

History of the
Atwood Family
Dating from 1741



Patten and Anna Atwood

Read by
MRS. ARVILLA ATWOOD
Stillman Valley
at
1912 REUNION

Patten Atwood

January 11, 1885.

January 5, 1898

Anna Brooks

March 20, 1888

July 30, 1890

Married February 14, 1826

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SALLY ATWOOD born Oct. 30, 1826.

Joel Andrus born June 1, 1817. Died Feb. 3, 1908, Chautauqua Co., N. Y.

Died Feb. 3, 1908.

Married at the "Old Home" by Elder Brayton, Dec. 6, 1843.

HENRY ATWOOD born Aug. 24, 1828. Died Jan. 12, 1915.

Henrietta Whitwood born Mar. 16, 1833. Died Nov. 24, 1890.

Married at the "Old Home" June 1, 1858.

ELIZA ATWOOD born Mar. 23, 1830—June 23, '16
Reuben Irons born Aug. 18, 1826. Died Dec. 22, 1898.

Married at the "Old Home" Jan. 5, 1853.

LYDIA ATWOOD born Mar. 23, 1830—Jan. 3, 1900.

Palmer Pickard born Jan. 5, 1820—April 12, 1896.

Married at the "Old Home" Sept. 29, 1847.

SUSANNAH ATWOOD born Aug. 13, 1831—April 29, 1835.

WILLIAM ATWOOD born May 1, 1833—June 12, 1911.

Mary Ann Frane born Oct. 9, 1832—Oct. 30, 1907.

Married at the "Old Home" Jan. 1, 1861.

CANDACE ATWOOD born Feb. 20, 1835—May 3, 1908.

David Wilkinson born April 29, 1819—Feb. 6, 1896.

Married in Iowa, Dec. 27, 1855.

ANNIE ATWOOD born Dec. 15, 1836.

Truman Wilson born Mar. 4, 1830.—Died

Married at the "Old Home" Sept. 6, 1854.

MARY ATWOOD born June 1, 1838—May 4, 1912

Orson T. Bartholemew born June 2, 1836—
Jan. 30, 1916.

Married at the "Old Home" Dec. 25, 1866.

JOSEPH ATWOOD born Feb. 26, 1840—

Lizzie H. Gleasman born Feb. 4, 1848.

Married at Fred Gleasman's, Rockton Town-
ship, Sept. 5, 1877.

IRENE ATWOOD born Nov. 29, 1841—Feb.
9, 1916.

Christopher Myers, April 23, 1843.

Married at the "Old Home" Jan. 1, 1868.

PATTEN ATWOOD born Mar. 10, 1843.

Emma Catlin born Feb. 2, 1848.

Married at Morrison, Ill., June 26, 1870.

HARRIET ATWOOD born Dec. 21, 1844—

Mar. 3, 1914.

William H. Eldredge born Dec. 21, 1842—
Jan. 31, 1914.

Married at the "Old Home" Oct. 9, 1867.

JOHN ATWOOD born Mar. 12, 1847—Jan.
25, 1915.

Mary Griffin born Mar. 16, 1847.

Married at Rockton, Sept. 4, 1873.

PHILIP ATWOOD born Sept. 18, 1850.

Eliza Curry born July 30, 1856—May 10,
1913.

Married at the "Old Home" Nov. 27, 1873.

History of the Atwood Family

It is an interesting study to go back through the musty records of the past and trace the story of the lives of our ancestors. It is pleasant to know something of what they accomplished in their day and generation, especially as in the case of ours, when we find nothing to their discredit and so much that is worthy of emulation and commendation. I am glad of this opportunity of contributing something to this permanent record, and if others, who can, will glean from their memory's pages, they too will be able to give us as much along this line that will be as thrilling as a romance, and as fascinating as a fairy tale, though true in every particular.

Patten Atwood, our father, grandfather, greatgrandfather, and pioneer ancestor, was a son of Joseph and Polly Atwood, who were of puritanical stock and natives of New England. He was born in the township of Alexandria, County of Grafton and state of New Hampshire. His father was born on April 8, 1756, twenty years before the signing of the Declaration of American Independence. He knew of his personal knowledge of the wrongs and oppression that the colonists had to contend with, and was brought up in an atmosphere where the people longed for freedom. While we know but little of his early history you will find on pages 49, 171 and 252 of a book entitled "Connecticut Men in the Revolu-

tion," that Joseph Atwood enlisted as a private soldier, on May 7, 1775, and was mustered out on December 18, 1775, having served 7 months and 11 days in the 6th company of the 2nd Regiment of Connecticut Volunteers, which period covers the date of the Battle of Bunker Hill. He enlisted a second time on May 26, 1777, for a term of 8 months, and a third time August 18, 1780, and was finally discharged Dec. 4, 1780, this last enlistment being in the 9th Connecticut Regiment, commanded by Col. S. B. Webb. He thus had to his credit nineteen months of military service as a Continental soldier, placing his life on the altar of his country, in the great struggle for American Liberty. His first marriage was to Ruth Cross, and was celebrated February 16, 1779, and during the time which intervened between his second and third enlistments. At this time he was 23 years old, his bride four years his senior, the date of her birth being June 18, 1752. They lived together most happily for 21 years, when she died on Dec. 6, 1800, leaving no children, none having ever been born to them.

We would suggest in passing that it is a splendid testimonial to the many good qualities of this noble woman, who more than a century ago passed to her reward, that but three months were allowed to elapse after her death, when the bereaved husband again embarked on the sea of matrimony. The name of his second bride was Polly Powers, and it may be that the couplet "Polly put the kettle on and we'll all take tea," had its origin in their family. She is said to have

been a woman of rare beauty, culture and refinement, and this may be the secret of the source of the good looks and amiable qualities of my uncles, aunts and cousins, for you do all "look mighty good to me." She was born October 19, 1771, and was the daughter of Nahum Powers, whose birth dates away back to April 11, 1741. The marriage of Joseph Atwood and Polly Powers was celebrated on March 5, 1801. At this time she was almost 30 years old and nearing that interesting point in life when the girls begin to feel just a little anxious as to whether or not they are doomed to become old maids. Leap year had just passed when the unexpected though happy opportunity came for her to change her name and condition in life and become, like many others who have lived after her, a Mrs. Atwood. It was a case of love at first sight, and a long courtship was very properly dispensed with. The proud and frisky bridegroom was at the date of this marriage lacking but a month of 46 years of age, and the union proved to be a happy and fruitful one. To them were born a family of seven children, four sons and three daughters, as follows:

Irene, born Nov. 4, 1801, who became the wife of Oliver Warner.

Joseph, born Sept. 1, 1803, the father of my husband, John A. Atwood.

Patten, born Jan. 11, 1805, in whose honor we are gathered today.

Lura, born Sept. 9, 1806, who became the wife of Hiram Warner.

Candace, born Nov. 5, 1808, who became the wife of Andrew Wilson.

Ira, born Feb. 7, 1810, who married Sallie Brooks, a sister of Grandmother Atwood, and mother of Lydia Cooper.

Alfred, born Jan. 13, 1813, who died in infancy.

They are all gone now, but the influence of their lives extends to many generations, and we do well to pause for a moment today, and consider the obligations we sustain to them, and pay them the tribute of our love and grateful homage.

In those early years, large families were considered quite fashionable, and it is worthy of note in passing, that fifty-seven children were born in the four families of these brothers and sisters, as follows:

To Grandfather Atwood	15 children
To Uncle Joseph Atwood,	14 children
To Aunt Candace Wilson,	17 children
To Aunt Laura Warner,	11 children

It is also true that nearly all these children grew to maturity, and many of them are still living, and ranging in age from 60 to 85 years. Even some of the grandchildren, like myself, are beginning to feel the weight of many years and are no longer children, unless it be true that we have entered that period of life known as second childhood.

This early Atwood family continued to reside in New England until the year 1816, when they moved to Canada, taking their few worldly goods and their six children with them, Baby Alfred

having been laid away. They were of the true type of the sturdy pioneer who carried civilization to frontier settlements, and blazed the way for others to follow. They believed that there was a better place to bring up their boys and girls than on the stony hillsides and sterile soil of New Hampshire. So they journeyed on, not knowing whither they went, until they finally halted in what was then a dense wilderness, but is now the garden spot of Canada. Here they builded their log cabin, established a humble home and erected their family altar. They studied the Bible, and taught their little ones those things that in the rush, and hurry, and worry of these modern times are too often neglected, and sometimes entirely forgotten. It is from an old family Bible, now more than 100 years old in our possession at Stillman Valley, that was read morning and evening in that cabin home, that many of the things I have been telling you this afternoon have been gleaned. Its well-worn pages give abundant evidence that it was kept, not as an ornament on the center table, but was daily read and prized as the Book of Books.

