996<sup>84</sup> and was buried alongside her husband at Clinton Lawn Cemetery (also known as Clinton Memorial Cemetery) in Clinton County.<sup>85</sup> Catherine married Melvin J. Nichols in Clinton on 11 July 1942. He was born in Camanche, Clinton County,<sup>86</sup> on 5 May 1919, and died in Clinton on 3 March 1987.<sup>87</sup> He reportedly served during World War II as a flight instructor. He retired as a Major from the U.S. Air Force Reserves in 1979. Over the years, he reportedly had a number of sales and management positions in the Clinton area.<sup>88</sup> Catherine and Melvin had one child, David A. Nichols, who was born in about 1946,<sup>89</sup> probably in Clinton (one source says 5 June 1946 in Clinton, Iowa<sup>90</sup>). In 1956, Melvin worked in the Collis Company production department, and his family lived at 818 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street.<sup>91</sup>

## Abel Ancestors and Spouses

<sup>71</sup> 1920 Federal Census, Clinton City, Clinton County, Iowa, sheet 13A, 5 & 6 Jan. 1920, dwelling 138, family 140, lines 89-92 [digitized original online at ancestry.com].

<sup>72</sup> 1925 Iowa State Census, Clinton City, Clinton County, Iowa, lines 94-98 [digitized original online at Ancestry.com].

<sup>73</sup> Patrick B. Wolfe, *Wolfe's History of Clinton County, Iowa*, B. F. Bowen, Indianapolis, 1911, p. 644 [digitized original online at Google Books].

<sup>74</sup> Thomas J. Burke, Clinton, Iowa, Card No. B75, 1915 Iowa State Census [digitized original online at familysearch.org].

<sup>75</sup> 1930 Federal Census, Clinton City, Clinton County, Iowa, sheet 1A, 2 Apr. 1930, dwelling 6, family 6, lines 16-19 [digitized original online at Ancestry.com].

<sup>76</sup> 1940 Federal Census, Tomas [sic] J. Burke household, Ward 3, Clinton, Clinton Township, Clinton County, Iowa, ED 23-14B, sheet 8A, household 179, 818 South Sixth St. [online at the census website, 1940census.archives.gov].

<sup>77</sup> Social Security Death Index.

<sup>78</sup> Iowa Gravestone Photo Project, iowagravestones.org/cemetery\_list.php?CID=23&cName=St.+Mary's.

<sup>79</sup> Family files on Ancestry.com: (1) lbgreene, "Burke, Brady, Chapman, and O'Conner Families" and (2) rjpershell, "My Wife's extended family – her other lines."

<sup>80</sup> Iowa Gravestone Photo Project, iowagravestones.org/cemetery\_list.php?CID=23&cName=St.+Mary's.

<sup>81</sup> Family files on Ancestry.com: (1) lbgreene, "Burke, Brady, Chapman, and O'Conner Families" and (2) rjpershell, "My Wife's extended family – her other lines."

<sup>82</sup> United States Public Records, 1970-2009 (familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QJ7X-Y8DJ).

<sup>83</sup> Social Security Death Index, Catherine Ann Nichols.

<sup>84</sup> Social Security Death Index, Catherine Ann Nichols.

<sup>85</sup> Iowa Gravestone Photo Project, iowagravestones.org/gs\_view.php?id=618537.

<sup>86</sup> Family files on Ancestry.com: (1) lbgreene, "Burke, Brady, Chapman, and O'Conner Families" and (2) rjpershell, "My Wife's extended family – her other lines."

<sup>87</sup> Social Security Death Index.

<sup>88</sup> Obituary from an unidentified newspaper for Melvin Nichols [digitized original online at Ancestry.com].

<sup>89</sup> Obituary from an unidentified newspaper for Melvin Nichols [digitized original online at Ancestry.com].

<sup>90</sup> United States Public Records, 1970-2009 (familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:KT3H-ZD9).

<sup>91</sup> 1956 Clinton City Directory, iagenweb.org/Clinton/records/directories/1956/1956N.txt.

The parents of the already mentioned Johann Anton Abel were Anton Franz Abel and his wife, the former Veronike Hehmann (also Heumann and Heimann).<sup>92</sup> The couple married on 29 Oct. 1788.<sup>93</sup> Anton Franz was baptized in 1763 at the Catholic Church in Gläsendorf.<sup>94</sup> Presumably, he was born in Gläsendorf. He died on 15 Feb. 1827 in Gläsendorf.<sup>95</sup> Anton Franz was the *Niedermüller* [he operated the last mill receiving water from the mill stream] of Gläsendorf.<sup>96</sup> According to the marriage record of his daughter Klara to Joseph Finger in 1817, he was also the *Erbmüller* [hereditary miller] of Gläsendorf.<sup>97</sup> All other millers in the community would be required to pay him a fee to operate their mills. It is not known whether he inherited this or bought it from someone else. It is also unknown why it is only mentioned once in the records. Veronike was 18 when they married<sup>98</sup> and 78 when she died in Gläsendorf on 10 June 1848,<sup>99</sup> so she was born in about 1770. Veronike's father was the deceased *Bauer* [proprietor of a full-sized farm] Joseph Hehmann. They were not from Gläsendorf.<sup>100</sup>

The parents of Anton Franz Abel were Anton Abel and his wife, the former Anna Maria Felss (also Fels).<sup>101</sup> The couple married on 26 Apr. 1763 in Gläsendorf.<sup>102</sup> Ages are not available for either of the couple in the marriage record. Anton died on 13 September 1796 at 58 years of age,<sup>103</sup> so he must have been born in about 1738. Anna Maria was apparently Anton's second (or more) wife. He had a daughter, Elizabeth, when he married Anna Maria. She was 24 when she married in 1784, so she was born in about 1760.<sup>104</sup> Before his marriage to Anna Maria, Anton Abel was a *Mühlbursch* [mill hand] in Gläsendorf, but after marriage he became the *Obermüller*.<sup>105</sup> Nothing should be read into this. After an apprentice miller was trained in the basics, he became a journeyman miller, who travelled from mill to mill, working. When deemed ready and there was an opening, journeyman millers would marry and become master millers.<sup>106</sup> It should be noted, however, that *Bursch* could mean "apprentice." It would be quite a step for an apprentice to become the miller immediately upon marriage! For that reason, a *Mühlbursch* has been interpreted here more generally as a laborer in a mill. Later, Anton was sometimes identified in the Gläsendorf church records as the *Obermüllermeister* [master miller at the first mill on the mill stream].<sup>107</sup>

Anton Abel's father was the *Bauer* Christian Abel of Krackwitz, the first known Abel ancestor. Like Christian, Anton was from Krackwitz.<sup>108</sup> No information on any Abel could be found in the church records of the two Catholic parishes in *Schlesien* [Silesia] containing a village called Krackwitz (or similar): Rathmannsdorf in *Kreis* Neisse, which included a village named Krackwitz, and Dobrischau in *Kreis*

<sup>92</sup> Abel baptism abstracts and family listing for Anton and Anna Maria Abel, both included with the Baptism abstracts, community of Gläsendorf, Catholic Church at Gläsendorf [LDS Microfilm 2423386, Item 3].

<sup>93</sup> Marriage No. 7, 1788, Marriage abstracts, community of Gläsendorf, Catholic Church at Gläsendorf [LDS Microfilm 2423386, Item 1].

<sup>94</sup> Baptism No. 7, 1763, Baptism abstracts, community of Gläsendorf, Catholic Church at Gläsendorf [LDS Microfilm 2423369, Item 3].

<sup>95</sup> Burial No. 2, 1827, Death abstracts, community of Gläsendorf, Catholic Church at Gläsendorf [LDS Microfilm 2423386, Item 2].

<sup>96</sup> Abel Baptism abstracts, community of Gläsendorf, Catholic Church at Gläsendorf [LDS Microfilm 2423369, Item 3].

<sup>97</sup> Marriage No. 7, 1817, Marriage abstracts, community of Gläsendorf, Catholic Church at Gläsendorf [LDS Microfilm 2423386, Item 1].

