

Family Histories

Chapter 23

THE ACKERMANS

Kenneth and Marion Ackerman came to the Clemons Community to live in the fall of 1945. They were hired by the Clemons School District to be the superintendent and Home Economics teacher, respectively. They were admired and respected educators in the community. In 1960, they moved to another school system. Their 2 daughters, Kay and Jean graduated from Clemons.

Presently, Kenneth and Marion are living near Rowley, Iowa on 2½ acres on Highway 150. Rowley is 8 miles south of Independence, Iowa. Kenneth has retired from teaching with 40 years of experience. He is a bookkeeper for a trucking firm in Independence and has a hobby of raising fruit trees. He has 21 varieties of apple trees, pear, peach and blueberries.

Marion, after working as a teachers associate in Rowley, keeps busy with various organizations, gardening, and crafts, including China painting.

Kay, after graduation from I.S.U. spent a year in Boston in dietitian intership. She is an administrative dietitian in The Hermann Hospital, Houston, Texas. She has traveled quite extensively in Europe and Japan.

Jean, after graduation from I.S.U. taught Jr. High Math in Rochester, Minnesota, Japan and Germany. She is married to a pilot in the Air Force and has lived at bases in Alabama, California and England. They are currently living in Tucson, Arizona. They are the parents of nine year old twin sons and a six year old daughter.

CYRUS SIMPSON ANDREWS

Cyrus Simpson Andrews was born December 30, 1844, at Espyville, Crawford County, Pa.. When 17 years old, on August 11, 1862, Cyrus enlisted in Company H, 145th Pennsylvania Volunteers, at Camp Chase, Erie, Pa.. He was mustered in at Harper's Ferry under General McClellan.

Cyrus's regiment was at Antietam at the close of the battle. One of his first duties was to bury the Confederate dead there.

His camp moved across the Blue Ridge Mountains to Warrentown, Virginia. There General McClellan was superseded by General Burnside and the Army moved

to Falmouth, Virginia. There General McClellan was Fredericksburg. They remained until December of 1862, when the historic battle of Fredericksburg ensued. He was one of only three from his platoon fit for duty following the battle.

His company was among five sent to the aid of the 64th New York Regiment at the battle of Chancellorsville, May 1, 1863. All were captured on May 3rd. Cyrus was a prisoner at Guinea Station, then taken to Libby Prison. He then went to a parole camp at Belle Island. In June, 1863, he left parole camp in Annapolis, Maryland.

Shortly afterward Cyrus went to Wisconsin. While there, he met and later married Martha Belinda VanDeventer on November 19, 1866.

On April 23, 1867, Martha and Cyrus moved to Liberty Township, Marshall County, Iowa. There he began farming 1,000 acres. They attended the Bevins Grove Church. Cyrus was very well read and informed for his day. Cyrus and Martha had four children:

1. Thomas Charles (Father of Cecile Andrews Hall)
2. Mary
3. Lovina
4. Willard

Cyrus and Martha are buried in the Bevins Grove Cemetery. He passed away March 1, 1926, she May 17, 1930.

Thomas Charles Andrews was born July 20, 1868, in Story County. When he was 23 he married Alice Louisa Atkinson. Thomas and Alice had four children: Herbert Jay, Cecile Lillian, Cyrus James Robinson, and Clair Leslie.

Herbert and Cecile were born in Grandpa Andrews home one mile west and one half mile south of the Bevins Church. At one time Tom Andrews was a partner in a lumber yard. Alice Andrews, and her oldest brother, Ed, taught in the St. Anthony School.

When Cecile Andrews was nine years old, 1908, Tom Andrews joined the Bartine Cousins, Ed, Charles, Cy and Blanche, in a pioneer effort to homestead in South Dakota. Another cousin, John Bartine, a lawyer, was already in South Dakota.

At this time Alice Andrews and her children lived on what is now the Louis and Helen Ford farm. Aunt Clara Atkinson Bartine and her boys stayed with them.

The men put up a rough one room house on each Bartine claim.

Cecile Andrews Hall recalls the trip her family made by train in April of 1908 to South Dakota. She spent her 10th birthday, April 27, 1908, in the one room shack of Uncle Ed's in that barren land, in a fairly heavy blizzard.

Alice Andrews health was so poor that Tom and Alice and their family had to leave their claim and return to Iowa. They lived in Marshalltown for a time. Then they moved back to the present Louis and Helen Ford farm, where they lived for about three years. Tom acquired the 112 acres where the buildings of the present Hall farm stand. There was a small frame house which was remodelled about the same time as the Bevins Church around 1914.

Herbert Andrews married Holis Cox. Their daughter, Betty Andrews Giarattano, lives in Marshalltown.

Cecile Andrews attended Liberty School. Later she attended Iowa State University. After taking a Normal Training Course at Cedar Falls, she taught in the Illinois Grove and Bangor schools.

Cecile Andrews and Clinton Hall, a native of the Bethany, Missouri area, were married in 1920. Their children are: Charles Willard, Francis Andrew, Rose Mary, Kenneth Wayne, Donald Claire (deceased) and Paul Dean.

Clinton and Cecile lived in Missouri until 1924, when they moved back to Iowa and farmed the Andrews land. They acquired the land, farmed it and raised their family there. Kenneth Hall lives there at this time. The Kenneth Hall children are: Diane, Debbie and Douglas.

Willard and Marilyn Hall have lived in the Clemons area and raised their three children, both on the home farm and on the farm they own ¼ mile north and one mile west of Clemons. Their children: Kathryn, Barbara and Tom attended school at Clemons and are graduates of the West Marshall Schools. Marilyn has taught second grade at Clemons and State Center for the past twenty years.

Clinton and Cecile Hall live in Marshalltown and spend the summers at their cottage at Cedar Lake.

Submitted by
Barbara Hall



CYRUS ANDREWS FAMILY

L-R
Front: Winnefred Linn-Easton, Martha VanDeventer-Andrews, Herbert Andrews, Cyrus Andrews, William Turner, Gilbert Turner, Cecile Andrews in the very front.
Back: Mary Andrews-Linn, Julian Linn, Alice Atkinson-Andrews, Thomas Andrews, Lavina Andrews-Turner, Thomas Turner.

ARMBRECHT FAMILY HISTORY

The Armbrechts that lived in the Clemons area are descendants of August and Marie Armbrecht who immigrated to America about one hundred years ago. The reason they chose this area can be traced to the fact that a half-brother of August Armbrecht (Henry L. Smith) came to America in the late 1850's and settled near State Center. Henry Smith fought in the Civil War as a paid soldier. His children were Louis, Henry F., Mary (wife of Pastor A. J. Boehm), Minnie (wife of Henry Hartwig), and William. Another brother of August Armbrecht (Louis) also came to State Center in the early 1870's. He is the father of Louis Jr. who was a commission man at the Chicago Stock Yards and of Fred (Dutch) Armbrecht who was a livestock buyer in the Clemons and State Center area. His children were Neil, Dwight, Mary and Winifred.

August and Marie arrived in State Center in 1883 and lived in a log cabin on what is now the Louis Smith farm near State Center. Two years later they moved to a farm south of Clemons, now occupied by Mr. and Mrs.

Theo Armbrecht. In 1903 August and family moved across the field to the farm now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood Armbrecht, and in 1917 they moved to State Center where they spent their remaining years. August Armbrecht served as president of the Clemons Bank for a number of years.

The children of August and Marie were Henry (born in Germany), Louis, William, Frieda, Irene, Estella, Hilda, and Herbert. Estella Bell of Colo and Hilda Brackney of St. Louis, Mo. survive today.

Henry lived on a farm south and east of Clemons. His wife Lena survives. Their children were Elwood, Emma, Oliver, Theobald and August.

Louis lived in Clemons at one time and worked in the creamery. His children were Dorothy, Hope and Archie.

William lived south of Clemons till he retired to Clemons in 1957. He served as Mayor for a number of years. His wife Elsie survives. Their children were Hugo, Joe, Richard, Louis, Kenneth, Sherwood and Pauline.



WILLIAM AND ELSIE ARMBRECHT FAMILY
1971

L-R

Front: Kenneth, Collen, Elise, Bill, Edith, Sherwood, Hugo, Muriel, Richard, Marge, Irene, Joe, Marlene, Louis

Frieda did not marry, but took care of her folks in their declining years.

Estella (Mrs. Fred Bell) lived in the Clemons and State Center area before retiring to Colo. Their children were Lorna, Naomi, Ray, Charles, Mary and Ruth.

Irene (Mrs. Martin Riese) lived in the Colo and State Center area. Their children were Lucille, Inez, Howard, Rodney, Carol and Martin.

Hilda (Mrs. Ernest Brackney) lived in Clemons where she and her husband ran a hardware store for a number of years. Their children were James and Shirley.

Herbert worked in the Clemons bank. Following the bank closing, he and his wife and family moved to Cherokee. His Edna survives. Their children were Stanley, Barbara and Robert.

At the last Armbrecht reunion in 1980, the living descendants of August and Marie Armbrecht numbered 166.

THE BARTHOLOMEWS

Glen (Lloyd) and Florence (Myreta Johnson) Bartholomew came as residents from rural Conrad in 1926. Until their deaths in 1977 and 1975, respectively, they served actively on many Clemons church, school and community boards and organizations. In business, they provided Standard Oil products and services until retirement in 1962. In 1935 Bartholomews bought the Tom Ingeldue house that had been built a few years earlier on South Main Street, and they lived there the rest of their lives. In 1977 the property was sold to the Stanley and Kathleen Jones.

The two Bartholomew children had their basic schooling in Clemons, Son Lloyd E., born in 1924, attended Marshalltown Junior College, was an air force pilot during World War II, was graduated from the University of Iowa, and has been an accountant throughout his career. He and his wife Rita (Brandner) live in Painesville, Ohio and have five children (Jim, Mike, Sue, Alan, and Nancy) and three grandchildren (Erin, Dan, and Bryan) who live with their parents Jim and Becky in Painesville. Daughter Barbara A., born in 1934, was graduated from the American Institute of Business and works as a school secretary in Cedar Rapids where she lives with her husband (Max Proctor) and two children (Tim and Beth).



A. A. BARTINE FAMILY

L-R
Front: John G., Lavina, Amos, Will
Back: Cyrus, Blanche, Charles, Grace, Edwin

AMOS BARTINE

In 1855, Amos A. Bartine walked from Davenport, Iowa to northwest Marshall County and northeast Story County area. He was born in Maude, Bucks County, Pennsylvania on January 20, 1834, the son of Stephen Bartine, who was a blacksmith.

Amos was a skilled carpenter and worked around Albion and Zearing building houses and farm buildings prior to the Civil War. He enlisted in Company B of the Second Iowa Cavalry on July 30, 1861, and served until September, 1865, when he was mustered out at Selma, Alabama.

On December 25, 1865, he and Lavina Van Deventer were married at Fayette, Wisconsin. She had been born there on November 26, 1847, the daughter of Lewis and Katherine (Clark) Van Deventer. They returned to Marshall County by train arriving at State Center which at that time was the closest town. They settled on a farm on the Story-Marshall County line in section 18, Liberty Township. Amos farmed and carpentered in the area many years and many of the homes he built are still being lived in today.

At the time of their arrival, State Center was the nearest town, but the settlement of Illinois Grove had a store, post office, blacksmith shop, church and school.

Amos and Lavina Bartine were the parents of the following children:

- William Wesley Bartine - who was a doctor and migrated to the state of Washington
- Charles Willitt Bartine - a lawyer in South Dakota and Davenport, Iowa
- John Grant Bartine - a lawyer and judge in Oacoma, South Dakota
- Amos Edwin Bartine - a teacher and grocer in Zearing, St. Anthony and Ames, Iowa
- Blanche Olson - a school teacher
- Cyrus R. Bartine - a farmer in the Clemons area for many years
- Grace D. Baker - a housewife in Steamboat Rock, Iowa

Amos and Lavina lived on the farm they established most of their lives. Amos died August 24, 1917 in Rhodes, Iowa and Lavina died January 16, 1936 in Chicago at the home of her daughter Mrs. Blanche Olson. They are buried in Bivens Grove Cemetery.

By Edwin Bartine, II

C. R. BARTINE FAMILY

The Bartine family has resided in Northwest Marshall County. C. R. Bartine was born May 22, 1880 on the Marshall-Story County line in Section 18, Liberty Township, the son of Amos A. and Lavina Van de Venter

Bartine. Roxy Bartine was born in Liberty Township on November 2, 1883, the daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Clemons) Mooney. They were married in the Mooney home (E. W. Bartine farm) on September 30, 1903.

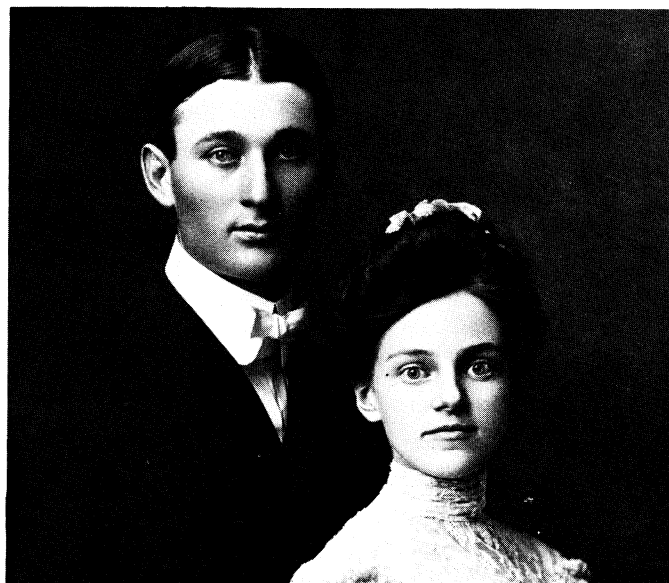
Both Mr. and Mrs. Bartine attended Iowa Teachers College at Cedar Falls, Iowa. Mrs. Bartine taught school at School No. 7, located in Section 26, Liberty Township in about 1900. In 1908 they homesteaded near Presho, South Dakota. Mr. Bartine farmed in the Clemons and Zearing areas and from 1918 to 1922 he farmed and ranched with his brother Judge G. Bartine in Lyman County, South Dakota.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Bartine were members of the Clemons Church and Mr. Bartine was a school board member for the Clemons Consolidated School District for several years. They purchased her parents' farm in 1930 and resided there until about 1944 when they moved to Clemons.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartine were the parents of seven children.

- John G. Bartine
(born Feb. 21, 1905 - died Mar. 1978)
- Charles A. Bartine
(born Dec. 1, 1906 - died Jan. 1969)
- W. Donald Bartine
(born Nov. 16, 1908 - died Dec. 1971)
- Louise Blum Wagner
(born Mar. 31, 1911)
- E. W. (Bill) Bartine
(born June 28, 1913)
- Lois Shives
(born Oct. 3, 1915)
- Cyrus S. Bartine
(born June 5, 1922)

Mrs. Bartine passed away August 2, 1959 and Mr. Bartine on December 13, 1971.



Cyrus and Roxy Mooney Bartine
1903

JOHN GRANT BARTINE

Born - February 21, 1905 - St. Anthony, Iowa
Died - March 22, 1978 - Marshalltown, Iowa

John was graduated from Zearing High School and attended Central Iowa Business College in Marshalltown. He retired from the Fidelity Savings Bank as Vice-President in May of 1970 after 43 years of service. employe.

He served for 30 years on the board of the Christian Church and has been both school and city treasurer. John also was treasurer of the Marshalltown Kiwanis Club. He was an avid fisherman and outdoorsman and active in the Marshall County Wildlife Club, the Isaac Walton League and the Boy Scouts of America.

He was married to Golda S. Achtemeier and they have one daughter, Dorothy Jean Bartine Wilson.

Dorothy, born January 14, 1930, was graduated from Marshalltown Senior High School in 1948. She is married to Rolland E. Wilson and they have two daughters, Marilyn Elaine and Elizabeth Ann. Mr. Wilson owns Bee Line Alignment Service.

Dorothy has served for 9 years as Deaconess of First Baptist Church and has served on numerous other committees in the church. She has active in civic and social organizations in Marshalltown and has been President of Marshalltown Pre-School Child Study Club, President of Chapter JU, PEO, and Chairman of Marshalltown Christian Women's Club. As Area Representative for Stonecroft Ministries she organized the Christian Business and Professional Women's Council of Marshalltown and the Eldora Christian Women's Club. She is a member of the Early American Glass Club and Daughters of the American Revolution.

Marilyn, born November 20, 1956, graduated from Marshalltown Senior High School in 1975 and the University of Iowa, College of Pharmacy in 1980. After employment as a pharmacist in Tama and Cedar Rapids and working as an Emergency Medical Technician with Tama Ambulance Service, she returned to the University of Iowa for paramedic training. She is presently employed at Story County Hospital in Nevada, Iowa, as a paramedic and will be establishing a pharmacy within the hospital. Marilyn is a member of American Pharmaceutical Assoc., Iowa Pharmacists Assoc., National Assoc. of Emergency Medical Technicians, Iowa Ambulance, Rescue and E.M.T. Assoc. and Chapter JU, PEO.

Beth, born September 5, 1959, graduated from Marshalltown Senior High School in 1978. While a student, she played clarinet in the concert band and was majorette for marching band. She was a State of Iowa scholar and honor student. Beth graduated from Marshalltown Community College in 1980 with an Associate of Arts degree, attended Iowa State University in 1981 and graduated from the University of Iowa in 1982 with a BBA in Business Administration. She is a member of American Society for Personnel Administrators. During her college years Beth has been on the Deans List. She plans to be married in June, 1982, to Ronald L. Zitzow and they will make their home in Decatur, Illinois, where Ron is an engineer for Staley Company.

Submitted by
Dorothy Wilson

CHARLES AMOS BARTINE

Charles Amos "Chic" Bartine was born December 1, 1906, in the Bartine home, one mile north and one mile east of Clemons. He is the second son of Cyrus R. and Roxy Mooney Bartine. He received his education in Clemons, South Dakota, and Zearing, graduating from Zearing in 1924. He attended business college in Marshalltown. Chic was bookkeeper for the Moore-Eldridge Gravel Contractors of Clemons in the late 1920's. He spent some time with a gravel gang near Central City, Iowa.

Chic was married to Darlene Burns on March 10, 1930. They lived in Waterloo, Iowa, and he worked at Rath's approximately 15 years. They then moved to the Clemons area and farmed the home place for seven years. They then moved north of St. Anthony and farmed for nine years.

In 1960 they bought the tavern in St. Anthony and operated this restaurant/tavern business for nine years. Chic died of cancer in January 1969. Darlene continued to own and operate the business until 1972.

Darlene has had seven major surgeries in the past four years, but is now doing well and resides at the Prairie Village Apts. in State Center, Iowa.

Chic and Darlene were the parents of five children:

Ardiss:	Mrs. Fred Shill of Clear Lake four children; three grandchildren
Patricia:	Mrs. Norman Rhodes of Marshalltown four children; three grandchildren
Charles R. (Dick):	Clemons six children; three grandchildren
Barbara:	Mrs. Boatwright of Detroit, Michigan three children; two grandchildren
Michael:	Marshalltown two children

THE Wm. DONALD BARTINE FAMILY

Don and Hulda Rolston Bartine were married March 31, 1934. Hulda taught three years at rural School No.6 near Liscomb. Don graduated from Zearing High School and attended Business College in Marshalltown. They both were descended from pioneer families, Hulda from John W. Conrad who founded the town of Conrad and Don from William M. Clemons who founded the town of Clemons. They farmed all their married life. They were interested in conservation, community, church and school activities. Don served on the school board 12 years and church board many years. A purebred herd of Black Angus cattle was an enterprise of the family.

Six children were born to this couple; James, Jon, David, Nancy, Deborah and William D., II.

James married Sharon Herr and they had four daughters.

Teri - married to Russell Johnson and has a daughter Rachel.

Lori - married to Darwin Gjerde and has a daughter Tonya and son Shawn

Lisa - married to Dennis Gjerde and has 2 sons, Ryan and Derek.

Tami - attends Nesco High School

James remarried Pat Kouris in 1980. They have a 12 year old son, Bobby.

James has engaged in farming and is now living in Wyoming.

Jon married Thomasene Parris. They have three children; Robin 16, Christopher 14 and Cyrus Russell 11. Jon attended 2 years at the University of Northern Iowa and served 15 years in the Air Force. He is a private pilot and is living in El Paso, Texas.

David married Jean Caylor. They have five children; Jeff who was killed when he was 8 years old, Jill is 15, Jami is 12, Joshua is 8 and Jason (adopted) is 5 years old. David graduated from Simpson College. They are presently living in Loveland, Colorado.

Nancy married David Goodlove. They have 2 daughters; Maria is 12 and Sarah is 10 years old. Nancy graduated from UNI and is a veteran teacher of 10 years. They live on a farm near Central City.

Deborah married Richard Jones. They have 3 children; Chad 9, Gretchen 7 and Megan is 3. Deborah graduated from UNI and taught for 5 years. She now substitutes in West Marshall School. They live on the family farm which has been in the family 100 years.

William D.,II. married Mary Catherine Alexander. He is a graduate of ISU and University of Iowa Law School. He is an attorney in Des Moines.

William Donald Bartine passed away in 1971 and Hulda resides in Clemons.

By Hulda Bartine

LOUISE BARTINE BLUM WAGNER

Louise Bartine was born March 31, 1911, in Liberty Township, Marshall County. In 1918, my parents moved to Oacoma, South Dakota. I started school in Oacoma. In 1922, we moved back to Iowa and I attended country school and Liberty School. I started high school at Zearing, Iowa, but in the 10th grade we moved near Clemons, where I graduated from high school in 1929.

In January 1930, I entered the Deaconess Hospital at Marshalltown where in 1933 I graduated and became a registered nurse.

In 1934, I married Senator Ervin Blum of Oacoma, South Dakota. My daughter Marlene was born in 1935, son Bartine was born in 1936, and son John was born in 1938. We ranched and farmed raising wheat and cattle for 20 years. We went through the "dirty 30's", dust storms, grasshoppers, rattlesnakes and dry weather.

In March of 1955, Ervin died of a heart condition, related to World War I.

I returned to Marshalltown in 1956 for a short time to be reinstated as a registered nurse. I then returned to South Dakota working at Sioux Valley Hospital and later to the hospital in Chamberlain.

In 1957 I went to work for a dentist and worked there for 23 years. He retired in 1980 as I did also.

I married Joe Wagner in 1960. He died in May 1979.

I live in Chamberlain, South Dakota. My sons ranch west of the river. My daughter is married and lives in Sioux Falls and works at Sioux Valley Hospital as a registered nurse. I have five granddaughters and three grandsons.

Submitted by,
Louise Wagner

E. W. BARTINE FAMILY

E. W. (Bill) Bartine is a long time resident of the Clemons area being born in the same house he now lives. He was born on June 28, 1913, the son of Cyrus R. and Roxy (Mooney) Bartine. He graduated from Clemons High School in 1931 and grew up in the Clemons and Zearing area except from 1918 to 1922 when the family lived in Lyman County, South Dakota.

On March 10, 1937 he married Orpha L. Froning, the daughter of Edward F. and Della O. Froning of Liscomb. She was born in Eldora, Iowa, November 9, 1916 and graduated from the Liscomb High School in 1934. Mr. Froning operated the elevator in Clemons in the 1930's.

Mr. Bartine operated the Bartine Grain Company in Liscomb for 13 years prior to 1951. In 1951 he moved back to the Clemons area and lived on a farm in section

36, Liberty Township. In 1978 they moved to their present residence which had been owned by his father C. R. Bartine since 1930 and his grandfather Samuel Mooney since 1893. In 1952 he was the Iowa Master Corn Grower producing 169.98 bushel per acre.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartine are the parents of two sons; Edwin W. Bartine, II born March 9, 1942 and Allen R. Bartine born April 2, 1945. Edwin is a lawyer in Marshalltown and farmer operating the home farm where he lives.

Allen R. Bartine married Margot Friese on June 8, 1968 and is Vice President of American Tara Corporation in Chicago, Illinois. They live in Lake Forest, Illinois and are the parents of 2 children; Todd A. Bartine born January 7, 1971 and Erin M. Bartine born May 5, 1975.

by Edwin W. Bartine, II

By Edwin Bartine, II

LOIS & WOODY SHIVES HISTORY

Lois Bartine, daughter of Cy and Roxy (Mooney) Bartine, was born October 3, 1915, on the Amos and Lavina Bartine farm in Story County. She was next to the youngest of 7 children.

The family moved to Lyman County, South Dakota when she was three, on a farm belonging to her Uncle John Bartine who was Circuit Judge of that area.

When Lois was 7 they moved back to Iowa to the Bartine farm and attended rural schools and Liberty. They lived in the Zeiring area until 1927 when they moved to Clemons.

In 1929, Grandmother Sarah Mooney died and her parents purchased the family farm, moving there in 1931. Lois graduated from Clemons High School in 1933 and attended Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls.

Edwin Woodrow Shives was born March 28, 1916, near New Providence, son of Ora Edwin and Effie Cruzan Shives. He was the youngest and only son being preceded by 4 sisters. He attended New Providence school for 12 years, graduating in 1934. He attended New Providence Friends Church and was a birthrite member.

Woody worked as a carpenter for the Wilson Brothers in New Providence until 1938 when he worked as Discipline Officer of the Eldora Boys Training School.

Lois started teaching at Chester School, Hardin County, in 1936 and met Woody in the fall of 1937. From 1938- 1940 she taught Hazel Greene school in Marshall County.

On June 8, 1940 they were married at the Little Brown Church at Nashua. They lived at the Training School where both were employed until 1942. They moved to Des Moines where Woody was employed at the U. S. Ordinance Plant in Ankeny.

In August 1943, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was sent to Fort Knox, Kentucky, to become a member of Co. B, 14th Armored Replacement Battalion. He met his wife for Christmas Weekend in Chicago and in February had a "delay-in-route furlough" at home. He spent 2 months at Fort Ord, California, before leaving for New Guinea as a replacement with the 44th Tank Battalion. He referred to this area later as a Hell Hole! His battalion attached to the 1st cavalry joined the convoy being sent to retake the Philippine Islands. He was in the Philippines when son Stephen was born November 14, 1944, and finally received word of this event after Thanksgiving.

While Woody was in the service, Lois lived in Clemons teaching 5th and 6th grades, rooming with Merle and Ruth Grace. Her parents purchased the Code Moore property (Hulda Bartine) and moved to town in March 1944. Brother Charles Bartine and family moved from Waterloo to the farm home. Lois lived with her parents until Woody's return home.

After the Peace Treaty in the South Pacific, Woody was sent with his battalion to Tokyo - ready for any reception! However peace prevailed and they set up camp in a motorcycle factory, one of the few remaining buildings in Tokyo, Japan (what is now the largest city in the world!)

After several weeks he received orders to be sent home. He arrived in the States in October 1945, and was discharged as a corporal at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He arrived in Marshalltown November 9th and took a taxi to Clemons to surprise his family. Steve was 5 days from being one year old.

He moved his family to Liscomb and worked for his brother-in-law, Bill at the Bartine Grain Elevator. They lived in the former Grace Reformed Church parsonage and although there were no modern conveniences except electric lights, (i. e. old fashioned hand fired cook stove, hand pump, outdoor plumbing, etc.) Lois said it was so wonderful to have Woody home she would gladly have set up housekeeping in a tent!

In May 1948, Woody bought a lot from his father-in-law and built a house, moving his family to Clemons in September. Woody did carpenter work and sold feed for Occo. Lois taught school from 1950 - 1953 when daughter Melissa was born.

As Charley Beckwith, Rural Mail Carrier, retired in 1952, Woody served as substitute for one year. January 1, 1953, Woody received his official appointment and served in that capacity until January 1979.

He was given a surprise retirement party on April 1, 1979, at the Clemons gym to which 250 former patrons, friends and relatives attended. The committee planning this event was headed by niece Debbie Bartine Jones.

Lois taught school from 1960 - 1974 in the State Center school West Marshall District.

Son Stephen graduated with the last class of Clemons High School in 1962. He attended Jr. College in Marshalltown and enlisted in the Air Force, 1964 - 1968. He took his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas and was stationed at Fallon, Nevada. He married Sharon Ayers Winkowitsch August 23, 1972 and lives in Salina, Kansas. He is with Mark Twain Ins. Co. Their children are Stephanie, born December 14, 1975 and Scott Stephen born May 19, 1979. His step-daughters are Lisa Winkowitsch born August 2, 1963 and Teresa Winkowitsch born August 15, 1960.

Daughter Melissa lives in Marshalltown. She married David Beall December 29, 1979. Melissa is employed at Apgar Photography and David is an Industrial Engineer with Fisher Controls.

Woody and Lois belong to the United Church of Christ and have been active in both church and community affairs. Lois is the only direct descendant of William M. Clemons who is an active member of the Clemons Church.

They celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with relatives in June 1965 at their home and on June 8, 1980, celebrated their 40th at the church for relatives and friends.

Woody took up golf 8 years ago and really enjoys the time he spends playing (and not working).

Lois says they are busier since retirement than when they both worked - but what is life if there isn't one more hill to climb!

Submitted by,
Lois Shives

CYRUS BARTINE

Cyrus Bartine, youngest son of Cyrus and Roxy Mooney Bartine was born June 5, 1922, in Lyman Co., South Dakota. Due to illness of his mother the family moved back to Iowa in the fall of 1922 to the parental Amos Bartine farm near Zeoring. The family moved to the Clemons area in 1927 and Cy started to school in the fall graduating from Clemons High School in 1939. He attended Iowa State at Ames for 1 year and enlisted in the Navy in December 1943. He received his basic training at Farragut, Idaho Naval Base and was stationed at Carowa, California until December 1944. He was transferred to the Receiving Base at Port Hueneme, California where he served as a Dental Technician. He moved back to Iowa in 1949 and attended Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls and received his B. A. in 1951.