Four years pass with only those routine cares and humdrum experiences that are incident to pioneer life. The children, fed on plain and substantial food, are growing strong and some of the comforts of life for which the parents have toiled and sacrificed are just within their reach, when at the close of an ill fated day, the husband and father is brought home in a helpless condition, the victim of a terrible accident. While assist-

ing a neighbor to raise the frame of a barn, he was fatally hurt by being struck by a falling timber. After eleven long and weary months of patient suffering, he gathered his loved ones about him, and, giving each a word of counsel and an affectionate good-bye, he commended them to the loving care of Him who doeth all things well, and then "slept the sleep that knows no waking," the spirit taking its flight from its tenement of clay on April 9th, 1821, he having reached the age of 65 years and 1 day.

The faithful wife, with a devotion to her children that was beautiful, a courage that was undaunted, and a faith that was inspiring, took up the task that the husband and father had left unfinished, and carried it forward successfully, thus redeeming the promise, "My grace shall be sufficient for thee." Five years more she labored on, and has lived to see her children reach an age when they were all independent and self-supporting. Several of them had gone out from beneath the parental roof, had married and established new homes for themselves. Among them was Grandfather Patten Atwood, who was wedded Feb. 14, 1826, a little more than six months before the death of his faithful mother, which occurred Sept. 9, 1826.

I have already spoken of the time of birth, place of birth, and date of marriage of Patten Atwood, our patron saint. Let me repeat: Patten Atwood and Anna Brooks were joined in marriage on St. Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 1826. At this time he had just passed his twenty-first

birthday, and was looking out upon life, full of hope and promise. His blushing bride was born March 20, 1808, and was a daughter of William and Lydia Brooks, whose maiden name was Lydia Simmons. It will be observed that she lacked a month of being 18 years old on her wedding day. Our young folks will be interested to know how they spent their honeymoon. I will tell you. Very soon after their marriage they went to housekeeping in the home of her parents, while the old folks improved the opportunity of going away on a sort of a wedding tour to New Jersey, where the mother formerly resided, and where she had not visited in many years. Remember, it was the middle of February when they started on their long journey with horses and sleigh. When the snow was gone they abandoned the sleigh by the wayside, and continued their journey on horseback. They visited relatives and friends in the States for several months and collected some money that was due her from an estate. The Spring was far advanced when they returned to Canada, coming home by the overland route with the team and a new wagon, which they had bought in New Jersey.

For two or three years after their marriage grandfather and grandmother made their home on a farm in Dunage, Canada, where they engaged in farming, keeping a yoke of oxen, a few cows, some sheep and poultry. It was here that mother and Uncle Henry were born. Then, in response to an urgent demand, he moved across the Thames river to the Long Woods in Exford township,

some twenty miles distant, where he built a saw mill and a grist mill. In fording the river, to go to their new home, the wagon was upset and the family narrowly escaped drowning. Some of their effects were lost out; the Family Bible, thoroughly soaked, was saved. The mills were built on a small stream, which furnished the necessary power. Here the settlers brought their logs and had them sawed into lumber, and the log houses and barns began to give way to more pretentious structures. Here too, the farmers brought their corn and wheat, and had their grists ground into meal and flour, many coming a long distance to have their milling done. The fact that grandfather was a miller exempted him from military service, and he kept the mill running day and night and furnished supplies for both rebels and tories and their families, during the insurrection known in history as the Canadian Rebellion, in 1834. Our folks suffered much from plunder parties and marauding bands that roamed through that section of Canada in those troublesome times.

At their Long Woods home in Exford, their next seven children, Lydia and Eliza, Susannah, William, Candace, Anna and Mary were born. It was here that little Susannah died, at the age of 3 years and 8 months, and was tenderly laid away in a little cemetery on a knoll quite near grandfather's mill pond in Canada.

Having heard of this wonderful northern Illinois country, the spirit of the pioneer again took possession of grandfather and grandmother, and after much thought and planning they decided to

locate here. It required no little courage on their part to break the home ties and sever the associations that had united them so long and so pleasantly with the people of that neighborhood, and seek their fortune in a new land among strangers. About the middle of October, 1839, they loaded their eight children and household effects into two covered wagons, and with two yoke of oxen, seven or eight cows and 30 or 40 sheep, started on their long, wearisome and perilous journey. We who are accustomed to annihilate time and distance by riding on swift moving railway trains, inteururban cars and automobiles, can hardly realize what a journey of this kind really meant. Four hundred and fifty miles to be covered at the slow, plodding pace of oxen, with scanty clothing and covering for the children and with winter rapidly approaching, was a condition that confronted them that would cause the stoutest heart to hesitate.

But the day comes for them to start, the good-byes and the good wishes are spoken, the stock is rounded up, and the journey is begun. They are accompanied by two young men, one of whom turns back when they have reached Detroit. The other remains with them to the end of the journey and until the next Spring. Winter set in early that year and there were many bitter cold days in November. While passing through Michigan the cows were stolen one night by a gang of thieves, causing a delay of 11 days and considerable worry and expense before they were recovered and the emigrants could continue their jour-

ney. During this stay, grandmother made with her needle all the little girls' new woolen dresses. The cloth was woven in a hand loom, and John's father did the weaving. These dresses were cut in the style of that early day and not unlike the modern hobble skirt of these latter years. Just think of mother and Aunt Eliza and Aunt Anna wearing hobble skirts. But they surely did—and more than seventy years ago.

I have already referred to the inclement weather they encountered day after day in making their journey. Some of the days were so cold that it was a difficult problem how to keep the children from freezing. The most effective plan seemed to be to place the smallest ones on a feather bed in the bottom of the wagon box, in the morning, cover them over head and heels with quilts and blankets, and at night they would come out as lively as crickets. The country taverns along the way, where they were compelled to stop and spend the nights, were far from comfortable, and in some of these places they suffered as much from cold as when on the road. It was at one of these crowded roadhouses that Aunt Lydia, then a little girl of nine years, was pushed and fell against a hot stove and burned her hand, making a scar which she carried to her grave.

Another difficult problem was to secure sufficient food for the stock, and the cows and sheep had to pick their way along the road. When they reached Chicago, which was then but a small town, they halted for a little while, and the cows, seeing some brooms in a barrel in front of a

grocery store, began to eat the broom corn brush of which the brooms were made. This proved rather expensive fodder, as grandfather had to purchase three or four of the brooms which were damaged to satisfy the angry merchant, and these were the first brooms of this kind they had ever owned. The brooms they had used in Canada were splint brooms, made from hickory saplings. It was while on the road moving from Canada here, that mother celebrated her 13th birthday. Being the eldest of the family, much depended upon her in the care of the younger children. Besides, she and Uncle Henry walked a considerable portion of the way, and helped to drive the cattle and sheep, rather a weary task for children of their tender years.

The night following Dec. 1, 1839, was spent at Newberg, northeast of Cherry Valley, and in the morning of the next day they started again, having Pecatonica as their objective point. Coming down the hill where is now located East State Street in Rockford, they met Elder Sayers, a Baptist missionary on foot going to Belvidere to preach. He told grandfather that it would be impossible to cross the river with teams and wagon at this time, as the river, though frozen over, was dangerous even for a footman to venture on the ice. This caused the caravan to change its course and journey up the river. When near Knightsville, a Mr. William Mead, riding on horseback, overtook them, and a tentative arrangement was made for grandfather and family to spend the winter at his home near the Andrew Lovejoy

farm, though their log house was located nearer the river than the present Lovejoy home.

It was quite late in the evening of that cold December day, when the tired travelers reached this farm of Fred Pickard's, then owned by Mr. Doolittle, where they tarried for the night. It appeals to me as peculiarly fitting that we should hold this reunion at the place where grandfather and his family spent their first night in Winnebago County. These new found friends were very kind, and Mrs. Doolittle prepared for her stranger visitors an appetizing supper, and mother remembers very distinctly some of the good things on the bill of fare of that evening meal.

The next day they moved on up the river to the Mead farm, where they decided to go into winter quarters, and where sufficient feed was found for the stock. The Mead loghouse consisted of but two rooms, yet it afforded shelter for the two families, consisting of 19 persons, until the following spring. The number 19 was, however, increased to 20 on February 26, 1840, when Uncle Joseph was born. From the Mead farm they moved to the Peter Mabie place, on this side of the river, which grandfather bought, consisting of 120 acres. Here he built a log house, said to be the best one at that time in that locality. The next fall he traded his farm for land across the river, which has been in the family ever since and is now owned by Uncle Philip, and is known as the "Old Homestead."