<sup>98</sup> Marriage No. 7, 1788, Marriage abstracts, community of Gläsendorf, Catholic Church at Gläsendorf [LDS Microfilm 2423386, Item 1].

<sup>99</sup> Burial No. 22, 1848, Death abstracts, community of Gläsendorf, Catholic Church at Gläsendorf [LDS Microfilm 2423386, Item 2].

<sup>100</sup> Marriage No. 7, 1788, Marriage abstracts, community of Gläsendorf, Catholic Church at Gläsendorf [LDS Microfilm 2423386, Item 1]. Only the first letter, "M," and the last four letters, "dorf," of the home of the Hehmans could be read.

<sup>101</sup> Abel baptism abstracts and family listing for Anton and Anna Maria Abel, both included with the Baptism abstracts, community of Gläsendorf, Catholic Church at Gläsendorf [LDS Microfilm 2423386, Item 3].

<sup>102</sup> Marriage No. 1, 1763, Marriage abstracts, community of Gläsendorf, Catholic Church at Gläsendorf [LDS Microfilm 2423386, Item 1].

<sup>103</sup> Burial No. 22, 1848, Death abstracts, community of Gläsendorf, Catholic Church at Gläsendorf [LDS Microfilm 2423386, Item 2].

<sup>104</sup> Elizabeth married Carl Joseph Stanke of Falkenau, Kreis Grottkau, a master miller in Falkenau on 8 Nov. 1784 in Gläsendorf (see Marriage No. 9, 1784, Marriage abstracts, community of Gläsendorf, Catholic Church at Gläsendorf [LDS Microfilm 2423386, Item 1]).

<sup>105</sup> Marriage No. 1, 1763, Marriage abstracts, community of Gläsendorf, Catholic Church at Gläsendorf [LDS Microfilm 2423386, Item 1];

<sup>106</sup> Reinhold Hofer, "Barthel Raumberger in Germany 1716-1753," a presentation delivered at the Raumberger Family Reunion at St. John's Lutheran Church, Berrysburg, Pennsylvania, on 6 August 2005 (extended and annotated abstract) [see [home.arcor.de/emigration-research/](http://home.arcor.de/emigration-research/)]; Teva J. Scheer, *Our Daily Bread, German Village Life, 1500-1850*, Adventis Press, 2010, pp. 128-129.

<sup>107</sup> See, for example, Marriage No. 5, 1787, Marriage abstracts, community of Gläsendorf, Catholic Church at Gläsendorf [LDS Microfilm 2423386, Item 1].

<sup>108</sup> Anton is identified as being from Krackwitz in a listing of himself, his wife, and his children appended to the Catholic Church baptism register for the community of Gläsendorf within the parish of Gläsendorf [LDS Microfilm 2423369, Item 3]. Christian is identified as being from Krackwitz in Marriage No. 1, 1763, Marriage abstracts, community of Gläsendorf, Catholic Church at Gläsendorf [LDS Microfilm 2423386, Item 1].



Strehlen, *Niederschlesien*, which included a village called Krachwitz (this village was more commonly known as Kraßwitz). Furthermore, the taxables of Krackwitz, identified along with their property between 1723 and 1725, and of Craßwitz/Kraßwitz, identified along with their property between 1722 and 1725, did not include anyone with the surname Abel.<sup>109</sup>

Anna Maria was identified as a daughter of Anton Fels (also Felss), a *Bauer* of Gläsendorf, at the time of her marriage in 1763.<sup>110</sup> On 16 April 1809, she died in Falkenau, *Kreis Grottkau*.<sup>111</sup> It is possible that she had been living with her married stepdaughter, Elizabeth Stanke, who resided in Falkenau. Based on her age at death, 73,<sup>112</sup> she was born in about 1736. Anna Maria was “[w]ahrscheinlich aus ... geburtig” [possibly a native of] the community of Heinrichau where the Cistercian *Kloster* [Abbey] Heinrichau was located, according to the Gläsendorf church records.<sup>113</sup> This community was in *Kreis Münsterberg, Niederschlesien*, at the time Anna Maria was born. No Fels or Felss appears in the early records of the Heinrichau parish church or the abbey church.<sup>114</sup>

In about 1752, Anton Felss and his wife, Anna Rosina, appear to have left Gläsendorf for nearby Schützensdorf, *Kreis Grottkau*, which adjoined Gläsendorf on the southwest<sup>115</sup> and was part of the Catholic parish of Kamnig, *Kreis Grottkau*. There he became the *Kretschmer* [innkeeper] and then the *Erb Kretschmer* [hereditary innkeeper].<sup>116</sup> Anton Felss died in Schützensdorf on 7 Aug. 1777. He was 78 years old,<sup>117</sup> so he was born in about 1699.

It is not known if Anton Felss’s wife, the former Anna Rosina Herd according to Kamnig church records, was Anna Maria’s mother. That is somewhat unlikely, however, since Anna Rosina had her last child in 1769,<sup>118</sup> about 33 years after Anna Maria was born.

## Concluding Remarks

It is exciting to solve a genealogical puzzle and find new relatives. I have communicated with cousins in Clinton, and they have responded.

It must be acknowledged that some of the more modern information presented in this article, such as the details from genealogies found online, county histories, newspapers, and U.S. death records might be in error. As Richard Hite has aptly characterized them in his book, *Sustainable Genealogy: Separating Fact from Fiction in Family Legends*, they are “‘Written’ Oral History.”<sup>119</sup> In addition, the early Gläsendorf birth/baptism, marriage, and death/burial abstracts might contain transcription errors. To the

<sup>109</sup> Called the Carolinischer Kataster after the Austrian ruler who ordered them made, Karl VI, this information on taxables was prepared as part of an effort to update the taxes, which had not changed since 1527. The portions of the Carolinischer Kataster consulted were (1) Neisse, unknown volume, community 81 – Krackwitz, pp. 95-103 [Polish State Archive in Wrocław] and (2) Fürstentum Münsterberg, Vol. 3, Craßwitz/Kraßwitz, pp. 116-133 [Polish State Archive in Wrocław, Microfilm T 79621, Sygnatura 86]. For a brief summary of the Carolinischer Kataster, see Rościszlaw Żerelik and Andrzej Dereń, *Staatsarchiv Breslau – Wegweiser Durch die Bestände bis zum Jahr 1945*, translated into German from Polish by Stefan Hartmann, R. Oldenbourg Verlag, München, 1996, p. 134.

<sup>110</sup> Marriage No. 1, 1763, Marriage abstracts, community of Gläsendorf, Catholic Church at Gläsendorf [LDS Microfilm 2423386, Item 1].

<sup>111</sup> Burial No. 6, 1809, “Nr. 1, Begräbniß-Buch der Kirche zu Falkenau...10ten März 1780-1816” [LDS Microfilm 1048473].

<sup>112</sup> Burial No. 6, 1809, “Nr. 1, Begräbniß-Buch der Kirche zu Falkenau...10ten März 1780-1816” [LDS Microfilm 1048473].

<sup>113</sup> Baptism No. 45, 1767 (son Judas Thadius Valentin Abel), Baptism abstracts, community of Gläsendorf, Catholic Church at Gläsendorf [LDS Microfilm 2423369, Item 3].

<sup>114</sup> The records of baptism, 1713-1761, for the Kloster Heinrichau church are found on LDS Microfilm 1202341. There is a baptism index at the end of the church book. For the early years, it is alphabetized by the first name. The parish church is similar. Baptism records, 1713-1749, for the parish church are found on LDS Microfilm 1608695.

<sup>115</sup> Looseleaf map of *Kreis Grottkau*’s communities included with the book Gerard Cellbot, *Die Sozialstruktur in den oberschlesischen Dörfern im Jahre 1819*, Veröffentlichungen der Forschungsstelle Ostmitteleuropa an der Universität Dortmund, Johannes Hoffman, Herausgeber, Reihe A, Nr. 48, Dortmund, 1987.

<sup>116</sup> Baptism, No. 36, 1754, p. 28 (Anton as *Kretschmer*), and Baptism 13, 1757, p. 44 (Anton as *Erb Kretschmer*), all at the Catholic Church in Kamnig [LDS Microfilm 936585].