In August 1951 he married Barbara Seabury. He owned and operated Bartine Motors (Chrysler Plymouth) for 25 years. They are the parents of two children, Lee Cyrus and Sondra Kleinschrodt.

Wife Barbara passed away in the spring of 1977.

Son, Lee Cyrus, married Terry Butler and have two children, Amy and Christopher.

Daughter, Sondra, married Kevin Kleinschrodt and has one child, Seth Robert.

Cy married Marlys Hundley Neiderhauser in December 1977 and has three stepdaughters, Michelle, Holly and Samantha Neiderhauser.

They reside in Cedar Falls where Cy is semi-retired and works part time for Holdiman Motors.

By Cyrus Bartine

THE BERENDS FAMILY

Pearl L. Sharp was married to John Berends at Nevada, Iowa November 22, 1936.

John was employed as auto mechanic for Bennie Dunn for two years. He started in the trucking business for himself in 1941, delivering lime, gravel, and livestock. For several years he operated a transport of gas, oil and anhydrous ammonia.

In 1964 he started working full time at Clemons Grain & Supply for Harold and Marvin Christensen.

Pearl and John became parents of three children. Joyce Elaine born January 28, 1941, now Mrs. Richard O. Nichols, is living near Boone, Iowa with their three children.

A son Robert John was born January 7, 1943. He married Lola Clack and they are living at Columbia, South Carolina. They are parents of three children. Bob is a civilian instructor for a motor pool at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He is in the Army Reserve.

Linda Jane was born March 15, 1947. She was married to Larry Littrel. This marriage ended in divorce in 1973. They became the parents of four children. In 1976 Linda married Garry Axtell. They have two children. Garry is owner operator of his own trucks. Linda is secretary of Public Health Unit at Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown.

John and Pearl have lived in Clemons for forty-five years.

John's eighty-nine year old mother, Dorthea Berends, came to reside with them in December 1978.

Submitted by,
Pearl Berends

THE BLACKBURNS

Thomas and David Blackburn were born in Ohio of English parents. They decided to go west on horseback, looking for land. Before leaving the state Thomas was offered forty acres of land for his horse which he refused. However, suitable land was found southwest of Clemons.

In the year 1868, Thomas and Ruth Blackburn with son Will by his first wife, brother David and Vinie Blackburn came to Iowa. They settled on the land chosen by Thomas earlier. David and his wife lived on what is now Mrs. Emma Warner's land. Thomas and Ruth lived on the land now belonging to Jim Sinning. This and the former George McGee farm are now one.

David and Vinnie were parents of three children. They were Herbert, Fanny and Blanch.

Herbert and his wife had twin girls.

Fanny married Will Darner and had two children.

Blanch married Mr. Oliver and had one son. They sold their first farm and bought the first farm west of the St. Anthony Catholic Church. Later they moved into St. Anthony and later to Des Moines to be near their daughter Fanny. He was one of the men who helped organize the Clemons Christian Church and later the St. Anthony Christian Church. He and his son-in-law, Will Darner, owned five hundred acres of land near Bangor.

Thomas and Ruth Blackburn were the parents of eight children, and Will by his first marriage.

Will Blackburn married Rose Wantz. They farmed southwest of Zeoring.

Fanny died in infancy.

Ernest died in infancy.

Effie married Edward Mooney and were the parents of two children, Lyle and Stella.

Lyle married Nina Nolte. She was killed in a Tama business district explosion in 1936. They were the parents of three sons. Later he married Helen Brown and they were the parents of a son and a daughter. Lyle was a butter maker in Tama and Nevada.

Stella married Lewis Ross. He was a butter maker. They moved to Cedar Rapids where he owned L. W. Ross and Sons Refrigeration and Air Conditioning. They were the parents of seven children.

Dave married Molly Cochran. They spent most of their married lives in Zeoring and Ames. They were the parents of three children: Ruth Blackburn Bennet, Dave and Valgen of Ames.

Laura Blackburn married John Atkinson. They spent most of their lives farming. They lived northwest of St. Anthony and later owned their own farm southwest of Clemons where their son, Burr now lives. They were the parents of five children: Burr, Earl, Leora and Clair. One died at birth.

Burr married Neva Davis. They were the parents of two daughters. One died at an early age and Arlene Atkinson Tonne. Burr later married Lila Smith after the death of his first wife. They spent their lives farming on the home place.

Earl married Gladis La Plant. Their daughter died at an early age. After the death of his wife Gladis, he married Grace Everist Gustafson. They live in Marshalltown. Earl also had a son Robert and a step-daughter, Betty Leaton.

Clair married Helen Nichols. They farmed and later operated a grocery store at Rippey and Clemons.

Leora married Jim Fox and lived in California.

Burr Blackburn married Ella Atkinson. They lived in Clemons and Mankato, Minnesota. He was employed by a farm newspaper for many years. They were the parents of five children: Eva Blackburn Phelps, Leona, Boyd, Nina and Johnnie.

Jennie Blackburn married Henry W. Jones. They lived in Clemons where Henry and Edward Mooney owned the hardware, pump work, and machinery. They sold this in the fall in 1900. Edward Mooney and family moved to State Center where he worked in Liston's grocery store. Henry Jones bought a farm north and east of St. Anthony. They lived there until his death February 6, 1907. Jennie and daughter Inez moved to Clemons, the place where Inez still lives.

Arthur Blackburn married Edith Huntly. They were the parents of two children: Louise Blackburn Hock of Waterloo and Rodney who lives at Hammond, Indiana. In his early years Arthur was a salesman for a farm equipment company. Later he owned his own business in Alexandria, Ohio.

Thomas was one of Marshall County's outstanding livestock farmers. He owned nearly six hundred acres of land. When the first silver dollars arrived in the county, he was given one. They said he was the only man that did not smoke, drink or chew or had any bad habits. My mother said there was only one Sunday that he did not go to Sunday School or Church with the children. The reason was, it was winter and waterers were frozen. With so many cattle and hogs, they would have suffered.

Thomas and Ruth Blackburn retired and moved to Clemons on the Holmes land. He built a new home

and other buildings. They said it was the show place of Marshall County. Thomas always raised bees. Honey was on the table at every meal. He was one of the men who helped organize the Clemons Christian Church. There are five of his descendants still living in Marshall County. Grandchildren: Burr Atkinson of Clemons, Earl Atkinson of Marshalltown, Inez R. Jones of Clemons. Great Grandchildren: Arlene Atkinson Tonne of State Center and Robert Atkinson of Marshalltown.

By Inez Jones

BORTON'S

Henry and Elizabeth Smith Borton left England in 1844. They settled in Canada. To this union was born two sons, James and Bob. They all left Canada and lived in Lorian County, Ohio. While in Ohio James met Margaret Standen and they were married and moved to Iowa. April 1875 they purchased 160 acres in Minerva Township just one half mile south of St. Anthony. They lived in a log house when first arriving.

There were eleven children born to this family. The youngest, Russell, continued to live on the home place and retired in St. Anthony. He married Hazel Alexander in 1911. To this marriage was born seven boys. The first two died in infancy. Herbert lived and worked around St. Anthony all his life. On April 25, 1943 he married Virginia R. Veeder of Hampton, Iowa. To this marriage were born two daughters; Ruth Ann of Altamonte Springs, Florida and Lois Jean of St. Anthony. Now there are five grandchildren.

February 1958 Herbert and Virginia bought the Bill Meiers estate acreage north of Clemons and moved there. Herbert was in general trucking and corn shelling business for 37 years. Virginia was appointed Post Master in Clemons, November 27, 1971. She drove trucks and school buses prior to that.

Herbert was stricken with heart trouble in 1963. On April 1, 1980 Herbert had open heart surgery in Des Moines, a six by-pass. He seemed to be gaining satisfactorily. However Saturday noon, the 5th, he had another heart attack and passed away April 7, 1980 after going through more surgery. He is buried in the Clemons Cemetery.

By Virginia Borton

AARON BRACKNEY FAMILY

Aaron and Jennie Brackney lived in Clemons for over 50 years and had Mrs. Brackney lived a few months longer they would have been married for 60 years. Mrs. Brackney passed away April 19, 1944, and Mr. Brackney passed away May 22, 1945.

There were seven children in the family. Ross, Ernest (known as Ben), Guy, Gertrude, Grace, Florence and Helen.

Ross was married in 1912 and died in 1953. He also had built the first telephone switchboard in Clemons. They had three children who all passed away at an early age.

Guy was born in 1891 and passed away in 1976. He worked in the grocery store in Clemons for many years and later worked for a wholesale grocery in Des Moines where he lived until his death.

Ernest was born in 1893 and married to Hilda Armbrecht on February 22, 1921. They had two children - James, who lives in St. Louis and Shirley, who has passed away.

Gertrude was born in 1896 and married to George Grinstead in 1917. They had three sons who are all living in California - Arlyn, Bob and Ted. Gertrude passed away in 1973. George ran the garage in Clemons for many years.

Grace was born in 1898 and worked for Better Homes and Gardens many years before her retirement and marriage to Byron Osborn. They lived in California and she passed away in 1979.

Florence was born in 1901 and married to Carey Arney in 1926. They had two sons - Rogene of Des Moines, Don of San Diego, California and one daughter - Patricia of Cupertino, California.

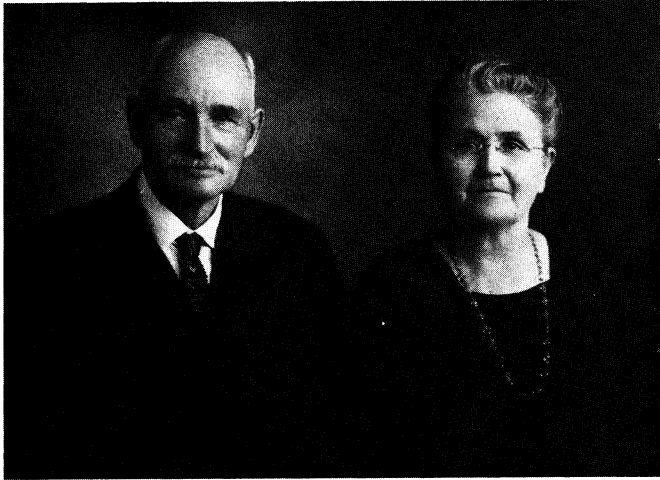
Helen was born in 1905 and lives in Aurora, Illinois and is now the only living member of her family. She operated the grocery store in Clemons for many years before coming to Illinois.

When Mr. Brackney first lived in Clemons he was a carpenter, and in the building which was later the grocery store, he had a carpenter and buggy shop with Carl Anderson, who was a painter. The Brackneys also operated a small restaurant where the park is now. Later they started the grocery store on the corner where the Post Office is now and ran that for many years until ill health forced them to retire and Helen ran it after that until it was sold in 1954. When it was sold, Helen moved to Aurora, Illinois, where she now lives.

by Helen Brackney

THE BERT BRACKNEYS

Albert ("Bert") and Martha Jane Everist ("Matt") Brackney moved to Clemons in 1892. They had previously farmed in the area and in Calhoun County. He bought the earliest elevator, grain, cement, and lumber business which was located on railroad land across from the creamery. In time, he had the old Bromley elevator moved via rail to Clemons and added to his business site. They first lived in the house where Edna Clemons now lives. Later, they bought a lot in the heavily wooded west area that came to be named "Almarth Acres" in their honor. Their newly-completed house was where their daughter Eva (Proctor) was born



**Albert and Martha Brackney on their Golden Wedding Anniversary
1934**

on Christmas eve, 1894. The east wing of the house was added in 1900 at the birth of their daughter Ruth.

Bert's parents, Benjamin F. and Eliza Hartman, also moved to Clemons from the now Fred Davis farm. They retired in the now Bud Phillips house, which continued in Aaron and Helen Brackney hands until the 1950's.

Over the 40 years that Bert was in business in Clemons, he employed many relatives and others in the community. Bert and Matt always were strong supporters of education as the inheritance which could never be lost. Their home was the center for both informal and formal learning activities for their five children (two others died as infants) and for all the community. Bert served on the school board for years and was president when the 1912 high school building was added. Bert and Matt saw to it that their son and daughters had academy, college, and graduate education. Their youngest daughter Ruth was one of the earliest graduates of Clemons High School. She later became an educator for the adult blind in Iowa until her 1965 retirement in Des Moines. Their daughter Eva (Proctor) taught in the Clemons High School at three different times and was widely known for her efforts in Christian education. Their daughters frequently used their educations in practical ways to help the Clemons community throughout their lives. Their son Floyd, a graduate of Cornell College, became an accomplished artist and piano teacher, was mayor of Clemons. His most well known painting was done in Clemons. The painting, commissioned by Iowa for the 1914 World's Fair in San Francisco, now is displayed on the second floor rotunda of Iowa's capitol.

The Bert Brackney family consisted of the parents, Albert (born 1/2/1860 in Ohio - died 9/15/1939) and Martha (born 2/14/1860 in a log cabin northeast of Clemons - died 2/26/1947) and children, Mae, Corabelle, Floyd, Effie, Eva, Prudie and Ruth.

An ordained elder of the Clemons Christian Church, Bert also served as its treasurer. He and his wife frequently provided room and board for pastors and served the church in many capacities. Bert and Matt attained the highest degrees. He in the Clemons I.O.O. F. and she in Rei Rebeckah No. 64.

Reportedly, an earlier Marshall County fair site, their home continued to be a place for community get-togethers and ice cream socials. Supposedly, it was on that site in the early 1880's that Matt first tasted ice cream, while on a date with Bert. In the early 1900's popular amusements at the Brackney home included riding on a huge, 'specially-built' platform lawn swing, supported by telephone poles, to hold a small crowd! On August 25, 1920, Eva Brackney and Lester Talley Proctor were married in a lawn wedding, for which walls of latticed lath were constructed and covered with foliage. Fifty years later, the Proctors entertained three hundred guests there for their golden anniversary. August 21, 1934, the Brackneys hosted their golden anniversary observance. From that event, the Brackney-Everist family reunion developed and continued for many years on that site. After 86 years in the family, Almarth Acres was sold in 1980 to the Joe Arnolds.

ELDAH BRYANT FAMILY

My grandfather, Joseph W. Bryant, was four years old when his parents and family moved to Marshall County, Iowa from Louisville Kentucky, in 1872. His parents were Daniel and Eleanor Gill Bryant. He had a twin brother, John William, sisters Annie and Mollie and brothers James and Paris. They settled in a timber area southeast of Clemons, having been encouraged to move to Iowa by other Bryants who had settled here previously. They had lived there only a short time when the mother, Eleanor, died. Her sister, Cynthia Gill, had always made her home with them and a couple of years later Daniel and Cynthia were married and "Aunt



Thelma Buchwald Bryant 1925

Eldah Bryant 1925

Cynth” became Joseph’s stepmother. To this union were born four more children; Ida, Alta, George and Myrtle. Alta may be remembered in later years as Mrs. John Schuler of Zearing, mother of Mrs. Virgil (Goldie) Chance and Manfred Schuler and Grandmother of Mrs. Herman (Maxine) Wildeboer of Zearing. On November 3, 1888, Joseph was married to Alma Buzzell of Winfred, South Dakota. She was visiting friends in the area when they met. They were married on the first farm east of St. Anthony where Joseph was working for a farmer, Will Teager. They became the parents of six children; Dorothy, Enos, Floyd, Eldah (my father), Tom and Ella. Ella is now the only surviving child, Mrs. Ray Spurling of Ontario, California. She has twin sons and a daughter.

My father, Eldah, was born February 22, 1900, the same year his grandfather Daniel died. He was raised and educated in the Liberty area. The family later lived west of St. Anthony, at one time on the present Clell Kurtz farm, and also the Raymond Nelson farm.

My grandfather, Joseph died July 5, 1925. His brother, Enos, died from measles in 1907 at the age of 18.

My father, Eldah, was married in August of 1925, to Thelma Buchwald of Marshalltown. They lived on the farm north of St. Anthony until 1930 when they purchased and moved to the farm midway between Clemons and St. Anthony. They had three children then, and three more were born by 1935. They are Wayne, Hollis, Violet, Donald, Betty and Dolores. Also Grandma Alma, and a cousin, Kenneth, lived with them until Grandma died in 1939 at the age of 72, and Kenneth graduated from Clemons High School in 1941. Kenneth’s mother died of tuberculosis when he was a baby. His father was Floyd, who later married Clara Hill of McCallsburg. They lived in the other house on the farm where we lived, until they moved to Clemons and later to Marshalltown. They had two children, Beverly (Mrs. Cliff Ingeldue) and Clifford.

Tom was married to Minnie Skare Cole of Jewell and with her daughter, Marian Cole, now Mrs. Dan Malloy of State Center, moved to the house on the farm vacated by Floyd’s. Tom was previously married to Laura Young. They were divorced when their third son Harold was a baby. My grandparents raised Harold until he died in 1927 at the age of 4 of tubercular meningitis. Tom and Minnie were the parents of Frances and Marlene. Uncle Tom died in 1914 at the age of 38. He and Minnie had purchased a farm southwset of St. Anthony, where Cliff Fisher now lives, and were planning to move there when he died. Minnie resold the farm and bought a house in Clemons, where she operated a restaurant for a time. It was located in the present Dr. Sheldahl’s office building.

My mother, Thelma, died of cancer on August 13, 1946, at the age of 44. All six children were still at home, ranging in age from 10 to 20. My father, Eldah, died of a heart attack August 2, 1967 at the age of 67. The farm home is now occupied by my brother Donald’s son, Lonny and his wife Ruth and their small sons, Lon and Andy. My husband and I farm the land.

Wayne served in the Army in W. W. II and later married Marcella Doser of St. Anthony in December 1947. They have 5 children and 7 grandchildren and now live in Marshalltown. Hollis, Mrs. Don Fisher of St. Anthony, was married in March 1947, and they live on a farm southwest of St. Anthony. They have six children and four grandchildren. Violet married Ralph Collins, Jr. of Bangor in 1949. They have four daughters and four grandchildren. They farm west of Hubbard. Donald married Janice Kilker in 1952, was later divorced and married Dorothy Hamiel Vaughn. He served in the Air Force in Korea in the Korean conflict. He has two sons, two step-sons, two grandchildren, and three step-grandchildren. They live in Marshalltown. Betty married Glen Brush of St. Anthony in 1952. They have two children and three grandchildren and live in State Center.

I, Dolores, married Leo Reece in 1953. We have 3 children, Sandy 20, Brain 16 and Susan 13. Sandy works at Wolf Clinic and Forequarter Restaurant in Marshalltown. We have lived near Clemons on the farm where Bill and Olive Everist lived from 1942 to 1965, when we purchased the farm from them.

Submitted by
Dolores Reece

THE CAMPS

The William Camp family moved from Marshalltown to Clemons in the spring of 1916. William was to work as section foreman for the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railroad.

William “Bill” and Nancy (Nannie) Camp had three daughters and one son: - Leone, Juanita, Roland and Marjorie. Merle the oldest daughter died in Marshalltown in 1917.

Bill and Nancy resided in Clemons most of the rest of their lives, passing away in the fall of 1952.

All members of the family are deceased but Roland and his family. He lives in Fort Dodge with his wife. He also has a daughter, Patricia Ann and 2 granddaughters and a grandson.

By Roland Camp

CHARLIER FAMILY

“The railroad, the flood and I all came the same year” - this quote was often made by the late John Charlier as told by his wife Ethel and the year was 1881. John was born September 30 and the flood he referred to probably occurred in the spring. His parents home was in the bottomland east of Clemons where the sandpit

now exists. It was told to Ethel how a neighbor to the north called down from the hilltop warning the Charlier's to open the gate and get the cattle to higher ground. The railroad was the Story City branch of Central Iowa Railway (1885) (Iowa Central on 1907 map.)

John Charlier's father, Thomas, came from France. His mother, Lina Jacob, came from Switzerland. Lina came to America with a Mrs. Veuve to help care for her six or seven children during the ocean voyage. Mr. Veuve had come to America earlier and sent Mrs. Veuve extra money to hire a girl to come with her and Lina was that girl. The Veuve's lived in a little 2 room shack east of the Earl Weuve farm on what is now E-29.

Lina married Thomas Charlier and their son John was born September 30, 1881. Three weeks later, Lina died from "milk fever" which we know as phlebitis.

In later years, Frank Tucker (late husband of Eunice Tucker) told John that when he was 7 years old, he remembered seeing Thomas Charlier walking by their place with the baby wrapped in a huge comforter. It wasn't until later that they learned of Lina's death.

Thomas was walking over to the Veuve family to have Mrs. Veuve take care of his motherless son. In the meantime, Mrs. Veuve had also had another baby to add to her large brood. When baby John was about 5 weeks old, he was taken to the Joe Tisler home. They raised him as one of their own and he grew to manhood there.

His biological father had always worked as a hired hand for farmers north of State Center and this he continued to do following the death of Lina. When John was around 7 years old, his father left to join a French colony in Texas and the young lad never saw his father again.

John married Ethel Pinkerton from Marshalltown, Iowa, on September 1, 1920 which was also the day of his bride's birthday. They made their home on a farm in the Hartland neighborhood.

Ethel's mother's maiden name was Alice Cole whose family settled in Massachusetts before the Revolutionary War. Ethel has records of the family history making them eligible for the DAR.

Ethel and John Charlier moved to Clemons December 7, 1953, into the house bought from Lynn Elsberry and built by Dr. Earl H. Noble around 1925. To this union, 3 sons were born: John, who lives at Story City, Joe and Tom who both died from cancer in 1978, only 6 months apart. Due to the occurrence of their birth and death dates, both sons were 48 years old at the time of their deaths. Ethel's husband, John, died September 14, 1962. At this writing (October 25, 1981), Ethel has 14 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

THE CHRISTENSEN FAMILY

Albert Simon Christensen was born May 2, 1872 in Chicago, Illinois.

He died October 29, 1943. His parents, Hans and Mary Christensen, came to America from Denmark. When he was 12 his parents moved to Story City, Iowa. There he married Malinda Johnson on August 16, 1900. She was born October 25, 1877, the daughter of Thomas and Larsina Johnson. The Johnsons came to America from Jondal, Norway, and Malinda was born in Lee County, Illinois. When she was four, her parents moved to Hamilton County, Iowa, and settled on the prairie. After eleven years, they moved to Story City.

In 1906 Albert and Malinda moved to Clemons, Iowa, where he had a harness shop. When tractors were used in farming, the harness shop was closed. Among other businesses he operated were a produce company and grocery store.

In his youth Albert was a Champion Bicycle Rider. He was awarded 1st prize in 1891, 1892, 1893 in Elkart, Indiana. Because of this, he carried a message from the Governor of Iowa to the Governor of Illinois by bicycle. He was also asked to take mail from Philadelphia to New York City on his bicycle but he declined.

Albert and Malinda had five children; Arnold, Mildred, Erma, Harold and Hubert.

Arnold Marion Christensen was born May 31, 1901 in Story City, Iowa. He married Flo Cook of Colo, Iowa. Arnold was a buttermaker and was employed at Sully Creamery, Marshall Creamery, and Jackson Dairy. They had three children; Kenneth, Wayne and Celeste.

Kenneth is manager of the meat market in a super market in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Wayne is Production Manager of Packaging Corporation of America, in Marshalltown, Iowa.



Al and Melinda Christensen. He was a harness and shoemaker for many years.

Celeste Christensen Springer is secretary at an insurance office in Marshalltown, Iowa.

Mildred Christensen Arney was born December 21, 1902, in Story City, Iowa. When she was four she moved with her parents to Clemons, Iowa. She graduated from Clemons High School and was married to Barney Arney. He was born November 1, 1897, the son of Lee Perrin Arney and Sarah McKinnon Arney. He attended Hazel Green School and an automotive school in Des Moines. They lived in Collins where he was in partnership with Arney & Grinstead Garage. During World War II he was employed at the Marshalltown Airport when the Army had men training for flight instruction. Barney was a pilot and owned a Monocoupe plane. They moved to the Arney farm south of Bangor in 1938. In 1951 they moved south of Laurel, Iowa. Barney died in 1970. Mildred lives in Marshalltown. Her hobby is painting.

Lyle Perry and Erma Christensen were married in Toledo, Iowa on August 28, 1922 and lived in Clemons, where Lyle worked and later managed the Clemons Elevator. They moved to an acreage north of town in 1943, and moved to Marshalltown in 1954, where Lyle was employed at Lennox Furnace Co., and Erma at Younkers. Both are retired and residents of Villa del Sol in Marshalltown.

Erma was born in Story City, Iowa, December 8, 1904. She moved to Clemons at the age of 2, attended the Clemons schools and graduated from Clemons High School in 1922.

Lyle was born in Bromley, Iowa, June 4, 1894, the son of Freeman and Emma Perry. He served in the U. S. Navy in World War I. Lyle enjoyed playing baseball and was a member of the Clemons team that played the St. Louis Cardinals.

They had four children; Geneva, Avery, Richard and Stanley.

Geneva was graduated from Clemons High School in 1940, and moved to California soon after. She was married in 1944 to Anthony Ricci of San Francisco. He is president and owner of John Wollack Co., a cheese importing company. They reside in Novato, California, and have two daughters, Melinda and Susan.

Melinda is a graduate of Navato High School and majored in Fine Arts at U.C.L.A. She is presently employed at the College Pacific Dental College in San Francisco and in 1981, was married to David Howard. David is a Communications Consultant for Consult Ltd., in San Francisco where they reside.

Susan graduated from Novato High School and majored in Business at Indian Valley College. She is Operations Specialist for the Independent Bank Shares of Marin Co.

Avery was graduated from Clemons High School in 1942. He served in the U. S. Army during World War II,

seeing much of his duty with the 101st in the South Pacific. He later returned to the service as a Paratrooper. In 1952, he was injured in a jump, and left the service. He worked and resided in the California and Las Vegas areas for several years, until ill health forced his retirement. He passed away May, 1981, at Fort Riley Hospital, San Francisco, California.

Richard was graduated from Clemons High School in 1952. He served in the U. S. Army from 1953-1955, serving in Europe for 18 months. He then returned to work at Lennox Furnace Co., in Marshalltown, and was married in 1956 to Joan Ulery. In 1962, he accepted a job with the F.A.A. and trained at the Air Traffic Control Academy in Oklahoma City. He is currently at the Flight Service Station at the Des Moines airport.

Joan is the daughter of Carl and Nina Ulery of Albion. She was graduated from Clemons High School in 1951, completed a Teaching Certification at William Penn College, Oskaloosa, and taught several years in Belle Plaine, and Marshalltown schools. They have two daughters, Anne and Laura.

Anne is a graduate of Valley High School and is a junior in the School of Nursing at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines.

Laura is a junior at Valley High School.

Stanley attended Clemons schools, and served in the U. S. Marine Corp from 1955-1959. He then returned to work in Marshalltown and in 1959 was married to Betty Johnson in Liscomb. They moved to the Downey, California, area for several years before returning to Kansas City, Missouri. They had three children, Cheryl, Rodney and Lyle.

Cheryl works and lives in Kansas City, Missouri, and was married in 1979 to James Shipley.

Rodney graduated from high school in 1980 and is currently stationed in Texas with the U. S. Air Force.

Lyle is a sophomore in high school in Overland Park, Kansas.

In 1976, Stanley was married to Eleanor Koontz of Kansas. They currently work and reside in Overland Park, Kansas.

Harold Laverne Christensen was born December 11, 1906, at Story City, Iowa. He graduated from Clemons High School and became the owner of the Clemons Elevator where he had his first job. He was married to Pearl Davis who was born April 28, 1910 in Yadkin County, North Carolina. Her parents were Thomas and Mary Davis. Pearl graduated from Clemons High School and Central Iowa Business College. They have two children, Marvin and Sharon.

Marvin was born December 30, 1934 at Stratford, Iowa. He graduated from Clemons High School, attended Iowa State University and served four years in

the Air Force. He is now owner-operator of Clemons Grain & Supply Co. He married Dorothy Channell of Liscomb, Iowa. She was born September 26, 1942, the daughter of Raymond and Katherine Channell of Liscomb. She graduated from Liscomb High School and attended Marshalltown Junior College. She also works at the elevator. They have a son, Rex Marvin, who is a senior at West Marshall High School, State Center, Iowa.

Sharon was born May 24, 1938 at Stratford, Iowa. She graduated from Clemons High School and Iowa State University with a masters degree in Political Science. She taught in the Atlantic school system and was married to Richard Brown of Atlantic. They have three sons, Christopher James, Eric Michael and Steven Paul. Sharon is now Treasurer of Cass County. She married Sid Winchell of Atlantic, August 10, 1979. Sid is Business Manager of the Atlantic News-Telegraph and has four children; Kevin, Kelli, Kim and Kris.

Hubert Julian Christensen was born October 16, 1910. He graduated from Clemons High School and later served in the U. S. Army in World War II. He was awarded three Battle Stars while serving with General Patton in the Battle of the Bulge, in Belgium, and at Bastonge and the Rhine Crossing in Central Germany. He was married to Ruth Moore, daughter of Dr. Walter and Ada Moore of West Branch. She graduated from William Penn College and taught Home Economics in Clemons High School. He is retired from employment with the Iowa Highway Commission and lives in Ogden, Iowa. They have two daughters; Julie Ann and Karen Kay.

Julie Ann was born November 26, 1947, and graduated from Ogden High School. She married Charles Edward McBirnie of Boone. Edward works at Oscar Meyer in Perry and Julie works at Archway Cookies in Boone. They have four sons; Eddie, Jeff, Timmy and Joe. Their three older sons are avid boxers and Eddie and Jeff have won the National Silver Gloves award the past few years. Their father is their coach.

Karen Kay was born July 3, 1949 and graduated from Ogden High School where she was homecoming queen. She married Nick Messamer of Chariton. Karen graduated from University of Northern Iowa in 1971 and is a teacher in the Chariton School system. She teaches Physical Education. Nick graduated from Iowa State University in Ames with a Masters Degree. He teaches Industrial Arts and Voc. Ag. at Russell High School. He also crops farms and raises 1,200 pigs a year.