It was in the fall of 1840 that grandfather moved to the farm across the river and again set-

tled in a log house near the stone quarry, where they lived for a number of years before the stone house was built. Here four more children were born, namely, Irene, Patten, Harriet, and John. Their youngest, Philip, was born in the stone house. In the old log house was celebrated the marriage of their eldest daughter, Sally, to Joel Andrus, on Dec. 6, 1843, Elder Russell Brayton officiating. The following spring they moved to his farm in Harlem, where their children Henry, Arvilla and Frank were born. Henry was the first grandchild, the date of his birth being Nov. 4, 1844. Henry was married to Jane Love, October 1, 1868, and to them were born three children, Edith, Claude and James, the latter having died in infancy. Edith was the first great-grandchild. She was born July 11, 1869, and was married to W. W. Scott Dec. 6, 1897. Her little daughter, Jane Wilda Scott, was born March 23, 1911. This completes a record of seven generations, and beginning with the birth of Nahum Powers in 1741 and extending down to the present, covering a period of 171 years.

In a sketch of this kind, much has of necessity been omitted, for things of interest might be written that would fill a volume.

I have, however, only touched here and there upon incidents that I have thought might be of interest, but have followed a connected line of events running through all these years. In closing, permit me to say that among the most cherished recollections of my childhood days, was my acquaintance with grandfather Atwood. When I

was a little girl he used to hold me on his knee, and caress me most tenderly. I did love him, for I knew that I had in grandfather a loyal and a devoted friend. My younger cousins lost much that I treasure as a sacred memory in not having known grandfather as I did, when he was active and strong, with an elastic step and faculties that made him the peer of any man. We do well to honor his good name and imitate his worthy example.

Prepared by Arvilla Atwood for 1912 Reunion

THE FOUR LIVING GENERATIONS

SALLY AND JOEL ANDRUS had three children; Henry, Arvilla and Frank Joel, all living.

I. Henry Andrus, Nov. 4, 1844.

Jane Love, Feb. 13, 1849—Mar. 29, 1913.

Married near Roscoe, Oct. 1, 1868. They had three children.

1. Edith Andrus, July 11, 1869.

Will W. Scott.

Married Dec. 6, 1897, in Cherry Valley.

(a) Claude Andrus Scott, May 5, 1906—Nov. 5, 1907.

(b) Jane Wilda Scott, Mar. 23, 1911.

(c) William Henry Scott, Sept. 2, 1913.

2. Sylvester Claude Andrus, Apr. 20, 1872.

Edna Priest.

Married at Janesville, Wis., Sept. 12, 1895.

3. James Andrus, Dec. 26, 1873—Jan. 2, 1875.

II. Arvilla Ann Andrus, Mar. 6, 1852.

John A. Atwood, May 21, 1850.

Married in Harlem township June 30, 1875,
Rev. Thos. R. Satterfield.

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III. Frank Joel Andrus, April 8, 1863.

Alma Bandle, Sept. 20, 1863.

Married Nov. 26, 1883 at Oregon, Ill., by
Rev. Barton H. Cartwright.

1. Raymond Joel Andrus, Sept. 26, 1884.
Jessie Mable Cornett, Nov. 15, 1889.
Married at Rathdrum, Idaho, Aug. 22, 1908.
 - (a) Alma Noreen Andrus, June 30, 1909.
 - (b) Joy Ellen Andrus, July 20, 1911.
2. Max Lewis Andrus, Nov. 7, 1888.
Lucy Irene Potter.
Married Nov. 18, 1909.
 - (a) Lloyd L. Andrus, Jan. 30, 1910.
 - (b) Keith Carroll Andrus, Apr. 28, 1912.
 - (c) Roger Joel Andrus, Oct. 18, 1915.
3. Frank Paul Andrus, July 3, 1897-Nov. 25, 1897.
4. Harry John Andrus, July 2, 1900.

HENRY AND HENRIETTA ATWOOD had six children, May, Carrie, Arthur, H. Ernest, Patten and Bertie; five are living.

I. May Atwood, May 9, 1859.

John R. Stewart, Oct. 21, 1852.

Married in Bryant, Iowa, Sept. 15, 1880, by
Rev. Emerson.

1. Carrie Stewart, June 27, 1881.
J. M. Jackson, May 14, 1874.
Married Oct. 21, 1903, Reinbeck, Iowa.
 - (a) Mona, Oct. 3, 1904, La Porte City, Iowa.
 - (b) James Stewart, Feb. 20, 1906, Mt. Auburn, Iowa.
 - (c) Helen, Mar. 2, 1908, Spirit Lake, Iowa.
2. Henry James Stewart, Jan. 30, 1883-Dec. 30, 1883.
3. Nellie Stewart, July 8, 1885.
Albert C. Cooper, July 1, 1883.
Married Oct. 21, 1909, Reinbeck, Iowa.

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- (a) Jeanette Cooper, Jan. 31, 1911, Harwarden, Iowa.
 - (b) James Stewart Cooper, Feb. 21, 1914, Le Mars, Iowa.
 - 4. John Howard Stewart, Mar. 24, 1890.
Florence Emma Grant, Mar. 16, 1889.
Married Sept. 12, 1912, Faribault, Minn.
 - 5. Grace Stewart, Nov. 21, 1893-Feb. 14, 1894.
 - 6. Paul Atwood Stewart, Nov. 19, 1898.
- II. Carrie Atwood, Oct. 1, 1861, Clinton Co., Iowa.
James Douglas Morrison, Dec. 4, 1850, Pike Co., Ill.
Married June 1, 1883.
- 1. Frederick D. Morrison, Mar. 9, 1884.
Anna Nora Piper.
Married Oct. 3, 1909, Adams Co., Oregon.
(a) William Douglas Morrison, Dec. 15, 1912.
 - 2. Ruth Morrison, Aug. 6, 1889, Reinbeck, Iowa.
Henry Jacob Fullerton, July 10, 1872, Iowa.
Married Aug. 25, 1914.
(a) Richard Morrison Fullerton, Dec. 23, 1915, Rockford, Iowa.
 - 3. Henrietta Morrison, June 25, 1891-Mar. 12, 1917.
- III. Arthur W. Atwood, Sept. 14, 1863.
Sarah J. Watson, Dec. 23, 1867.
Married July 1, 1896, Clinton Co., Iowa.
- 1. Dale D. Atwood, Aug. 31, 1897.
 - 2. Esther M. Atwood, Apr. 9, 1900.
 - 3. Norris W. Atwood, Feb. 13, 1903.
 - 4. Arthur W. Atwood, June 19, 1905.
- IV. Henry Ernest Atwood, Oct. 9, 1865.
Marie Evaline Schneller.
Married Mar. 30, 1886, Lyons, Iowa.
- 1. Homer S. Atwood, Jan. 24, 1887.
Lilian Gould, Nov. 17, 1886.
Married Jan. 24, 1913.
(a) Lilian Elizabeth, Nov. 13, 1913.

2. Naomi May Atwood, Oct. 16, 1888.
Robert M. Teachout, July 2, 1882.
Married Dec. 24, 1915.

V. Patten H. Atwood, Oct. 2, 1870.
Mary Sophronia Northam, July 15, 1869.
Married Oct. 5, 1891.

- 1 Harold B. Atwood, June 23, 1894.
Alice May Dutton, June 24, 1895.
Married June 24, 1915.
- 2 Clayton L. Atwood, Oct. 30, 1896.
- 3 Clara Atwood, Oct. 26, 1898.
- 4 Orpha Atwood, Dec. 29, 1903.
- 5 Lester Atwood, Mar. 10, 1906.

VI. Bertie Atwood, Jan. 24, 1878-Jan. 24, 1887

ELIZA AND REUBEN IRONS had nine children, five dying in infancy, Franklin, Lydia, Charles, Anna, George, Lavina, Edward, Elton, Sylvester. Two living.

I. Franklin Irons, Jan. 4, 1854-Nov. 10, 1891.
Maria L. Scoville, Oct. 20, 1853, Camden, N. Y.

Married Jan 27, 1876, Rockford, Ill.

1. Myrtle M. Irons, Jan. 3, 1877, Scranton, Iowa.
2. Reuben F. Irons, Sept. 14, 1880-Feb. 13, 1891.
3. Minnie L. Irons, Nov. 2, 1882, Rockford.
4. Mayme E. Irons, Oct. 24, 1885, Le Mars.