<sup>117</sup> Burial of Anton Felß, *Kretschmer* in Schützensdorf, No. 24, 9 Aug. 1777 (death on 7 Aug.), Catholic Church at Kamnig [LDS Microfilm 936588].

<sup>118</sup> Baptism of Dominicus Josephus Lazarus Felß, son of Anton Felß, *Erb Kretschmer*, and Rosina nee Herd, No. 33, 7 Nov. 1769, Catholic Church at Kamnig, p. 46 [LDS Microfilm 936585].

<sup>119</sup> Richard Hite, *Sustainable Genealogy: Separating Fact from Fiction in Family Legends*, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, 2014, p. 1.

extent that any of this material is in error, it changes some of the details of the story, but the story, itself, remains the same.

Despite finding relatives from my paternal grandfather's family residing in the U.S. when my paternal grandparents immigrated to North America, I still suspect that some of my parental grandmother's family also came to America and that I shall find them. They did not all end up floating face down in the Rhine River after winning at cards, as my paternal grandmother told her children one of her brothers did when she explained why there was to be no card playing in their house.<sup>120</sup>

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<sup>120</sup> My Aunt Alfreda, born in 1913 and now deceased, was the source of the majority of my family stories.

## Notes on Iowa Civil War Veterans Who Were Members of the GAR in South Dakota

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This is the fourth in a series of articles which use records of the Grand Army of the Republic (aka the GAR) and other military sources to track the post-war westward movements of Iowa's Civil War veterans. The first dealt with Iowa Civil War soldiers who were members of the GAR in Colorado and Wyoming. [1] The second dealt with Iowa veterans who were members of the GAR's Department of California. [2,3] The third covered Iowa soldiers who joined the GAR in Oregon. [4,5]

The GAR was the largest veterans' organization to appear after the conflict. During its active years, the GAR had a significant influence on politics, law, and social programs in the United States. The GAR in South Dakota was organized on 27 Feb 1884. At one time or another there were 164 Posts within the Department. Virtually any town of appreciable size had a functioning Post. [6-9]

GAR records can be very useful in tracking the post-war movements of Union Civil War veterans. Unfortunately many original records from local Posts have been lost and only a few Post and Departmental records were published. Those that were tend to be difficult to locate. This article is based on a compilation of GAR Post records resulting from thirty years' service by Mrs. Alice B. Muller of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She was stenographer-secretary for the Department of South Dakota and preserved much of the early history of the GAR in South Dakota. Her collection of records was compiled and published by the South Dakota State Department of History in *South Dakota Historical Collections*, Vol. XVI in 1932. [10] Recently images of many of surviving original records from the Department of South Dakota have been made available on FamilySearch.org.

The following information of interest to genealogists is provided for each soldier (if available):

- Birth – Date (from burial records, grave markers or age at enlistment) and location,
- Service – A brief summary of the soldier's service record; service in multiple units is included. Rank at the veteran's severance from the service with a specific unit is indicated. (Note: This means that if a soldier enlisted as a Sergeant and was promoted to Captain, only the latter rank is given. Conversely, if a soldier enlisted as a Corporal, but was later reduced to the ranks, his rank is shown as Private. Finally if an officer was promoted but never mustered in at the higher rank, only the earlier rank is given.) Other service highlights such as instances of brevet promotions are also noted.
- Death – Date and location
- Burial – Cemetery and either city or county
- Miscellaneous – Membership in the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS, a veteran's organization for officers)

It is also important to note what this list is not. It is not a complete list of Iowa Civil War veterans who resided at one time or another in the area covered by the Department of South Dakota. While

the GAR was the largest Civil War veterans' organization, not all veterans belonged to it. Whether due to political reasons, absence of a conveniently located local Post or other reasons, some veterans chose not to join. This is also not a complete list of Iowa veterans who were members of the GAR in the Department of South Dakota over the entire period of the organization's existence. This list is based on Post rosters that are for the most part snapshots of the membership at a distinct point in time. Other veterans may have been members, but moved or relocated prior to the dates of the underlying rosters. Others may have migrated to South Dakota and joined the local GAR at other times. Finally the completeness of information provided for each Post varies greatly. In some cases complete Post rosters are provided. In others only a list of then current officers or charter members is given.

The Department of the Dakota Territory was initially organized on 27 Feb 1884. After South Dakota achieved statehood in 1889, a separate Department of North Dakota was created in 1890 and the original Department renamed the Department of South Dakota. The current article deals only with those Posts from the original Department that were located in South Dakota. It is interesting to note that while South Dakota was the final destination for many of these veterans on their post-war migration, quite a few kept migrating westward. In addition, a significant number ultimately decided to return home to Iowa or saw their remains relocated there.

***General Crocker Post No. 70 (Webster, South Dakota)***

**Eugene Huntington** – born 1844 in Connecticut; residence Stacyville, Iowa; Sergeant, Company H, 4<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cavalry; died 24 Oct 1913 at Webster, South Dakota; buried Webster Cemetery, Webster, South Dakota. [11,13,23]

***Philip H. Sheridan Post No. 72 (Faulkton, South Dakota)***

**Isaac Anderson** – born about 1840 in Ohio; residence Lafayette, Iowa; Private, Company A, 31<sup>st</sup> Iowa Infantry. [11]

**Harrison W. Bailey** – born 27 Nov 1836 in Pennsylvania; residence Cedar County, Iowa; Private, Company C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 24 Sep 1911; buried Greenwood Cemetery, Bemidji, Minnesota. [11, 13,23]

**Eugene S. Brown** – born 1838 in Massachusetts; residence Charles City, Iowa; 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant, Company G, 27<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 30 Jun 1921 at Marshalltown, Iowa; buried Riverside Cemetery, Rockford, Iowa. [11,13,23]

**Francis M. Brown** – born about 1837 in Indiana; residence Cedar County, Iowa; Private, Company I, 46<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry. [11]

**James Carn** – born about 1835 in Ohio; residence Eldora, Iowa; Corporal, Company C, 6<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 9 Jan 1904; buried Faulkton Cemetery, Faulkton, South Dakota. [11,23,32]

**Adam P. Cavit** – born about 1839 in Pennsylvania; residence Washington County, Iowa; Private, Company D, 13<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 22 Nov 1915 at Los Angeles, California; buried Los Angeles National Cemetery, Los Angeles, California. [11,23,31]

**Edward Corrin** – born about 1825 in England; residence Davenport, Iowa; Private, Company D, 15<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 27 Oct 1924 at Cedar Falls, Iowa; buried GAR Cemetery, Miller, South Dakota. [11,13,23] (See also Post # 12.)

**Lucius Dickens** – born about 1841 in Wisconsin; residence McGregor, Iowa; Sergeant, Company B, 27<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry. [11]

**August Charles Paul** – born about 1842 in Germany; residence Pleasant Prairie, Iowa; Private, Company H, 6<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cavalry; died 3 Jan 1916 at Miranda, South Dakota. [11,13]

**John A. Pickler** – born 1844 in Indiana; residence Monterey, Iowa; Captain Company D, 3<sup>rd</sup> Iowa Cavalry; Major, 138<sup>th</sup> United States Colored Infantry; died 13 Jun 1910; buried Faulkton Cemetery, Faulkton, South Dakota. [11-13,23]

**Myron C. Pope** – born about 1841 in New York; residence Scott County, Iowa; Corporal, Company I, 44<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; Private, Company C, 14<sup>th</sup> Battalion Iowa Infantry; died 1 Jan 1932 at Grand Island, Nebraska. [11,13]

**Franklin Spencer** – born about 1839 in Michigan; residence Tama, Iowa; Quartermaster Sergeant, 1<sup>st</sup> Independent Battery, Iowa Light Artillery; died 18 Sep 1908; buried Faulkton Cemetery, Faulkton, South Dakota. [11,13,23]

**John Swanagan** – born about 1834 in Pennsylvania; residence Black Hawk County, Iowa; Private, 3<sup>rd</sup> Independent Battery, Iowa Light Artillery; died 29 Jul 1913 at Faulkton, South Dakota. [11,13]

**Jasper Wakefield** – born 1835 in Vermont; residence Kingston, Iowa; Private, Company H, 12<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 9 Oct 1915 at Faulkton, South Dakota; buried Faulkton Cemetery, Faulkton, South Dakota. [11,13,23]

***Robert L. McCook Post No. 74 (Brookings, South Dakota)***

**Robert S. Alexander** – born about 1825 in Pennsylvania; residence Dubuque County, Iowa; Captain, Company C, 44<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 27 Nov 1916 at Brookings, South Dakota. [11,13]

**William W. DeLay** – born about 1843 in Ohio; residence Centerville, Iowa; Private, Company E, 7<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cavalry; died 2 Jun 1925 at Minneapolis, Minnesota; buried Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis, Minnesota. [11,13,23,36]

**Alonzo G. Gates** – born 20 May 1824 in New York; residence 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District, Iowa; Private, Company H, 13<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 13 Feb 1895; buried Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis, Minnesota. [11,23]

**Daniel W. Inman** – born about 1835 in New York; residence Butler Center, Iowa; Private, Company I, 9<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 20 Nov 1909 at Salem, Oregon; buried City View Cemetery, Salem, Oregon. [11,13,23,30] (See also Post # 23.)