The Family of

JOHN A. CLEMONS

Born - April 28, 1856 at Clemons, Iowa
 Married - September 30, 1877 to Clara Antis
 (born February 4, 1856 - died February 26, 1940)
 Died - September 16, 1917 at Clemons, Iowa

CHILDREN

I - HATTIE - born August 12, 1879 - died August 24, 1955
 Marshall County, Iowa

Married - Ophie Everist May 26, 1898
 (born February 27, 1888 - died December 30, 1960)

II - FRANK - born November 25, 1884 - died November 20, 1955
 Marshall County, Iowa
 Married - Gladys Elliott July 26, 1911 (died 1922)

III - BESSIE - born August 31, 1890 - died Mary 22, 1981 Marshall
 County, Iowa
 Married - Benjamin Duffy March 1, 1912
 (died - February 27, 1953)

IV - JOHN (Jack) - born September 13, 1897 Marshall County,
 Iowa - died June 28, 1969, Vancouver, Canada
 Buried - Clemons, Iowa
 Married - Marian Sweet near Mason City, Iowa (died)
 Married - Peggy Rau, Long Beach California

The Family of

I - HATTIE CLEMONS EVERIST

1. - Pearl Everist McConnell & Leslie McConnell
 - A. - Velma C. McConnell Fry & Walter W. (Woody) Fry
 - A-1 Richard W. Fry & Ingrid Jones Fry
 - a. Angela R. Fry
 - b. Michelle C. Fry
 - A-2 Dennis L. Fry & Tami Plumber Fry (divorced)
 - a. Amy L. Fry
 Dennis L. Fry & Valerie S. Strong Fry
 - b. Michael Leslie Fry
 - A-3 Kathy A. Fry Storck & Robert J. Storck
 - a. Scott R. Storck
 - b. Bradley J. Storck
 - B. - Gerald L. & Betty M. Lockwood McConnell
 - B-1 Jeanne A. McConnell
 - B-2 James A. & Jill Barckley McConnell
 - a. Erin McConnell
 - B-3 Jack A. & Patricia Masek McConnell
 - a. Christopher McConnell
 - b. Leslie McConnell
 - C. - Shirley A. McConnell Erickson & Paul L. Erickson
 - C-1 David L. Erickson & Mary Mapes Erickson
 - a. Cynthia Erickson
 - b. Stephanie Erickson
 - C-2 Robert L. Erickson (deceased)
 - C-3 Julianne Erickson
 - D. - Dale H. & Joyce Smith McConnell (Joyce deceased)
 - D-1 Linda Sue McConnell (deceased)
 - D-2 Patricia Ann McConnell Ganger & John Ganger
 - a. Stacey L. Ganger
 - b. Brenda R. Ganger
 - c. Rebecca J. Ganger

- D-3 Mark & Ann Welshans McConnell
- D-4 Dale H. McConnell & Sue Whitson McConnell

2. - Earl J. Everist & Edna Evans Everist

- A. - Wallace Everist & Orpha Owsley Everist
 - A-1 Rex Everist & Peggy Aldope Everist
 - a. Scott Everist
 - b. James Everist
 - A-2 Connie Everist LaFrainer & Larry LaFrainer
 - a. Carey LaFrainer
 - b. Corey LaFrainer (twins)
 - A-3 Holly Everist Farris & Douglas Farris
- B. - Pauline Everist Gossi & Dick Gossi (both deceased)
 - B-1 Allan Gossi & Michelle Snow Gossi
 - a. Nicholas Gossi
 - b. Bobbie Joe Gossi
 - B-2 Marsha Gossi Clark & Danny Clark
 - a. Tammy Clark
 - b. Terry Clark
 - B-3 Mike Gossi

3. - Iona Everist King & Virde King

- A. - John O. King & Frances Lawrence King (no children)
- B. - Duane King & Doris Eley King
 - B-1 Steven King & Nancy King
 - a. Michelle King
 - b. Nichole King
 - B-2 Duanna King
 - a. Robin King
 - B-3 Mary Ellen King Stevens & R. Michael Stevens
 - a. Sarah Megan Stevens
 - B-4 Karen King Couger & Wm. Couger
 - B-5 Beth King Kannedy & Edward Kannedy
 - a. Meghann Marie Kannedy
 - B-6 Kimberly King
- C. - Leona King Gray & Robert Gray
 - C-1 Paul Gray & Glena Ingledue Gray
 - a. Ryan R. Gray
 - C-2 Sharon Gray Mumm & Jerry L. Mumm
 - a. Kevin J. Mumm
 - b. Sherrie Ann Mumm
 - C-3 John E. Gray & Katherine Long Gray
 - a. Kari Rebecca Gray
- D. - Louis J. King & Joan Price King
 - D-1 Claudia King Morse & Allen Morse
 - a. Deborah Ann Morse
 - b. Timothy Allen Morse
 - D-2 Elaine King Hicks & James Hicks
 - a. Lori Anne Hicks
 - b. James Michael Hicks
 - c. Lisa Nicole Hicks
 - D-3 Roger King (not married)
 - D-4 Rita King Stinson & Gary Stinson
 - a. Traci Ann Stinson

4. - Harold J. Everist & Olive Zink Everist

- A. - Allan Jay Everist & Beverly Davis Everist
 - A-1 Michael Everist
 - A-2 Michelle Everist (deceased)
 - A-3 Jolinda Everist
- B. - Gary Lee Everist & Barbara Benson Everist
 - B-1 Laura Lee Everist
 - B-2 David Everist
 - B-3 Mark Everist

5. - Grace Everist Gustafson & Herbert Gustafson (deceased)

- A. Betty Gustafson Laton & Vernon Laton
 - A-1 Pamela Laton Cocklin & Carl Cocklin
 - a. Rebecca Ann Cocklin
 - A-2 Barbara Laton Schafer & Robert Schafer (divorced)

- Grace Everist Gustafson & Earl Atkinson
- A. Robert Atkinson & Betty Bingham Atkinson
 - A-1 Connie Sue Atkinson Jensen & Lynn Jensen
 - a. Robert Jensen

The Family of

II - FRANK CLEMONS

1. - Nettie Clemons Moorman & Mainard Moorman (deceased)

- A. Gladys Moorman & Dennis Melick
 - A-1 Vickie Melick & Mark Honeck
 - a. Pat Honeck
 - b. Ben Honeck
 - A-2 Russell Melick (in Navy)
 - A-3 Kristie Melick (in Army)
- B. Jerry Moorman & Laura Moninger Moorman (divorced)
 - B-1 Sue Moorman Nablo & Don Nablo
 - a. Landon Nablo (twin)
 - b. Brian Nablo (twin)
 - c. Kim Nablo
 - B-2 Gary Moorman & Chaurice Miller Moorman
 - B-3 Beth Moorman
 - B-4 David Moorman
- Jerry Moorman & Donna Ayers Moorman (second marriage)
- C. John Moorman (deceased) & Marilyn Williams Moorman
 - C-1 Sherry Moorman & Chris Cory
 - a. Leslie Cory
 - C-2 Tammy Moorman
 - C-3 Rodney Moorman
 - C-4 Debbie Moorman
 - C-5 Brenda Moorman
 - C-6 Jeff Moorman
 - D. Tom Moorman (in Navy)
- Nettie Clemons Moorman & Laurence Fiscus (second marriage)

2. - Anna Clemons Brush & Archie Brush (divorced)

- Anna Clemons Brush Fryer & Bob Fryer (second marriage) (killed in auto accident - no children)

3. - Louise Clemons Moorman & Lloyd Moorman (deceased)

- A. Leland Moorman & Anna Marie Ohm Moorman
 - A-1 Kimberly Ann Moorman
 - a. Kory Allan Moorman
 - A-2 Leland Lloyd Moorman, Jr.
 - A-3 Vance C. Moorman
 - A-4 Lance D. Moorman & Jennifer Watros Moorman
 - a. Jeremy Moorman
 - A-5 Michelle Ray Moorman
 - A-6 Zackery Scott Moorman
- B. Bernadine Moorman Spickler & John Spickler
 - B-1 Jeffrey Michael Spickler & Nancy Kynn Bonathon Spickler

C. Reba Moorman Weber & Richard Weber (deceased)

- C-1 Richard Weber, Jr.
- C-2 James Michael Weber
- C-3 Mary Louise Weber

4. - Leo Clemons & Dora Clemons

- A. Roger & Brenda Clemons
 - A-1 Scott Clemons
 - A-2 Amy Clemons
- B. Jerilyn Clemons Hill & Ronald Hill
 - B-1 Jeffery Hill

5. - Clyde Clemons & Carol Clemons

- A. Lora Clemons
- B. Steve Clemons
- C. Sheryl Kay Clemons

The Family of

III - BESSIE CLEMONS DUFFY

1. - Glenn Duffy & Hannah Owen Borton Duffy
 - A. Leonard & Norma Cooper Borton
 - A-1 Michael Borton
 - A-2 Steven Borton
 - A-3 Michelle Borton
 - B. Jean Borton Silvers Oswalt & Phillip Oswalt
 - B-1 Tonya Silvers
 - B-2 Donna Jo Silvers
 - C. Betty Jean Borton Valentine & Merton Valentine
 - C-1 Anthony Valentine
 - C-2 Stacey Valentine
2. - Marion Duffy & Edith Moore Bryant Duffy
 - A. Max Duffy & Chris White Duffy
 - B. Sarah Duffy Baker & Mike Baker
 - B-1 Joseph Baker
 - B-2 Loretta Baker
3. - Clarence Duffy (deceased) & Dorothy Bryant Duffy
 - A. Robert Duffy & JoAnn Christoferson Duffy
 - A-1 Beth Ann Duffy
 - B. Richard Duffy & Jeannie Coffland Duffy
 - B-1 Susan Duffy
 - B-2 David Duffy
 - C. Sandra Duffy Gerard & Vern Gerard
 - C-1 Lisa Gerard
 - C-2 Bret Gerard
 - D. Craig Duffy & Dorene McCaw Duffy
 - D-1 Lori Duffy
 - D-2 Jeffery Duffy
 - D-3 Scott Duffy
4. - LaVerne Duffy Huseboe & Merle Huseboe (deceased)
 - A. Steven Huseboe
 - B. Richard Huseboe
5. - Luella Duffy McKelvey & Wayne McKelvey
 - A. Larry McKelvey & Nadine Spinler McKelvey (divorced)
 - A-1 Jeffrey McKelvey & Teresa Whipple McKelvey
 - A-2 Tracy McKelvey
 - A-3 Jayne McKelvey
 - Larry McKelvey & Linda Laughlin McKelvey
 - A-4 Jimmie McKelvey
 - B. Pamela McKelvey Helleso & Bill Helleso (divorced)
 - B-1 Michelle Helleso
 - B-2 Ryan Helleso
 - Pamela Helleso Riemenschneider & David Riemenschneider
 - B-3 Carrie Riemenschneider
 - B-4 Jamie Riemenschneider
 - C. Paula McKelvey McMartin & Ned McMartin
 - C-1 Christine McMartin
 - C-2 Jacob McMartin
 - D. Douglas McKelvey & Carolyn Mann McKelvey
 - D-1 Amy Jo McKelvey
 - D-2 Anna Marie McKelvey
 - E. Gregory McKelvey (single)
- Luella Duffy McKelvey Poe & Cleo Poe
 - A. Kenneth Poe & Deloris Poe Zmolek
 - A-1 Ronald Zmolek
 - A-2 Robert Zmolek
 - A-3 Ryan Zmolek
 - B. James Poe & Barbara Russie Poe
 - B-1 Amy Poe
 - C. Roger Poe & Betty Stewart Poe
 - C-1 Matthew Poe
- D. Michael Poe & Deanna Mattson Poe
- E. Dallas Poe & Becky Berg Poe
 - E-1 Holly Linn Poe
6. - Pearl Duffy Hennis & Donald Hennis
 - A. Harold Hennis
 - B. Howard Hennis & Merikay Griener Hennis
 - B-1 Leisha Hennis
 - B-2 Ryan Hennis (twin)
 - B-3 Regan Hennis (twin)
 - B-4 Evan Hennis
 - C. Raymond Hennis (deceased)
7. - Merle Duffy & Leota Dillion Duffy
 - A. Joseph Duffy & Maggie Kelch Duffy
 - A-1 Michael Duffy
 - B. Linda Duffy Ames & Robert Ames
 - B-1 Heather Ames
 - B-2 John Ames
 - B-3 Jamie Ames
8. - Dale Duffy & Zola Smith Duffy
 - A. Annetta Duffy
 - B. Carolyn Duffy Steele & Mike Steele
 - C. Randy Duffy & Judy Mulford Duffy
 - C-1 Scott Duffy
 - C-2 Sherri Duffy
9. - Helen Duffy Stonewall & Shirley Stonewall
 - A. Kathleen Stonewall McFadden & Robert Lee McFadden III.
 - B. Patricia Stonewall Beckman & Myron Beckman
 - B-1 Brent Beckman
 - C. Michael Stonewall & Denise Manion Stonewall
 - C-1 Tracy Ann Stonewall
 - D. Jeffrey Stonewall
10. - Wallace Duffy & Shirley Upchurch Duffy
 - A. Karen Duffy Walker
 - B. Kevin & Melinda Nissen Duffy
 - B-1 Michael Duffy
 - B-2 Patrick Duffy
11. - Charlotte Duffy Lancaster & Harold Lancaster
 - A. Gary Lancaster
 - B. Carol Lancaster
12. - Bernadell Duffy Lilly - Gilbert Lilly
 - A. David Lilly & Hyong Kim Lilly
 - A-1 Michael Lilly
 - A-2 Jennifer Lilly
 - B. Bernadean Lilly Mandsager & Ronald Mandsager
 - B-1 Jessie Marie Mandsager
 - C. Peggy Lilly Gimble & Gary Gimble
13. - Bernadean Duffy (deceased)
14. - John Duffy & Bernice Olson Duffy

The Family of

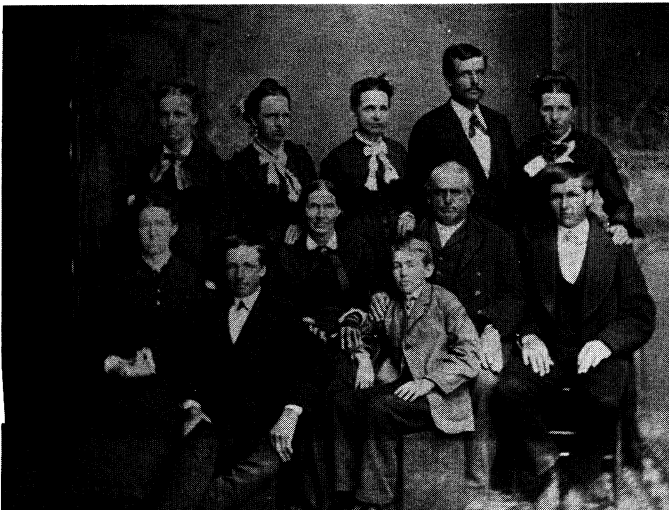
IV - JOHN (Jack) CLEMONS

(No Children)

WILLIAM CLEMONS

William M. Clemons, P. O. Minerva, was born June 21, 1815 in Bourbon, Kentucky. In 1817 he moved with his parents to Jefferson County, Indiana, and then in 1825 he moved to Decatur County, Indiana. In 1824 he came to Marshall County, Iowa. Mr. Clemons owned 656 acres of land valued at \$25.00 per acre. He was married to Nancy Elder January 16, 1840. She was born July 7, 1820, in Washington County, Kentucky. They had 12 children, nine living. They were Mary S., Sarah A., Nancy J., Emma E., Wm. J., John A., Henry P. and Abraham L.

Mr. Clemons was postmaster for four years; he was Justice of the Peace, Township Clerk and Treasurer; and Sub-School Director. He was a member of the Christian Church.



William M. Clemons Family
Late 1870's

L-R

Front: Emma Gaunt, Henry A. Lincoln

2nd: Nancy, William M. John

Back: Mariah Elizabeth Grewell, Nancy Jane Smith, Sarah Mooney, Bill J. Mary Gaunt

EMMA CLEMONS GAUNT

Emma Ellen Clemons was the daughter of William M. and Nancy Elder Clemons. She was born March 20, 1838 in Greensburg, Indiana. She came with her parents and family to Minerva Township in 1854 and settled with her family. Emma was married to Oren Eddy Gaunt, another pioneer family to this area. Oren was born April 20, 1838 and died February 3, 1920. His wife passed away just before him on September 6, 1919.

To this union four sons were born:

1. Calvin Russell Gaunt was born September 17, 1869 and died April 28, 1938. He married Charlotte Strickland. They had two children, Grayce and Earl.
2. Luther Edwin Gaunt was born April 26, 1874 and died March 6, 1939. He was married to Maude Sarvis and they didn't have any children.

3. Ira Marshall Gaunt was born February 4, 1878 and died September 30, 1953. He was married to Maude Welker and they had four children: Edith, Maxine, Dean and Mabel.

1. Edith Gaunt married Ellery Kyle. They have 3 children: Sylvia and Allan (2 adopted children)
Alice married to Marcy Dee La Fuente - 2 children: Becky and Marcellino.

2. Maxine Gaunt married Walter Kellogg. There were no children.

3. Dean Gaunt married Helen Holmquist. They had one child, Dennis, married to Lavonna Edgar and they have two children, Christina and Michael.

4. Mable Gaunt married Lloyd Campbell and they had four children:
Mary Campbell
Donald Campbell married Connie Smith and have 3 children, Theresa, John and James.
Marjorie Campbell married Lon Good and have 3 children: Julie, Jeri and Joshua.
Beverly Campbell married Dennis De Vault and they have 2 children, David and Dana.

4. William Merritt Gaunt was born August 29, 1884 and died March 23, 1964. He was married to Susie Leora Richards and they had six children.

1. Mahlon Merritt Gaunt married Erma Russell and later married Vina Wilfong. There were no children.

2. May Gaunt married Elgin Powers. They have 3 children: Marian, Richard and Judy. They have 9 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

3. Wilma Ellen Gaunt married George Nichols. There were no children.

4. Lois Mary Gaunt married Neil Springer. They have 2 children, Barbara and Dorothy and 3 grandchildren.

5. Betty Joanna Gaunt married Archie Smaha. They have 3 children: Carolyn Groth, Bill Smaha and Cathy Stout. They have 3 grandchildren and one died in infancy.

6. Jack Owen Gaunt married Charlotte Wolken. Later he married Joyce Mayle. There were no children.

By Betty Smaha

WILLIAM JAMES CLEMONS

William James Clemons was born March 13, 1853 in Decatur County, Indiana. He arrived at Elder Grove, Iowa in 1854 with his father, William M. Clemons and mother Nancy Elder Clemons.

During his younger years William J. helped his father farm the area in and around where the town of Clemons exists. After marrying Martha Gaunt on September 15, 1878 he moved to a farm one mile East and a half a mile South of Clemons, currently farmed by Dick and Debbie Jones. He farmed for ten years until he was forced to retire in 1888 because of stomach problems. In addition to the farm already mentioned he owned two other farms before his retirement, 160 acres in Marietta Township, and 240 acres in Liberty Township. After his retirement in 1888 he moved back to Clemons and remained there until his death June 16, 1938. He was buried in the Clemons Cemetery.

During their lifetime William J. and Martha had six sons, three of which died at birth. The three surviving sons were: Charles Sylvus Clemons, born July 15, 1882; William Dean Clemons, born June 28, 1884 and Vernon James Clemons, born September 8, 1891.

Charles Clemons married Susan Mooney on May 6, 1903. They lived in Clemons where he was in partnership in an auto repair shop. Then around 1919 Charles moved his family to Nipawin, Saskatchewan where he owned a car dealership. Charles inherited his father's first farm Southeast of Clemons in 1938 and later sold it around 1941. He and his wife were both buried at Nipawin.



Helen, Bill and Vic Clemons
Children of William D. and Rose Clemons

Charles and Susan had one daughter, Genevieve, who still resides in Canada.

William Dean Clemons spent his younger years trapping around the Clemons area. Later he traveled into Minnesota, the Dakotas, and even went to see the Worlds Fair in Saint Louis.

In 1905 William Dean traveled to Wyoming where he worked as a ranger for the U. S. Forest Service. After four years in this occupation he moved back to Iowa in 1909. Shortly after returning from Wyoming he met Rose Belle Lancaster who he married June 23, 1910. After their marriage they lived in Bangor, Iowa for a year. After this they moved to William J. Clemons' farm in Marietta Township.

William Dean tried his best at farming from 1912 to 1914. However, as much as William J. hoped that his son would become a farmer William Dean still yearned for the wilderness. So, when he received a job offer from the U. S. Biological Survey in 1914 he accepted.

In 1915 William Dean moved his family to Cody, Wyoming, where he started work for the Biological Survey.

As Assistant Chief State Inspector for the Survey, he worked in conjunction with ranchers located along the Western slope of the Wind River Range to rid the area of predatory animals. He worked his way South from Cody going from drainage to drainage checking for signs of predators. Where the signs were heavy he would hunt and trap them until they were no longer a problem, then move to the next area.

He worked for the Survey until 1918. In 1918 he died of Pneumonia as a result of severe exposure while crossing the South Pass for three days in a winter storm. He was buried in Clemons, Iowa.

After the death of her husband Rose lived in Cody for a year and then moved the family to Clemons where they were taken in by their grandfather William J. Clemons.

During their years together William Dean and Rose had five children. Helen Lola Clemons born August 26, 1911, William Henry Clemons born October 13, 1912, Victor Gordon Clemons born April 3, 1914, Casper Cole Clemons born July 31, 1916 and Rex Wayne Pershing Clemons born April 11, 1918.

Vernon Clemons married Gail Whinery on October 12, 1918. He spent several of his younger years playing baseball with the Saint Louis Cardinals. After playing for the Cardinals he moved to Los Angeles, California, where he worked for the Firestone Tire Company.

After his first wife Gail died he later married Martha Hodne. He had no children by either wife. He died in Florida and was buried there.

The following is an account of William Dean and Rose B. Clemons' descendants.

Helen Iola Clemons graduated from Clemons High School. After high school she went to Minneapolis School of Art for ½ quarter then returned to Marshalltown and graduated from a one year secretarial course offered at Central Iowa Business College. After graduation she worked 1½ years for the Nash Finch Co. as profit clerk, stenographer and assistant bookkeeper. After leaving Nash Finch she enrolled in Home Economics at Iowa State College and received her Bachelor of Science degree in 1935.

In 1936 Helen started work for Sears Roebuck & Co. in Chicago, Illinois as Advertising Coordinator, testing laboratories, for textiles and clothing and technical editor.

In 1943 Helen went to Mexico and took Summer classes at the University of Mexico, Mexico City. Upon return from Mexico, she took a year in Graduate fellowship in Textiles and Clothing, Home Economics at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul.

In 1945 she moved to New York City, where she lived for seven years. In New York she worked in various phases of interior decorating including working in the editors office of House Beautiful home furnishings magazine.

In 1965 she retired and currently lives in Marshalltown, Iowa.

William Henry Clemons started working at the early age of 8 years old. Even though he had been taken in by his grandfather, the grandfather expected the children to be as self-supporting as possible. Mowing, raking, washing test bottles and cream cans at the creamery, digging basements, unloading railroad cars, delivering by team and wagon, trucking on county cream routes, gas station attendant, janitors aid at the school house and fur trapping in the winters. He worked at these jobs until after he graduated from high school in 1930.

During the years 1931 to 1933 he worked as rough carpenter, house painter, roofer, clerk in a drug store, filling station attendant and farm laborer.

In 1933 he could find no jobs of consequence so he joined the CCC's in Pinedale, Wyoming. For nine months he worked as assistant leader with CCC crews on the Bridger National Forest of Wyoming and the Angeles National Forest in Southern California. He was elected captain of the CCC basketball and baseball teams and was the champion singles horseshoe pitcher in the Wyoming camp of 220 young men.

As a result of his hard work in the CCC's, Bill was offered a seasonal job with the U. S. Forest Service in 1934, on the Bridger National Forest in Wyoming. He worked as laborer on trails the first year, then came back the next five summer and fall seasons as Trails Foreman and as Fire and Recreational Guard.

In between seasons on the Bridger National Forest he attended Iowa State College at Ames toward a forestry major in 1931, 1935 and 1938. However the great depression took its toll and he was unable to finish his education.

Then in 1940 Bill and his brother Casper went to Alaska to visit their brother Victor Gordon who was working as an Engineer for Fairbanks Gold Exploration Company. While in Alaska Bill worked a short time with a steel construction crew

building the first double dredge in Alaska. Then in May of the year he received a job offer as combination equipment operator, maintenance man, corralman and acting Wildlife Ranger at Mount McKinley National Park. It paid \$1,680 per year.

At the out-break of World War II Bill returned to Iowa to await induction. During this time he met and married Virginia Louise Sparks on March 16, 1942. He was inducted that same month at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. During the war he first served with the U. S. Mountain Troops and later with base units for Arctic Search and Rescue training.

In 1946 Bill and his family returned to Mount McKinley National Park in Alaska where he worked as equipment operator until 1947 when he was appointed to a Ranger position. Then in 1950 he and his family were transferred to Olympic National Park in Washington State. He was forced to resign this position because of schooling needs for his children.

He returned to live in Clemons, Iowa until November 1951 when he re-entered the National Park Service and worked on the Natchez Trace Parkway in Mississippi, from here he was transferred to Dinosaur National Monument in Utah, then to Lassen Volcanic National Park in California where he retired from the Park Service in 1972.

After his retirement he and Virginia lived in Red Bluff, California, in the winter months and lived near Clemons, Iowa in the summer.

William H. Clemons died of Leukemia August 8, 1981 and was buried in the Clemons Cemetery.

To William H. and Virginia Clemons were born two sons and one daughter. William Bruce Clemons born October 11, 1943, Susan Kathleen Clemons born February 26, 1947 and Scott Matthew Clemons, born June 5, 1953.

William Bruce Clemons married Elizabeth Duff April 10, 1971. They had one daughter; Sarah Elizabeth Clemons.

William Bruce died December 25, 1972 as the result of an auto accident. He was returned to Iowa to be buried at the Clemons Cemetery.

Susan Kathleen Clemons married John A. Reynolds of Red Bluff, California on August 6, 1966. They have one son John Dean Reynolds and one daughter Beth Nicole Reynolds.

Scott Matthew Clemons lives near Clemons, Iowa. He married Gloria Jane Humphreys May 22, 1975. They currently have one son Seth Garner Clemons.

Victor Gordon Clemons graduated from Clemons High School and then went to Iowa State University majoring in Engineering. After graduation he went to Alaska and worked for the Fairbanks Gold Exploration Company as an Engineer. At the out-break of World War II he came to the States and married Mary Virginia Congdon, January 4, 1943. Shortly after his marriage he joined the Sea Bees and served with them the duration of War II. After World War II he pursued a career in business and currently owns Clemons Manufacturing Co. in Boise, Idaho.

Victor and Mary have three sons: Victor Gordon Clemons, John Congdon Clemons and Richard Clemons.

Victor Gordon Clemons married Marie Potasen. They

have one son and one daughter, Victor Gordon and Ann Marie Clemons.

John Congdon Clemons - unmarried.

Richard Clemons married Susan Locander. They have one son and one daughter; James Richard Clemons and Laurie Sue Clemons.

Casper Cole Clemons joined the Navy shortly after graduating from Clemons High School. He spent four years in the Navy then spent some time in Alaska. At the out-break of World War II he joined the Navy and served until the War ended. After the war he returned to Alaska for a period of time and then he moved to Hibbing, Minnesota.

In Minnesota Casper got a job with Duluth Missabe and Iron Range Mining Company as a conductor on ore trains. He worked there until his retirement in 1976.

Casper married Jennie Hilma Maki on October 9, 1948. To them were born two sons and one daughter.

Roger Cole Clemons who married Janet Lee Jackson on April 19, 1969. They have two daughters; Carrie Renee Clemons and Melanie Ember Clemons.

Marsha Rose Clemons who married David LeRoy Nelson on July 20, 1974. Marsha and David have two sons and one daughter; Jesse LeRoy Nelson, Michael Robert Nelson and Melissa Ann Nelson.

Robert Charles Clemons married Julie Ann Johnson August 26, 1978. They have one son, Matthew Cole Clemons.

Rex Wayne Clemons graduated from Clemons High School. After graduation he owned a truck and did trucking in and around Clemons, Iowa. In December 1941 he married Thelma Eliza Norman. At the out-break of World War II he served in the U. S. Army. After the war he ran the Standard Service Station at Clemons. Later he worked for twelve years at the Lennox Furnace Company in Marshalltown, Iowa. In 1965 he left Lennox and moved to Shirley, Arkansas, where he bought a farm and currently resides.

Rex and Thelma have four sons and two daughters; Thomas Dean Clemons, Rex Wayne Clemons, Jack Clayton Clemons, Curtis Travis Clemons, Nancy Lee Clemons and Janine Mildred Clemons.

Thomas Dean Clemons married Kay Jean Barnard and currently lives in Marshalltown. They have one daughter and three sons; Shelly Dawn Clemons, Jon Thomas Clemons, Bryan Dean Clemons and Jared Paul Clemons.

Rex Wayne Clemons married Eunice Gonzales. They have one daughter Kendra Dimetter Clemons.

Jack Clayton Clemons married Lidia Ann Hawrysko. They have one son and one daughter; William Travis Clemons and Rebecca Lyn Clemons.

Curtis Allen Clemons - single.

Nancy Lee Clemons - single.

Janine Mildred Clemons - single.

THE FAMILY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN CLEMONS AND ADDIE ADELE MAGEE CLEMONS

Abraham Lincoln Clemons, born in 1863 and Addie Adelle Magee, born in 1867 were married September 25, 1887 in Clemons Grove. I don't know too much about their early life or what my Grandfather did. I always thought he farmed until his eyesight began to dim.