II. Lydia E. Irons, Feb. 8, 1855-April 17, 1855.

III. Charles L. Irons, Mar. 17, 1856, Clinton Co., Iowa.

Emma M. Alger, Dec. 22, 1865—May 16, 1898.

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Married July 25, 1882, Scranton, Iowa.

1. Edithe E. Irons, May 16, 1883.
W. Douglas Simons,
Married Sept. 2, 1903, Le Mars, Iowa.
 - (a) Clifford, July 26, 1904, Kingsley.
 - (b) Maude, Feb. 26, 1906, Kingsley.
 - (c) Edna, May 7, 1909, Kingsley.
 - (d) Lee, Jan. 21, 1914, Correctionville.
2. Cora L. Irons, July 27, 1885.
Albert E. Twogood, Feb. 13, 1879.
Married Jan. 29, 1903, Kingsley.
3. Lew F. Irons, Feb. 15, 1887.
Ruth Twogood, June 27, 1888.
Married at Sioux City, May 7, 1909.
 - (a) Thelma, Nov. 19, 1910, Kingsley.
 - (b) Baby boy, Feb. 16, 1912.-Apr. 7, 1912.
 - (c) Elna, Mar. 31, 1913, Kingsley.
 - (d) Darwin, July 29, 1915, Halliday.
4. Earl, died Oct. 18, 1890.
5. Rea, died Feb. 23, 1891.
6. Ruth, May 11, 1892.
John Steffen, Sept. 7, 1887.
Married June 25, 1913, Sioux City.
 - (a) Adlyn, Dec. 15, 1914.
7. Maude, Sept. 19, 1897-Apr. 1898.

Marie E. Maxwell, Dec. 13, 1874, Vail, Iowa.

Married C. L. Irons, Dec. 27, 1905, Le Mars.

1. Myrtle, Oct. 12, 1909.
2. Charles Reuben, Aug. 18, 1912.
3. Hazel Marie, Nov. 24, 1914.

IV. Anna E. Irons, Dec. 19, 1857.

Walter D. Belshaw, Oct. 17, 1851.

Married Feb. 20, 1883.

1. Agnes Elizabeth Belshaw, Jan. 28, 1884.
Arlington, Iowa.
Paul Hobart, Apr. 3, 1881.
Married October 30, 1907, Rockford, Ill.
 - (a) Wallace B., Aug. 29, 1908.
 - (b) Mary, Jan. 23, 1911-Oct. 24, 1912.
 - (c) Jennie Alice, Nov. 1, 1912.
 - (d) Pauline Elizabeth, Feb. 16, 1916.

2. Wallace Elton Belshaw, Dec. 4, 1885, Rockford.
3. Jennie Alice Belshaw, Oct. 19, 1887, near Rockford.
Walter S. Richardson, Jan. 25, 1883.
Married Oct. 26, 1905, Roscoe, Ill.
 - (a) Mary Inez, Sept. 21, 1908.
 - (b) Lois Whitlock, Sept. 12, 1910.
 - (c) Elton LaMont, July 12, 1912.
4. Archie Joel Belshaw, Mar. 6, 1890, Portland, Ore.
5. Reuben Lester Belshaw, Dec. 26, 1891, Oregon City.
6. Charles F. Belshaw, Oct. 30, 1894.
7. John Albert Belshaw, May 27, 1897, Redland, Ore.

V. George P. Irons, April 6, 1860, Oct. 10, 1861, Iowa.

VI. Lavina M. Irons, May 23, 1861-Feb. 1894.
Henry M. Foote.
Married Oct. 11, 1881, Rockford.

1. Eura V. Foote, Aug. 13, 1882, Rockford.
John C. Jensen, Oct. 3, 1874, Wapaca, Wis.
Married Aug. 28, 1907, Lake Geneva.
 - (a) Katherine Vina, June 15, 1914, Beloit.
 - (b) Robert Foote Jensen, Apr. 1916, Rockford.
2. Baby boy, Aug. 1883-1883.
3. Earl Glenwood Foote, Sept. 6, 1885.
Lilian C. Naatz, July 24, 1893.
Married Oct. 20, 1913, Rockford.
 - (a) Arlie Bernita, Aug. 14, 1915.
4. Hazel Eliza, Oct. 1, 1884-1897.
5. Bennie, born Ashland, died Ashland.
6. Bernita, Feb. 1891.
7. Infant, 1894.

VII. Edward L. Irons, Dec. 4, 1862-Oct. 17, 1863.

VIII. Elton H. Irons, June 29, 1870-Sept. 27, 1870.

IV. Sylvester Irons, Mar. 1, 1872-Mar. 12, 1872.

PALMER AND LYDIA PICKARD had five children, Jane E., Edgar J., Ella M., Alfred F. and Albert H. Four are living.

I. Jane E. Pickard, Sept. 8, 1851, Harlem, Ill.
Mar. 29, 1916, Charles City Iowa.

Charles F. Greeley, Mar. 16, 1844-June 5, 1888.

Married Feb. 10, 1875 in Harlem by J. L. Reeves.

- 1 Ross P. Greeley, Dec. 10, 1875.
Marie Wood, Feb. 26, —, July 9, 1909.
Married Dec. 5, 1907.
 (a) Mamie Wood Greeley, July 2, 1909.
2. Alice M. Greeley, Sept. 27, 1878.
Merton E. Bent.
Married, Oct. 1, 1896.
 (a) Floyd M. Bent, July 13, 1899-Oct. 4, 1900.
 (b) Doris M. Bent, Apr. 25, 1904-June 16, 1911.
 (c) Marion E. Bent, Mar. 28, 1911.
3. Marie L. Greeley, Apr. 20, 1880.
George S. Waddell.
Married Jan. 19, 1897.
 (a) Ethel M. Waddell, Aug. 26, 1898.
4. Florence E. Greeley, Nov. 19, 1882.
Albert W. Fifield.
Married Sept. 21, 1911.
5. John L. Greeley, Mar. 29, 1885.
6. Emma B. Greeley, Feb. 26, 1887.
Edwin L. Rathe.
Married Sept. 24, 1914.
 (a) Charles William Rathe, July 19, 1915.

S. H. Waddell, Apr., 1915.

Married Jane P. Greeley, Oct. 24, 1895,
Charles City.

II. Edgar J. Pickard, Dec. 16, 1853.

Laura E. Maxon.

Married Dec. 7, 1876, divorced.

1. Alice L. Pickard, Dec. 23, 1878.
Charles E. Hazzard, died Sept. 15, 1900.
Married July 25, 1899.
 - (a) Lela Alice Hazzard, June 7, 1900.
Thaddeus L. Draper, second husband.
Married Feb. 22, 1905.
 - (b) Harry Alton Draper, May 9, 1906.
 - (c) Leora Edna Draper, July 2, 1910.
 - (d) Ralph Eugene Draper, Jan. 28, 1914.
2. Leora E. Pickard, Jan. 23, 1880.
Charles W. Quail.
Married Dec. 24, 1902.
 - (a) Charles C. Quail, Nov. 21, 1904.
Died Feb. 5, 1906.
 - (b) Lee Edgar Quail, Mar. 10, 1909.
3. Lulu Pickard, Apr. 21, 1888-Apr. 22, 1888.

Ada Newton Pickard, second wife, married
Aug. 28, 1900.

4. Grace Pickard, June 10, 1901.
5. Minnie E. Pickard, Feb. 23, 1903.

III. Ella M. Pickard, May 26, 1861.

James H. Butler.

Married Mar. 12, 1885, at Harlem.

1. Regina Z. Butler, July 10, 1887-Mar. 26, 1888.
2. Carl V. Butler, Nov. 3, 1890.
Reta Cameron.
Married 1914.
3. John E. Butler, Apr. 16, 1898-May 5, 1898.

IV. Alfred F. Pickard, Nov. 13, 1863.

Catherine McLaren, Oct. 16, 1861-Nov. 29, 1902.

Married Aug. 20, 1885, at Stillman Valley,
by John A. Atwood.

1. Vera Belle Pickard, June 4, 1886-Aug. 20, 1886.

2. Alfred Earl Pickard, July 16, 1887.
Dolly Poole.
Married June 29, 1915.
 3. Alice Adelaide Pickard, Apr. 5, 1900.
- V. Albert H. Pickard, Dec. 20, 1867.
Francis Hall, Dec. 20, 1871.
Married Dec. 20, 1892, Riverton, Iowa.
1. Clifford Van Pickard, Aug. 24, 1895.
 2. Leland Gilmer Pickard, Feb. 18, 1898-Dec. 2, 1898.