***Denton Post No. 75 (Artesian, South Dakota)***

**Edwin O. Langford** – born about 1842 in Iowa; residence Sabula, Iowa; Private, Company A, 10<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 9 Nov 1921 at Los Angeles, California; buried Angelus Rosedale Cemetery, Los Angeles, California. [11,13,23,31]

***Colonel Hughes Post No. 76 (White Lake, South Dakota)***

**Lloyd D. Pocock** – born about 1844 in Ohio; residence Muscatine, Iowa; Private, Company C, 16<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; Captain, Company H, 135<sup>th</sup> United States Colored Infantry; died 22 Jun 1917 at National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; buried Wood National Cemetery, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. [11-13,23,30]

**George C. Sanger** – born about 1836 in England; residence Cedar County, Iowa; Private, Company G, 35<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry. [11]

***Atlanta Post No. 77 (Olivet, South Dakota)***

**Dennis Foley** – born about 1846 in Ireland; residence Delaware County, Iowa; Private, Company L, 6<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cavalry; died 24 Nov 1932 at Scotland, South Dakota; buried St. George Catholic Cemetery, Scotland, South Dakota. [11,13,23] (see also Post # 38.)

**Henry Kuhlmann** – born about 1837 in Germany; residence Guttenberg, Iowa; Private, Company D, 27<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 11 Jan 1908 at Menno, South Dakota; buried Menno Cemetery, Menno, South Dakota. [11,13,24]

**George G. Lindley** – born about 1843 in Illinois; residence Newton, Iowa; Quartermaster, 10<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 10 Dec 1919 at National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers at Sawtelle, California; buried Los Angeles National Cemetery, Los Angeles, California. [11,13,23]

***Grierson Post No. 78 (Tyndall, South Dakota)***

**John H. Dawson** – born 16 Aug 1828 in Virginia; residence Red Rock, Iowa; 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant, Company H, 40<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 10 Dec 1894; buried Springfield Cemetery, Springfield, South Dakota. [11,23]

***Edwin M. Stanton Post No. 81 (Lead, South Dakota)***

**Michael F. Abt** – born about 1837 in Germany; Musician, Band, 2<sup>nd</sup> Iowa Cavalry; died 13 Dec 1918 at Battle Mountain Sanatorium at Hot Springs, South Dakota. [11,13,33] (See also Post # 64.)

**Joseph G. Inman** – born about 1838 in Illinois; residence Cedar Falls, Iowa; 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, Company I, 9<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 29 Jun 1893; buried South Lead Cemetery, Lead, South Dakota. [11,23,28]

**Henry L. Leroy** – born about 1836 in Iowa; residence White Cloud, Iowa; Corporal, Company K, 29<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 19 Oct 1916 at Lead, South Dakota; buried West Lead Cemetery, Lead, South Dakota. [11,13,23]

**Francisco Stump** – born 28 Sep 1846 in Ohio; residence Lee County, Iowa; Private, Company C, 3<sup>rd</sup> Iowa Cavalry; died 29 Nov 1924 at Deadwood, South Dakota; buried Mount Moriah Cemetery, Deadwood, South Dakota. [11,13,23].

**George Williamson** – born about 1833 in England; residence St. Louis, Missouri; Corporal, Company C, 5<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cavalry; died 27 Feb 1897; buried State Veterans Home Cemetery, Hot Springs, South Dakota. [11,23,28]

***Harvey Post No. 82 (De Smet, South Dakota)***

**Elisha R. Bennett** – born 1835 in Ohio; residence Lansing, Iowa; Private, Company B, 27<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 13 Oct 1893; buried St. Thomas Catholic Cemetery, De Smet, South Dakota. [11,23,28]

***W. H. L. Wallace Post No. 85 (Alpena, South Dakota)***

**Moses D. Blank** – born 1825 in Pennsylvania; residence Andrew, Iowa; Saddler, Company M, 2<sup>nd</sup> Iowa Cavalry; died 13 Feb 1917 at Des Moines, Iowa; buried Prospect Hill Cemetery, Wessington Springs, South Dakota. [11,13,23]

**Richard Butler** – born about 1846 in New York; residence York, Iowa; Private, Company G, 6<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cavalry; died 27 Sep 1906; buried Rest Haven Cemetery, Alpena, South Dakota. [11,23,24]

**Seymour C. Weatherwax** – born about 1841 in New York; residence Clinton, Iowa; Private, Company I, 20<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 3 Dec 1903; buried Rest Haven Cemetery, Alpena, South Dakota. [11,23,28] (See also Post # 4.)

***Iroquois Post No. 89 (Iroquois, South Dakota)***

**Joseph W. Barton** – born 1843 in New York; residence Vinton, Iowa; Private, Company D, 28<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 8 Feb 1908 in Kingsbury County, South Dakota; buried Esmond Cemetery, Esmond, South Dakota. [11,23,24]

**Samuel A. Giltner** – born 5 Mar 1843 in Indiana; residence Libertyville, Iowa; Sergeant, Company F, 3<sup>rd</sup> Iowa Cavalry; died 18 Nov 1914 at Iroquois, South Dakota; buried Maplewood Cemetery, Iroquois, South Dakota. [11,13,23] (See also Post # 160.)

**Harvey J. Green** – born May 1846 in Wisconsin; residence Clayton County, Iowa; Private, Company E, 27<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; Private, Company E, 12<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 25 Jun 1931 at Flandreau, South Dakota; buried Union Cemetery, Flandreau, South Dakota. (Note: His grave marker states he died in Jun 1930. However, South Dakota death records and pension records agree he died in Jun 1931.) [11,13,23,24]

**George W. Hall** – born about 1842 in Illinois; residence Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Corporal, Company K, 9<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 23 Dec 1907; buried Maplewood Cemetery, Iroquois, South Dakota. [11,23,24]

**Anton Meyer** – born 15 Jul 1835 in Germany; residence Lyons, Iowa; Private, Company K, 26<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 9 Oct 1910; buried Maplewood Cemetery, Iroquois, South Dakota. [11,23]

**August H. Moench** – born about 1844 in Prussia; residence Guttenberg, Iowa; Private, Company D, 27<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 1 May 1917 at Manchester, South Dakota; buried Maplewood Cemetery, Iroquois, South Dakota. [11-13,23] (See also Post # 160.)