Their first child was Fred who lived in Clemons Grove all his life. Their second child was Florence. She was not well and they took her to California to see if she could get well. She passed away while they were in California and is buried in Long Beach. While they were in California my father, Harold, was born in a small town called Moneta near the present Torrance/Compton area. After Florence died, Grandpa, Grandma, Fred and Harold moved to Iowa. Pluma was born in Iowa, and Grandma and Grandpa also raised Cora Mae Hadley from birth as their own daughter.

Fred married Clora Kirk and they had two daughters Vivian and Burnette and another child that died. They lived on the Clemons home place West of town. Vivian married and has three children. She has lived in Phoenix, Arizona many years. Burnette married and has three children. They lived in Wichita, Kansas for many years and now reside in Phoenix, Arizona. Fred and Clora remained in Clemons during their lifetime.

Harold married Mildred Mullins of Waukee, Iowa. She was a school teacher in Clemons when they met. They lived on one of the Magee farms Northwest of Clemons. It was at this farm that my brother, Thomas Harold, was born. Mama and Papa left the farm and moved to Marshalltown where I was born. (Doris Jeanne) In 1922 we moved to California and settled in Wilmington, California not far from where my father was born. In 1925 my parents, Harold, Mildred, Tom and I moved to Fullerton, California where we lived for many years.

Shortly after we moved to California, Lynk, Addie Pluma and Cora moved to California and settled in Long Beach. Tom and I spent many happy hours with Grandma and Grandpa during our summer school vacations. Grandma taught me to play the piano which I loved. Grandpa was nearly blind but being little we didn't realize his handicap. They were both loving and dear people. Grandpa and I used to take long walks and due to his poor eye sight he used to step off the curb and tires on cars would screech. He always claimed "The young kids of today have no respect for older people". He thought they were coming close to scare him and then would slap the brakes on. It would really be that he stepped off the curb in front of their car and they had to brake hard to keep from hitting him. Grandpa passed away July 10, 1930.

While Grandpa and Grandma lived in Long Beach, Pluma married Grover C. Whyte. They lived in

Torrance, California where Uncle Grover owned and was Editor of the Torrance Herald newspaper. They had one daughter, Nancy Ann. Uncle Grover passed away in 1953 and Aunt Pluma remained in Torrance until approximately 1976 when she moved to the Pasadena area to be near Nancy and her family. Aunt Pluma passed away in February 1981. After Cora married, Grandma (Addie) lived with Aunt Pluma and Uncle Grover until her death May 31, 1946.

Cora married Fields B. Arthur and they had two children; Janet and Lynk. Janet married and has two children and lives in San Jose, California. Lynk is married and as far as I know has one child. He lives in the San Diego, California area. Cora passed away in 1967.

Nancy Ann, Pluma's daughter, married Robert Work and they live in Pasadena, California. They have three children; Allison, who teaches school in Tuscon, Arizon, William and Telford, who are at home.

Tom (my brother) married Olive DeCuir and they had three sons; Robert, Wm. Bruce and Norman. They spent most of their married life in Burbank, California. Tom passed away in 1967. Olive, his widow now lives in Oregon as does Bill (Wm. Bruce). Bill is married and has one son, Douglas. Robert married and has one daughter, Heather. He lives in Westminster, California. Norman is married and has a son Tommy and a daughter Tamara. They live in Burbank, California.

I married Clarence Cornelius who is from South Dakota. During the war he was a pilot and at the end of World War II he took a job with Federal Aviation Administration. We have two sons, David and Lawrence. We were transferred around a lot but did spend many years in the Palmdale-Lancaster, California area. Our oldest son, David still lives in Palmdale. He is married and has two sons, Bryan who is 10 and Todd who is 5½ years old. Our youngest son Larry is single and lives in Lakewood, California. We feel fortunate they are living close.

After Tom died in 1967 we moved my parents, Harold and Mildred, to Lancaster so it would be easier to care for them. When we were transferred to the San Francisco area in 1969, we moved them too, and they lived with us. March 1970 we lost Papa and in October 1970 we lost Mama. They had not been well for several years.

My husband Clarence has retired from Federal Aviation Administration and we moved to El Toro, in Orange County, not too far from Fullerton where I grew up. He keeps busy with the yard and his work in the Masonic Lodge. I have worked with the International Order for the Rainbow for Girls for several years. It is a Masonic sponsored youth group and consists of girls from ages 12 to 20. It is a service organization and the young girls of California earn several thousands of dollars each year for some needy group such as the training of seeing eye dogs for the blind, training of dogs for deaf people and for abused children. It is fun to watch their enthusiasm and to watch them grow into young adults.



Abraham Lincoln and Addie Magee Clemons

Tom and I spent time in Clemons when we were growing up and I have many fond memories of the time spent there. Memories of the picnic's in the park -- swimming -- of trips to the park in Eldora and many good times with Uncle Fred and Aunt Clara. My husband Clarence and I have made many trips to Clemons and I love the house and farm where my father, mother, and brother lived.

Doris Jeanne Clemons Cornelius

FRANK DAVIS FAMILY HISTORY

The Davis family history in Marshall County began with David Davis' arrival. He was born in Virginia April 13, 1815, and married Lydia Moffit, a native of North Carolina. Sometime between 1850-1853, they and their six children moved to Iowa, and homesteaded land in Section 21 of Bangor Township, southeast of the village of Bangor. After their arrival, they had 3 more children. The names of their children were Robert, William, Elihu, Elwood, Asenath, Coreleus, Hannah, Maratha and Mary.

The present Davis' are descended from William, who was born January 1, 1841 in Indiana. On September 16, 1865 he married Elizabeth A. Everist, who had been born in Ohio on June 24, 1847 and had come to Iowa with her parents at the age of 9. William and Elizabeth homestead ground in Section 25 of Liberty Township. The farm was purchased from the government for \$2.00 per acre. At that time prairie chickens could be sold in Iowa City for \$2.25 per dozen, and income from this source helped pay for the farm. Historians tell us that at that time, much of the land was void of trees. Three children of William and Elizabeth lived to adulthood: Frank C., William Dane and Amanda May. These three all married local people, lived within a mile of each other, and each family figured in the history of the Clemons community.

Dane Davis was married to Minnie B. Mills on Christmas Day, 1888 and they farmed in Section 25 of Liberty Township, at the site of the former Andy Vajgrt home. Amanda married William E. Ross on October 8, 1890 and their farm was in Section 30 of Bangor Township, where Al Davis now lives.

Frank and Lura Teager were married October 4, 1891 and farmed in Section 30 of Bangor Township, where Lloyd Davis lives at the present. They were parents to 5 children, plus two who died in infancy. Those growing to adulthood were Lenna, Neva, Roy, Fred and Lloyd. Frank was a community minded man and willing to help with many endeavors. He served on the Central Iowa Fair board for many years, was on the Clemons school board, and was president of the Clemons Telephone Company and helped string lines in the early years. During the depression of the early 30's he was president of the Clemons bank, and family history records that he mortgaged his own farm to repay personal losses incurred with the closing of the bank. He and his family attended church in Bromley, later moving their membership to the Clemons Congregational Church, where he was a long-time member. After his son Lloyd married, Frank and Lura moved to Clemons and he continued to live there after the death of Lura, and until his own death in 1955.

Frank and Lura's children all married and lived in the Clemons area. Lenna married Harry Butler and they farmed in Section 8 of Minerva Township, where August Armbrecht now lives, but later moved to the Butler home farm where Don Davis lives. They raised a foster son, Ronald Everist, who now lives in Brownsville, Texas with his wife Betty. Ronald has 3 children, Ron, Jr., Terry and Myra.

Neva and Burr Atkinson farmed in Section 10 of Minerva Township, where Burr still lives. Neva died in her 20's, survived by her husband and daughter, Arlene, now Mrs. Arlene Tonne of State Center.

Roy married Bertha Hoffer, and they began farming in Section 25 of Liberty Township, where Vinton Davis now lives. After Roy's death in 1972, Bertha moved to Clemons, where she continues to live. They were the

parents of 3 children: Vinton, Lorraine and Mina Mae. Vinton and his wife Orpha (nee Atkinson) are the parents of 4 daughters: Joyce, Mary Jo, Linda and Donna. Lorraine married John Davis, and they farm west of Clemons; they are the parents of Duane, Susan, Roy, Barbara, Mary Lee, Jamie, Jim, Bill and Margaret. Mina Mae is married to Rev. Robert Siefert and they live at Udell, Iowa, and have 2 sons, Robin and Lynn.

Fred married Florene Kersey, and they farmed all their lives where Al Davis now lives. Fred continued to live on the farm after Florene died, then later moved to Clemons, and now lives at State Center Manor. He and Florene had 3 children: Stanley, Allen and Marlys. Stanley married Rose Marie Diser and they have Phyllis and Mike. Allen and Elsie Diser are the parents of Kevin, Kenny and Karen, and Marlys Davis lives in Clemons.

After Lloyd and Hazel Kirk were married, they continued to live on the farm where Lloyd was reared. They are the parents of Gene, Doris and Don. Gene and Helen (nee Prochaska) live at Garrison, Iowa and are the parents of Deborah, Denis and David. Doris is the widow of Joe Charlier and she and her three children; Frank, Craig and Connie Jo live in Mesa, Arizona. Don is married to Shirley Evertson and lives and farms near Clemons. Their children are Don, Jr., Scott and Sherry.

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THOMAS W. DAVIS

In November 1915, Thomas W. Davis, his wife, Mary and their five young children left their farm near East Bend, North Carolina and traveled by train to Union, Iowa. They rented the farm owned by James Speer located southeast of Bangor and lived there until the fall of 1918.

The farm home burned in February of that year. Temporary housing was constructed on the farm but when the weather turned cold the family moved to Bangor, residing there until the corn was harvested.

Myron Sparks was teaching the Bangor School in 1918. On November 11 when news of the Armistice reached him, the students formed a procession and with unsurpassed enthusiasm, marched around the Bangor Square to celebrate by singing and beating on anything that made noise.

Shortly after the end of World War I the Davis family moved back to North Carolina, but farming there seemed less attractive after living in Iowa. Consequently, they returned to Marshall County, Iowa and continued to farm there.

In 1923, they moved to the Clemons community where their eight grew up and were educated in the

Clemons School. The children are: Safrona, Pearl, Howard, Ralph, Charlie, Ruby Dauplaise, Thomas A. and Wayne. All live in central Iowa except Ruby Dauplaise who resides on Vashon Island, Burton, Washington.

All eight children and their families were present to celebrate their parents' golden wedding anniversary on October 27, 1957. Tom Davis died on November 8, 1961, and Mary died on July 6, 1970. The eight children and the 33 grandchildren still survive.

THE DICKOVER FAMILY HISTORY

At the time William M. Clemons was settling in Iowa there were less known people making their contribution to the growth of the Clemons Grove area.

One hundred years ago in the year of 1881, Christopher Dickover came to Iowa from Delaware Co., Indiana in a covered wagon, and settled 4½ miles Northeast of Clemons.

Christopher was of pioneer stock, as his father Jacob Dickover, who had served in the War of 1812, settled in Indiana from the state of Pennsylvania on a land warrant. Christopher's grandfather, Henry Dickover, served in the Revolutionary War and as a young man of 18 to the United States from Germany.

Two of Christopher's children lived their lives in the Clemons area. William (Bill) who never married was a carpenter.

George B. (Clell), a farmer, lived on the home place, except for a period of 3 or 4 years, at which time he resided in the town of Clemons. He married Isabelle Weatherly.

Her father, John Calvin, also of pioneer stock, came to Iowa in 1854 from Owen County, Indiana, in a covered wagon and settled 7 miles Northeast of Clemons, two years before William M. Clemons erected the Clemons Corner Store in 1856. John Calvin Weatherly's Great Grandfather, Abner Weatherly, was a Revolutionary War soldier born in Wales and was killed at the battle of Guilford Court House, North Carolina.

George (Clell) Dickover and Isabelle (Weatherly) Dickover were the parents of Mabel, Robie and Boyce.

Mabel married Roy Bacon, the son of Hess Bacon. They lived in and near Clemons all their lives. They were the parents of Bill and Wanda.

Bill married Gertie Hill; he spent his younger years in and around Clemons.

Wanda was married to Don Spurlin and lived in Clemons where she worked for the Bromley gravel pit before retiring.

Robie and Boyce as young men played trom-

bones in the Minerva Band. In later years, the Minerva Band gave concerts in Clemons.

Robie married Maude Alexander and farmed around Clemons for a few years moving to a farm north of Conrad. Later he moved to town where he was water superintendent and street commissioner until retiring. After the death of their son-in-law, Vincent White, Maude and Robie moved to Marshalltown with their daughter Maxine White where Robie passed away in 1979. They also had 3 sons, George, who lives with Maxine and cares for his mother, Robert, who passed away 4 years ago, and Jay Dean, who died in infancy. George and Robert were W. W. II Navy veterans.

Boyce, a W. W. I veteran, was inducted into the Army with Fred Brackney, Bill Von Spreckelsen and Alfred Butts, all of Clemons.

After the war, he settled in Clemons where he was a carpenter, having built and helped build many structures in and around Clemons. He also owned and ran the pool hall in Clemons in the 1940's. He is now in the Iowa Veteran's Home in Marshalltown.

He married Rie Arney and they are the parents of Jack and Helen Dickover who were raised in Clemons.

Jack Dickover, a W. W. II Navy veteran, now resides in Phoenix, Arizona. He is an iron worker employed by Marathon Steel. He married Grace Missig and they have 4 children and 3 grandchildren.

Helen Dickover now resides in Phoenix, Arizona. She married William Dee and is employed by the Maricopa Co. Tax Division. She has 2 children and 7 grandchildren.

Through the history of the Dickovers one was never found who had broke into Congress or out of the penitentiary.

HISTORY OF THE DUNNS

Marshall County - Liberty Township

Hugh and Margaret Dunn were both born in Ireland in 1795. They were the parents of six children: Henry, William, Hugh, James Edward, Bridget and Catherine.

James Edward Dunn, born on March 13, 1832 in Ireland, came to the United States in 1854. He acquired the West half of NE quarter of Section 15, Township 85 North, Range 20 West of the 5 P.M., Marshall County, June 28, 1858 from D. J. Allen and wife Elizabeth H. Allen for \$500. He married Frances Gilmore, who was born September 20, 1845, in County Queen, Ireland, the daughter of James and Frances Gilmore, October 8, 1862 at Marietta, which was then the county seat of Marshall County, Iowa. James and Frances were the parents of ten children: Bridget, Anna, Thomas, William,

Hugh, Maria, James Edward, Jr., Henry Anthony (Harry), Frances (Dollie) and Arthur Zenas.

Bridget was born in 1864 and died 1944. She was not married.

Anna was born December 24, 1864 and died December 29, 1947. She was married to Francis Tagatoff who was born June 24, 1857, and died April 3, 1936.

Thomas was born March 23, 1866 and died in 1901. He was not married.

William J. (W. J.) was born February 19, 1868 and died November 27, 1941. He was married to Mary (Mamie) Gannon. They were the parents of Carroll, Vera, Rena, Irene (Mrs. Jim Robinson), Albert and Mary Lucille. Albert and his wife Loraine now lives on the home place Northwest of Clemons in Liberty Township, Section 17, Liberty Township. Irene passed away August 28, 1980.

Hugh was born January 19, 1869 and died in 1948. He married Mary Robinson in St. Anthony. The parents of eight children, they settled in Seattle, Washington, where they are buried.

Maria was born August 22, 1872 and died March 9, 1938. She was not married and lived on the home place all her life.

James Edward, Jr. was born on July 6, 1875 and died April 4, 1944. He married Nellie (Net) Jordan. They had four children: Harry, Daniel, Nellie (Mrs. Joe Megan) Liberty Township and Laura (Mrs. Gale Oswalt) Minneapolis, Minn.

Henry (Harry) was born October 29, 1878 and died January 23, 1902. He was not married.

Frances (Dollie) was born September 9, 1885 and died July 19, 1968. She was not married and was a school teacher for 50 years in Liberty Township, mostly in the Liberty School.

Arthur Zenas was born September 16, 1887 and died November 11, 1981 at the age of 94 living and farming on the same farm North of Clemons for 70 years. He was married to Nelle Mary Lawler, daughter of Thomas and Mary E. McMahon of near New Providence February 21, 1911. She died February 13, 1973. She taught school at District 5 of Liberty Township before her marriage. Arthur and Nellie had four children: Leo, Jerene, Opal and Rita. They all graduated from the Liberty School.

Leo has spent his entire life in Liberty Township as a livestock and grain farmer. He married Kathryn Waske of Afton, Iowa April 22, 1941. He was a member of the Liberty School Board and later of the West Marshall School Board. He has been a director of the Minerva Valley Telephone Co. for many years. They are the parents of five children: Francis, Kenneth, Phyllis, Maurice and Karen.

Francis married Laurie Gunderson of Des Moines August 10, 1968. They are the parents of five children: Paul, Mark, Amy, Sarah and Emily. Francis died in a farm accident on his farm, North of Clemons, August 29, 1981.

Kenneth married Lynn Johnson September 6, 1966. They have a daughter, Jennifer.

Kenneth lives in Tipton, Iowa.

Phyllis married Rich McKean of Armstrong, Iowa July 11, 1970. They farm near Armstrong and have three daughters, Angela, Maria and Megan.

Maurice is not married and lives in Marshalltown.

Karen married Dave Hicks April 15, 1978 and they live in Louisville, Kentucky. They have a daughter, Rebecca.

Jerene married Robert Barlow and they live in Iowa Falls where Robert is president of the Iowa Falls State Bank. They have four married children, Pamela Angstman of Buffalo Center, Linda Hinz of Alden, Cinda Classon of Dows and John of Minneapolis.

Opal married Ronald Grandfield. He died December 17, 1976. They are the parents of a daughter Donna Grandfield Rewaj and a son, Gary. Opal lives in Des Moines.

Rita married Ralph Howe and they farm three miles North of Clemons. Ralph served on the West Marshall School Board for 12 years. He served two years as president of the Iowa Pork Producers Association and is the pork producer representative from Iowa on the National Live Stock and Meat Board. They are the parents of six children: Sister Connie, a member of the Sisters of Mercy Order in Cedar Rapids; Rick, an engineer on the Chicago-Northwestern Railroad; Carmen, a Driver Education and Physical Education teacher, Red Oak; Russell, a Computer Programmer for Brencro Automation Center, Des Moines; Tamma, an Elementary Teacher, St. Cecilia's School, Ames; Roger, and Auto Mechanic and Farmer on the family farm.

PATRICK DUNN

As Clemons entered this century's auto age one of the new businesses to spring up was the Dunn Motor Company.

The year was 1921, Clemons had just embarked on its fourth decade and the automobile was coming into general use. Among the first car owners in town was Benedict (Benny) Dunn. Young Dunn left his home community that year to learn the auto mechanic's trade at the Ford Garage in Hampton. His wife-to-be, Dora Mae McCormack of Saint Anthony followed and worked as a bookkeeper at the garage. They were married there the same years, 1921.

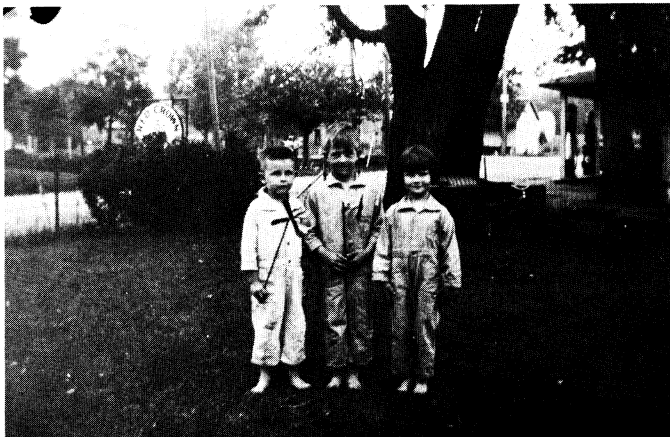
By 1926 Ben and Dora were ready to return to Clemons and start their business. With the help of his father, C. W. Dunn, the Dunn Motor Company garage was built and opened in 1926 next to the railroad and adjacent to today's Standard Service Station. Dunn was to continue in the auto service business throughout his working years, first in Clemons and later (after 1948) in Marshalltown.

Benedict Bernard Dunn was the eldest of five children of Charles William Dunn and Catherine Ellen Dunn. Ben's grandfathers were both original settlers of the Dunn Settlement in Liberty Township. Ben's paternal grandfather was Patrick Dunn from County Meath, Ireland, who married Catherine Murray and settled in Marshall County in 1867. The maternal grandfather was Henry Dunn, who with his brother came to America in 1852 from King's County, Ireland. He married Mary Scott and settled in Marshall County in 1855, first at Marietta and later on a Liberty Township farm.

Dora Mae McCormack Dunn was the second of four children of Russell McCormack and Myrta Robertson. Dora's grandfather, George Washington McCormack married Myria. The McCormack's owned a farm two miles north of Clemons. Dora's maternal grandfather was Alexander Robertson, who came from Illinois to Saint Anthony where he became the town's postmaster. He was married to Margaret.

Benny and Dora had two children, Wayne Benedict Dunn born in 1924 at Hampton and Beverly Joan Dunn, born July 2, 1929, at Clemons. The family encountered a desperate loss when Wayne died by accidental drowning in Biscayne Bay, Miami, Florida, in 1934. Beverly was graduated from Clemons High School in 1947, and married Richard Russell Nelson, son of Carl and Florence Hook Nelson of Clemons, February 1, 1951.

"Swede" and "Bev" have spent their married years in Clemons, living most of those years in the home of the founder of Clemons, William Clemons. They have five children, Wayne Benedict Nelson, Marshalltown; Barbara Joan Nelson Cox, Milwaukee; Richard Carl Nelson, Buhler, Kan.; Jacqueline Joan Nelson, Iowa



Wayne Dunn, Lloyd Bartholomew and Doris Jane Eldridge in the yard at the Eldridge Home.

City; and William Russell Nelson, Ames.

Careerwise, "Swede" operated the D-X Tank Wagon Service at State Center for a number of years before joining Fisher Controls in Marshalltown as a machinist where he had worked for 17 years. "Bev" is known today as Dr. Beverly Dunn Nelson, associate dean of the Marshalltown Community College. Besides a registered nurse's certificate from Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Dubuque (1951), she holds a bachelor of science degree in nursing from the University of Iowa (1973); a master of science degree in vocational education (1975) and a doctor of philosophy degree (1981), both from Iowa State University, Ames. Doctor Nelson also is chairman of the Division of Health Occupations at Marshalltown Community College.

The Nelsons have three grandchildren, Jennifer Joy Cox, Daniel Byard Cox and Sarah Dee Nelson.

THE THOMAS DUNN FAMILY

Thomas Dunn was one of five sons born to William and Julia Dunn in Munster, King's County, Ireland.

Thomas migrated to America in 1865 stopping first in Chicago where he worked on a railroad section. He then moved west where he married Margaret Jordan, a childhood playmate. They settled in Liberty Township on what was later known as the Jim Howard farm.

Tom and Margaret were the parents of seven children: Willie, Joe, John, Mary, Clara, Ann and Elizabeth.

John married Agnes Tierney, daughter of Mike and Anna Tierney of Perry in 1905. They first settled three miles northwest of St. Anthony. Three children were born to this marriage: Donald, Laurence (Bud) and Annagail.

Donald married Marie Ehrhardt the daughter of George and Lizzy Ehrhardt of Marshalltown in 1931. They settled on a farm north of Ogden where they raised three sons: George of Ogden, Jerry of Ames and Donnie who now lives on the farm.

Annagail married Walter (Bob) Peters of Ogden and they settled on a farm northwest of Ogden. They are the parents of two children: Mary of Boone and Gary of Riverside, California.

Laurence (Bud) married Evelyn Gilmore daughter of Tom and Bessie Gilmore in April of 1932. They started farming west of St. Anthony on the Story, Marshall County line.

In 1940 they moved to a farm owned by George Ehrhardt east of Green Mountain. In 1948 they bought a farm north of Clemons known as the Smith farm and it

was tenanted by Albert and Donna Hendricks until 1951 when the Dunns moved back from Green Mountain. The house was built in the late 1800's and was remodeled in 1952 after the Dunns moved back. This farm was then their home until December 1976 when they retired and moved to Marshalltown.

Bud and Evelyn have four living children: Pat, Larry, Denny and Dale. A daughter Donna Jean passed away February 1, 1936 and is buried in the St. Anthony cemetery.

Pat married Roger (Diz) Foster of Green Mountain. Their home is in Marshalltown and they have four children and four grandchildren.

Steve and his wife Jean are stationed in Kansas with the Army. Their children are Beth and John.

Denise, now Mrs. Alan Kleinendorst of Waterloo has two children, Eric and Angela.

Bob is a student at UNI and Rick is a student at Marshalltown High School.

Two of the Dunn sons went into teaching. Larry teaches in the Marshalltown school system and makes his home in Marshalltown. Dale teaches in the Nevada school system and makes his home on R. R., Nevada.

Denny and his wife Jo now live on the home farm. She is the daughter of Jack and Phyllis Hobbs now of Melbourne. Denny has four children: Carrie, Lisa, Christy and Dana. All are students in the West Marshall System.

By Mrs. Dennis Dunn

ELDRIDGE FAMILY

Harold Ernest Eldridge of St. Anthony, Iowa and Lydia Wihelmina Carolina Sophia Eckhardt of State Center were married November 26, 1914, on Thanksgiving Day. They began farming on the farm of Minnie Eckhardt of State Center (Lydia's mother) located one mile west of Clemons. Cordelia Minnie was born on this farm on January 25, 1916. She was delivered by the Clemons' doctor, Dr. Noble, and he braved the snow and cold to their farm.

In 1917, the Blackburn property and home in Clemons was purchased by the Eldridge family. Here the rest of the family was born. There were Ethel Lorriane, Marion William, Howard Albert, Bernice Louise, Eleanor Ruth, Wayne Richard and Doris Jane. Wayne and Marion (Bud) are deceased.

The Eldridge children attended the Clemons Christian Church. Cordelia's first Sunday School teacher was Inez Jones. They family also enjoyed Vacation Bible School and Christian Endeavor. When each child was



Harold and Lydia Eldridge's Wedding Picture, 1914

approaching eighth grade, they were sent to live with Grandma Eckhardt in State Center for that year in parochial school at St. John's Lutheran Church in preparation for confirmation.

Harold Eldridge was co-owner and operator of the Moore-Eldridge Gravel Contractors in 1923. Brub Moore was the Clemons barber at that time. The site of the pit was adjacent to Clemons on the east. The business was active until 1930 when the crash caused it to cease. The pit area remains today.

Submitted by
Cordelia Bates

JOSEPH ELEY FAMILY

The old state of Ohio sent a vast number of her hardy citizens into the state of the great west, one of these being Joseph Eley, a farmer and stockman.

Joseph Eley was born in Knox County, Gambier, Ohio on March 24, 1844 son of Benjamin and Marie Straats Eley, the farmer, a native of Pennsylvania and the mother of Ohio. The paternal grandfather, Peter Eley came from Germany and entered Knox County, Ohio before the Indian Wars when the county was a wilderness, having moved there from Virginia by wagon over the scarcely passable mountain road.

Joseph grew up on the home farm and assisted his father with the general work and was educated in the Knox County public schools. In 1868 he came to Marshall County and settled on the farm in Minerva Township. He put his place, two hundred and eighty acres, under excellent improvement through general farming and stock raising, a breeder of Angus cattle.

Joseph married Lydia Kemmer in 1866, also born in Knox County, Ohio. Four children were born -

Cora B.	Aug. 8, 1866	married Wm. A. Bryant
George	Dec. 6, 1868	married Nora Lee McCormick
Sammuel	June 27, 1876	married Della Mae Earlywine
Elmer B	Jan. 20, 1883	never married.

Lydia died May 17, 1884. Then Joseph married Josephine Sharp on June 24, 1885. One son was born to this union, Martin Sharp, on July 3, 1895. Martin married Iona Ellen Kaiser. Joseph passed away August 9, 1920.

Sammuel Kemmer Eley, son of Joseph Eley was born June 27, 1876 at Clemons. He grew up on the family farm and was educated in the common schools of the community. He quite naturally turned his attention to farming, which he continued with uninterrupted success. Sammuel operated a well improved and cultivated place of 120 acres, carried on general farming and stock raising.

On October 21, 1902 Sammuel was united in marriage to Della Mae Earlywine, who was born and raised in Gambier, Ohio. Della came to Marshall County in 1903. Sammuel was a Democrat and served as constable to Minerva Township. He belonged to the Christian Church and was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

This union four children were born.

Evelyn Mary	April 2, 1904
Ensil Maurice	Sept. 23, 1911
Lowell Kenneth	Nov. 6, 1915
Doris Marcella	Jan. 24, 1923

Sammuel died April 23, 1950 at his home south-east of Clemons after a lengthy illness. Della continued to live at the family farm until her failing health made it necessary for her to live with her daughter Evelyn in Des Moines. Della died October 24, 1972.

All four of the children were raised on the family farm, educated in the local community school and attended the Christain Church.

Evelyn continued her education. On June 28, 1926 she married Ernest Gebhardt. To this union two children were born, Mary Ann and Allen Dean. Ernest died March 30, 1973. Evelyn continues to reside at her home in Des Moines.

Ensil entered the armed services and served overseas in Australia. He returned home to help with the farming and livestock. Ensil remained on the family farm until his death March 13, 1975. Ensil was a quiet good citizen of the community and was always willing to lend a helping hand to a neighbor. Ensil never married.