WILLIAM AND MARY ANN ATWOOD had four children, Henry, Patten, Annie and Emma, Two living.

- I. Henry Atwood, Nov. 29, 1862, Owen township.
Brietha Jacobs, June 8, 1865, Germany.
Married Jan. 8, 1885, Rockton, Ill.
1. Elmer H. Atwood, Apr. 21, 1888.
 2. Effie M. Atwood, Aug. 4, 1890.
Harry Bogen, May 12, 1890, Le Mars, Iowa.
Married, Feb. 25, 1914, Le Mars, Iowa.
 3. Essie B. Atwood, Sept. 12, 1896.
- II. Patten William Atwood, Aug. 25, 1864.
Lola G. Ellis, Apr. 6, 1864.
Married Feb. 13, 1884.
1. Bert LeRoy Atwood, Aug. 25, 1885.
 2. Marie Belle Atwood, Mar. 18, 1888.
James Roy Cornell, Feb. 22, 1887, died 1914.
Married Oct. 7, 1909.
 - (a) Harry LeRoy Cornell, Nov. 8, 1910.
 - (b) Kenneth Le Vone Cornell, Apr. 22, 1912.
 - (c) Roy James Cornell, July 24, 1914.
 3. Ralph Emerson Atwood, Dec. 22, 1889.
Myrtle Willet, Feb. 24, 1896.
Married, Nov. 10, 1913.
 - (a) Edna Myrtle Atwood, Mar. 28, 1916.

- 4. Edna May Atwood, Nov. 10, 1893.
- III. Annie Atwood, April 16, 1866-May 7, 1875.
- IV. Emma Electa Atwood, Jan. 28, 1874-April 28, 1875.

DAVID AND CANDACE WILKINSON had five children, Matie, Charles, Celia, Georgia and Etta. Two are living.

- I. Matie Wilkinson, Nov 14, 1856-Mar. 1, 1880.
William Clark.
Married in 1874.
 - 1. Anna Villetta Clark, Sept. 12, 1875.
Charles J. Burt.
Married May 19, 1892.
 - (a) Clark Burt, Sept. 30, 1893.
 - (b) Hazel Burt, Feb. 22, 1896.
William Prante.
Married Nov. 6, 1915.
Allison J. Russel, second husband.
Married Anna C. Burt Sept. 24, 1912.
- II. Charles Wilkinson, Oct. 28, 1860.
- III. Celia Wilkinson, Sept. 8, 1865-June 5, 1878.
- IV. George Wilkinson, born and died in Kansas.
- V. Etta Wilkinson, Jan. 28, 1871.
Henry B. Emmons, first husband, died Dec. 26, 1895.
Married Feb. 11, 1889.
 - 1. Esther Emmons, Sept. 18, 1891.
Frank Williams.
Married Oct. 15, 1909.
 - (a) Arthur Williams, July 12, 1910.
 - (b) Harold Williams, Sept. 11, 1912.
 - (c) Etta Maude Williams, Dec. 8, 1914.

2. Rowe Emmons, Sept. 2, 1893.
Edith Ferry.
Married Nov. 9, 1913.
 - (a) Alfred Emmons, Dec. 10, 1914.
 - (b) Patten Atwood Emmons, Feb. 11, 1916.
3. Carl Emmons, Oct. 8, 1895.
Treffle Hamel, second husband.
Married Etta W. Emmons, Apr. 7, 1897.
4. Anna Maude Hamel, Sept. 22, 1899.
5. Evaline Dorothy Hamel, Sept. 22, 1901.
6. Vesta Madora Hamel, Feb. 26, 1903.
Fred Brinegar, third husband; divorced
Married Etta W. E. Hamel, Nov. 21, 1904.
7. Emmett Brinegar, Oct. 26, 1905-Sept. 11, 1906.
8. Cora Etta Brinegar, Aug. 29, 1907-May 2, 1915.
9. Edward Brinegar, Aug. 2, 1909-Aug. 16, 1909.

TRUMAN AND ANNIE WILSON had eight children, Andrew, Mary, William, John, Charles, Ella, Patten Albert and Clement E. Six are living.

I. Andrew Wilson, Oct. 31, 1856.

Emma King, Feb. 15, 1861-April 28, 1901.
Married April 2, 1879.

1. Maude May Wilson, May 25, 1880.
Andrew Frank, Feb. 26, 1883.
Married, Jan. 4, 1911.
 - (a) George Frank, Oct. 14, 1911-Mar. 7, 1912.
 - (b) Alice Marie Frank, Mar. 15, 1913.
 - (c) Russel Frank, Feb. 9, 1915-Feb. 26, 1915.
2. Claude Wilson, Nov. 6, 1882.
Blanche Rusk, Aug. 20, 1886, Spencer, Iowa.
Married Aug. 24, 1910.
 - (a) Raymond, July 23, 1912.
 - (b) Harold, Mar. 6, 1914.
 - (c) Margaret, June 21, 1916.

3. Carl Wilson, Aug. 6, 1885.
4. Ida Dollye Wilson, June 11, 1890.
5. Clifford Wilson, Jan. 6, 1893.
6. Edna Wilson, Apr. 12, 1896.
7. George Wilson, Feb. 19, 1899.

II. Mary Wilson, Mar. 19, 1858.

Silas King, Oct. 1, 1857.

Married Sept. 8, 1878. Eight children.

1. Blanche E. King, Mar. 31, 1880.
Ernest Gustin, Mar. 30, 1874.
Married June 26, 1901.
 - (a) Ralph Gustin, Dec. 27, 1904.
 - (b) Mary Gustin, May 20, 1910.
 - (c) Lee Gustin, June 16, 1912.
 - (d) Neal Gustin, July 1, 1914.
2. Clifford King, Dec. 4, 1882-Feb. 1883.
Twins.
3. Clara E. King, Dec. 4, 1882.
Fred Johnson, Aug. 17, 1883.
Married, Dec. 15, 1908.
 - (a) Lela, Sept. 10, 1910.
 - (b) Freda, Mar. 28, 1912.
4. John Chester King, Oct. 21, 1884.
Bessie Gustin, Oct. 24, 1890.
Married, Mar. 9, 1910.
 - (a) Grace King, Apr. 10, 1911.
 - (b) Cecil King, Dec. 26, 1914.
5. Vira D. King, June 27, 1887.
John Rusk, July 19, 1883.
Married, June 9, 1909.
 - (a) Vina Rusk, Nov. 21, 1910.
 - (b) Kenneth Rusk, Feb. 10, 1913.
 - (c) Baby Rusk, July 28, 1915.
6. Vina B. King, twins, June 27, 1887.
7. Silas W. King, June 4, 1893.
8. Frank W. King. Dec. 25, 1896.

III. William A. Wilson, May 3, 1861.

Emma Van Brocklin, July 27, 1867.

Married Nov. 25, 1886.

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1. Mayme Pearl Wilson, Oct. 22, 1887.
Frank Peterson, Mar. 20, 1881.
Married Mar. 20, 1907.
 - (a) Merna Emaline Peterson, Feb. 12, 1908.
 - (b) Paul Arthur Peterson, Nov. 18, 1909.
 - (c) Norma Evaline Peterson, July 24, 1914. Twins.
 - (d) Baby boy, July 24-July 28, 1914.
2. Ora Mae Wilson, Aug. 30, 1891.
Harrison M. Kober, Nov. 6, 1886.
Married Dec. 27, 1911.
 - (a) Elinor Arlene Kober, Jan. 8, 1914.
3. Arthur Wilson, Mar. 22, 1896.

IV. John Walter Wilson, Feb. 7, 1864.
Alice Clark, Nov. 21, 1868.
Married April 2, 1890 at La Porte City.

1. Glen Clark Wilson, Aug. 29, 1891.
Elizabeth Fedderson, Jan. 16, 1892.
Married Jan. 21, 1913, Waterloo, Iowa.
2. Ray Wilson, Oct. 11, 1894.
Reta Maston, July 8, 1892.
Married Aug. 1, 1914.
 - (a) Beth Wilson, May 9, 1915.
3. Faye Wilson, June 19, 1901.
4. Wayne Wilson, Nov. 1, 1905.

V. Charles F. Wilson, Jan. 7, 1867.
Dora Frank.
Married.

1. Berneice, May, 1910.
2. Frank, 1911.
3. Baby boy, 1913.

VI. Ella M. Wilson, May 6, 1869.
Robt. M. Brooks.
Married.

VII. Patten Albert Wilson, Mar. 27, 1872.
Died Jan. 17, 1891, La Porte City.

VIII. Clement E. Wilson, Jan. 29, 1879.

Died Oct. 14, 1902, Zion City, Ill.