**Chauncey B. Stratton** – born 25 Apr 1843 in Ohio; residence Eldora, Iowa; Private, Company H, 9<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cavalry; died 9 Oct 1919 at St. Petersburg, Florida; buried Royal Palm South Cemetery, St. Petersburg, Florida. [11,13,23]

***General McDowell Post No. 91 (Fort Randall, South Dakota)***

**John M. Cook** – born about 1843 in Germany; residence Blakesburg, Iowa; Private, Company K, 3<sup>rd</sup> Iowa Cavalry (under alias John Cuch); post war, Private, Company F, 13<sup>th</sup> United States Infantry; Private, Company F, 22<sup>nd</sup> United States Infantry (under alias John M. Coch); died 25 Jul 1917 at Wagner, South Dakota. [11,13,21]

***Colonel Grambee Post No. 93 (Bijou Hills, South Dakota)***

**Josiah G. Coats** – born about 1839 in Virginia; residence Knoxville, Iowa; Private, Company E, 8<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 15 Apr 1914 at Academy, South Dakota; buried Platte City Cemetery, Platte, South Dakota. [11,13,23]

***General Steele Post No. 94 (Custer, South Dakota)***

**William J. Cannon** – born about 1830 in Ireland; residence Cottonwood Springs, Nebraska; Private, Company C, 1<sup>st</sup> Colorado Infantry (under alias James Cannon); Private, Company F, 7<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cavalry (under alias James Cannon). (Note: His pension records state he also served in the Mexican War.) [11,12]

**John C. Carr** – born about 1839 in Ohio; residence Monroe, Iowa; Sergeant, Company H, 3<sup>rd</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 4 Aug 1924 at Hot Springs, South Dakota; buried Custer Cemetery, Custer, South Dakota. [11,13,23]

**James R. Crusen (Cruson)** – born about 1839 in Michigan; residence Calamus, Iowa; Private, Company F, 26<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 29 Jun 1910; buried Custer Cemetery, Custer, South Dakota. [11,13,24]

**Joseph Damon** – born about 1831 in Canada; residence Allamakee County, Iowa; Private, Company A, 27<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; Private, Company K, 16<sup>th</sup> United States Veteran Reserve Corps; died 1905 at Marshalltown, Iowa. [11-13] (See also Post # 127.)

**Cornelius S. Johnston** – born about 1839 in Indiana; residence Steady Run, Iowa; Private, Company I, 1<sup>st</sup> Iowa Cavalry; died 18 Mar 1913 at Hot Springs, South Dakota; buried State Veterans Home Cemetery, Hot Springs, South Dakota. [11,13,23]

**Josiah McKirahan** – born about 1832 in Ohio; residence St. Joseph, Missouri; Private, Company A, 5<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cavalry; died 12 Nov 1911 in Fall River County, South Dakota; buried Custer Cemetery, Custer, South Dakota. [11,23,24] (See also Post # 127.)

**Willis H. Merrifield** – born about 1835 in Pennsylvania; residence Clarksville, Iowa; Private, Company I, 3<sup>rd</sup> Iowa Infantry. [11]

**Albert C. Putnam** – born 16 Dec 1842; in New York; residence Anamosa, Iowa; Private, Company E, 31<sup>st</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 29 Oct 1915 at Edgemont, South Dakota; buried Edgemont Cemetery, Edgemont, South Dakota. [11,13,23]

**Henry J. Stone** – born about 1843 in Michigan; residence Swede Point, Iowa; Private, Company D, 10<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 28 Oct 1933; buried Custer Cemetery, Custer, South Dakota. [11,23,24,32]

**J. Newton Strode** – born 31 May 1845 in Ohio; residence Davenport, Iowa; Private, Company B, 15<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 3 Oct 1920 at Blair, Nebraska; buried Blair Cemetery, Blair, Nebraska. [11,13,23]

**Isaac Withrow** – born about 1841 in Kentucky; residence Glenwood, Iowa; Private, Company A, 4<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 8 Feb 1916 at Hot Springs, South Dakota; buried State Veterans Home Cemetery, Hot Springs, South Dakota. [11,13,23]

***U. S. Grant Post No. 95 (Onida, South Dakota)***

**William Bush** – born about 1841 in Hanover; residence Keokuk, Iowa; Private, Company D, 1<sup>st</sup> Iowa Infantry (3 months); Corporal, Company I, 15<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 29 May 1915 at Pierre, South Dakota; buried Riverside Cemetery, Pierre, South Dakota. [11,13,23]

**Madison Haverly** – born about 1842 in New York; residence Koszta, Iowa; Private, Company B, 28<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 20 May 1903; buried Onida Cemetery, Onida, South Dakota. [11,23,28]

**George H. Sergeant** – born 30 Jan 1838 in Ohio; residence Muscatine, Iowa; Wagoner, Company F, 35<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; Wagoner, Company H, 23<sup>rd</sup> Veteran Reserve Corps; died 26 Jan 1917 at Muscatine, Iowa; buried Greenwood Cemetery, Muscatine, Iowa. [11-13,23,29]

***Thomas J. Leavitt Post No. 103 (Groton, South Dakota)***

**James A. Clark** – born 1848 in Illinois; residence Wapello County, Iowa; Musician, Company K, 47<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; Private, Company B, 151<sup>st</sup> Illinois Infantry; died 24 Jul 1916 at Scranton, Iowa; buried Scranton Township Cemetery, Scranton, Iowa. [12,13,16,23]

**George W. Dickens** – born 1836 in Ohio; residence Mitchell, Iowa; Private, Company A, 21<sup>st</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 27 May 1927 at Groton, South Dakota; buried Groton Cemetery, Groton, South Dakota. [11,13,23,32]



**Julius C. Luce** – born about 1843 in Illinois; residence Eden, Iowa; Corporal, Company C, 6<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cavalry; died 4 Jan 1923 at Groton, South Dakota; buried Groton Cemetery, Groton, South Dakota. [11,13,23]

***Abraham Lincoln Post No. 106 (Mount Vernon, South Dakota)***

**Ammi Haradar** – born 7 Jun 1842 in New York; residence Quincy, Iowa; Sergeant, Company H, 4<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 25 Jun 1929 at Cassoday, Kansas; buried Cassoday Cemetery, Cassoday, Kansas. [11,13,23]

***Fort Donelson Post No. 108 (Eden / Hudson), South Dakota)***

**Orson Rice, Jr.** – born 1845 in Illinois; residence Dickinson County, Iowa; Private, Company K, 7<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cavalry; died 21 Aug 1912 at Hudson, South Dakota; buried Eden Cemetery, Hudson, South Dakota. [11,13,23]

***General S. R. Curtis Post No. 110 (Bridgewater, South Dakota)***

**Goray (Georg) Dorale** – born 11 Dec 1844 in Germany; residence Jackson County, Iowa; Corporal, Company A, 6<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cavalry; died 29 Apr 1918 at Bridgewater, South Dakota; Bridgewater Cemetery, Bridgewater, South Dakota. [11,13,23]

**Edmund Silence** – born 17 Dec 1827 in Indiana; residence Geneva, Iowa; Corporal, Company H, 32<sup>nd</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 15 Dec 1915 at Washington, DC; buried Four Mile Grove Cemetery, Geneva, Iowa. [11,13,23] (See also Post # 123.)

***General Rowley Post No. 112 (Frederick, South Dakota)***

**Benton F. Colburn** – born about 1825 in New York; residence Quasqueton, Iowa; Private, Company H, 27<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; Private, Company I, 23<sup>rd</sup> Veteran Reserve Corps; died 4 Dec 1893; buried Lakeview Cemetery, Columbia, South Dakota. [11,12,23,28]

***John B. Wyman Post No. 115 (Wessington, South Dakota)***

**John D. Bates** – born about 1841 in Pennsylvania; residence Morning Sun, Iowa; Sergeant, Company K, 8<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry. [11]

**Alvin M. Brooks** – born about 1843 in Iowa; residence Bedford, Iowa; Private, Company K, 4<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 18 Aug 1913 at Afton, Oklahoma. [11,13]

**David H. Brown** – born about 1833 in New York; Private, Company D, 1<sup>st</sup> Iowa Cavalry; died 21 Jun 1900; buried Wessington Cemetery, Wessington, South Dakota. [11,23]

**Joshua Brown** – born about 1839 in Ohio; residence Morning Sun, Iowa; Private, Company K, 2<sup>nd</sup> Iowa Cavalry; died 20 Apr 1892; buried Sand Creek Cemetery, Beadle County, South Dakota. [11,23,28]

**George W. Cummings** – born about 1825 in Kentucky; residence Carlisle, Iowa; Private, Company B, 10<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 1895; buried Wessington Cemetery, Wessington, South Dakota. [11,23,25]

**John C. McVay** – born 18 Oct 1834 in Ohio; residence Garden Grove, Iowa; Corporal, Company A, 34<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 26 Mar 1921 at St. Lawrence, South Dakota; buried Woodland Cemetery, Des Moines, Iowa. [11,13,23] (See also Post # 12.)