Lowell, after graduation continued to farm with his father. On May 25, 1935 he married Ruby Inez Hines, daughter of Eldon and Ethel Speas Hines. After marriage he farmed in partnership with his father Sammuel and brother Ensil on the family farm. Two daughters were born of this marriage: Ruby Lynnette, December 10, 1935 and Lola Annette, March 1, 1938. On December 27, 1949 a farm accident took the life of Lowell. Ruby moved to Mahaska County near Montezuma and lived there until her death of cancer on her 46th birthday September 29, 1961.

The daughter Lynnette graduated from Clemons High School. She was a member of the Christian Church and was active as a 4-H Club member. She moved to Mahaska County, married, and had four children. She continued her education at MCC and attained her L.P.-N. license and worked at Grinnell General Hospital and Marshalltown Hospital until her death November 1979.

Lola, graduated from Barnes City High School, continued her education at the University of Iowa and obtained her L.P.N. license and worked at the University Hospital in Iowa City until her marriage in 1957 to Dallas Sterk of Montezuma, Iowa. Four children were born: Daniel, Randel, Sherri and Kerry. Lola and husband reside on a farm south of Grinnell and she works for a local Medical Doctor.

Doris continued her education at Drake in the teaching field. Doris married Duane King, son of Verdie and Iona Everist King. To this marriage six children were born: Du Anna, Stephen, Mary Ellen, Karen, Elizabeth and Kimberly. Doris and husband Duane live in Council Bluffs. Duane is working for Iowa Conservation and Doris does substitute teaching and helps care for the grandchildren.

By Lola Sterk

GAUNT HISTORY

James Gaunt and family came to Iowa by immigrant car from Decatur County, Indiana some time in the 1870's. They homesteaded the farm that is known as the Gaunt farm 1½ miles west of Clemons in 1875. It is a Century Farm.

Martin A. Gaunt was two years old when they came, and he grew to manhood on the farm.

Edward, the oldest son, went to Normal School at Le Grand, Iowa and taught school ¼ mile east of the Gaunt farm. It was the first Clemons school. He later moved to Indiana where he ran a grocery store chain. He married there and had one daughter, Vida.

Eldah, the youngest, was born on the farm. He eventually moved to California and he died there.

Martin served in the Spanish-American War in 1898-1899.

1898-1899. He also served in Cuba one year. There after he was always active in the veteran affairs.

In 1908, he married Bernice Collier of Greensburg, Indiana, and made the farm their home.

In 1914, they adopted Robert Steele, a cousin of Bernice's.

Martin and Bernice were very active in Lodge and community affairs. Martin was Justice of the Peace for Minerva Township and was a 50 year member of the Odd Fellows. He ran a threshing machine for the neighborhood a good many years. He built the veteran's monument now in the Clemons Cemetery. Bernice was a 75 year member of the Rebecca Lodge and held every office connected with it. She helped organize all the Lodges in Marshall County, except Marshalltown.

For 12 years she was President of the St. Anthony School Board and through her efforts, the school was consolidated. She helped in establishing the P.T.A.

Martin died in May 1950 and Bernice in April 1974. She was 100 years old.

Robert grew to manhood on the Gaunt farm. At the age of 16, he started driving a school bus, first with a team of horses and then with Model T's and A's until the school board bought a bus. He did this for 27 years for St. Anthony, Clemons and West Marshall.

On October 11, 1932, he married Ruth Ridgeway and with the exception of 8 years always made their home on the farm.

They had 4 children. John, who graduated from the Clemons High School in 1950, married Phyllis Godgrey from Jamaica, Iowa. They now live in Cabat, Arkansas, where he works for Western Manufacturing.

Carol, graduated from Clemons High in 1954, married Donald Adams of Liscomb. He is presently Vice-President of Drake University and they live in West Des Moines. Dale, age 11, died in October, 1946. Diane, was graduated from West Marshall in 1964. She married Steven Sutherland from Marshalltown. He is employed at Lennox and she at Fisher Controls. There are 9 grandchildren.

Robert died October 13, 1980. Ruth still lives on 2½ acres of the original farm, 80 acres being sold to Jesse Ward and another 80 to John Sparks.

Submitted by
Ruth Gaunt

HENRY GOECKE FAMILY HISTORY

The year was 1866. Henry Goecke settled in Marshall County. He had left his native Braunschweig, Germany and stopped in Illinois prior to settling on the farm where Ronald Goecke now lives, Section 20, Marietta Township.

Henry had learned about the land available in Marshall County from his future father-in-law and former countryman William Thomas.

William Thomas and his four daughters lived on the farm where Clifford Goecke now lives. On June 7, 1868 William Thomas' oldest daughter, Wilhelmina, became the bride of Henry Goecke II.

To this marriage came 6 sons and 2 daughters; Henry C., William A., Anna, Frederick C., Earnest F., Hattie, Albert L. and Frank B., who at 90 is the only living member of the first generation American born Goeckes.

None of Henry's children attended the Clemons schools, but grand children, great-grandchildren and great great-grandchildren did until Clemons became a part of the West Marshall School System.

Only one family attended Clemons through the present generation. William's son, John graduated from Clemons as did his son Douglas and daughter Kathryn. Doug's son Bill and Chuck and Kathryn's children Steve and Heidi attended the Clemons attendance center of West Marshall schools. John also served on the Clemons School Board. His sister Lucille also graduated from Clemons.

Two of Albert's children, Elmer and Leona graduated from Clemons. Elmer's children Paul and Judy were Clemons Alumni. Judy being in the class of 1962.

Fred's two sons Clarence and Kenneth were Clemons graduates.

Earnest's daughter Bernice was the only one of his 7 children to graduate from Clemons. An interesting note, all 4 of Earnest's daughters graduated but each from a different school. The family lived on the same

farm, where Harold now lives until Earnest and Minnie retired from farming in 1945.

Even through Earnest's youngest son Louis was a graduate of Lamoille, he played an important part in the school system. In 1947 he moved to the farm 2 miles east of Clemons where he and his wife Mary now live. Their three daughters Linda, Pam and Mary Lou went to Clemons. In 1957 Louis was elected to the school board and served as president for 2 years.

Frank's two oldest, Ralph and Clifford graduated from Clemons. Frank's grandson, Bob and his wife Paula live in the Clemons area. Their daughter Lynn attended the Clemons school for a short time. They have a son Craig.

The Goecke family was not directly involved in the settling of Clemons Grove, but several generations have contributed to its growth by trading at the various businesses and participation in community affairs.

It is hoped that the future descendants of Henry and Minnie Thomas Goecke can continue to be involved in the Clemons community.

By Linda Goecke Baker

HENRY B. HALL

Henry B. Hall was born in 1811 in New York City. He married Sarah Ann Rutan, born 1816 in New York City, came to Iowa 1864 and settled on Section 6, Marietta Township. He operated a blacksmith shop which was located on his farm. H. B. died in 1890, Sarah Ann in 1889. They had two children, Edward and James.

Edward was born in New Jersey in 1848. He was 16 years old when he came to Iowa with his parents and brother. In 1868, he married Amelia S. Phelps, born in Crawford County, Pennsylvania, in 1847. Edward died May 29, 1918 at Sanborn, Iowa. They had two children; Henry L. born September 3, 1871 and died March 5, 1896, and Sarah Jane, born July 15, 1878 and died February 28, 1943. Sarah was married to Robert J. Elliott in 1901.

James Henry was born January 15, 1857 in New Jersey. He came to Iowa with his parents when he was 7 years old. In 1879 he married Jane Wallace, daughter of John and Eleanor Wallace also Section 6 (adjoining farm). James Henry died July 31, 1936. They had four children; Freddie, Luella, Raymond and Joseph Homer.

Freddie was born July 13, 1880, and died November 1883.

Luella was married to George Lewis in 1936. She died in 1947.

Raymond was married to Grace Johns. He died of pneumonia in the flu epidemic of 1918 in Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

Joseph Homer married Dorothea Brown in 1934. Their children are Ruth and Kathleen.

Ruth Hall McDonald and husband Keith have two children, Carol Anne and Michael Joseph, and one grandchild, Emily Anne. They live on the old Switzer farm on Mormon Ridge and also operate the Hall family farm, west of Minerva.

Kathleen Hall Nicholas and husband David have three children, Christopher David, Sarah Luella and Jane Elizabeth. Their home is in Cedar Rapids.

Joseph Hall died January 10, 1981. Dorothea continues to live in the family home on the farm.

PEOPLE OF THE PAST AT MORMON RIDGE as told by Herb Halladay

HERB'S FAMILY

Herb Halladay's great grandfather, John Wesley Halladay, Sr., was born June 19, 1805, in Ohio and died August 30, 1871, probably on Mormon Ridge as he was laid to rest in the Whitaker Cemetery. The Whitaker Cemetery is located in Section 28 of Bangor Township in the Mormon Ridge vicinity not far from "Mud Creek" which is a very small stream 4-5 miles long and is now part of a new pasture.

On March 25, 1824, in Highland County, Ohio, John married Tamar Hiatt, born December 8, 1807, in Grayson County, Virginia, who died November 14, 1886, and was buried in what was known as the Ballard Cemetery in Iowa Township near the Stanley Mill.

John Wesley, Sr., apparently was a farmer in Ohio and here seven children were born to them:

- A. Nancy E., born September 6, 1825, Highland County, Ohio
- B. James E., born October 1, 1827, Highland County, Ohio, died December 18, 1827
- C. Isaac J., born April 26, 1829, Highland County, Ohio
- D. William Luther, born August 31, 1832, Highland County, Ohio, died August 6, 1886
- E. Margaret Ann, born December 10, 1834, Highland County, Ohio, died September 21, 1843
- F. George Alexander, born November 14, 1836, Highland County, Ohio, died March 27, 1921
- G. Thomas J., born August 8, 1838, Highland County, Ohio, died August 10, 1857

The family eventually moved to Grant County, Indiana, where the rest of the children were born:

- H. Mary E., born February 8, 1841, Grant County, Indiana, died December 8, 1865
- I. Ruth "Gemina", born September 15, 1844, Grant County, Indiana, died September 4, 1871
- J. John Wesley, Jr. "Wes", born January 12, 1847, Grant County, Indiana, died June, 1931

"Wes" is the grandfather of Herb Halladay.

K. James "Riley", born March 16, 1849, Grant County, Indiana, died ?

L. Rachel Ann, born March 18, 1851, Grant County, Indiana, died 1879 of smallpox

M. Emma June, born December 27, 1852, Grant County, Indiana, died July 18, 1937

As family members married, they settled in various parts of the midwest, with most of the family living in Iowa.

Herb's grandfather, John Wesley, Jr., better known as "Wes" was born January 12, 1847, in Grant County, Indiana, and married Emily Porter Whitaker November 29, 1865, at Mormon Ridge in Marshall County, Iowa. Emily, better known as "Em" was born in the spring of 1847 in Mahaska County, Iowa. After their marriage, they drove by oxen to Clay County, Kansas, and homesteaded near a little town called Green and lived in a dwelling known as a soddy.

In 1868 they came back to Iowa and lived on a Thomas place in Marietta Township near the Moninger Station until their log cabin was completed in 1870. This structure was located in a little valley near Mormon Ridge in Section 33 of Bangor Township and was almost directly west of what would eventually be the Joe Stuckmeyer home, in later years the John Eurom home and now owned by J. A. Ream of Marshalltown.

Grandfather "Wes" and his wife "Em" were the parents of four children:

1. Mary A. (10/1/1877 - 6/6/1951) married Frank Bumberbar, Marshall County, Iowa
2. Elizabeth Tamar (11/2/1880 - 8/9/1962) married Fred Davis, Marietta Township, Iowa
3. Isaac Wesley (10/27/1882 - 2/23/1955) married Elsie May Wilson, Hardin County, Iowa
Isaac is Herb Halladay's father.
4. Leroy (3/4/1885 - 9/8/1947) married Nancy Elizabeth "Kate" Stone, Marshall County, Iowa

Wes was the kind of man who was always ready to lend a helping hand to anyone who needed it - so in addition to his own family living in the log cabin, there were also orphans, or anyone needing a meal or a place to lay their head - all were welcome to this hospitable home. He never used a bank and was ready to loan money to a needy family on the honor system, but never without first having a consultation with Em.

Their log cabin was a fair sized building with 2 large rooms. A south door entered into the kitchen approximately 20 feet wide by 25 feet long and had a west and a north window permanently chinked in place and could not be opened. The bedroom was approximately the same size as the kitchen with a south and an east window. The logs were hewed by hand on 2 sides out of trees 14-16 inches in diameter. They were then notched on the ends with flat side placed against flat side and chinked with clay mud. If a draft developed, they simply made more clay and resealed the holes. The

rough bark remaining on the hewn logs served as both the exterior and the interior walls of the log cabin and remained so until it was razed in the late '40's. The floor was made of a double layer of native timber.

Near the south door of the log cabin was a pump and an enormous grape arbor approximately 50 feet by 15 feet wide with a cement floor with such thick vines and foliage it always provided a cool comfortable place to rest on even the hottest of days.

On the west end of the arbor Wes made a little stairway leading down to a concrete smokehouse where he smoked hams which remained there until ready for use. Beef was also smoked, then Em made dried beef over her big old kitchen range, hanging the strips from the ceiling. Her cook stove also had a reservoir on one end for their hot water supply. The bedroom was heated by an old range "Oak" stove. On the west side of the kitchen was a ladder leading to an open attic the size of the entire structure and was used for sleeping quarters.

Em raised hops for yeast as did all pioneer women. After picking and drying the hops, she made a yeast starter for her bread and pancakes. A part of this starter was always saved back and kept warm for the next batch of bread or pancakes. Breakfast usually consisted of bacon and pancakes. Em always kept a container of bacon grease on the back of her stove in liquid form. She would wrap a cloth around a fork and this was dipped in the liquid bacon grease and drizzled over the pancakes in place of butter.

Wes usually milked 7 to 9 cows. After each milking, he poured the whole milk in a water separator and added one bucket of water. A bottle on the separator served as a gauge showing the line of milk and cream separation. After standing overnight, a spout on the separator drained off the milk which was fed to the hogs. The cream which remained was drained out and churned into butter. The butter along with 10 or 12 cases of eggs were usually taken to Albion to a Jewish merchant by the name of Mike Thomas who owned a combination grocery and general store. Wes and other farmers would exchange produce for supplies and would get a ticket for credit on their surplus, if they wished. Wes had complete faith in the grocer's honesty, never knew what he got for his produce, but years later when Mike retired and wanted to settle up with Wes, the merchant paid him over \$1,200 for credit that had accumulated over the years. Mike Thomas also minted, stamped and issued his own coins with the appearance of brass equal in value to other stamped coins which could be spent in his store and promoted trading in his place of business above others.

Em was in a runaway some time after 1885 following the birth of her children and was left with a back injury. Thereafter she walked with a stoop and aided by a cane.

The first thing you would notice about Em and Wes when visiting them - they both smoked clay pipes - smoking a dry granulated tobacco bought by the case on

which Herb remembers seeing the name "Growlers" printed. Em started smoking in a peculiar way - the doctor thought she had asthma and believed it would help her to smoke a pipe. Grandma Halladay wore an apron with a big pocket in which she always carried a pouch she had made filled with her "Growlers" tobacco.

Em was interviewed by a local newspaper in the late 1920's about the Mormon trek thru Bangor Township 1850 - 1851. The travelers halted on what is now called Mormon Ridge along a creek begging straw from neighbors for bedding. They stayed there through the severe winter and were given assistance from the government when their plight was discovered. For years after, families in the area could find large heavy belongings that the travelers had discarded as too cumbersome to carry further. Grandma Em was pictured in the caption by the Times Republican including a picture of her old log house in which she lived from 1870 until her death in April, 1928, at 81 years of age after 62 years of marriage to Wes.

Wes died in June of 1931 at 84 years of age. Both funerals were held in the yard of the log cabin. The Biersborn Funeral Home of Union handled both services. The minister was a Rev. George Biersborn, a brother to the undertaker. Both Wes and Emily are buried in the Albion Cemetery.

Herb's father, Isaac Wesley Halladay was born October 27, 1882, in the log cabin of his parents, Wes and Em Halladay. He married Elsie May Wilson in 1902 at Albion, Iowa, who was born August 8, 1888 in Marshall County, Iowa. The children if Issac and Elsie are:

- A. John Wesley (8/5/1903 - 1968) married Lillian Charlier (10/8/1907 - 10/9/1976) March 1930
- B. Alice Thelma (8/21/1907 - 1977) married Clarence McIntire (? - 4/30/1977) July 9, 1929
- C. Herbert Leroy (9/17/1909) married Edna M. Alexander December 23, 1930, at Tipton, Iowa. Married 50 years on December 23, 1980
- D. Laura May (3/21/1911 - 10/23/1979) married Henry L. Hobson (1910) in 1939
- E. Robert Leroy (11/2/1926 - 6/1/1974) married Geneva Worthington September, 1950 at Knoxville, Illinois

Herb's parents first lived and farmed in Bangor Township where Isaac also worked as an apprentice blacksmith in several shops and became a journeyman blacksmith. In 1913 he moved to the Warren Nichols farm in Marietta Township. The family moved into Albion in 1918 where Herb's dad bought the Plmstead home and blacksmith shop plus another blacksmith shop. He sold one shop to a Jess Briggs in 1924, a blacksmith who had learned his trade in Germany. The other shop was torn down and Isaac and Elsie then continued to live in Albion but farmed the Timmons estate in Marietta Township for many years. During World War II, Herb's father worked for the Lennox Furnace Co. and after retirement lived in Albion.

Herb's mother, Elsie, died January 1, 1940, at the age of 51 at Marshalltown, Iowa, and Isaac died February 23, 1955 at the age of 72. They are both buried in the

Sheppard Cemetery, Hardin County, Iowa.

Herb attended the Albion school and began his life in road construction at the tender age of 13. Herb could write a book on the many facets of road construction has has observed from the days when some roads were no more than wagon trails and no roads had ditches. He could tell you how the machinery progressed from being horse and mule drawn to large and larger caterpillars and equipment. He could tell you how road unkeep in the early days consisted of running gravel down those ditchless roads and spreading it by a horse or mule drawn King drag made of steel, manufactured by a company of that name. There is probably not a road in Marshall County that has not been traveled by Herb.

When Herb started working at 13, he was paid \$3 for a 10 hour day. He drove a gig which consisted of a cart with two wheels over which the drivers seat was mounted, 2 long neck yokes to which 8 mules were harnessed and a long timber for the tongue which was driven against the push plates of the excavator for pushing from the back.

When Herb was 16 years old, he advanced to the "high seat" job still working 10 hours a day for \$3 plus room and board in tents - the going wage for construction workers for many years. The "high seat" job involved driving 16 mules to pull the excavator - using a total of 24 mules on this one piece of equipment. The mules were trained to stop and go by bell signals rung by the operator of the excavator. When the bell rang once, they would all come to a standstill and trained not to move until the bell rang twice. "Barn bosses" took care of the mules in the dirt camps.

Road construction took the workers far from home - even into other states. Tents were set up for the workers and these were called dirt camps. Word passed quickly and migrant road workers with many skills from different states started coming in on the trains and walking towards the dirt camps. These hobo camp men were known as "old stiffs". Even if no job was available for their particular skill, be it excavator, mule skinner, bank sloper, or barn boss, they always knew they would get their meals and a place to sleep. This was traditional. If a man got a "spread" he had a job with 3 meals and a wagon to drive and a "stake" was a job the worker would stay with for 3 weeks and then take off for parts unknown. There were big rough and tough men in these camps and rather than sleep in the tents with them, Herb would rather sleep on a haystack and if it rained, he made a hole under the haystack where he could crawl in and stay dry.

Herb worked with many colorful people during his lifetime of road construction. One such man was a big red headed Irishman whom Herb knew as "All Summer Red". He was a dirt foreman and ran the camp. He got his name from staying on the job "all summer" instead of the usual 3 week "stake" policy used by other migrants and "Red" of course from his thatch of red hair. This man was able to handle any situation and had a fist

like a sledge hammer. He was a nice man to work for, but if you crossed him, you only did it once.

A couple other interesting personalities Herb knew in the dirt camps were the "Gold Dust Twins" and never knew them by any other name. They were a set of twin brothers who were inseparable - if one couldn't work - than neither would work. Their name was derived from their poker playing - they always played together and once they cleaned out the camp - away they went - leaving behind a lot of empty pockets.

Another camp man Herb recalls was 70 years old when Herb knew him. He was a skilled bank sloper - using a tool called an adz, similar to an axe, with a long cutting edge used to shape the banks. He was known as "Old Buck" and had no ears but you never asked why. Neither did you ask the "old stiffs" their names, you learned it when they were ready to tell you, if ever. Herb heard two stories about this incident. One, Old Buck got drunk and his ears were frozen off and two, his ears were chewed off one time when he got in a big fight in Kansas City. He was a big tough man, a loner, and at 70 could do a lot of work but Herb never saw him take a drink.

In one camp, there was a spread of mules nobody could drive. One day when Herb was loading dirt, he saw an "old Stiff" sauntering toward the camp with his coat thrown over his shoulders. He got his dinner, as was traditional, and after dinner Herb saw the unwary man coming with those unruly mules. Whenever they were driven under the conveyer and the dirt fell into the wagon, they took off out of control and this day was no different than any other. In about an hour, the man whom Herb never knew by name and you never asked, returned with a "shag". This is a whip which he constructed with a wooden handle about three feet long with leather thongs attached to the end. He drove his wagon under the conveyer and when the mules spooked, really laid it on them. In about three hours, he was able to get his load of dirt and amble off to the dump with his mules in complete submission. He was a true mule skinner! How long did he stay on the job? You guessed it - the typical 3 week "stake".

One of the first big dirt movers in Marshall County were the Herbert Bros. of Marshalltown, Iowa. Their two main head men were old Bill Roll, the "barn boss" who took care of the mules the year around and Sid McLane the "plow holder" who was a relative of Jess McLane. Jess lived in Clemons until the time of his death and was married to Emma Smith who was a sister to Candace Everist and Bess Von Spreckelsen, also Clemons residents for many years.

In 1925, Herb worked for a Billy Benithen, an old stock outfit and one of the early road builders making good grades using excavators elevating dirt up in the middle of the road. In 1927, Herb started working for Moore & Eldridge, one of the biggest gravel companys in the state of Iowa at this time and were based in Clemons. Mr. Eldridge lived in the Ethel Holmes house.

Herb also worked for B. R. Alexander, then Guy Longerbone, one of the early big dirt movers in the state of Iowa. In 1966, Herb started working for Hallett Construction Co. of Clemons, Iowa, and is still employed by the company at this writing (1981).

Herb married Edna M. Alexander, daughter of George Alexander, on December 23, 1930, at Tipton, Iowa. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1980. They are the parents of one daughter, Marilyn Jean, born February 9, 1931 at Des Moines, Iowa. She is married to William Frederick Lewis. They now live in Fremont, California.

Herb and Edna have 3 grandchildren and they are:

- A. Terry Rene, Richmond, California
- B. Lisa Rochelle, living in Florida
- C. Tracy Lee, living at home

Submitted by Elaine E. Robins

THE THEODORE HELMCKE

Theodore Helmcke was born May 30, 1867 in Holstein, Germany. He was the son of Theodore Helmcke, dying December 25, 1903.

As a farmer in Minerva township he also served as a township trustee from 1900-1904 and elected township clerk in 1904.

Theodore was married to Georgianna Smith on May 23, 1897 in Tishmingo County, Mississippi. Her birthdate was December 25, 1866.

They were the parents of four children:

Wanda was born June 2, 1899. She married Harte C.

Ross, and they had two children, Don and Clarice.

Thelma was born September 13, 1901 and married William Paltzer.

Elsie's birthdate was September 19, 1903 and she married Raymond Bryant. Richard and Norma Jean are their children.

Annabelle was born March 7, 1907. She was married to Charles D. Norris.

By Clarice Ross Davis

ELDON HINES HISTORY

In the fall of 1911, Mary Ethel Speas, of Montezuma, Iowa came to the Clemons area to teach at the Ward School, formerly known as Magee school. She taught at this school for two years and during the summer months worked at the Ed Bartine Store in Saint Anthony.



Ethel and Eldon Hines

It was here she met Elson Hines of Saint Anthony and they were married February 1913. They made their home on a farm near Saint Anthony and Clemons. They always attended the Clemons Christian Church.

They were the parents of two daughters, Marie and Ruby. Although the girls attended Saint Anthony school, they were always active in the Clemons Church and enjoyed the Clemons events, such as the band concerts, community plays at the church, Fourth of July celebrations at the park and Chautauqua, also held the park.

Marie graduated from the Barnes City High School in 1932 where her parents resided for 1 year. Ruby graduated from Clemons in 1933 when they

moved back to the Clemons area.

Marie attended the Deaconess School of Nursing 1934-1935. She was married to Ronald August in 1935. They have since resided in the Clemons area. They are the parents of 5 children; Marlys born 1938, married Earl Oscarsn of St. Paul, Minn., October 1959, now resides in Pheonix, Arizona, Linda, born 1939, married Bill Hartwig of State Center, Iowa, March 1958, now lives at Conrad, Iowa, Sheryl, born 1941, married Charles Thompson of Zearing, Iowa, April 1963, later married John Nordmark, December 1976, at Marshalltown, Iowa, now living at Colman, South Dakota, Le Ron, born December 1950, married Bonnie Geisler of Colo, Iowa, November 1974, now resides at Alpine, Wyoming. La Rita, born February 1952, married Bill Wagers of Pheonix, Arizona, March 1972 and later married Pat O'Neil of San Pedro, California on June 1981, now living at San Pedro, California.

Ruby was married to Lowell Eley, May 1935. They farmed the Eley farm. They were the parents of Lynnette and Lola. Lynnette was born 1936, graduated Clemons High School and later became a Licenced Practical Nurse. She married Dick Grubb of Barnes City, 1955 and later married Harlan Kruse, Marshalltown, 1973. She passed away from cancer November 1979. Lola, graduated from Barnes City High 1955 and graduated from Iowa City School of Nursing with LPN degree. She married Dallas Sterk, May 1958 at Montezuma. She now lives on a farm near Grinnell, Iowa.

Lowell was killed on his farm December 27, 1949. Ruby later married Phillip Sanders and she moved to a farm near Barnes City where she lived until her death September 1961, on her 46th birthday of cancer.

Mrs. Hines passed away October 1961 from a lingering illness. Eldon resided on the home place until he broke a hip in May 1971 and resided in a nursing home until his death November 1973.

Marie Warner

HUMPHREYS FAMILY

1822 to 1982

William Blanton Humphreys (Born April 22, 1822 in Kentucky) married Jane Chipman Carter (Born December 18, 1826 in North Carolina) May 22, 1848 in Mooresville, Indiana.

They had 7 children. Their third child was Paris Henry, born November 27, 1856.

They came to Iowa in 1857, arriving in October, purchased land in section 4, Bangor Township - W. B. Humphreys had a blacksmith shop on his farm. He, his wife and 2 unmarried daughters moved to Louisiana in 1886.

Paris Henry Humphreys (called Tobe) married Sarah Jane Williams (b. August 18, 1857 in Jefferson County, Iowa - daughter of James and Martha Ralls Williams) June 24, 1880. The Williams and Ralls families were early Iowa settlers.

Paris Henry and Sarah Williams Humphreys had 5 children, 3 boys and 2 girls (the girls died in infancy).

A. William Adelbert (called Dell) was born October 8, 1881 and died 1961. He taught school at Marietta Dist. 1 (Minerva School) in early 1900's and married Ethel Larison in 1909. They went into the mercantile business, the Minerva Store, from 1910 to 1915. Later they moved to Wisconsin. They had 2 children, Elmo Adelbert born September 27, 1911 and Dorothy May born March 5, 1914.

B. James Franklin, born May 24, 1884 and died 1978. He married Fanny Newell (born October 1890) on July 6, 1910. They farmed near the home place in section 4, Bangor Township. They had 2 children, Violet Audrey, born August 24, 1911 and Erma Iolla, born December 20, 1916.

C. Henry Beverly was born August 16, 1889 and died May 1, 1964. He married on June 24, 1914 to Ruth Alena Nichols (born March 11, 1892 and died September 25, 1969). She was the daughter of Warren and Olive Townsend Nichols. Warren came to Iowa in 1854 at the age of 8 years with his parents Stacy and Faith Mercer Nichols. They settled in Marietta Township, Section 5. Henry and Ruth farmed his father's farm in Bangor Township for 1 year and then they purchased a farm in Minerva Township and moved there in 1915. This was in the Minerva community. Henry was the leader of the Minerva Concert Band which played for many Clemons functions. During the 1920's, they played on Wednesday night in Clemons before the "outdoor movies", also at the Fourth of July picnics at the park. Many Clemons young people played in the band.

Henry and Ruth had 5 children:

1. Warren Henry was born September 10, 1916 and married Mildred Bumsted. They farmed the Old Humphreys' homestead in Bangor Township.
2. Rose Olive was born April 7, 1918 and married Michael J. Harty. They live in Marshalltown.
3. Lois Ruth was born February 5, 1921. She is a Registered Nurse and works in a Dr.'s office.
4. Franklin Carl (called Frank) was born July 18, 1977. He married on May 25, 1952 to Betty Jane Vajert. She was born on November 9, 1932. They are engaged in farming on the home place in Minerva. Frank graduated High School at Clemons, Class of "45". Frank and Betty have three children:
 - a. Warren Franklin was born April 9, 1954 and married December 8, 1973 to Linda Denise McKibben (born November 2, 1954). Warren is engaged in farming with his father. They have one child, Aaron Austin, born March 23, 1977.
 - b. Gloria Jane was born January 14, 1957 and married May 22, 1975 to Scott Matthew Clemons (born June 5, 1953), son of William Henry and Virginia Sparks

Clemons. Scott is employed as an Electronics Technician at Kiowa Corporation. They have one child, Seth Garner, born October 11, 1979.

c. Beverly Alena was born November 3, 1971 and is a student at West Marshall.

5. Fred Adelbert was born July 18, 1927 and died January 10, 1944. He was the twin brother of Franklin Carl. In his junior year at Clemons High School he died of complications after an appendectomy.