ORSON T. AND MARY BARTHOLEMEW had no children.

Willie Bartholemew adopted 1870-1877.

JOSEPH AND LIZZIE ATWOOD had five children, Roy, George, Alice, Louis and Hazel, who was the youngest of the grandchildren. Two are living.

I. John Roy Atwood, Feb. 14, 1879, Roscoe.
Helen Blanche Thomas, Jan. 6, 1882. Roscoe.

Married Sept. 19, 1900.

1. Hazel Atwood, Nov. 11, 1901.
2. Alice Atwood, Sept. 2, 1903.
3. George Thomas Atwood, Aug. 20, 1905.
4. John LaMont Atwood, June 19, 1908.
5. Arthur Russel Atwood, July 9, 1910.

II. George Gleasman, Atwood, Jan. 1, 1882.
Cora Mae Love, April 28, 1881, Harlem.
Married Oct. 6, 1909.

III. Alice Henrietta Atwood, July 21, 1884-Dec. 30, 1888.

IV. Joseph Louis Atwood, Sept. 4, 1886-Oct. 30, 1886.

V. Hazel Lizetta Atwood, Mar. 23, 1890-Mar. 10, 1892.

CHRISTOPHER AND IRENE MYERS had eight children, Elmer, Mabel, May, Metta, Daisy, Walter, Clifford, Floyd. Three living.

I. Elmer Myers, Nov. 19, 1868-Apr. 16, 1875.

II. Mable A. Myers, May 14, 1871, Pecatonica.

Dewey Fiske, Aug. 26, 1868, Delavan.

Married June 12, 1895.

1. Vernon Fiske, Aug. 1, 1896.

2. Helen Fiske, Jan. 3, 1907.

III. May Myers, May 20, 1872-Sept. 2, 1872.

IV. Meta Myers, July 31, 1873-Apr. 25, 1875.

V. Daisy Myers, Sept. 25, 1876-Feb. 2, 1877.

VI. Walter C. Myers, Apr. 14, 1879.

Lottie Myer, Mar. 1881, Wauconda, S. D.

Married, Nov. 24, 1898.

1. Stanley Myers, June 4, 1901.

VII. Clifford Myers, July 2, 1880.

Ella Stevens, Mar. 28, 1880, Penn.

Married, May 5, 1900.

1. Roy Wilmar Myers, Apr. 16, 1901, Pecatonica.

2. Jennie Irene Myers, Dec. 12, 1902, Pecatonica.

3. Gladys Isabel Myers, Nov. 3, 1904, N. Dak.

4. Chris. Leonard Myers, Aug. 13, 1906-May 5, 1907.

5. Edna May Myers, Sept. 21, 1908.

6. Edith Ada Perl Myers, Nov. 15, 1912.

7. Mildred Leona Myers, Nov. 12, 1915.

VIII. Floyd Myers, June 24, 1882-Oct. 8, 1882.

PATTEN B. AND EMMA C. ATWOOD had five children, Levi, Howard, Carrie, James and Seth. All living.

I. Levi Patten Atwood, Aug. 7, 1872.

II. Howard Catlin Atwood, Feb. 11, 1875.

Marie Jones. Died Feb. 1917.

Married, Oct. 9, 1907.

1. Howard Catlin Atwood, June 5, 1909.

2. William Edward Atwood, June 22, 1910.

3. Anna Margaret Atwood, Feb. 12, 1913.

III. Carrie Ellen Atwood, Feb. 2, 1878.

William A. Montgomery, July 16, 1872.

Married, Dec. 27, 1900.

1. Dorothy Montgomery, Oct. 18, 1902.

2. Eleanor Montgomery, Dec. 30, 1903.

3. Ruth Montgomery, Mar. 11, 1905.

Twins.

4. Ruby Montgomery, Mar. 11, 1905.

5. John Patten Montgomery, June 23, 1907.

IV. James Thomas Atwood, July 24, 1881.

Myra Mayhew Cadby, Dec. 5, 1882.

Married Dec. 27, 1906, Wauwatosa.

1. Philip Trowbridge Atwood, May 29, 1908.

V. Seth Burton Atwood, Aug. 24, 1886.

Mae Glanville.

Married Aug. 31, 1910.

WILLIAM AND HATTIE ELDREDGE had seven children, Myrtie, William, Rose, Willis, Fred, Alice and Hylah. Three living.

- I. Myrtie May Eldredge, Aug. 17, 1868-Dec. 9, 1916.
Leonard J. McCrea, Dec. 31, 1860.
Married Oct. 14, 1896.
 - 1. Leonard M. McCrea, Aug. 2, 1903, Afton.
- II. William Judson Eldredge, Nov. 21, 1869-Feb. 20, 1870.
- III. Rosa Belle Eldredge, Aug. 5, 1871.
B. Franklin Blunk, Aug. 15, 1869.
Married Mar. 12, 1895, Afton.
 - 1. Fred Franklin Blunk, Feb. 17, 1896-Aug. 29, 1896.
 - 2. Clarence Le Roy Blunk, Apr. 6, 1906.
- IV. Willis Daniel Eldredge, June 8, 1875-Sept. 1, 1875, Afton.

Nellie Emerson, Sept. 14, 1877.
Married Apr. 29, 1903, Janesville, Wis.
 - 1. Ruth Eldredge, Mar. 15, 1904, Beloit.
 - 2. George Morton Eldredge, May 16, 1905, Beloit.
 - 3. Roy Willard Eldredge, June 3, 1906, Beloit.
 - 4. Lester Judson Eldredge, Oct. 5, 1907, Beloit.
- VI. Alice Edna Eldredge, July 15, 1880-Mar. 5 1904.
George Herbert Gesley, Nov. 1875.
Married Sept. 4, 1901.
 - 1. Faye Alice Gesley, Mar. 26, 1903-Sept. 26, 1903.
- VII. Hylah Ray Eldredge, Aug. 20, 1882, Afton.
Clyde Brush Gates, Feb. 25, 1885, Hebron, Ill.
Married Apr. 24, 1907, Beloit, Wis.

1. Claude Colon Gates, Feb. 29, 1908.
2. Dale Williams Gates, Oct. 6, 1909.
3. Faye Hattie Melissa Gates, Jan. 14, 1912.
4. Hazel May Gates, July 23, 1915.

JOHN AND MARY G. ATWOOD had four children, Nellie, Ernest, Herbert, Raymond. Three living.

- I. Nellie Atwood, Apr. 23, 1875.
- II. Ernest Atwood, July 29, 1877.
Grace Thompson.
Married June 18, 1901.
 1. Hazel Atwood, June 12, 1902.
 2. John Atwood, Dec. 4, 1905.
- III. Herbert Atwood, Aug. 8, 1881-Mar. 14, 1884.
- IV. Raymond Atwood, Mar. 10, 1885.
Rose Baurley.
Married Sept. 14, 1907.
 1. Vida, Oct. 31, 1911.

PHILIP AND ELIZA ATWOOD had three children, Etheridge, Willis, Melvin. Two living.

- I. Etheridge Atwood July 11, 1875-June 1881.
- II. Willis Atwood, Aug. 10, 1878.
- III. Melvin Atwood, Dec. 2, 1881.
Grace Kathryn Carpenter, Aug. 2, 1882.
Married Sept. 14, 1905.
 1. Edwin Earl Atwood, Dec. 21, 1908.
 2. Lyle Carpenter Atwood, Jan. 7, 1913.

This printed account of Patten and Anna Atwood's 60th wedding anniversary held 31 years ago will give the younger members of the family a little insight into the long ago:

February, 15, 1886.

Last Saturday a Register reporter, with 75 other invited guests, assembled at the Deacon Atwood homestead in Owen, the occasion being the sixtieth wedding anniversary of the venerable pair. Although the roads were well night impassible and the skies dark and forbidding, the joy of meeting at this truly remarkable family reunion, the memories it recalled, and the hearty welcome with which we were greeted, fully repaid us for our efforts in being present. Thinking perhaps, a brief sketch of these aged patriarchs, their family, their home and their reunion would be interesting to many of the readers of the Register, prompts me to send you the following:

Mr. Patten Atwood was born in New Hampshire in 1805, and Anna Brooks in Canada in 1808. By some mysterious and strange combination of circumstances they were permitted to meet; a mutual attachment was formed and on February 14th, 1826, they were united in wedlock, and it is well worthy of record, in these days of frequent divorces, and the easy setting aside of the marriage vow, that for sixty long years, through shadows and sunshine, in adversity and prosperity, their love and regard for each other has increased, and today, as they are nearing the

setting sun of their earthly existence they have no cause for regret that in early life their hearts, interests and fortunes were linked together.