***Thomas S. Free Post No. 123 (Canistota, South Dakota)***

**Jacob Frintz** – born about 1842 in Germany; residence Iowa City, Iowa; Private, Company H, 2<sup>nd</sup> Iowa Cavalry. [11]

**Andrew N. Hanks** – born 4 Feb 1840 in Ohio; residence Gravity, Iowa; Private, Company F, 29<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 25 Aug 1917 at White Lake, South Dakota; buried White Lake Cemetery, White Lake, South Dakota. [11,13,23,32]

**Edmund Silence** – born 17 Dec 1827 in Indiana; residence Geneva, Iowa; Corporal, Company H, 32<sup>nd</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 15 Dec 1915 at Washington, DC; buried Four Mile Grove Cemetery, Geneva, Iowa. [11,13,23] (See also Post # 110.)

***William L. Utley Post No. 126 (Parkston, South Dakota)***

**Arthur H. Benson** – born about 1838 in Ohio; residence Crawfordsville, Iowa; Private, Company I, 25<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 16 Jan 1921 at Los Angeles, California. [11,13]

**John G. Davis** – born 1833 in Pennsylvania; residence Danville, Iowa; Corporal, Company G, 25<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 8 Mar 1914 at Parkston, South Dakota; buried Dakota City Cemetery, Parkston, South Dakota. [11,13,23]

**Perry A. Duncan** – born about 1842 in Ohio; residence Wilton, Iowa; Private, Company D, 11<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 13 May 1934; buried Oakdale Cemetery, Wilton, Iowa. [11,23,32]

**William C. Reeves** – born 16 Jan 1849 in Iowa; residence Wilton, Iowa; Private, Company D, 11<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 17 Jun 1913 at Fall River, South Dakota; buried Moffit Grove Cemetery, Yale, Iowa. [11,13,23] (See also Post # 6.)

**Addison B. Taylor** – born about 1844 in Ohio; residence Washington, Iowa; Private, Company F, 11<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 8 Oct 1917 at Parkston, South Dakota; buried Dakota City Cemetery, Parkston, South Dakota. [11,13,25]

**Frederick Unger** – born 1844 in Germany; residence Dubuque, Iowa; Private, Company F, 5<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cavalry; died 16 Dec 1918 at Mt. Angel, Oregon; buried Calvary Cemetery, Mount Angel, Oregon. [11,13,23,37]

**John D. Welch** – born about 1845 in Iowa; residence Washington County, Iowa; Bugler, Company D, 9<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cavalry; died 10 Feb 1922 at Parkston, South Dakota; buried Dakota City Cemetery, Parkston, South Dakota. [11,13,23]

**Orville M. Whaling** – born 31 Aug 1828 in Connecticut; residence Peoria, Iowa; Private, Company C, 15<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 17 Oct 1902; buried Milltown Cemetery, Milltown, South Dakota. [11,23]

***Silas A. Strickland Post No. 127 (Hot Springs, South Dakota)***

**Albert R. Anderson** – born about 1838 in Ohio; residence Clarinda, Iowa; Lieutenant Colonel, 4<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry. [11]

**William H. Anderson** – born about 1846 in Indiana; residence Mahaska County, Iowa; Private, Company K, 33<sup>rd</sup> Iowa Infantry; Private, Company I, 34<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 15 Oct 1910 at National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers at Leavenworth, Kansas; buried Leavenworth National Cemetery, Leavenworth, Kansas. [11,13,23,33]

**William Boyce** – born 1838 in New York; residence Monona, Iowa; Private, Company F, 7<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cavalry; died 15 Dec 1916 at Sentinel Butte, North Dakota; buried Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. [11,13,23]

**James M. Brady** – born about 1847 in Ohio; residence Scott County, Iowa; Private, Company G, 2<sup>nd</sup> Iowa Cavalry; died 7 Jan 1917 Battle Mountain Sanatorium at Hot Springs, South Dakota; buried Hot Springs National Cemetery, Hot Springs, South Dakota. [11,13,23,33]

**Allen W. Carey** – born 1831 in New York; residence Jasper County, Iowa; Private, Company B, 13<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 22 May 1907 in Fall River County, South Dakota; buried Highland Park Cemetery, Hermosa, South Dakota. [11,23,24] (See also Post # 148.)

**Solomon Clemens** – born about 1834 in Pennsylvania; residence Newton, Iowa; Private, Company E, 40<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 7 Oct 1924 at Cleveland, Ohio; buried Evergreen Cemetery, Painesville, Ohio. [11,13m2#]

**William Conway** – born about 1841 in Canada; residence Albia, Iowa; Private, Company D, 22<sup>nd</sup> Iowa Infantry; Private, Company A, 24<sup>th</sup> Veteran Reserve Corps. [11,12]

**Joseph Damon** – born about 1831 in Canada; residence Allamakee County, Iowa; Private, Company A, 27<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; Private, Company K, 16<sup>th</sup> United States Veteran Reserve Corps; died 4 Sep 1901 at Marshalltown, Iowa; buried Iowa Veterans Home Cemetery, Marshalltown, Iowa. [11-13,23,28] (See also Post # 94.)

**Jasper B. Dow** – born about 1844 in Ohio; residence Davenport, Iowa; Private, Company C, 20<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 12 May 1930 at Battle Mountain Sanitarium Hot Springs, South Dakota; buried Hot Springs National Cemetery, Hot Springs, South Dakota. [11,13,23,33]

**John W. Gard** – born about 1842 in Ohio; residence Moscow, Iowa; Corporal, Company I, 11<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 21 Sep 1930 at Brentwood Heights, California; buried Los Angeles National Cemetery, Los Angeles, California. [11,13,23] (See also Post # 19.)

**James M. Gardner** – born 6 Sep 1834 in Ohio; residence Marengo, Iowa; Sergeant, Company E, 24<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 2 Mar 1916 at Harding, South Dakota; buried Short Pines Cemetery, Harding, South Dakota. [11,13,23]

**Ole Gilbertson** – born 1841 in Norway; residence Decorah, Iowa; Private, Company G, 12<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 7 Oct 1919 at Ambrose, North Dakota; buried Ambrose Cemetery, Ambrose, North Dakota. [11,13,23]

**Francis M. Grant** – born about 1844 in Ohio; residence Elgin, Iowa; Private, Company F, 3<sup>rd</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 9 Nov 1911; buried Lorinda Cemetery, Henry, South Dakota. [11,23,30]

**Andrew J. Hall** – born about 1829 at Kalamazoo, Michigan; residence Sheffield, Bureau County, Illinois; Private, Company H, 12<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry (3 months); Private, Company H, 12<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry; Private, Company A, 8<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 8 Nov 1900; buried State Veterans Home Cemetery, Hot Springs, South Dakota. [11,16,23,28]

**David B. Heizer** – born about 1843 in Iowa; residence Des Moines County, Iowa; Private, Company K, 14<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 2 Jul 1925 at Hot Springs, South Dakota; buried Walnut Grove Cemetery, Corning, Iowa. [11,13,23]

**William V. Lucas** – born 1835 in Ohio; residence Waverly, Iowa; Captain, Company B, 14<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 11 Nov 1921 at Santa Cruz, California; buried Oakwood Memorial Park, Santa Cruz, California. [11,13,23,31] (See also Post # 34.)

**James W. Martin** – born about 1825 in Vermont; residence Maquoketa, Iowa; Major, 24<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; member Iowa Commandery MOLLUS; died 1897; buried Evergreen Cemetery, Hot Springs, South Dakota. [11,23,25,40]

**Andrew J. Matthews** – born about 1833 in Ohio; residence Shellsburg, Iowa; Private, Company C, 47<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 2 Jul 1904; buried State Veterans Home Cemetery, Hot Springs, South Dakota. [11,23,25] (See also Post # 148.)

**Josiah McKirahan** – born about 1832 in Ohio; residence St. Joseph, Missouri; Private, Company A, 5<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cavalry; died 12 Nov 1911 in Fall River County, South Dakota; buried Custer Cemetery, Custer, South Dakota. [11,23,24] (See also Post # 94.)