THE WILLIAM INGLEDUE FAMILY

William (Black Bill) and Phebe King Ingledue Farm - 2 miles east and one half mile south of Clemons.

The land was first obtained from the United States by Nancy C. Hambleton on November 6, 1857 and sold to Martin H. Ingledue for \$1,700.00 in January 1866. It was sold next to Jacob S. and John B. Ingledue for \$2,000.00 in November 1866. A part was then sold to William (Black Bill) Ingledue for \$1,500.00 in July 1867.

William and Phebe King Ingledue moved from Newton, Union County, Ohio to the Clemons Bromley area in 1865. They came with four sons, Harvey R., Osburn



William and Phebe Ingledue Bromley residents.

C., William L. and Franklin K. A fifth son died of "Lung Fever" at the age of 20 months in Ohio before they moved here. Their sixth son Elwood was born here in 1866 and their seventh son, Lewis Marshall (Marsh) Ingledue was born here in March 1869.

William and Phebe built the house in 1880 where Dick and Joan Witt now live. Joan is their great-grand daughter. She has an invitation to celebrate William and Phebe's golden anniversary dated April 1899. William died in 1900 and Phebe died in 1906.

The farm was purchased from the estate by Marsh Ingledue and later passed to Joan and her brother Douglas Matheson.

An account book shows the holdings of William Ingledue, January 1865 - January 1866 and January 1867, listing such things as:

Farm (not the above)	
114 ¾ acres	\$1,800.00
Lots in Bangor	600.00
Lots in Marietta	500.00
4 horses	450.00
4 cows	60.00
134 sheep	157.00
5 hogs	\$ 15.00
7 stands of bees	60.00
wheat 148 bushels	133.00
oats 100 bushels	35.00
corn 250 bushels	125.00
hay 8 tons	32.00
"provisions for house"	75.00 etc.

We also see in records kept by William what prices were like in 1872. Eggs, 10¢ a dozen. Wool was a little over 50¢ a pound (which was his main money crop). One rocking chair \$4.50. One washing machine and wringer \$22.00. Clover seed ¼ bushel \$1.75. Timothy seed one bushel \$3.25. One sewing machine was \$114.35, a pretty expensive thing to get for your wife. A spittoon 60¢.

We also found a receipt for making your own ink. Believe me it is easier to buy it in a little bottle, if anyone even does that anymore.

The Bromley Tile Works Company was in operation in the 1800's but we are not sure of the exact dates of beginning and end. This was located just north of the railroad tracks and the clay came from the timber area on what is now Mrs. Carl Ingledue's farm. All of which was property owned by William Ingledue.

The Ingledue Family Tree goes back to Durham, England. William Ingledew (spelling differs but it's the same family) married Alice Blackstone. Their first son was named by Blackstone Ingledew born 1694. There the names William and Blackstone appear often in the Ingledue family tree. The William Ingledue who came to the Clemons-Bromley area in 1865 was called "Black Bill". He had a heavy black beard and with the Blackstone name in the family it is hoped that is the reason for the nick name and not because of any flaw in his personality or disposition.

By Joan Witt

GLEN and ETHEL JAY

Glen Jay was born in Nebraska, May 10, 1890 but came to Iowa as a baby and has lived in central Iowa most of his life.

Ethel Tucker was born in Luray, February 22, 1889 and spent all of her life in central Iowa.

Glen and Ethel graduated from Hazel Green School - graduated from 8th grade.

In 1908 and 1909 Glen went to Oregon and worked in a prune factory. The letters and cards were sent back and forth from Ethel and Glen. During this time Ethel ran the telephone office in Clemons. She also worked in the store in Marietta during this span of years.

In February 1912 they were married in Luray and they lived in the Clemons and St. Anthony area for several years - working as a hired hand on farms. In 1920 he rented the Mackin farm northwest of St. Anthony and moved to other farms in that vicinity - in 1929 they moved north of Liscomb on a farm. In 1935 he retired from farming and moved to Clemons.

His first business was in the Standard Oil Station. In 1948 he bought the Hardware Store. In 1962 they merged the hardware store with the grocery store, with the help of their daughter and son-in-law they ran it until they retired in 1967.

They had two children, Louise who is now Mrs. Gerald McKimmey, living in Marshalltown and Maurice who was killed in an auto accident in Liscomb in 1934 at the age of 16.

Ethel died in February 1972 at the age of 83 and Glen died in December 1976 at the age of 86 years.

HENRY JONES

Henry and Caroline Jones were born in Germany. They left there in 1865 for the U. S. by boat. They settled in Plattville, Wisconsin. If their boat had been two years later, their first child would have been born at sea.

Several years later they came to Iowa. They settled on the farm north of St. John's Lutheran Church. Later they bought their own farm several miles east of St. John's Cemetery. It is now owned by Harold Goecke. They spent their last years in State Center.

They were the parents of seven children: Etta, Elmer, Ralph (who died at an early age), William, Henry W., Carlena and Lois.

William married Emma Weave. They lived on the home place twelve years. They moved to their own farm three and one half miles southeast of Clemons. Their

grandson Vernon lives there now. They were the parents of two children; Wilbert and Velma Jones Ingledue.

Wilbert married Edna Tucker in 1919. They took over the farm and later moved to Marshalltown.

Velma married Blaine Ingledue. They farmed and later moved to Marshalltown. Their daughter is Lillian Ingledue Templement.

HENRY W. JONES

Henry W. Jones and Edward Mooney owned the Clemons Hardware. They did pump work and had farm machinery. They sold the hardware business in 1900. Henry married Jennie Blackburn. They bought a farm northeast of St. Anthony. They lived there until Henry's death February 1907. They had one daughter Inez. Jennie and Inez moved to Clemons where Inez still lives.

Carlena married Fredrick Zeisneiss. They lived on their farm three and one half miles southeast of Lamoille. They were the parents of seven children. Three died at an early age. Mary, Fred, Wilbert and Elmer were the living children.

Mary married John Wyott. They farmed southeast of Lamoille. They are the parents of two children, Fredrick and Herbert.

Fred married Athea Schmelick. They farmed southeast of Lamoille and are the parents of three children. A daughter died at an early age.

Ellen Zeisneiss married Roy Allen and lived in Des Moines.

Carl and his wife lived on the home place.

Wilbert married Lydia Bussie. They farmed south of Colo. They were the parents of two children: Sara Zeisneiss Mattingly and Robert.

Elmer married Mildred Shank and farmed west of Marshalltown, later moving to State Center. They were the parents of two children: Norma Kaye Zeisneiss and Wallace (Wallace's son - Raymond).

Louis Jones married Rose Upperman. They lived on his parent's farm, which he bought at their death. They were the parents of four children; Edward, Elmer, Dorothy and Ralph.

Elmer and Ralph live in Marshalltown.

Dorothy Jones Hunsleman lives in Colorado. Louis and Rose retired and moved to State Center.

By Inez Jones

KAISER

W. C. Kaiser was born in Allamakee County, Iowa on October 2, 1863. At six years of age in 1869 he moved with his parents to Marshall County, which was his home for the rest of his life.

W. C.'s father, George Kaiser was a native of Kiel,

Holstein, Germany. His birthdate was November 13, 1835.

On September 27, 1893 W. C. married Ophie Smith, a native of Alabama, Franklin County. To this couple was born five children:

Arnold W. - October 4, 1894

Iona E. - February 1, 1897

Thede D. - February 15, 1899

Wilbert J. - May 17, 1901

Ophelia M. - June 22, 1904

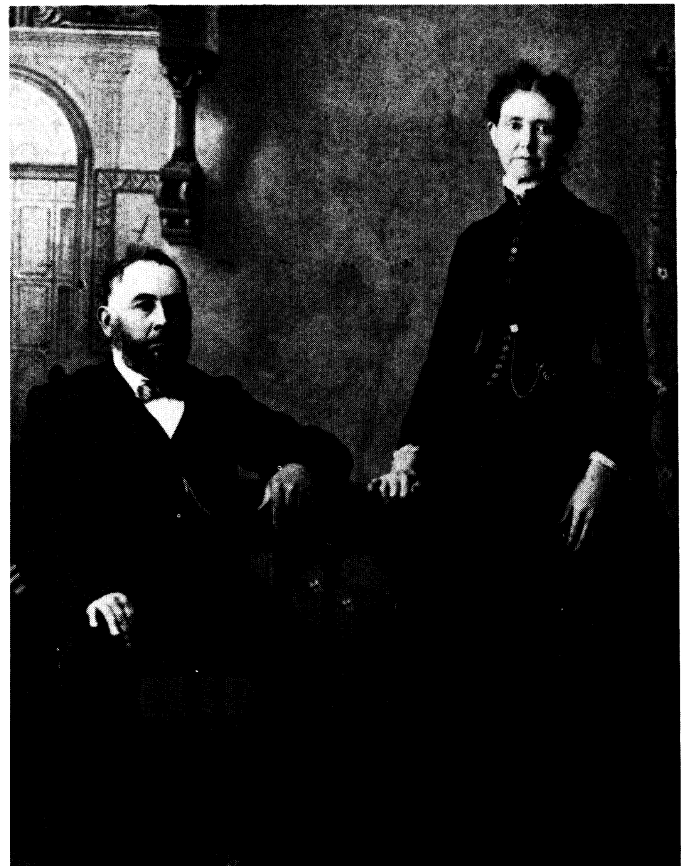
Farming was the occupation of the Kaiser family. Their farm was located southeast of Clemons in section 13 of Minerva Township.

Mr. Kaiser was an earnest worker for the schools of the county and education of the young, being elected school director on Minerva Township.

Taken from 1912 Atlas

MAGEE FAMILY

George W. Magee was born May 20, 1833 in Henry County, Kentucky. He came to Indiana with his parents in 1835. As a young man he journeyed to Iowa in 1855 and settled on the land that was to be his farm for many years. This was located in section 3 in Minerva



George and Isabelle Magee

Township, east of Clemons. He owned 409 acres valued at \$35.00 per acre in the early 1900's.

Mr. Magee married Isabel Dorton March 6, 1859. She was born December 13, 1839 in Union County, Indiana. They had six children; George M., Addie A., Cora B., John and Sadie. A son Willie died April 11, 1861 at one month. Lorella died October 29, 1863, at the age of 23 months.

Addie Magee married Abraham Lincoln Clemons, son of William M. Clemons.

The Magee's were members of the Christian Church in Clemons. He was also an assessor and Township collector.

Taken from 1878 History Book

MCCORMACK FAMILY

Jim, John, Dan and William McCormack came to Marshall County in the year 1851 from Decatur County, Indiana. They settled in Minerva and Liberty Townships.

William enlisted in the Civil War serving one year before he was killed by a minie ball at Nashville. He was the father of George W. (Wash) McCormack, Grandfather of George S. who was my Father (Eva McCormack Park). He settled his family north of Clemons.

The other brothers settled on land close by when the town of Clemons Grove was founded. Jim and Mandie opened a hotel in the building, that is the former Earl Van Metre home, running a number of years before going to Marshalltown to live. He owned the farm north of Clemons at the St. Anthony corner. I think part of this farm is still owned by his family.

John was a school teacher and taught country school north of Clemons by the Charles Davis and Reece farms, then coming to Clemons and teaching in the first school, a wooden building, settling about where the old bus barn was. He finally moved to Marshalltown and became an insurance salesman.

Dan was Clemons' first assessor. Later he farmed the land that is the Howard Levick farm, leaving there he went to Minnesota.

George W. (Wash) McCormack, William's son settled on a farm northeast of Clemons, farming it until 1914. He moved to St. Anthony and his son George S. took over the farm. He was the father of Eva, John and Virgil. The three of us graduated from Clemons school. Father sold the farm to Vern Parsons in 1937 and moved to Clemons.

Submitted by
Eva Park

MEIER FAMILY

Minnie Eggers Humbert Meier was born May 16, 1867, in Brunswick Germany, daughter of Louis Eggers. In 1875, she came with her parents to the United States to Somonoukt, Ill., and then to Marshall County, Iowa. Here she grew to womanhood, and married Edward Humbert on April 16, 1890. Mr. Humbert was born in France on August 18, 1853. Three children were born to this marriage; Alma, Feb. 23, 1891; Arthur E., July 24, 1895; and Florence A., Nov. 2, 1899. Mr. Humbert died December, 1902. Minnie kept the farm going in Minerva Township, Section 15 until she married Fritz Meier May 28, 1908.

Fritz was born August 26, 1866, at Platteville, Wisconsin. He came to Marshall County as a hired man and was employed by Minnie before their marriage. They farmed south of Clemons until 1917, then moved to Clemons where he bought Lots 1, 2, & 3 in Clemons Grove from the Blackburn family. Fritz was active in the community as President of the Telephone Co. and several other things. One daughter was born to this marriage, Alice Rosella, on May 24, 1910. They had three other children born but all died at child birth. Minnie passed away April, 1928 and Fritz in October, 1945. Alice cared for her mother during her cancer illness. She was married December 17, 1928 to Guy W. Heath from Rockwell City, Iowa. Guy was working for Eldridge and Moore gravel pit across the street from her home. They met when the gravel company dynamited some rock and a piece of rock went through the roof of Alice's house. In later years, Guy was a carpenter. One daughter was born to this marriage, Barbara.

Guy served the Clemons Fire Department for several years. He was Town Marshall of Clemons in the 30's and into the middle 40's. Alice was a home maker and taught Sunday School. She was a member of the Clemons United Church of Christ. Guy died March 1, 1971 and Alice died May 9, 1981.

Barbara Heath Mason was born at the Emma Wahlert house in State Center and brought to Clemons at the age of ten days. She started school Sept., 1945, and graduated May, 1956. She worked for North Western Bell Telephone Co., June 1956, transferring to Marshalltown Bell Telephone Co.

Barbara married William R. Mason of Toledo, October 1960. They started housekeeping near Garwin, Iowa, where William worked for his brother. In 1963, they started farming on the Fritz Meier farm in Minerva Township. Bill and Barbara adopted a son, Gordon Raymond, born in 1977. They have farmed all their married life in Minerva Township except for six years. Several generations of the Meiers family have lived on this farm named "Cloverdale Farm".

William and Emma Miller Meier lived just north of Clemons across the tracks on the west side of the road. William was born January 4, 1863, in Platteville, Wisconsin. He died in 1944. Emma was born June 19,

1871, in State Center. She was raised by the Ficken family. She died July, 1934. William and Emma were married September 18, 1889. Two children were born to them, Anna and Bert. Anna passed away in 1912 and Bert passed away in 1956.

Bill and Emma were farmers all their married life. Emma was "Aunt Em" to a lot of her friends and neighbors.

Submitted by
Barb Heath Mason

SAMUEL MOONEY

Samuel Mooney was one of the early settlers in the Clemons area. He was born in Delphi, Carroll County, Indiana on February 13, 1837, the son of Jonas and Nancy (Jenkins) Mooney and came to the Clemons area in 1855. Apparently his whole family moved here at about that time as on April 28, 1857, a town plot was filed for the town on Liberty in Section 27 of Liberty Township listing the parties recording the plot as Jonas C. Mooney, Robert Elder and Daniel Stephens.

There is very little else known about Jonas Mooney other than that he and his sons Samuel and William came to this area in 1855 and in the early 1870's there is reference to him in the diary of William M. Clemons. William and Samuel Mooney did carpenter work in the area in early days. The barn on the farm in Section 35 of Liberty Township where E. W. (Bill) Bartine lives was started and the timber cut by William Mooney, after he returned from the Civil War after being wounded. He supposedly prepared the timber and after the men returned from the Civil War the barn was raised.

On December 20, 1860, Samuel Mooney and Sarah Ann Clemons were married. Sarah Ann Clemons was born August 11, 1843, near Greensburg, Indiana, the second child of William and Nancy (Elder) Clemons. On September 12, 1861, Mr. Mooney enlisted in Company B, Eleventh Iowa Infantry and remained until October 17, 1864, when he was discharged at Gaylesville, Alabama. While he was in the service, his wife went to live with her parents in the large brick house on the hill west of Clemons. Upon his return he saw for the first time his daughter, Nancy Ellen, who was born December 9, 1861. Upon his return from the war the family moved to the farm where the Clarence Turner family now lives in Section 27, Liberty Township, where they lived most of the time until about 1893 when he moved to farm in Section 35, Liberty Township, where the E. W. (Bill) Bartines now live.

While he was in the Civil War and his wife and daughter with her parents, the William M. Clemons, Mrs. Clemons became homesick and wanted to visit her parents. So in 1863 or 1864, William M. Clemons rented his farm and they with their infant son, Abraham Lincoln Clemons and Sarah Mooney and daughter, Nancy Ellen, returned to Indiana by Prairie Schooner for a year visit.

Following the Civil War the Mooneys spent most of the rest of their lives in the Clemons area with a few exceptions. Being true pioneers and frontier people, they had the urge to move on but always returned to the farm in northwest Marshall County. On July 18, 1874, the family moved to Barron County, Wisconsin, much to the displeasure of Grandpa Clemons. But the lumber mill operation didn't prove to their liking so on March 19, 1875, they returned. Then on December 14, 1889, the family moved to Grants Pass, Oregon, but again returned on November 4, 1890. The trip was made by train with all the families goods being shipped in a railroad car including a team of mules. While in Oregon, the family traveled for 2 weeks by covered wagon from Grants Pass to the Pacific Ocean.

The family was quite active in community affairs during this time and Mr. Mooney held many different offices in church, social and community politics. He was a member of the G A R, Odd Fellow, Christian Church and was Justice of the Peace.

To the marriage of Samuel Mooney and Sarah Clemons the following children were born:

Nancy Ellen Mooney	Dec. 9, 1861	married Seth Gause
Lorella J. Mooney	Aug. 7, 1865	married Phil Rogers & Edward Brace
Anna E. Mooney	Nov. 25, 1867	married James Stinebough
Elizabeth Mooney	Oct. 8, 1869	married Sam Rockhill
John Mooney	Jan. 6, 1872	married Ida Belle McCormick
William Mooney	Jan. 31, 1874	married Cynthia Smith
Dora E. Mooney	April 1, 1878	married Cal Brace
Lottie Mooney	Aug. 9, 1880	married Claude Cox
Roxy Mooney	Nov. 2, 1883	married Cyrus Bartine
Samuel Mooney, Jr.	Dec. 29, 1887	died March 29, 1888

In 1893, the family purchased the farm in Section 35, Liberty Township where E.W. (Bill) Bartine now lives. Mr. Mooney lived there most of the time until his death on June 17, 1917. Mrs. Mooney lived several more years in Clemons until her death on September 15, 1929.

By Edwin Bartine, II

CLEMONS FAMILY HISTORY

Nancy Mooney Gause - Seth Macy Gause

Nancy Ellen Mooney, eldest daughter of Samuel and Sarah Clemons Mooney was born December 9, 1861 at the home of her grandparents Wm. and Nancy Clemons.

After Sam left for the Civil War, Grandma and Grandpa Clemons went over to Sarah and Sam's place (Clarence Turner farm) in the lumber wagon, loaded with Sarah and her belongings, and took them home for the duration.

Aunt Nancy was 4 years old when she saw her father and she told the story of waiting at the depot and watching anxiously because they had heard one of the soldiers that would be arriving was dead and they had no

way of knowing who it was.

Communication in 1865 was not very fast!

I remember many things Aunt Nan told of her life at Grandma and Grandpa Clemons's home and of their early pioneer life - how they took the family wash over to the horseshoe bend in the creek (the old park) and did the wash and dried the clothes on the bushes and tall grasses. Grandmother and Grandfather Clemons always went to church on Sunday and since Grandmother always had help in the kitchen, never hesitated to invite company for Sunday dinner (anyone that was alone or needed friends). Aunt Nan told how they bought everything in large quantity - 100 lb. sacks of sugar and the larder was always full. Many travelers coming thru stopped at the red brick house on the hill and spent the night. Grandmother had ingrain carpet on the floors and travelers were always welcome to stay, even when the beds were full.

Aunt Nan's namesake, Nancy Ellen Elder Clemons, was born in the South (Kentucky), where her parents owned a large plantation. Before the Civil War they freed their slaves and moved North (Indiana). Grandmother Clemons said she was cared for and nursed by a negro mammy (as was the custom in the South).

Nancy Mooney and Seth Macy Gause were married September 13, 1885. They lived in Clemons and St. Anthony area from 1885 - 1898 and Seth was associated with the A. Brackney Grain Co. and also served as depot agent. They spent the greater part of their life in Marshalltown where Seth served as Deputy Sheriff for a number of years.

They lived in Clemons from 1925 - 1929 with mother Sarah Mooney to care for her until her death in March 1929.

They were the parents of two daughters:
Hollis Gause 1889 - 1960
Zoe Gause 1887 - 1907

Nancy died in 1956 at the age of 95 and Seth died in 1938.

They were active members of the Marshalltown Presbyterian Church and Clemons Church when they lived there.

By Lois Bartine Shives

JOSHUA W. MORGAN FAMILY

In 1857 Joshua Morgan and his wife, Susan Spiker Morgan, moved from Ohio to Marshall County where they lived for nearly forty years. He taught one of the early schools in Marietta and later they taught a private school in Albion in the 1870's. Susan graduated from

Oberlin College in Ohio and organized the first system of graded schools west of the Alleghenies.

The old Morgan farm home was in Marietta Township 2 miles east of Clemons and about ½ mile north. Their three sons were born in this county. Charles, the oldest, married Martha Hays and after her death their daughter Mabel Morgan was raised in the home of her aunt and uncle of Clemons, Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Chapman. Mabel married George Stewart of Clemons and their descendants all live in Marshall and Hardin Counties and Davenport.

In 1896 Joshua and Susan Morgan moved to Colorado to join their sons. Wendell Morgan, a railway mail clerk, married Mary (Molly) Crook but had no children. Matthew Morgan, a farmer, never married. Charles Morgan, a rancher, was married a second time to Addie Pennock and had one daughter, Margaret, who lives near Denver.

Submitted by Elinor Stewart Shore

CARL MUSCHICK (BUD) AND JANET MUSCHICK

The Martin Muschick, Sr. family coming from Germany, settled in Freeport, Illinois, then moved to Minerva, Iowa, where he operated a store. In 1865 he and Martin, Jr. purchased the farm located four miles west of Clemons, which still belongs to the Muschick family, Section 7, Minerva Township. Records indicate they paid \$12.50 per acre for the land.

Carl has lived his entire life in the Clemons and St. Anthony area. He and his wife, Janet Ingraham Muschick, were married in Laurel and farmed the Muschick farm until 1971. They are the parents of sons Jeffrey Lynn and Jeremy Alan. Jeff and Lola Kusserow Muschick, and their son Brent Jeffrey, live in Clemons. Jeremy and Sheila Fisher Muschick are residents of Roland, Iowa. Carl has been employed by the CNW Railroad since 1970, working on the Roland Branch until its abandonment in April, 1981. He was one of the two men that rolled the rail out of the track to officially take it out of service in April, 1981. This was done west of Minerva Jct. near Marshalltown.

In 1978 Carl and Janet purchased property from Wayne and Miriam McDonald to erect a home, moving to Clemons May, 1978.

NELSON

Carl Edward Nelson was the son of Carl John Nelson and Emma Christina Holm. Carl John and Emma were born in Sweden. Carl John came to the United States when he was 16. He worked for Sam Eley and Peter Linquist in Saint Anthony, Iowa. Carl and Emma were married in Marietta in the Robert Timmons' house. They had seven children, three girls and four boys.

Florence Inez Hook Nelson was the daughter of Roy Emmet Hook and Madge Evelyn Forrest. Roy was born in Freeport, Illinois, February 8, 1880 and Madge was born in Van Metre, Iowa, November 8, 1883. They had six children, four boys and two girls.

Carl Nelson, Junior, and Florence Hook were married in Albion, Iowa, in 1925. They had six children: Richard, Shirley, Max, Donald, Earl and Larry. They lived in Marietta 7 years and then moved to Bromley. They bought a home and lived there 45 years. Carl worked at the gravel pit just east of Clemons. The gravel pit was owned by W. S. Keller and sons Ellis and Alfred. Later the land was sold to the Hallett Construction Company. Carl continued working for them until he retired at 65 years of age. Carl and Florence moved to Marshalltown in 1975. Carl and Florence celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary January 28, 1982. They have six children, 21 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Richard is married to Beverly Dunn and they live in Clemons, Iowa. They have five children. Shirley is married to Lester Perkins and they have four children and live in Marshalltown, Iowa. Max is married to Velma Goodman and they live in Marshalltown, Iowa. Max has two children. Donald married Cecilia Huff. They have four daughters and live in Petaluma, California. Earl is married to Jean Turner of London, England. Earl and Jean live in Glendale, Arizona and have three daughters. Larry married Rebeckia Jacobson. They live in Chicago and have three children.

All six children graduated from Clemons Consolidated High School. Richard was a World War II veteran, Max was in the service during the Korean conflict and Earl and Donald were in the service during the Vietnam War. Carl worked at the Marietta gravel pit before moving to Bromley. He worked at the beginning of the Bromley pit, running the dragline and moving the dirt to form the pit. The gravel was routed through a crusher and then loaded into county trucks for the Marshall County roads, custom haulers and farmers. Carl Nelson, Senior, and Carl's brother, Harry, also worked at the Bromley pit.

STACY NICHOLS

My great grandfather Stacy Nichols came to Iowa in 1853 and purchased about 1,000 acres of land in the Minerva Area.

My grandfather, Warren Nichols, lived on the farm that Robert and Marilyn Veren own.

My father, Stacy Nichols, lived the first place west of Verens where I was born and raised.

I had a younger brother, Roy, born and raised there also. We went to what was known then as the Minerva School ½ mile south of Minerva. I graduated from 8th grade there and then attended and graduated from Clemons Consolidated School. We had to furnish our own transportation so we drove a horse and buggy and sleigh in the winter.

I played in the Minerva Band while growing up. We played in the Clemons town park on the bandstand on Wednesday nights through the summer. On the Fourth of July we performed in the Clemons Park.

While attending high school I met Francis Stewart. We were married and have five children; Nancy, Janet, Stanley, Neil and Lyle. All our children started school in Clemons.

Submitted by
Stacy Nichols

STACY NICHOLS I was born December 13, 1812 in Virginia, the son of Hicksite Society of Friends minister. In 1835, he married Martha Brown, and they moved to Columbianna County, Ohio, where a few months later Martha died. On September 14, 1837, he married Faithful Mercer, born 1818. In 1853, Stacy made a journey to Iowa and bought land. He then returned to Ohio and prepared to move his family to Iowa. In 1854, Stacy, age 42; Faithful, age 36; with their six children, Martha Ann, 15; Thomas, 13; William R., 11; Warren, 8; Oliver, 5 and Sara Alice, 3 started for Iowa. They came by boat to Cairo, Illinois, then still by boat up the Mississippi River to Keokuk, Iowa. From Keokuk, they came to Marshall County, Iowa by ox team. They settled on several hundred acres on the Minerva Creek, arriving on April 1, 1854. A cabin was built on the third hill east of where the Minerva Wesley Chapel now stands.

In the fall of 1854, too late to build a cabin, Faithful's brother arrived with his wife and six children. They spent the winter with Stacy, Faithful, and their six children in the one-room cabin with loft. During this time, in November, 1854, Faithful gave birth to Horace. At night, the furniture, which consisted mostly of packing boxes, was moved out of doors. The 12 children were put to bed in the loft, and the adults made beds on the cabin floor. Sapling traps were made to catch wolves, foxes and other animals. They hunted wild game for

food, robbed "bee trees" for wild honey and gathered hazel nuts, hickory nuts, and walnuts. When they needed staples such as salt, flour, ground meal, etc., a trip was made to Iowa City, following the old trace trail along the Iowa River.

Stacy and Faithful built a brick home on the sidehill at the site of their first cabin. The brick home still stands, having remained in the family for five generations it was sold a few years ago.

Horace married and settled in Section 29, Marietta Township. He was very active in the Hicksite Society of Friends.

Hannah Mary born October 8, 1862, died 1864.

Sara Alice died in 1863 of diptheria.

Martha Ann married Neuton Hixon. They remained in the community a few years, then moved away.

Thomas (which see)
William R. (which see)
Warren (which see)
Oliver (which see)

Stacy helped with the Underground Railway in the middle and late 1850's. In this area the "Railroad" ran from College Farm in Jasper County to Marietta, then to Bangor.

These were troubled times in Marshall County. There was disagreement over the location of the county seat -- Marietta vs. Marshall (later Marshalltown). Stacy was a strong supporter of Marietta and was very unhappy when Marshalltown won. Then came the Civil War between the States and two of his sons went to war.

Stacy helped plan and build the Hicksite Society of Friends Church. He also aided in planning and building the Minerva Wesley Chapel. Never actually joining the Minerva Church, Stacy and Faithful were regular in attending services; and they also helped with its financing. They never thought of themselves as Methodists, but remained true Quakers.

Their retirement home was built near son, Thomas, in Minerva. Faithful died on August 1, 1900 and Stacy on July 14, 1902, and both were buried in the Marietta Cemetery.

Descendants of Stacy and Faithful are now fifth generation members of Minerva Wesley Chapel.

THOMAS NICHOLS - born April 4, 1841 in Columbianna County, Ohio, the son of Stacy and Faithful Mercer Nichols. He came with his parents to Iowa in 1854 at the age of 13. He served as a Sgt. in the Quartermaster Corp, Company I, Eighth Cavalry. In 1867, he married Mary Caroline Ball. He settled in Section 5, Marietta Township. Thomas and Mary were Charter members of the church. He was the founder of Minerva

and built a store which he ran until he died. Thomas and Mary had eleven children.