In 1839 they moved to this county and a year later settled on the farm which they, with their son Philip, now occupy, situated most beautifully on the west bank of the Rock River, nine miles north of Rockford. It is a fertile farm of 400 acres, with large and comfortable improvements. The stone with which the house is built was

Quarried on the Farm

and many of them laid by Mr. Atwood's own hands. While attending the party we measured a cottonwood tree growing on the farm, over which Mr. Atwood has guided the plow and which has grown from a seed within 45 years. It is 100 feet high and 16 feet in circumference seven feet from the ground. To Mr. and Mrs. Atwood 15 children have been born, one of whom died in infancy, and it is now more than 50 years since the death angel has entered his family circle and removed one of its number. They have also 49 grandchildren and 31 great grandchildren, making a total of 94 living descendents. Of the 14 children living, 8 reside in Winnebago County, 4 in Iowa, one in Wisconsin and one in Kansas. They were all at home, ate together with their parents about the same table. All lodged last Saturday night under the same roof, and all met together in Rockford today to have their pictures taken in a group. The children's

Combined Ages Is 679 years,

an average of 48 1-2 years, and their combined weight as tested by a set of Fairbanks' scales is 2,100, or an average of 150 pounds. Nearly all the family are engaged in agricultural pursuits and their acres are numbered by no less than 4,000. But we would not estimate the worth of the family by their dollars and cents, by their lands or their merchandise, by the number of years they have lived or by the number of pounds they tip the balance. They are all worthy members of society. Nearly all are connected with the Baptist Church, of which their father for 45 years has been a member, and filled the office of deacon, and of which their mother has been a communicant for 62 years. None use intoxicating liquors in any form as a beverage, or tobacco. All are Republicans to the core, and all are at peace and harmony one with another. They are all married, and the husbands and wives are all living. All with their father and mother are in good health with their reasoning faculties unimpaired.

Deacon Atwood has long made the Bible his daily study, and as a Bible student has few equals. He has read the Scriptures through

Forty Times by Rote,

an average of once every year for forty years, besides all of his miscellaneous reading. The 128th Psalm has long been to him as a divine promise with its fulfillment, and is to him a favorite selection.

Aside from the six sons and eight daughters who met at the old homestead, there were also a goodly number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and several old neighbors, some of whom had been intimate friends for nearly half a century. An eloquent address was delivered by Rev. J. J. Phelps, of Rockton, who also invoked the divine blessing, and a poem written by Rev. I. P. Patch, of LeMars, Iowa, was read by Mrs. J. B. Atwood. The dinner, which was then served, was bountiful and faultless, and as we remained and partook of supper and breakfast, and the supply of provisions did not seem to grow less, we conclude that the resources of those who had the management of that important part of the program are inexhaustible. A pair of large, elegantly upholstered chairs were presented by the children, and a number of other gifts were given by those present as tokens of respect and friendship. After dinner Father Atwood feelingly referred to God's goodness in permitting the family all to gather again about the old hearthstone, and expressed the wish that they might all meet, an unbroken family in heaven. Other short addresses were made and many interesting reminiscences were told of pioneer life and of the changes wrought in the lifetime of our aged host and hostess. The day was one that will long be remembered by all present as one of the most enjoyable they ever experienced.

Your humble reporter in conclusion would say: Long live the Atwood family, and may their numbers never grow less, nor the honored name of their sire be brought into reproach by any act of his descendants.

ATWOOD ADDRESSES.

- Mrs. Sally Andrus,
Stillman Valley, Ill.
- Mr. and Mrs. John Atwood,
Stillman Valley, Ill.
- Mr. Henry Andrus,
Park Ave., Rockford, Ill.
- Mr. and Mrs. Claude Andrus,
Park Ave., Rockford, Ill.
- Mr. W. W. Scott and Family,
219 Royal Ave., Rockford, Ill.
- Mr. Frank Andrus and Family,
225 West Fifth St., Mason, City, Iowa.
- Mr. Ray J. Andrus and Family,
Seattle, Wash.
- Mr. M. L. Andrus,
Mason City, Iowa.
- Mr. J. R. Stewart and Family,
Rienbeck, Iowa.
- Mr. J. M. Jackson and Family,
Spirit Lake, Iowa.
- Mr. Albert C. Cooper and family,
Le Mars, Iowa.
- Mr. J. H. Stewart and Wife,
Rienbeck, Iowa.
- Mr. J. D. Morrison and Wife,
Rienbeck, Iowa.
- Mr. F. D. Morrison and family,
Helix, Ore.
- Mr. H. D. Fullerton and family,
Rockford, Iowa.

- Mr. Arthur Atwood and Family,
Jerome, Idaho.
- Mr. H. Ernest Atwood and Wife,
331-333 Palace Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn.
- Mr. Homer S. Atwood and Family,
331-333 Palace Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn.
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Teachout,
331-333 Palace Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn.
- Mr. Patten Atwood and Family,
Armstrong, Iowa.
- Mr. and Mrs. Harold Atwood,
Armstrong, Iowa.
- Mr. Edgar Pickard and Family,
Bryant, Ark.
- Alice Pickard Draper and Family,
Brewster, Neb.
- Leora Pickard Quail and Family,
Mr. Fred Pickard and Daughter,
R. R. 9, Rockford, Ill.
- Mr. Ross P. Greeley and Daughter,
Persons, Alberta, Canada.
- Mr. Merton E. Bent and family,
Nashua, Iowa.
- Mr. George S. Waddell and family,
West Winfield, N. Y.
- Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Fifield,
1762 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.
- Mr. John L. Greeley,
Charles City, Iowa.
- Mr. Edwin L. Rathe and Family,
Waverly, Iowa.
- Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Butler,
Alva, Okla.

- Mr. and Mrs. Carl Butler,
Faulkner, Okla.
- Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pickard,
West State St., Rockford, Ill.
- Mr. A. H. Pickard and Family,
Nashua, Iowa.
- Mrs. Maria Irons and Daughters,
331 Forest Ave., Rockford, Ill.
- Mr. Charles Irons and Family,
Kingsley, Iowa.
- Mr. Lew W. Irons and Family,
Halliday, North Dakota.
- Mr. Douglas Simmons and Family,
Lawton, Iowa.
- Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Twogood,
Halliday, North Dakota.
- Mr. John Steffen and Family,
Halliday, North Dakota.
- Mr. Walter Belshaw and Family,
418 North First St., Rockford, Ill.
- Mr. Paul Hobart and Family,
Dicky, North Dakota.
- Mr. Wallace Belshaw,
R. R. 3, Pecatonica, Ill.
- Mr. Walter S. Richardson and Family,
Roscoe, Ill.
- Mr. Archie J. Belshaw,
Marengo, Ill.
- Mr. R. Lester Belshaw,
1119 Aragon Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.
- Mr. Henry M. Foote and Family,
Fontana, Wis.
- Mr. John C. Jensen and Family,
303 Avon St., Rockford, Ill.

- Mr. Earl Foote and Family,
De Kalb, Ill.
- Miss Bernita Foote,
320 North 4th St., Rockford, Ill.
- Mr. Henry Atwood and Family,
Le Mars, Iowa.
- Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bogen,
Le Mars, Iowa.
- Mr. Patten Atwood and Family,
Canton, South Dakota.
- Mrs. Marie Cornell and Sons,
Canton, South Dakota.
- Mr. Ralph E. Atwood and Family,
Heltinger, North Dakota.
- Mr. Charles Wilkinson,
Sheridan, Wyo.
- Mrs. A. J. Russel and Family,
St. Maries, Idaho, Care Greenhouse.
- Mr. and Mrs. William Prante,
Lodge Grass, Mont.
- Mrs. Etta C. Brinegar and Family,
Stacy, Mont.
- Mr. Frank Williams and Family,
Stacy, Mont.
- Mr. Rowe Emmons and Family,
Stacy, Mont.
- Mrs. Anna Wilson,
2910 Elisha Ave., Zion City, Ill.
- Mr. Andrew Wilson and Family,
Mt. Auburn, Iowa.
- Mr. Andrew Frank and Family,
Mt. Auburn, Iowa.
- Mr. Claude Wilson and Family,
Dickens, Iowa.