**John N. Morgan** – born about 1846 in Pennsylvania; residence 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, Iowa; Private, Company H, 4<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 2 Nov 1925 at Hot Springs, South Dakota. [11,13]

**Patrick O'Connell** – born about 1841 in Ireland; residence Dubuque, Iowa; Private, Company M, 6<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cavalry. [11]

**Allen B. O'Connor (Connor)** – born 14 Aug 1842 in Illinois; residence Allamakee County, Iowa; Corporal, Company I, 27<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 16 Feb 1921 at Battle Mountain Sanatorium, Hot Springs, South Dakota; buried Evergreen Cemetery, Hot Springs, South Dakota. [11,13,23]

**Richard Richards** – born about 1841 in Wales; residence Hickory Grove, Iowa; Private, Company E, 20<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; Private, 163<sup>rd</sup> Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Veteran Reserve Corps; died 12 Sep 1924 at Hot Springs, South Dakota; buried State Veterans Home Cemetery, Hot Springs, South Dakota. [11-13,23] (See also Post # 64.)

**Frederick W. Suckow** – born about 1845 in Norway; residence Decorah, Iowa; Private, Company E, 38<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; Private, Company K, 34<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 22 Nov 1910 at National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers at Milwaukee, Wisconsin; buried Wood National Cemetery, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. [11,23,33]

**John Sutherland** – born about 1833 in Pennsylvania; residence Council Bluffs, Iowa; Private, Company C, 4<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cavalry; died 18 Jan 1905; buried Evergreen Cemetery, Hot Springs, South Dakota. [11,23,25] (See also Post # 10.)

**Samuel W. Williams** – born about 1841 in Indiana; residence Marshall County, Iowa; Private, Company D, 5<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 1901; buried Evergreen Cemetery, Hot Springs, South Dakota. [11,23,25]

**Richard Wright** – born about 1835 in New York; residence McGregor, Iowa; Private, Company B, 21<sup>st</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 10 Apr 1909 in Fall River County, South Dakota; buried State Veterans Home Cemetery, Hot Springs, South Dakota. [11,23,24]

***R. B. Hayes Post No. 128 (Buffalo Gap, South Dakota)***

**Perry C. Dewey** – born about 1830 in New York; residence Strawberry Point, Iowa; Sergeant, Company B, 21<sup>st</sup> Iowa Infantry; buried Butte Cemetery, Butte, Nebraska. [11,23]

***Calvin Duke Post No. 143 (Sturgis, South Dakota)***

**Fred Borsch** – born 6 Mar 1837 in Prussia; residence Sioux City, Iowa; Bugler, Sioux City Independent Company, Iowa Cavalry; Bugler, Company I, 7<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cavalry; died 26 May 1906; buried Bear Butte Cemetery, Sturgis, South Dakota. [11,23]

**William H. Chase** – born 9 Jun 1828 in New Hampshire; residence Davenport, Iowa; Private, Company E, 2<sup>nd</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 27 Jul 1910; buried Bear Butte Cemetery, Sturgis, South Dakota. [11,23]

**Thomas G. Cook** – born about 1840 in Iowa; residence Cottage Hill, Iowa; Private, Company K, 9<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 10 Sep 1920 in British Columbia; buried Bear Butte Cemetery, Sturgis, South Dakota. [11,13,23]

**William Gantz** – born about 1838 in Ohio; residence Fairfield, Iowa; Corporal, Company F, 3<sup>rd</sup> Iowa Cavalry. [11]

**John Gardner (Gardener)** – born about 1846 in Illinois; residence Benton County, Iowa; Private, Company D, 8<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 17 Dec 1922 at Hot Springs, South Dakota; buried State Veterans Home Cemetery, Hot Springs, South Dakota. [11,13,23]

**Lafayette Matteson** – born about 1846 in New York; residence Dubuque, Iowa; Private, Company D, 5<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cavalry; died 7 May 1904; buried Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Tilford, South Dakota. [11,23]

**John E. Robbins** – born about 1836 in New York; residence Valley Farm, Iowa; Private, Company F, 20<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry. [11]

**William Winn** – born about 1840 in New York; residence Dubuque, Iowa; Private, Company G, 16<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; Private, Battery C, 1<sup>st</sup> Missouri Light Artillery; died 24 Jan 1921 at Buffalo, Wyoming; buried Willow Grove Cemetery, Buffalo, Wyoming. (Note: His pension records suggest he served in the 13<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> United States Infantry post-war. This was not confirmed.) [11-13,23]

**Jacob C. Young** – born 1834 in Ohio; residence Buchanan County, Iowa; Private, Company B, 4<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cavalry; died buried Bear Butte Cemetery, Sturgis, South Dakota. [11]

***William Stanley Post No. 148 (Hermosa, South Dakota)***

**Allen W. Carey** – born 1831 in New York; residence Jasper County, Iowa; Private, Company B, 13<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 22 May 1907 in Fall River County, South Dakota; buried Highland Park Cemetery, Hermosa, South Dakota. [11,23,24] (See also Post # 127.)

**James E. Hoisington** – born about 1838 in Ohio; residence Keokuk County, Iowa; Private, Company F, 7<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 14 Dec 1913 at National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers at Sawtelle, California; buried Los Angeles National Cemetery, Los Angeles, California. [11,13,23]

**William V. Hoisington** – born about 1842 in Ohio; resident Butler, Iowa; Private, Company F, 33<sup>rd</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 22 Jul 1925 at Anaheim, California. [11,13]

**Richard P. Imes** – born about 1841 in Ohio; residence Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Private, Company B, 25<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; buried Fort Boise Military Cemetery, Boise, Idaho. [11,23]

**Andrew J. Matthews** – born about 1833 in Ohio; residence Shellsburg, Iowa; Private, Company C, 47<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 2 Jul 1904; buried State Veterans Home Cemetery, Hot Springs, South Dakota. [11,23,25] (See also Post # 127.)

**Lewis F. Mills** – born 1845 in Ohio; residence Muscatine, Iowa; Bugler, Company G, 2<sup>nd</sup> Iowa Cavalry; died 16 Mar 1916 at Hermosa, South Dakota; buried Highland Park Cemetery, Hermosa, South Dakota. [11,13,23,25]

**Robert Ralston** – born 1842 in Ohio; residence Winterset, Iowa; Private, Company I, 4<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cavalry; died 20 Jul 1923 at Foster, Oregon; buried Gilliland Cemetery, Sweet Home, Oregon. [11,13,23]

**Alvin S. Way** – born about 1846 in Iowa; residence Trenton, Iowa; Private, Company A, 45<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 19 Jan 1931 at Los Angeles, California; buried Los Angeles National Cemetery, Los Angeles, California. [11,13,23,31]

**Mahlon Williams** – born about 1841 in Indiana; residence Spring Creek, Iowa; Private, Company E, 5<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; Corporal, Company G, 5<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cavalry; died 19 Mar 1922 at Keystone, South Dakota; buried Hayward Cemetery, Pennington County, South Dakota. [11,13,23]

***John Mangen Post No. 150 (Bangor/Selby, South Dakota)***

**Andrew A. Johnson** – born 15 Jun 1846 in Norway; residence Winneshiek County, Iowa; Private, Company F, 9<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cavalry; died 25 May 1918 at Pretty Hill, Alberta, Canada; buried Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery, Kingman, Alberta, Canada. [11,13,23,30]

**Cornelius McKinley** – born 1842 in Illinois; residence Mitchell, Iowa; Private, Company A, 21<sup>st</sup> Iowa Infantry; Private, Company A, 24<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 28 Jun 1930 at Fresno, California; buried Kingsburg Cemetery, Kingsburg, California. [11,23,31] (See also Post # 13.)