1. FRANK - married Armina Ankrum in 1892. They were both charter members. They moved to North Dakota. Frank and Mina were the parents of seven children. He died November 20, 1928 and she died January 25, 1946.
2. RALPH EMERSON - married Laura Wright. Ralph was a charter member.
3. SARA - married F. C. Demorest in 1907. She was a charter member.
4. ELIZABETH (Lizzie) - was a charter member. In 1904, she married William Evans Tomlinson, moved to Hartland, transferred her membership to the Friends Church. They had a son, Thomas Harold.
5. OLIVE - was a charter member, married James L. Hambleton in 1897. They moved to North Dakota. Olive and James had seven children.
6. WILLIAM MERCER - born August 10, 1878, died August 25, 1880.
7. ADA - a charter member, married Thomas K. Kennard. They had one daughter, Mary Lou. Ada died in 1929 and Tom and Mary Lou moved away.
8. HERBERT ABRAM - married Jessie Leonard in 1910. Herbert ran the store for a time after Thomas died, then leased it to other storekeepers. Herbert and Jessie remained on the Thomas Nichols "home place" where son Clifford now lives. They had two children who are Third generation members. Herbert died on November 11, 1953.

Clifford Delos - married Lucile Willits and they have two sons who were Fourth generation members.
Jack - married Sandra Peterson and they have moved away.
Thomas - married Judith Marie Goecke, and they moved away. Tom became a minister.
Clarice Ruth - born May 4, 1914, died May 20, 1930.
9. RAY STACY - born 1885, died in infancy.
10. HAROLD HARRISON - born August 12, 1888, died July 6, 1897.
11. MILDRED - with her mother, Mary, moved to Marshalltown in 1910. In 1939, Mildred was married to Eugene Hill. Mary died several years after the move and Mildred died in 1975.

WILLIAM RICHARDSON NICHOLS - born November 10, 1843, in Columbianna County, Ohio. He came to Iowa in 1854 at the age of 11 with his parents, Stacy and Faithful. He enlisted in the Eighth Iowa Cavalry in November, 1864 and served until the war's end. He married Amy Evans on September 26, 1867 and they settled in Section 8, Marietta Township. Their four children were:
Albert Lincoln - born December 29, 1868, died Sept. 23, 1929.
Margaret - born July 25, 1872, died July 26, 1949.
Clinton Emmet - born February 1, 1875, died October 23, 1950.
Mary Alice - born October 6, 1876, died January 6, 1958.

William, Amy and their family were charter members of Minerva Wesley Chapel. The family moved to Nebraska in 1882.

WARREN NICHOLS - born August 20, 1846, in Columbianna, Ohio. He came with his parents, Stacy and Faithful Mercer Nichols, to Iowa in 1854 at the age of eight. He married three times. On October 28, 1868, he married his first wife, Laura Dixon. They settled on Section 5, Marietta Township. He increased his holdings over the years to lands in Sections 8 and 4. He was community minded and was involved in many country projects. He and Laura had nine children. Warren and Laura deeded the land for the church. Laura died shortly after Laura Emma was born.

1. Paul (Charter Member) First wife was Mary Roberts and they had one son.
Lowell - moved away.

Paul's second wife was Clara - moved to Chicago.

2. Fred (Charter Member) married Minnie Pyle. They had four children who were Third generation members.
Warren Louis married Marie Thompson. They had two children (Fourth generation members).
Shirley May married Claire Zemke - moved away.
Charles Fred married - moved away.
Irene married Laverne Glore - moved away - deceased.
Winifred married Harold Smith - moved away.
Forestine married James J. Hauser - moved away.

3. Stacy (Tade) - First wife - Elsie Anson, deceased. His second wife, Della (Charter Member). His third wife Newby Sinclair, was a widow with one child, Emmett Sinclair. "Tade" and Della had two children (Third generation members).
Stacy, Jr. married Frances Stewart. They had five children who are Fourth generation members. Stacy and Frances and family moved away in 1950.
Nancy Stanley Janet Neil Lyle
Roy married Iowa Dorothy Zeller. They have two children. Roy and family have moved away.
Edna Elizabeth Allen Roy

4. John - born November 15, 1880, died 1901.

5. Nettie - died in infancy.

6. Charles - born November 2, 1884, died April 15, 1909.

7. Mary - died in infancy.

8. Jessie - died in infancy.

9. Emma Laura - married Iver C. Veren. Two children died in infancy, Virginia and Ralph. Their other two children are Third generation members. Emma and Iver are both deceased. Both lived on the Warren Nichols "home place" and son Robert now lives there.

Robert Iver married Marilyn Kessler Ruxton. They have three children who are Fourth generation members.

Linda married Pete Schneider - moved away.

William Iver married Dianne Billman.

Paul

Laura Ruth married Robert Shoenhair - moved away.

In 1890 Warren Nichols was married to his second

wife, Olive Townsend and they had one daughter. Olive died in 1894.

10. Ruth Alena - married Henry B. Humphreys. They had five children who are Third generation members. Henry and Ruth are both deceased.

Warren Henry married Mildred Bumsted - moved away.
Rose Olive married Michael J. Harty.

Lois Ruth

Fred Adelbert born July 18, 1927, died January 10, 1944.

Franklin Carl married Betty Jane Vaigert. They have three children who are Fourth generation members.

Warren Franklin married Linda McKibben. They have a son who is a Fifth generation member.

Aaron Austin

Gloria Jane married Scott Clemons. They have a son who is a Fifth generation member.

Seth Garner

Beverly Alena

In 1899 Warren Nichols was married to Ella Baum. They had no children. Warren died in 1928 and Ella died in 1942.

OLIVER NICHOLS - was five years old when he moved on the farm north and east of Minerva. The family home was built with brick from the Bromley Brick and Tile Factory. He married Martha E. Page and they moved one mile plus south of Minerva to start farming. They were the parents of six children. John died at the age of two years. Their home was always open to those who needed a home. Two of Martha's sisters (Amanda and Eva) lived with them until they had their own homes. Oliver purchased the "home place" and moved his family there, living there until his death. After the death of Martha E. Page Nichols, their daughter, Laura May, stayed home and kept house for her father and helped him raise three grandchildren.

1. Addie married Charles Brace, both deceased, two children.
2. George W. married Anna Tucker, parents of four children (listed under Tuckers).
3. Clara (Cal) married Fred McKinnon (deceased).
4. Ethel (Et) married John B. Charlier (deceased), one daughter.

A niece, Martha Page, was reared in the Nichols' home and married Gilbert Maxfield. Eight children were born to this union.

1. Ruth Louise married Robert Benbow (deceased) and were parents of five children: Janice Louise, Wayne Everett, Virginia Ann, Donald Wallace and John Maxfield.
2. Alice Lucile moved to Des Moines.
3. Doris Wilma moved to Texas.
4. Clifford Leroy married Verla Mauer, parents of four: Lee, Carol, Calusta and Lois.
5. James Russel married Bessie Matney, parents of four children: Branda, Russel, Jr., Steve and Allan.
6. Fred Glenmore (wife deceased), two children, Ron and Pat.
7. Mildred Esther married Floyd Airey and have three children: Ray, Kathy and Karen.
8. William Lyle married Darlene Stenberg and have three children: Susan, David and Sandra.

The three grandchildren that grew up in the

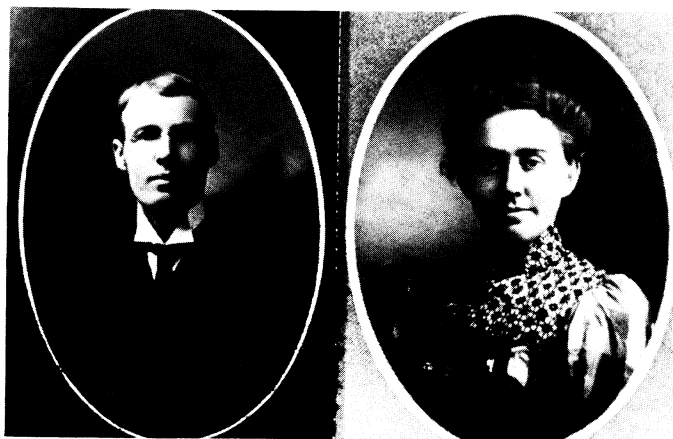
Oliver Nichols home were:

1. Evelyn Brace (deceased) married Ethimer Cox and has two girls: Helen and Gwendolyn.
2. Clinton N. Brace (deceased) married Lucile Noid, one daughter, Doris, married Ed Sullivan and has three children: William, Michael and Jane.
3. Cady LaVern Nichols married Fannie G. Myers, had four sons: Floyd Lavern (died in infancy); Harold Eugene married Naomi Jean Dodd, had four children: Kathy, Teresa, Trudy and Clare; Donald Dean married Barbara Jo Norman, had three girls: Diane, Donna and Darla; Larry Dale married Margery Martine and has three children, moved to Virginia.

Another granddaughter, Martha Lillian Charlier, made her home with the Oliver Nichols' for a short period. She married John W. Halladay and they had seven children: John W., Jr., William H., Leslie V., Roger Allen, Ann, Ethel and Lois.

DR. & MRS. HUBERT NOBLE

Doctor Hubert Earl Noble was born in State Center, Iowa on May 27, 1879. He was graduated from the State Center High School and Keokuk Medical School in 1905. Christina V. Dick became his wife in Nevada, Iowa, on June 25, 1905. Christinia was born in Rome, Italy on July 25, 1876, one of thirteen children. They had met each other in Colorado Springs, Colorado while both were employed at the Printers Home.



Dr. E. H. and Christina Noble

Dr. and Mrs. Noble raised three boys and two foster daughters.

Russel Noble was a doctor and is deceased.
 Sherwood Noble lives in Kankakee, Illinois and is in the Dairy Queen business.
 Howard Noble is a retired lawyer and lives in San Jose, California.
 Neva Noble Richmond lives in West Virginia.
 Dorothy Noble Edler is in Zeoring, Iowa.

Dr. Noble was the second doctor to serve the area (1905-1944) and was President of the school board for 25 years. He was instrumental in improving the

school system and was a very civic minded man in the community.

After retirement, with a twinkle in his eyes, Doc enjoyed telling of the times shortly after he established his office in Clemons, when he hurriedly hitched "Ole Babe" to the buggy, rushed through town to the country where he rested the horse for an appropriate time and then returned, having hopes he convinced the town people that he was very much in demand.

Mrs. Noble was the "Ladies Aid" best coffee maker and the best non-member booster. Mrs. Noble and Mrs. Camp were the most energetic fans of the young people of the community.

By Sherwood Noble

FAMILY OF SOBIESKI & PAMELIA PERRY

Sobieski Perry

Born April 12, 1829-Saratoga Springs, N.Y.
 Died April 24, 1881-buried Bevins Grove Cemetery
 Married Permelia Naomi Perry (Pamelia) September 3, 1852-Saratoga Springs

Pamelia Perry

Born May 12, 1835-Saratoga Springs, N.Y.
 Died March 14, 1889-Clemons, Iowa
 Buried Bevins Grove

CHILDREN:

Wm. Avery

Born January 1, 1854-Saratoga Springs
 Died October 30, 1884-Sheldon, Iowa
 Buried Bevins Grove
 Married Emma Brace March 1879-Marshalltown, Iowa
 Born September 20, 1856-Marshall County, Iowa
 Died January 28, 1919-Clemons, Iowa
 Buried Bevins Grove

Freeman S.

Born March 8, 1857-Canton, Illinois
 Died July 9, 1935-Clemons, Iowa
 Buried Clemons Cemetery
 Married Mary Emma Brackney February 22, 1888-Fonda, Iowa
 Born May 30, 1863-Clinton County, Ohio
 Died March 9, 1901-Clemons, Iowa
 Buried Clemons Cemetery

Byron Dudley

Born November 8, 1858-Canton, Illinois
 Died October 15, 1884-Clemons, Iowa
 Buried Bevins Grove

Charles R.

Born September 25, 1860-Canton, Illinois
 Died November 5, 1861-Canton, Illinois

Harriet Malinda

Born July 12, 1861-Canton, Illinois
 Died November 30, 1947-Clemons, Iowa
 Buried Bevins Grove
 Married Henry Frank Smith December 1, 1883-Marshalltown, Iowa
 Born April 19, 1859-Clemons, Iowa
 Died July 31, 1937-Clemons, Iowa
 Buried Bevins Grove

Edward Grant

Born January 8, 1867-Canton, Illinois
Died January 20, 1937-West Plains, Missouri
Buried West Plains
Married Nora M. Snoddy June 6, 1888-Clemons, Iowa
Died and buried West Plains, Missouri

Sobieski and Pamela came to Canton, Illinois in 1854 and then to Iowa in 1872.

CHILDREN OF:

Wm. Avery and Emma Brace Perry

Marion E. Perry born December 1879-Clemons, Iowa
Married Jessie E. Smith September, 1901-Albion, Iowa
She was born March 1876-Clemons, Iowa
Died November, 1904-Clemons, Iowa
Buried Bevins Grove

He then married Rose Whinery December, 1911
Rose died May 1965-Nevada, Iowa
Buried Bevins Grove
Died July 1963
Buried Bevins Grove

Cora May Perry born May, 1882- Sheldon, Iowa
Married Ira Cook September, 1900-Clemons, Iowa

Harriet M. Perry and Frank Smith

Bessie Smith
Hayden Smith
Cady and Candace Smith (twins)
Byron A. and Ira Smith (twins)
Catherine M. Smith
Clay Smith
Harry Smith
Ira and Harry died in infancy

Freeman S. and Emma Brackney Perry

Carl E. Perry born March, 1889-Fonda, Iowa
Died January, 1979-Marshalltown, Iowa
Cora D. Perry born April, 1890-Fonda, Iowa
Married Bernard L. Moore November, 1912-Liscomb, Iowa
He was born November, 1891-Liscomb, Iowa
Bernard "Brub" was a barber in Clemons for many years and later worked in road construction.
Is deceased
Cora is a resident of Villa de Sol-Marshalltown, Iowa

Lyle A. Perry

VERNON PHILLIPS

Vernon (Bud) and Anita Phillips, who formerly resided in the St. Anthony area six years, moved to Clemons in November, 1963. Their children were Vernita 9, Vickie 7, Vance 3 and Virgil 2. Vaughn was born June 3rd, 1968. The house they purchased was previously owned by the Richard Lister family. It had been the Aaron Brackney home for many years.

Anita, was born April 9, 1931, on a farm in Story County, near Zearing, Iowa, the oldest child of Ambrose and Ena Tagatoff Heil. Her father, one of five boys and five girls was born October 3, 1902 on a farm near Dalgren, Illinois. At age 15 he came to Iowa by train to find a job picking corn. He remained in Iowa working as

a hired hand until he married January 8, 1930. His sudden death was attributed to a heart attack September 10, 1957. Her mother, the youngest of six daughters of Francis and Anna Dunn Tagatoff was born February 14, 1906, west of St. Anthony, where the Francis Howard family now resides. When she was 8, they moved to their new home at the south end of main street in St. Anthony, now owned by John R. Mackin. She graduated from St. Anthony in 1924 and Marshalltown Business College in 1926. A car accident took her life May 11, 1973.

Their other children are Mrs. Carlton Karns (Theresa), Steamboat Rock; Mrs. Roy Bradbury (Eileen), St. Louis, Missouri and Gary , Phoenix, Arizona.

They moved to the first farm west of St. Anthony in 1938.

Anita attended school in St. Anthony and was of the last graduating class in 1949.

Bud was born July 13, 1929 in rural State Center, the second child of Fred and Alice Rodden Phillips. His brothers and sisters are Mildred, Lonnie, Gene, Glen and Darlene. Bud attended Rhodes school until his junior year when the family moved to a farm north of Melbourne. He graduated from Melbourne in 1947. His parents grew up near Bagnell Dam, Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri. After their marriage they came to Iowa to work on a farm. Later they farmed in the Rhodes and Melbourne area. In 1950 they bought a farm north of Ferguson. They are now retired and living in Marshalltown.

Bud was drafted into the Army January, 1951 and served in Korea and worked as a hospital medic in Sasebo, Japan until January, 1953. Bud and Anita were married October 12, 1953. While he was employed on a farm near Melbourne, Vernita was born July 16, 1954 and Vickie on January 15, 1956. In 1957 they rented the John Mackin, Sr. farm north of St. Anthony. While there Vance was born March 1960.

Virgil was born August 4, 1961.

All are graduates of West Mashall High School except Vaughn who is in the 7th grade. Vernita graduated in 1972, now Mrs. Jerry Johnson of Zearing. Vickie graduated in 1974, now Mrs. Norman Tjelmeland of Zearing. They have three children; Cory 4, Tessa 2 and Philip 4 months. Vance graduated in 1978 and Virgil in 1980, and are presently living in Clemons.

THE PROCTORS

Together with the parental Albert Brackney family, Lester and Eva (Brackney) Proctor continued the family's active education, religious and social contributions to the Clemons community for a total of nearly 90 years.



Almarth Acres

Because rural Iowa had few high schools about 1910, Lester Proctor, from Greenfield, met Eva Brackney first when they both attended the Christian Church Academy in LeGrand. Both later attended Palmer College in Albany, Missouri. After serving as an instructor in World War I, Lester began serving church pastorates while continuing his education. Engaged for four years, Lester and Eva were married August 25, 1920. Both then completed their bachelor degrees at Defiance College (Ohio), then went on to the University of Chicago for graduate school. Meanwhile, each served rural churches in Indiana, to which they commuted by train on weekends. Later full-time pastorates were in Dayton (Ohio) and Carson, Kingsley and Sibley (Iowa). While Lester was an army chaplain overseas in World War II and then attended the Pacific School of Religion, Eva pastored the Congregational-Christian Church in Ellsworth, Minnesota. Throughout all these years, the Proctors normally spent at least the month of August in Clemons.

By the late 1940's, Lester and Eva came to live in Clemons full time -- he as pastor of the church and she as English and Dramatics teacher in the high school. In later years, Lester added the chaplaincy of Iowa Veterans Home to his work, while Eva taught at Laurel, Rhodes and Albion high schools. Later, they pastored the Hartland Friends Church, from which Lester retired after having served pastorates for over 60 years.

Their two sons always considered Clemons to be "home". Laster Talley Proctor, Junior, born in 1927, attended Yankton College, served in the navy during World War II, graduated from the University of Iowa in commerce, then later completed his juris doctorate degree there and has been a bank lawyer throughout his career. He and his wife Carol G. live in Valparaiso, Indiana and have four children (Carol J., Nancy J., Lester T. Proctor, III and Margaret A.) Two grandsons, Will and James, live in Ankeny with their parents, the Rodney Turners. The Proctor's younger son, Max M., born in 1934, attending school in Clemons for five years and graduated in 1952. After completing Cornell College, he

did graduate work at the University of Iowa and married Clemons' Barbara Bartholomew June 24, 1956. They have a son, Tim J., and a daughter, Beth A. Frequent visitors to Clemons, Max and Barbara live in Cedar Rapids where he has been an educator throughout his career.

REISINGER

Warren Reisinger was born May 5, 1908 near Union, the son of David (Bill) Reisinger and Florence Davis Reisinger. The family moved to St. Anthony where he started school in 1913. He attended several area schools; Liscomb, Albion, Hazel Green, Union, Marshalltown and back to St. Anthony in his senior year where he finished in 1923.

For a time Warren worked as a farmhand in the Mormon Ridge, Minerva and Clemons areas.

On February 25, 1932, Warren was married to Bernice Malfield. He worked for D. V. (Deb) Bryant, doing custom work as shelling corn, shredding fodder and helping on the threshing crew. They moved to Minerva in 1937 and worked at blacksmithing. He also did pump and windmill work and plumbing.

A move to Bromley is where Warren hauled gravel for the county and worked at the gravel pit for Ellis Keller. He also hauled lime for the farmers. During the rationing periods, he worked at the Jay Service Station.

The family attended the Minerva Wesley Church and Warren was the Sunday School Superintendent.

In 1952, the family moved to the telephone office in Clemons. Bernice ran the switchboard for the Clemons Telephone Mutual Co. Warren was the telephone lineman and trouble shooter for the telephone company. He also did plumbing for Jay's Hardware and drove a bus for the Clemons School District.

Warren was on the Clemons Volunteer Fire Dept. and fire chief for some time. He was on the town council and town marshall from 1957-1959.

In 1959-1960, Warren worked at the feed mill and was janitor at the Clemons School in 1960-1961.

Warren returned to working for the county as a heavy equipment operator out of Bangor for 12 years, retiring in 1973. He has worked part time for the county as late as 1982.

The children of this couple are Eleanor (Mrs. Clarence Moore of Union), Lorna May (Mrs. Richard Turner of Marshalltown), Juanita (Mrs. John Mason of Clemons), Delores (Mrs. Earl Cronk of Marshalltown), Bruce Reisinger of Clemons and Nancy (Mrs. Allen Snyder of Clemons). They have 19 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

Music has always been a part of Warren's life. As a youth of 17 years, he taught himself to play the banjo. Warren tells of many winter evenings on the Mormon Ridge home just strumming his banjo with some friends. Besides the "Jam Sessions", Warren has played in three different bands the past ten years. They were the "Wind River Boys", "Minerva Valley Boys" and "The County Connection". He is presently playing with the last band mentioned on his bass banjo and guitar. Warren, 73 years old, finds much enjoyment in his musical talent.

"REFLECTIONS OF THE ROSEBURROUGH FAMILY OF CLEMONS

The history of the Roseburrough family in Clemons, Iowa began in the late 1800's. Daniel Roseburrough of Scots-Irish ancestry and his wife Levisa nee (Samis) were the first Roseburroughs to pioneer in Iowa. They were married March 13, 1864 in Sycamore, Illinois and to this union five children were born. Bert born January 9, 1865 Burlington, Illinois, Frank born May 2, 1867 Burlington, Peter Joseph born September 1871 Grant Township, Iowa, Effie May born March 6, 1876 Union, Iowa and Guy born March 14, 1884 Hubbard, Iowa. In 1870 Daniel and his family left Illinois and entered land in Hardin County, Iowa July, 1871.

Bert Roseburrough met Jennie V. Deleware a lovely French girl, daughter of Francis and Elizabeth Deleware of State Center. They married March 9, 1888 and shortly afterward settled in Clemons. They were blessed with eight children. Bertha born 1888, died September 29, 1890, Retta born June 10, 1890 died 1966 in Iowa, Ray born December 24, 1893 died in Louisville, Kentucky, February 23, 1981, Walter born February 28, 1895, died April, 1966 in Illinois, Carl A. born January 2, 1898, married Pauline Stewart, Eva born June 27, 1900, died 1973 in Iowa, Robert born May 25, 1902 married Nina B. Mertz, Hazel born June 18, 1908 married Clifford Cochran.

The Bert Roseburrough home was located on lot four, block two of Clemons. The blacksmith shop was just a short walk from home and that is where Bert made his living as Clemons town blacksmith. The family had a pet horse that was affectionately called "Old Ned". This faithful horse lived to the age of 27 and drove the family to church each Sunday. He also earned his keep by walking the circle that supplied the power for the blacksmith shop.

Clemons had a creamery near the depot just north of Brackneys elevator. When the elevator burned during the 1920's it was replaced by a co-op and implement.

Clemons had a swinging foot bridge that went over Minerva Creek to the ballpark and that is where all the games and sports of all kinds took place. There was a dam north of the bridge and in the winter there was plenty of ice. Ice skating was enjoyed by all or one could

always grab a sturdy branch and on an old tin can and play a game of "shinny". It could be quite hard on a persons shins and today the game is better known as hockey.

The town physician was Dr. Noble and he was truly a good family doctor. He served the town folks for many years by horse and buggy. Clemons hardware store caught fire about 1915 and Willet Moore the owner of the livery stable fell through the roof while helping to put out the fire. Fortunately, he escaped the fire without injury. Robert Roseburrough, who was a boy at the time, said it was so cold that his heels froze while watching the fire. One of the busiest times the town restaurant had was when the electric company came to wire the town for electricity. The dish they served the most of was rabbit as Robert recalls. In the winter the Christian Church had oyster stew dinners and one of the highlights was the large Christmas tree the church put up each year. Lots of good times were enjoyed by all.

Only three of Bert and Jennie's children are still living at this date in 1982. Hazel who still owns a working farm in Clemons. Carl who was in real-estate in Marshalltown for a number of years and now is retired in Mesa, Arizona. Robert inherited the art of metal working from his father. He carried it from the horse and buggy days and went into the making of fine cement-mason tools. He owns Roseburrough Tool Inc. in Orange, California.

There are many descendants of the Roseburrough family that first pioneered into Iowa. They branch out across the country and many of their roots go back to the little town of Clemons. We made a trip back to the home-town of Clemons the summer of 1981. My father Robert was very pleased to see the old homestead still standing as it has been since his birth there in 1902. The blacksmith shop is there also but has been moved to another location from where it was when his father Bert worked there. It was good to revisit the little town of Clemons and it brought back good memories of days past.

Compiled by Genealogist
Sharon (Roseburrough) McBride
and Robert Roseburrough born 1902 Clemons, Iowa.

THE ROSS FAMILY

The Ross family originated from Scotland with William Edward Ross being born in Gartley, Scotland and Lucy Powers Ross born in Dublin, Ireland. They both immigrated to America and were married in Illinois.

Their family was Thomas, John S., William Edward, Lizzie, Clara and Peter dying in infancy. The third son William Edward (Ed) came to Iowa in early manhood. He married Amanda May Davis. She was the daughter of William H. Davis and Elizabeth Davis and had two brothers, Frank C. and Dane.

Ed was active in many community affairs. He served as director of the Minerva Valley Creamery in 1890.

Ed and Amanda had 3 daughters and 2 sons:

Veva - married Mr. Goodson and farmed north of Clemons. She died in the late 1970's.

Harte - married Wanda Helmcke. They too, farmed south of Clemons all their married life. Harte died in 1956.

John - married Ruth Cameron. He died in 1956.

Lucy - married Raymond Allen and reside in Richmond, Iowa.

Helen - married Merle McCormack and lived in St. Anthony until 1949 when she passed away.

Harte and Wanda were well known in the Clemons area. Harte served in World War I in France. Wanda worked in a department store in Zearing and was Secretary Treasurer of the Clemons Mutual Telephone Co. They were also active in church affairs. A daughter and son were born to this union:

Clarice Jean - was born October 21, 1931. She was married to Wayne Burton Davis November 12, 1948. They have four daughters; Toni, Vicki, Lorri and Traci and five grandchildren.

Don Theodore Ross - was born June 6, 1936. He was married to Nancy Daasch on August 1, 1964. They have three children; Andrew, Matthew and Jennifer.

Wanda passed away July 13, 1965 and Harte February 6, 1978.

By Clarice Ross Davis.

THE SHARP FAMILY

Gabriel Sharp was born in 1834 in Germany. As a very young man he swam the Rhine River to come to America. While living in New York State he met and married Elizabeth Wantz in 1857. In that same year they moved to Marshall County, Iowa.

In 1858 they moved to Story County. Gabriel died in 1861 at the age of twenty-seven, leaving three children; George S., Mary and Josephine.

In 1864 Elizabeth married James A. Fry, and they became the parents of two children; Addie Louise and Emma.

Elizabeth died June 4, 1917, at age 79 years, 25 days. She is buried in the Clemons Cemetery, with her first husband, Gabriel I. Sharp (born in 1834, died in 1861).

Gabriel and Elizabeth's children are as follows:

George S. was born in 1858 near Colo in Story County, Iowa. He married Julia Ann Phelps from Crawford County, Pennsylvania. Julia was born February 3, 1859, and was married March 6, 1880 at LaMoille, Iowa. Their children were Edward, Mary Elizabeth, Lewis Benjamin, Homer, Ethel and Lilly.

They moved by covered wagon to Colorado. During the

trip Lewis B. was born at Oneal in Holt County, Nebraska.

They moved back to Iowa in the early 1900's where they lived north of Clemons on a farm which is now owned by Ralph Howe.

In the early 1900's George S. and son Lewis B. built the family home in Clemons where Julia Ann and George lived the rest of their lives. Julie died in July, 1931, and George S. died two weeks later.

Lewis B. Sharp and Elsie May Nordyke were married at Marshalltown, October 31, 1914.

They moved to a farm north of Clemons in the Bevins Grove neighborhood. He farmed with his father, George S. and operated a stud business.

January 3, 1916 a daughter, Pearl Lucille, was born to the couple. On October 7, 1918 another daughter, Mildred Louise, was born.

In 1919 or 1920 Lewis B. moved his family to Lady Smith, Wisconsin. He engaged in the dairy business for a few years, sold out and moved further north to Hayward, Wisconsin, where he continued in dairy farming.

Bordering three-fourths of his property was a lake. When it was being surveyed by the state he was asked to name the lake. Because of the oval shape he named it Mirror Lake. From this lakeside he ran a tourist lodge, renting boats, etc. He also served as guide in the area.

During the years there three more children were born. Ruth Marie was born October 4, 1923, Vivian Ellen on February 20, 1924 and Lewis, Jr. April 14, 1925.

After the death of George S. Sharp in 1931, Lewis Sr. again moved his family to the house he had helped build in Clemons in the early 1900's.

Lewis and Elsie were employed at the Minerva Valley Creamery; he as a buttermaker and she as a cream tester.

Lewis B. died in Marshall County August 23, 1966. Elsie M. was born in Marshall County in 1895 and died there September 21, 1981.

Submitted by
Pearl Berends

DR. EUGENE W. SHELDAHL FAMILY

Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Sheldahl and daughters, Pam and Paula, moved to Clemons August, 1952. Their home and practice was purchased from Dr. Marvin Hodson. The two doctors had graduated together from Des Moines Still College in Des Moines. Sr. Sheldahl was born and raised in Huxley, Iowa and graduated from Simpson College in Indianola with a Bachelor of Science Degree. Following his graduation from medical school, he bought the practice established in the old bank building in Clemons where he has been for the past thirty years.

Edna graduated from Minburn High School and the American Institute of Business. After their marriage November 30, 1942, she worked while her husband finished college and internship. For the past twenty years she has worked for Donnelley Marketing in Nevada as secretary to the Plant Manager.

Pam and Paula were both educated in the Clemons and West Marshall Schools. Paula, Mrs. Philip Hubbard, has two sons, Dustin and Sean, 9 and 7 years old, and Pam, Mrs. Mike Flanders, has a daughter, Erica, one. Paula works part time for Manpower and Donnelly Marketing. Pam is Dept. Manager of Social Services at Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo, where she resides. Paula lives in Huxley, Iowa her father's old home town.

SMITH

Abraham and Hayden H. Smith immigrated to Marshall County, Iowa in 1855. They came by team and wagon from Decatur County, Indiana and settled four miles north and one half mile west of Clemons in Liberty Township. In 1856 Hayden H. Smith and Margaret E. Maple were married in Albion, Iowa. Their occupation was farming and operation of a brick kiln on their farm. His brother Abraham helped him. In 1860 they built a brick house which stood until 1980. Hayden and Margaret helped organize the first Christian Church in the area.

Henry Frank, a son of Hayden H. and Margaret E. Smith, married Harriet M. Perry in December, 1883. They started farm living in a log cabin on the farm presently owned by Floy T. Bacon. Later they moved to the Perry homestead which was one fourth mile east. They had a family of eight children who grew to adulthood in this vicinity, attending school at Liberty No. 6. The boys also went to the New Providence Academy in the winter. The girls went to Albion for High School. In their later years, Frank and Harriet Smith lived in the town of Clemons. Bessie Von Spreckelson, Emma McLane, Candace Everist and Byron A. Smith, children of this pioneer family also chose to retire in Clemons. Catherine Van Metre, Hayden P., Clayton S. and Cady C. settled near by.

As I look back in my life time and compare with things my father Cady C. Smith related to me, I think the young people of to-day are missing a lot of to-gether-ness our ancestors had. When they had a big job to do every body helped each other.

By Claude H. Smith

THE SMITH FAMILY

The William Wiley Smith family originated in Franklin County, Alabama. Mr. Smith operated a store there. He fought on the north side during the Civil War and was forced to move after the war. The family stopped in Iowa for a visit on their journey to find a new home in the west. A family quote states "The Smith girls made a big hit and convinced the family to stay." Here they made their home.

William was born August 6, 1844. His wife, Sarah Ellen Phoebe Bickerstaff, was born January 26, 1843. They had nine children:

Georgianna Belle	12/25/1866	- 2/17/1949
John Henry	4/19/1868	- 4/22/1935
Carolina Alberta	2/25/1870	- 5/31/1932
Margaret "Willie" Ophelia	2/22/1872	- 12/27/1933
Robert Johnson	2/5/1874	- 2/8/1896
Martha Ora	4/17/1876	- 9/9/1884
Cynthia Phoebe	11/15/1878	- 3/28/1969
Mary Elizabeth	10/27/1881	- 8/26/1965
Wiley Edward	12/13/1885	- 4/22/1942

Triplet boys were born and died in February, 1880.

Those marrying area residents were:

Georgianna - married J. H. Theodore Helmcke.
 John Henry - married Pearl Thorne.
 Caroline Alberta - married Lewis Brackney.
 Margaret Willie Ophelia - married William C. Kaiser.
 Mary Elizabeth - married Howard Danner.

William Smith is recorded as being a harness maker and shoe repair man while in Clemons, 1904-1906.

By Clarice Ross Davis

JOHN AND JANE STEWART FAMILY

Early in the 1900's John and Jane Stewart moved to Clemons. John, a Civil War veteran, had been born at Boone and worked on the railroad. Jane was the daughter of the Bethuel Middletons of the Minerva area. They lived in a square house two blocks south of the Post Office and John did carpenter work.

Their four grown children also lived in the Clemons community. Nelle, the oldest daughter, was married to Fred Turner and they farmed east of Clemons. Their daughter Dorothy attended the Clemons School.

Their son George married Mabel Morgan from east of Clemons. They farmed north of Clemons for some years, then moved to Idaho. When they returned in 1925 their three daughters, Doris, Lois and Elinor, attended school at Clemons.

Another son, Fred, married Fern Spence and they lived a block west of his parents. He owned and operated a meat market in Clemons for a number of years. All of their six children were born and went to

school in Clemons: Frances, Fay, Forestine, Farol, Frederick and Fernette.

The youngest daughter Nina, was married to Willet Moore. They lived a block west of the post office. At one time Willet was in the dray business in Clemons. They had one daughter, Ruth.

All of John and Jane's grandchildren were originally members of the Clemons Christian Church, which was the denomination at that time.

FRED & FERN STEWART

and the 6 F's

Early in 1900's my Dad, Fred Stewart, came to Clemons with his parents, John and Jane Middleton Stewart. He used to tell us he came about the same time that Dr. Noble came to begin his Medical practice. Later we learned that one of his first jobs there was working on the building of the School in 1912. After working on a farm south of State Center for a year or so, he started at Meat Market. Other items sold were fresh frozen fish, shipped in a barrel from Minnesota, fresh oysters packed in ice, shipped from the East Coast, also in a barrel. Their trip in the final stage was on the M & St. L. R. R. He also had lard in metal buckets, and bulk lard, sold in the paper boat-like containers that the ground meat was sold in.

There were four girls born in Clemons, then a boy and another girl. I am the older sister (Frances); then came Faye, now Mrs. Oscar Carlson of Boulder City, Nevada; Forestine, Mrs. Carl Whitmore, St. Anthony, Iowa and Farol, Mrs. Leonard Otto, Clemons. Frederick and Donna, his wife, live in Marshalltown, and Fernette, Mrs. Charles Smith also lives in Marshalltown. We all attended the school and church in Clemons. I graduated in 1929, and married a classmate in 1934, Stacy Nichols, Jr.

Many memories come back as I think of the early years of my life spent in Clemons, such as sledding down Fred Clemons' hill, picking flowers from the South timber for May baskets, S. S. Classes with Inez Jones as teacher, Bible School with Eva and Ruth Brackney as instructors, song leaders and hand crafts. Then there was the Missionary Society where we packed a barrel to send overseas each year. Jr. and Sr. Endeavor with Rose Clemons and Mrs. Carl Anderson as leaders. We also went to the Church in winter for lyceum courses and Revival Meetings on occasion. In the summer we attended the Chautauqua in the Park, Minerva Band Concerts and an occasional trip on the train to Marshalltown. It was great to get a bottle of Bailey Boys pop from Aunt Maude Bryants boarding house, after helping her with some job, such as dishes, ironing, sweeping the porches, etc. The highlight of the week could be a "green river" drink from Boggies Drug Store. Another fun time would be when you were invited by Bill and Nannie Camp, and Marjorie, a classmate to ride on the

Gas Car on the R. R. tracks to St. Anthony, Zearing or farther west. We remember well when the gypsies came to town. We had heard stories about children being kidnapped, so we would go to Aunt Maude's home and she would hook the screen door, to keep them out. In my Dad's Meat Market, they would take, without benefit of payment, all the small buckets of lard he would have on display. I would not venture out to see what they did in the other stores, A. Brackney's Grocery, H. F. Butts and son with other merchandise besides groceries, and Ludlows Store, and perhaps other places I do not recall.

I remember when the ice harvest would be each winter, over behind the Creamery Building. My Dad would have his summer supply put down in the sort of pit like place with saw dust. Then the drayman would deliver it to the Meat Market as needed in hot weather.

We had our grandparents, and I remember the stories about the Civil War, the books and magazines we were allowed to use, and especially of how fond my Grandfather (who was called Uncle John by others) was of the good ice cream which he would buy at the Drug Store. He would buy a quart, hand packed and sit on the stool and eat it. When he was ready to go home he would buy a pint for my Grandmother. Usually she didn't want it, so he would go on thru the house and sit in the backyard and eat it also, unless one or more grandchildren were visiting then.

When the depression came my Dad's business folded, and he did butchering and farmers and the Locker Plant. He also was a Night Watchman, and took care of the Cemetery. He suffered a stroke and lived 7 years and 3 months before his death in the Marshall County Facilities. He died on his birthday, December 9th, within a few days of Dr. Noble's death.

My mother who had worked hard for years, lived in her home until her death November, 1962, a few hours after receiving word that a Grandson had been killed the night before in a car accident near Omaha, Nebraska.

by Frances S. Nichols

THE WILLIAM TUCKER HISTORY

William Tucker, my grandfather, was born in August, 1841 and died February 28, 1877 at 35 years 6 months and 22 days. When he was 21 years of age he joined the Army at Alton, Illinois, 1862. While in service he was a drummer in Co. B, 126 Reg.

He was married to Mary Elizabeth (Lib) Hayes in 1861 at Buffalo Prairie, Illinois. During his Army duty he saved enough money to buy a team and wagon which they drove to Marshall Co., Iowa, buying 200 acres of land 2 miles east of Clemons and one half miles from Bromley, Iowa.

They built a 14x20 house with a loft and basement which they lived in 6 years before building a new home

with gabled roof and 7 rooms.

They had 5 children, 4 boys and 1 girl, 1 son dying in infancy. George E. Tucker was born May 25, 1867. He had married Anna Kelly. They had a son Billy who died as a child. There was a typhoid fever epidemic in the summer of 1900. George died from it on September 27, 1900. His wife Anna passed away in Panora, Iowa December 17, 1941.

Frew Albertis Tucker was born May 19, 1869. He was married to Mary Gringer after graduating from medical school in Iowa City, Iowa. They had one son Carl William Tucker who had a son and two daughters, Julie and Diana who are now living in California. Vance A. Tucker lives in Durham, N. C. where he teaches at Duke University. Frew or "Bert" as he was called by his family and friends died December 20, 1941. Mary lived in a retirement home until passing away a few years later.

Frank Alvah Tucker was born September 20, 1871. He married Martha "Mattie" Waldo who was born near Albion on December 17, 1873. They were married in Marshalltown on April 27, 1897. After being married 37 years she passed away suddenly from asthma on March 17, 1934. She had three children; Ernie Alva who died in infancy, Edna Mae and Lester Harold.

Ella Jane Tucker, the only daughter of William Tucker, was born January 29, 1875 and was never married. She died of T. B. August 17, 1896 at 21 years 6 months and 19 days. She was buried in Marietta Cemetery south of Albion in the same lot where her father was buried.

Grandmother's sister's daughter Mabel Morgan lived with the Tucker family several years after her mother died. Mable married George Stewart in 1910. They had three daughters all living; Doris, Lois and Elinor. Mable died on April 16, 1980 at the age of 97 years.

On September 20, 1880, Mary Elizabeth (Lib) Hays Tucker married Orrin Chapman. One child, Chas, was born to this union. Chas was a barber in Marshalltown and married Nora Critchlow, who is still living. They had two daughters, Irene and Brenice, both living in Marshalltown. At one time the Chapmans lived in Clemons and Orrin published a newspaper there, A few years before her death in 1927, Lib became blind.

In 1881 the railroad was built from Marietta to Story City going thru the center of grandfather's farm. He had given the land for the right of way.

This same summer there was a bad flood which took their barn, hog house, hay stack and some stock down stream several miles. There was 1½ ft. of water in the house and the basement was full.

The next spring they moved the house to the South edge of their land, building a nice large barn across the road. They also moved the building which was used as a granary. The house was then destroyed in 1950 but the barn and granary are still standing.

After Mattie passed away Frank lived on at the farm, marrying Eunice Daughtery in 1949. They lived there until he died on January 28, 1964 at the age of 92 years 9 month and 28 days. He had lived and died on the same land he was born on. Eunice now resides in her home in Clemons, Iowa.

Besides his daughter Edna Mae Tucker Jones, he had a son Lester Harold Tucker who lived in Minnesota over 20 years, moving back to Iowa in 1948 where he worked for Collard Garage Co. in Waterloo. He died November 13, 1949. He was married but had no children.

Edna Mae married Wilbert A. Jones on February 26, 1919. They lived 1½ miles south of the Tucker Farmstead; they had one daughter Ellamae Jones Ulery who lives in El Cajon, California and a son Vernon W. Jones of Clemons. Besides his two grandchildren, Frank had eight great grandchildren and ten great great grandchildren. Wilbert A. Jones passed away on January 26, 1981 after being married 61 years. Edna Mae is still residing in their home at 304 N. 4th Street, Marshalltown, Iowa.

Father said when he was a young man the T corner where the buildings were was called the "Tucker Corner" as the young people would meet there to play ball etc. in the large pasture. They rode horses or walked to get there.

The nearest town was Bromley where there was a General Store, a Blacksmith Shop, Depot, Stock Yard, several homes and a flourishing Tile Factory run by William Ingledue and his boys.

Folks near went to a one room school 1½ miles from the Tucker Farm. It was called the Warner School because Otis Potter Turner Warner gave the land to build it on. One teacher taught all grades. I attended this school for seven years then was bused to Clemons Consolidated School built in 1912. Some of my first teachers were Anna Stout, Eva Meekins, Luella Lancaster and Myrtle Ward.

Near neighbors were Al and Zella Butler, Warren Nichols, Fred and Minnie Nichols, Stacy Nichols, Jess and Mary Wooten, James Hall, Henery Phelps, Chas. Smiths, John Woods, Harry Bryants, Tom and Oliver Nichols, Tom Tucker, Mahlon Tuckers and George Ross Moore.

My parents were very active in community affairs all the years they were together. Both were members of Clemons Christian Church, my father for 67 years. He was a charter member of Marshall County Farm Bureau and a member of Community Club. He was President of the Telephone Board for several years installing telephones for neighbors and doing line work.

Written by, Edna Mae Tucker Jones
October 1981

TUCKER - CHAPMAN FAMILY

William and Mary Elizabeth (Lib) Hays Tucker came to Iowa in 1866, settling on a farm two miles east of Clemons. Will died in 1877, leaving Lib with four children. She was a hard-working pioneer woman, a member of the Clemons Christian Church and a good neighbor to all. Whenever there was sickness or trouble, neighbors came for Lib to help. She knew much sorrow in her life. Her first child was stillborn while Will was gone in the Civil War, and besides losing her husband, she had three children die in early adulthood.

Will and Lib had four children: George, the oldest, married Anna Kelly. They had a handicapped son who died in early childhood. George died of typhoid fever in 1900.

Frew Albert (Bert) became a doctor. He and his wife, Mary, had one son, Carl.

Frank, the third son, married Martha (Mattie) Waldo and they lived on part of the original farm. They had two children, Lester and Edna. After Mattie's death, Frank was married to Eunice Dougherty.

Ella, the only daughter, died of tuberculosis at the age of 21.

After Will's death, Lib married Orrin Chapman in 1880. They had one son, Charles. He was married to Nora Critchlow, and they had two daughters, Irene and Bernice. Charles died of tuberculosis at the age of 34.

When Lib's sister died and left a small daughter, Mabel Morgan, Orrin and Lib adopted her. Mabel was married to George Stewart and had three daughters: Doris, Lois and Elinor.

At one time the Chapmans lived in Clemons and Orrin published a newspaper there. A few years before her death in 1927, Lib became blind.

Frank's widow, Eunice, is still living in Clemons, and his grandson, Vernon Jones, lives southeast of Clemons.

Some Hi-Lites of the Van Metre Family
and the Town of Clemons, Iowa
In Past Years

By Marie Van Metre

The genealogist, B. F. Van Metre, believes that the Van Metres of the U. S. have all sprung from Jan Gysbertsin and his son Kryn Jansen Van Meteren. Jan Gysbertsin Van Meteren, a widower, with a son, Kryn Jansen Van Meteren, emigrated from Bommell, Gelderland, Holland, 1663. They settled at New Utrecht, L. I., later at Middletown, Monmouth County, East Jersey. There were eight generations traced by the historians. They lived in Hardin County, West Virginia.

Isaac Taylor Van Metre came to Iowa from Pickaway County, Ohio, in 1854. They first lived in Cedar Rapids but soon moved 25 miles west to a farm they bought in Benton County. One of his sons was Fred Van Metre, born in 1863. He was married to Mary Agnes Teager on March 1, 1887 in Marshall County. Mrs. Van Metre was born in Marshall County in 1866 the daughter of David Teager and Mary M. Bryant. The Teagers built the red brick house which is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bartine. The bricks were hauled by team and wagon from Iowa City.

Fred and Mary bought a farm northeast of Clemons. They built the comfortable farm home and lived there until retirement. They were well liked and respected in the community. Fred served as secretary of the school for some time. He also was on the board of the Clemons Creamery and The Bank of Clemons. They were members of the Clemons Church. Their children were Raymond L., born September 9, 1889 and married Catherine M. Smith, January 28, 1914. Their children are Wayne Fred, Boyd Raymond and Mary Catherine Gehring. There are 6 grandchildren. Matie Belle Smith, born June 24, 1894. Married Byron A. Smith February 10, 1915. Their children are Max Avery and Eugene Taylor. There are four grandchildren. A baby, Teddie B. died in infancy. Earl Taylor, born April 27, 1901, married Marie Agnes Cassidy December 31, 1925. Their children are Dean Fredrick, Marvin Earl and Dolores Marie. There are eight grandchildren and four step-grandchildren, four great-grandsons and one step-great-grandson. Wilbur David, born June 6, 1905, married Edna Williams July 4, 1931. Their children are Jack and Robert. There are four grandchildren.

Fred had three brothers, William, John and Charles and three sisters, Nettie, Hattie and Carrie. John at one time farmed south of St. Anthony (where Don Hunzelman lived) and was secretary of the creamery. Charles became a Methodist minister and served churches in the northwest district of Iowa. He also was Chaplain in World War I, American Exped. Force in France. He served for 10 years as Chaplain at the Iowa Soldiers Home in Marshalltown.

VAN METRE HISTORY

Jan Joosten Van Meteren, immigrant ancestor of the Virginia Van Metre's arrived in New Amsterdam (New York) on the sailing vessel, the "Fox", September 12, 1662, coming from Tiederwelt, Holland with his wife and five children. They later settled in Virginia and descendants are traced to Isaac Taylor Van Metre, son of John Evans Van Metre and Josina Van Metre was born near Martinsburg, West Virginia October 30, 1823. They moved to Ohio in 1827. The family came to Iowa from Pickaway County, Ohio in the year 1854. They first lived in Cedar Rapids but soon moved 25 miles west to the farm they bought in Benton County.

Isaac Taylor Van Metre, the eldest son, moved to Marshall County, Iowa after serving in the war of 1869,

along with Jephtha, both settling on farms seven miles NW of State Center, Iowa. Isaac Taylor remained there till the time of his death, in 1886. Isaac married Hattie Stocker, their children were:

John A. Van Metre born September 23, 1859 and married Lillie Teager in 1887.

Fred Van Metre, Clemons, Iowa born April 13, 1863 and on March 1, 1887 married Mary Agnes Teager born February 16, 1866 in Marshall County, daughter of David Teager and Mary M. Bryant. She died May 18, 1924. Fred died January 1, 1934. Their children:

Raymond L. Van Metre, born 9/9/1889 and married Catherine M. Smith born on 11/26/1892. Their children:

Wayne Fred born 6/15/1915, Omaha, Nebraska

Boyd Raymond born 1/23/1921, State Center, Iowa

Mary Catherine born 3/23/1925, Batavia, Illinois

Mattie Belle born 6/24/1894 and married Byron A. Smith. Their children are:

Max Avery born 4/17/1918, Grinnell, Iowa

Eugene Taylor born 3/28/1924, Indianola, Iowa

Earl Taylor born 4/27/1901 and married Marie Agnes Cassidy. Their children:

Dean Frederick born 11/11/1926, Haywood, California

Marvin Earl born 11/26/1928, Springfield, Illinois

Delores born 12/25/1940, married Jack R. Dolley, Sacramento, California

Wilbur David born 6/6/1905 and married Edna Williams. Their children:

Jack B. 6/6/1936, Madison, Wisconsin

Robert Evans born 5/5/1941, Detroit, Michigan

Other children born to Isaac Taylor:

William Van Metre born 2/16/1866 and married Maria Newland in Marshall County

Nettie Van Metre born May, 1870 and married Eugene T. Collins

Charles H. born 3/19/1872 and married Adeline Fellingham in Marshalltown. Rev. Charles H. was a long time Chaplain at Iowa Soldiers Home, Marshalltown.

His 2nd marriage was to Bertha Jeannette Campbell, Marshalltown.

Isaac Taylor Van Metre's 2nd marriage was to Mary Blaine, daughter of Wilson Blaine and Lucinda Winterstein. They had three children:

Hattie Oxley born 8/24/1877 and married Rev. Charles G. Oxley.

Carrie born 2/21/1878 and married Roy L. Jacobus.

Lucy born 2/4/1882 in Marshall County and died 11/18/1903.

The only living descendants of this branch of the Van Metre family to remain in Marshall County are Boyd R. Van Metre and his son Fred Boyd. Boyd and his wife live near State Center, Fred in Marshalltown, Iowa.

By Boyd Van Metre

VOTRUBA'S

Jerry Votruba was born in Quarry, Iowa, January 1, 1920. He was raised in Marshalltown and graduated from Marshalltown High School. He served in the Marines from 1942-1946, attended Drake University and

is now retired after 30 years service with John Deere. Jerry has three sisters.

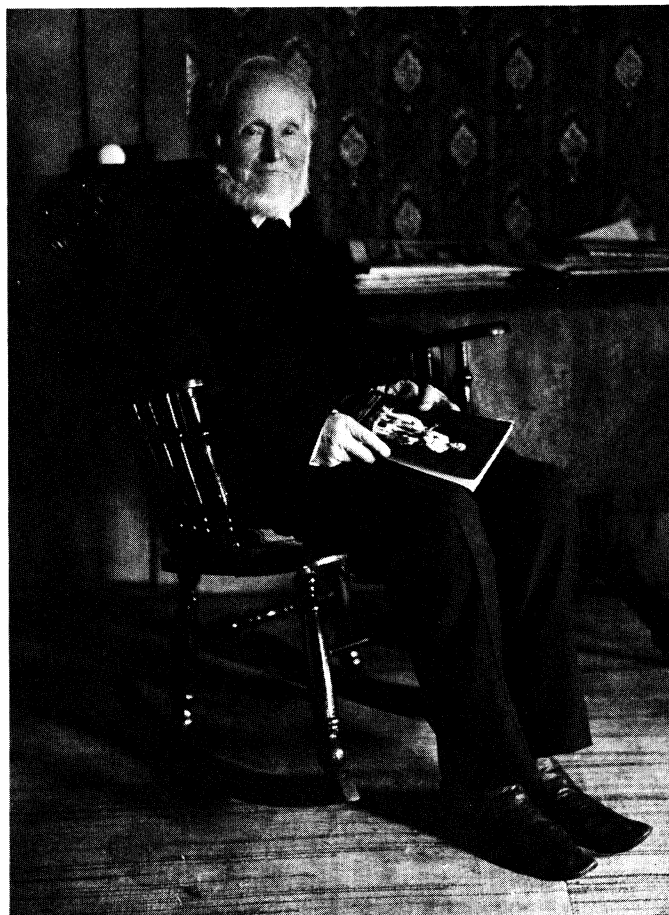
Doris was born in Marshalltown September 21, 1926. She graduated from St. Mary's and went to nurses training at Mercy Hospital in Marshalltown. She had three brothers and a sister. One brother survives.

Doris and Jerry were married in 1946 at Kansas City, Missouri. They have one daughter, Ann Marie. Ann has two children, Angie and Denny, Jr. She is married to Dennis Bryant and they live in St. Anthony.

OTIS WARNER FAMILY - EARLY SETTLERS

Otis Witter Warner was born in Lake County, Ohio, March 6, 1825. During the early part of his life he traveled over a great portion of the U.S. and in 1849, like many others, he crossed the plains to the gold fields of California. He returned by sailing around the Cape Horn of South America. After his return from California, he bought a farm in Henry County, Illinois.

On the 27th of February 1855, he was wed to Martha Turner. They made their home on this farm until May 25, 1866, when they started by wagon across the



Otis Warner

wild prairies to Iowa, where in the early summer of the same year they bought the farm which lies one mile east and $\frac{1}{4}$ mile south, Section 2, Minerva Township.

It became evident of the growing need for schools. Mr. Warner deeded one acre of land joining his to the south November 27, 1868. The building was erected soon after and continued in service until the school in Clemons was opened.

Mr. and Mrs. Warner were early settlers of Central Iowa, and continued to live on the same farm until their deaths in the late teens and early twenties.

There were twelve children, three of whom died in infancy, one daughter Anna, (Mrs. Joseph Springer) having preceded her father in death July 31, 1900. Six

Saint Anthony and Clemons communities until 1919 when he bought the farm located one mile south and $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of Clemons where he resided until his death in 1947, Section 15, Minerva Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Monroe, operated a small grocery store and hotel and served as local postmaster. They resided where the old Post Office was.

The rest of the Warner descendants are scattered in Kansas, Oklahoma, Minnesota and several counties of Iowa.

Ernest was survived by a son, Ronald born July, 1915. He was graduated from Clemons High School with the Class of 1933. He also took a Diesel engineering class and later graduated from Diesel School in Los Angeles, California January, 1937.

He was married to Marie Hines, August 27, 1935 in Des Moines, Iowa and they resided on the same farm since. He continued to farm after his father's death in 1947, and also opened a Farm Machinery Repair Shop in April, 1947. He continued the two operations until 1970 when he rented the farm land. He has expanded his shop in size and sales. Marie joined him to help in the office and sales. She also helps maintain the inventory.

His family consists of four daughters and 1 son. Marlys, (Mrs. Earl Oscarson, Phoenix, Arizona) works at Excutive Airport, for 15 years as airport clerk; Linda (Mrs. Bill Hartwig) Head Telephone Customer Service Clerk at Ritchie Manufacturing; Sheryl (Mrs. John Nordmark) new leasee of Crossroads Cafe, Colman, South Dakota; Le Ron, Alpine, Wyoming, employed by Freedom Gun Factory as tool and die operator and gunsmith and LaRita (Mrs. Pat O'Neil) San Pedro, California works as Communications Technician for AT&T Long Lines at Gardenia.

Marie Warner

WOOTEN FAMILY

My father, Jesse Winton Wooten, was born in Yadkin County near East Bend, North Carolina, in 1876. Eli and Vicy (Norman) Wooten were his parents, and they came to North Carolina from England. He had 5 brothers and 4 sisters. His youngest sister, Millie Norman of Winston Salem, will be 100 years old on May 21st of this year. He came to Union, Iowa in 1894, at the age of 18. He worked as a farm hand in the Clemons area until 1907 when he married Mary Sharp and started farming for himself. They first lived west of Bevins Grove Church and then a mile and a half east, where their daughter Hazel was born in 1909. About 2 years later they moved to a farm he bought 3 miles southwest of Clemons where I (Morris) was born in 1913. In 1919 he sold this farm and bought a farm 3 miles northeast of Clemons where another son was born, Jesse J., in 1920. I still live on this farm.



Emma and Ernest Warner
May 1908

daughters, Rose (Mrs. Jim Sheppard), Sarah (Mrs. John Hurst), Annette (Mrs. Ed Eggleston), Esther (Mrs. Frank La Plant), Elizabeth (Mrs. Will Monroe) and Halina (Mrs. Jim Smith), and two sons, Thomas J. who resided on the home farm until after 1935 when he moved into Clemons. He will be remembered most for his loving care of the town park and township cemetery until his death in 1963 and Ernest, who married Emma Earlywine of Gambier, Ohio, May 1908, where he farmed in the

Years ago when we had fat cattle ready for market, we would drive them on hoof to the stockyards in Clemons to be shipped on the Story City Branch Railroad.

My father, Jesse W., passed away in 1951 at the age of 75. My mother passed away in 1969 at the age of 84. My sister, Hazel Beinert, lives in California and has 2 daughters and 6 grandchildren. My brother, Jesse J. and his wife Vivian (Sharp) live on an adjoining farm east. They have 2 sons and 2 daughters: Dean, Sharon, Jerry and Melody and 4 grandchildren. I married Margaret Rash in 1937, and we have 4 sons: Larry, Lyle, Gary and Ronald. We have 10 grandchildren and 2 great grandsons.

Submitted by
Morris Wooten

Finale

In closing, the committee wishes to thank those who assisted and contributed to this book. We believe the following excerpts best expresses our sentiments for compiling this book and our perspective as we commence the next century.

WORDS WRITTEN BY BILL CLEMONS FOR THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY Of The Clemons Church

"I have a plea toward the conscience of the sons and daughters of our brave pioneers, and to others who respect ancestors in this Christian community:

On a pleasant hillslope overlooking the now quiet village of Clemons, Iowa, sleeps until Judgement Day those who braved the wilderness - those who laughed and who cried - those who suffered pain and travail - those who experienced ecstasy and disappointment - those who with God's Blessing and Love are the generative reason that we, who are yet living, enjoy the fruits of each day. Their footprints through the trails of the wilderness and upon the sands of time have blurred and faded with the passing of the years. Only a marker of granite or sandstone marks their last sleep to eternity. This chosen resting place, by and for our loved ones, is nicely trimmed and mowed during summers and reflects the purity of winter snowscapes. Sadly, and perhaps beyond the knowledge of families and descendants, there are no fund provisions for repair of markers damaged by weather and time, vandalism, and accidents. I venture to suggest that in respect to the memory of these loved and departed loved ones a general fund be established under control of Clemons Church Elders for restoration of any and all memorials for those who await us there.

As I depart with reluctance and some apprehension of failure, this too hurried contribution toward the theme of the 125th Anniversary, I cannot but trust that each and every one of you will find time to set aside from

our too common egocentric pursuits of each day and give conscientious thought to our Christian privilege in realistic support to our church, our pastor, and to the memory of our loved ones. Without our faith we are but autumn leaves blowing in the wind, and undeserving in the eyes of God above. Until we meet again "God be with you".

William H. Clemons
1980, Fall

The following blank pages are provided for you to use in recording any personal memories you may wish to preserve. The committee would also appreciate any additional facts or information concerning the history of Clemons and the areas you may have.

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