**Thomas G. Orr** – born about 1846 in Ohio; residence Volney, Iowa; Musician, Company C, 5<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; Musician, Company G, 5<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cavalry; died 23 Nov 1920 at Brookings, South Dakota; buried Greenwood Cemetery, Brookings, South Dakota. [11,13,23]

**Thomas M. Parrott** – born about 1844 in Iowa; residence Dubuque County, Iowa; Private, Company C, 44<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry. [11]

**Benjamin B. Potter** – born about 1846 in Pennsylvania; residence Fredericksburg, Iowa; Private, Company F, 9<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 6 Mar 1930 at Selby, South Dakota. [11,13]

***General John A. Logan Post No. 154 (Alcester, South Dakota)***

**Salem Bruner** – born 11 Jul 1845 in Ohio; residence Tama County, Iowa; Private, Company F, 28<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 11 Dec 1920 at Marshalltown, Iowa; buried Riverside Cemetery, Marshalltown, Iowa. [11,13,23]

**William A. Casteel** – born about 1836 in Iowa; residence Burlington, Iowa; Private, Company E, 25<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 17 Jul 1911; buried Green Hill Cemetery, Alexandria, South Dakota. [11,13,23]

**Charles L. Cummings** – born 1846 in New Hampshire; residence Dubuque, Iowa; Private, Company E, 5<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cavalry; Private, Company A, 11<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 28 Feb 1926 at Fulton, South Dakota; buried Green Hill Cemetery, Alexandria, South Dakota. [11,13,23]

**Robert Dott** – born about 1824 in Scotland; residence Anamosa, Iowa; Commissary Sergeant, 14<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 1905; buried Logan Park Cemetery, Sioux City, Iowa. [11,23]

**Charles H. Ellsworth** – born about 1845 in New York; residence Washington County, Iowa; Private, Company D, 9<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cavalry; died 17 May 1910; buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Spink, South Dakota. [11,13,23]

**Peter Griffin** – born about 1842 in Ireland; residence Lansing, Iowa; Private, Company B, 27<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 21 Feb 1924 at Haydraw, South Dakota; buried Underwood Cemetery, New Underwood, South Dakota. [11,13,25,32]

**James K. Hotchkins** – born about 1836 in New York; residence Black Hawk County, Iowa; Corporal, Company A, 1<sup>st</sup> Iowa Cavalry; died 13 Jul 1891; buried Green Hill Cemetery, Alexandria, South Dakota. [11,23,28]

**Walter Kennedy** – born about 1835 in Ireland; residence Muscatine, Iowa; Corporal, Company B, 35<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 1 Aug 1915 at Milan, Illinois; buried Preemption Cemetery, Preemption, Illinois. [11,13,23]

**William H. Murphy** – born about 1843 in Illinois; residence Clayton County, Iowa; Private, Company B, 4<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 28 Dec 1927 at Portland, Oregon. [11,13]

**Carl Schiltz** – born about 1838 in Germany; residence Rockdale, Iowa; Corporal, Company C, 21<sup>st</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 17 Feb 1921 at Emery, South Dakota; buried St. Martin's Catholic Cemetery, Emery, South Dakota. [11,13,23]

**John Swartz** – born about 1846 in Germany; residence Allamakee County, Iowa; Private, Company K, 13<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 9 Nov 1913; buried Green Hill Cemetery, Alexandria, South Dakota. [11,23,30]

***Custer Post No. 156 (Carthage, South Dakota)***

**Philander N. Drake** – born about 1824 in New York; residence McGregor, Iowa; Wagoner, Company G, 21<sup>st</sup> Iowa Infantry; Private, Company I, 20<sup>th</sup> Veteran Reserve Corps; died 6 Jan 1899; buried State Veterans Home Cemetery, Hot Springs, South Dakota. [11,12,23,25,28]

**John Leighty** – born 28 Feb 1838 in Pennsylvania; residence Elkport, Iowa; 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant, Company B, 3<sup>rd</sup> Iowa Infantry; 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant, Company F, 2<sup>nd</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 19 Feb 1912; buried Pleasant View Cemetery, Carthage, South Dakota. [11,13,23] (See also Post # 23.)

***A. J. Hamilton Post No. 160 (Belle Fourche, South Dakota)***

**Samuel A. Giltner** – born 5 Mar 1843 in Indiana; residence Libertyville, Iowa; Sergeant, Company F, 3<sup>rd</sup> Iowa Cavalry; died 18 Nov 1914 at Iroquois, South Dakota; buried Maplewood Cemetery, Iroquois, South Dakota. [11,13,23] (See also Post # 89.)

**August H. Moench** – born about 1844 in Prussia; residence Guttenberg, Iowa; Private, Company D, 27<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; died 1 May 1917 at Manchester, South Dakota; buried Maplewood Cemetery, Iroquois, South Dakota. [11-13,23] (See also Post # 89.)

***General John Gibbon Post No. 161 (Sisseton, South Dakota)***

**James B. Murray** – born about 1842 in Ireland; residence Tipton, Iowa; Private, Company A, 5<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry; Private, Company I, 5<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cavalry; died 27 Jan 1918 at Peever, South Dakota; buried Peever Cemetery, Peever, South Dakota. [11,13,23]

**Tollef Strand** – born about 1839 in Norway; residence Waterville, Iowa; Sergeant, Company F, 9<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cavalry (under alias Tollef Oleson, Sr.). [11]

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## Iowa Pioneer, Century & Statehood Certificates

The **IOWA CERTIFICATE** project is available for anyone whose ancestor was in Iowa during specific time periods. Sources of proof can be census, county history, Bible record, land record, etc. The completed application and copies of proof are filed at the library for the patrons' use.

### Application for Certificates

The Iowa Genealogical Society issues certificates to persons who are directly descended from Iowa Pioneers. Applications must prove direct descent and prove that the ancestor settled in Iowa

- By 1846, to receive a **Statehood Certificate**;
- By 1856, to receive a **Pioneer Certificate**;
- More than 100 years prior to the date of application, for a **Century Certificate**.

Applicants may apply for certificates to be issued to themselves or to other persons. The person to whom the certificate is issued need not currently live in Iowa.

The purpose of the Certificate Program is to recognize families with Iowa roots, encourage people to undertake genealogical research, and to provide genealogical resources for researchers in our library.

The information and application are available at the library or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to IGS. You may also find the information and application on our website <http://www.iowagenealogy.org/library/research/>. The cost is \$10.00 per certificate for members of IGS and \$10.00 for non-members. The certificate is suitable for framing.

Following are the certificates issued August 2010 through December 2010.

### Century Certificates

Direct ancestor has been in Iowa for the last 100 or more years.

### Pioneer Certificates

Direct ancestor was in Iowa in 1856 or before.

Beeson, William S.; born abt 1821 in North Carolina; died 17 Aug 1878 in Polk Co., IA. Spouse was Sarah Ann Hoover.

Hankammer, Carl; born 14 Jul 1827 in Nassau, Germany; died 08 Mar 1913 in Jackson Co., IA. Spouse was Louisa K. Leibrock.

Liter, John William; born 29 Aug 1804 in Bourbon Co., KY; died 17 Feb 1875 in Marion Co., IA. Spouse was Catherine Padgett.

Miller, James Henry; born 02 May 1833 in Morgan Co., IL; died 03 Nov 1910 in Madison Co., IA. Spouse was Martha Jane Liter.

Porter, Joseph L.; born 10 Aug 1818 in Kent Co., DE; died 24 Aug 1882 in Marion Co., IA. Spouse was Mary Ann Chezem.

Rhoads, William Dulphey; born 20 Dec 1805 in PA; died 15 Aug 1870 in Van Buren Co., IA. Spouse was Abigail Parrish.

### **Statehood Certificates**

Direct ancestor was in Iowa by 1846.

Watts, Ellen Jewett; born 20 May 1843 in Van Buren Territory, IA; died 04 Jan 1908 in Henry Co., IA. Spouse was Robert Ramsey Watts.

Church, Jeremiah; born 22 Sep 1796 in Chenango Co., NY; died 01 Nov 1874 in Warren Co., IA.

Winchell, Alvin; born 29 Jul 1798 in Hampden Co., MA; died 19 Sept 1845 in Dubuque Co., IA. Spouse was Elizabeth Miller.

Baldwin, Mahlon Phillip; born 18 Jun 1835 in Muskingum Co., OH; died 03 Jun 1909 in Wayne Co., IA. Spouse was Sarah A. Culbertson.

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