- Mr. Silas King and Family.,
Dickens, Iowa.
- Mr. Ernest Gustin and Family,
Dickens, Iowa.
- Mr. Fred Johnson and Family,
Dickens, Iowa.
- Mr. J. Chester King and Family,
Dickens, Iowa.
- Mr. John Rusk and Family,
Dickens, Iowa.
- Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wilson and Son,
La Porte City, Iowa.
- Mr. Frank Peterson and Family,
La Porte City, Iowa.
- Mr. Harrison Kober and family,
La Porte City, Iowa.
- Mr. John W. Wilson and Family ,
606 Bayard St., Waterloo, Iowa.
- Mr. and Mrs. Glen Clark Wilson,
Ottawa, Kan.
- Mr. Ray Wilson and Family,
Waterloo, Iowa.
- Mr. Chas. F. Wilson and Family,
La Porte City, Iowa.
- Mr. and Mrs. Robt. P. Brooks,
2910 Elisha Ave., Zion City, Ill.
- Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Atwood,
314 North Winnebago St., Rockford, Ill.
- Mr. J. Roy Atwood and Family,
Roscoe, Ill.
- Mr. and Mrs. George Atwood,
Roscoe, Ill.

- Mr. Chris. Myers,
Pecatonica, Ill.
- Mr. and Mrs. Walter Myers and Son,
Pecatonica, Ill.
- Mr. Dewey Fiske and Family,
Pecatonica, Ill.
- Mr. Clifford Myers and Family,
Willow City, North Dakota.
- Mr. and Mrs. Patten B. Atwood,
North 1st St., Rockford, Ill.
- Mr. Levi P. Atwood,
Madison, Wis.
- Mr. Howard Atwood and Family,
Rockford, Ill.
- Mr. Will Montgomery and Family,
Manchester, Iowa.
- Mr. and Mrs. James Atwood and Son,
Rockford, Ill.
- Mr. and Mrs. Seth Atwood,
Rockford, Ill.
- Mr. L. J. McCrea and Son,
Beloit, Wis.
- Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blunk and Son,
Hebron, Ill.
- Mr. F. R. Eldredge and family,
1021 6th St., Beloit, Wis.
- Mr. George Gesley and Family,
Beloit, Wis.
- Mr. Clyde Gates and Family,
Hebron, Ill.
- Mrs. John Atwood and Daughter,
LeMars, Iowa.

Mr. Ernest Atwood and Family,
Merrill, Iowa.

Mr. Philip Atwood and son Willis,
Rockford, Ill.

Mr. Melvin Atwood and family,
Rockford, Ill.

Mrs. Lydia Curry,
N. First St., Rockford, Ill.

Mrs. Arvilla Stockwell,
Rockford, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stockwell,
Rockton, Ill.



The living descendents of Patten and Anna Atwood. Five children living of the fifteen.

Sally Andrus	Patten Atwood
Anna Wilson	Philip Atwood
Joseph Atwood	

Of the 72 first cousins or 3rd generation, 42 are living.

Henry Andrus	Andrew Wilson
Arvilla Atwood	Mary Wilson King
Frank Andrus	William A. Wilson
May Atwood Stewart	John Walter Wilson
Carrie Atwood	Charles F. Wilson
Morrison	Ella Wilson Brooks
Arthur W. Atwood	
Henry Ernest Atwood	John Roy Atwood
Patten H. Atwood	George G. Atwood
Charles L. Irons	Mabel Myers Fiske
Anna Irons Belshaw	Walter C. Myers
	Clifford Myers
Edgar J. Pickard	
Ella Pickard Butler	Levi Atwood
Alfred F. Pickard	Howard C. Atwood
Albert H. Pickard	Carrie A. Montgomery
	James Atwood
Henry Atwood	Seth B. Atwood
Patten William Atwood	
	Rose Eldredge Blunk
Charles Wilkinson	Fred Roy Eldredge
Etta Wilkinson	Hylah Eldredge Gates
Brinegar	

Nellie Atwood

Ernest Atwood

Raymond Atwood

Willis Atwood

Melvin Atwood

The 4th generation, or first cousins' children,
number 157—132 are living.

Claude Andrus

Edith Scott

Orpha Atwood

Lester Atwood

Raymond Andrus

Max L. Andrus

Harry Andrus

Myrtle M. Irons

Minnie S. Irons

Mayme E. Irons

Carrie Stewart Jackson

Nellie Stewart Cooper

John H. Stewart

Paul A. Stewart

Edith Irons Simons

Cora Irons Twogood

Lew F. Irons

Ruth Irons Steffen

Myrtle Irons

Fred D. Morrison

Ruth Morrison

Fullerton

Charles R. Irons

Hazel M. Irons

Agnes Belshaw Hobart

Jennie Richardson

Dale D. Atwood

Esther M. Atwood

Norris W. Atwood

Arthur W. Atwood

Wallace E. Belshaw

Archie J. Belshaw

Reuben Lester Belshaw

Charles F. Belshaw

Homer S. Atwood

Naomi A. Teachout

I. Albert Belshaw

Eura Foote Jensen

Earl G. Foote

Bernita Foote

Harold B. Atwood

Clayton L. Atwood

Clara Atwood

Ross P. Greeley

The Atwood Family

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Alice Greeley Bent	Evaline D. Hamel
Marie Greeley Waddell	Vesta M. Hamel
Florence Greeley Fifield	
John L. Greeley	Maude Wilson Frank
Emma Greeley Rathe	Claude Wilson
	Carl Wilson
Alice Pickard Draper	Ida Wilson
Leora Pickard Quail	Clifford Wilson
Grace Pickard	Edna Wilson
Minnie E. Pickard	George Wilson
	Blanche King Gustin
Carl V. Butler	Clara King Johnson
	John Chester King
Alfred Earl Pickard	Vira King Rusk
Alice A. Pickard	Vina B. King
	Silas W. King
Clifford V. Pickard	Frank W. King
Elmer H. Atwood	Mayme Wilson
Effie Atwood Bogen	Peterson
Essie B. Atwood	Ora M. Wilson Kober
	Arthur Wilson
Bert Atwood	
Marie Atwood Cornell	Glen C. Wilson
Ralph E. Atwood	Ray Wilson
Edna M. Atwood	Faye Wilson
Anna Clark Russel	Wayne Wilson
Esther Emmons	Berneice Wilson
Williams	Frank Wilson
Rowe Emmons	_____ Wilson
Carl Emmons	
Anna M. Hamel	Hazel Atwood

Alice Atwood	John P. Montgomery
George T. Atwood	
John L. Atwood	Philip T. Atwood
A. Russel Atwood	
	Leonard M. McCrea
Vernon Fiske	
Helen Fiske	Clarence L. Blunk
Stanley Myers	Ruth Eldredge
	George M. Eldredge
Roy W. Myers	Roy W. Eldredge
Jennie I. Myers	Lester J. Eldredge
Gladys I. Myers	
Edna M. Myers	Claude C. Gates
Edith A. Myers	Dale W. Gates
Mildred L. Myers	Faye H. Gates
	Hazel M. Gates
Howard C. Atwood	
William E. Atwood	Hazel Atwood
Ann Margaret Atwood	John Atwood
Dorothy Montgomery	Vida Atwood
Elinor Montgomery	
Ruth Montgomery	Edwin Earl Atwood
Ruby Montgomery	Lyle Carpenter Atwood

Of the 132 great grandchildren, 45 are married. The fifth generation follows. Seventy-two living. Clarke Burt is the oldest and Hazel Burt Prante the only one married.

Jane Wilda Scott	Alma Noreen Andrus
William H. Scott	Joy Ellen Andrus

Lloyd L. Andrus	Lois Whitlock
Keith C. Andrus	Richardson
Roger J. Andrus	Elton La Mont
	Richardson
Mona Jackson	
James S. Jackson	Katherine V. Jensen
Helen Jackson	Robert F. Jensen
Jeanette Cooper	Arlie B. Foote
James S. Cooper	
Richard M. Fullerton	Mamie Wood Greeley
William D. Morrison	Marion E. Bent
Lilian E. Atwood	Ethel M. Waddell
	Charles W. Rathe
Clifford Simons	
Maude Simons	Lela Alice Hazzard
Edna Simons	Harry A. Draper
Lee Simons	Leora E. Draper
	Ralph E. Draper
Thelma Irons	
Elna Irons	Lee Edgar Quail
Darwin Irons	
Adlyn Steffen	Harry L. Cornell
	Kenneth L. Cornell
	Roy J. Cornell
Wallace B. Hobart	
Jennie A. Hobart	Edna M. Atwood
Pauline E. Hobart	Clark Burt
	Hazel Burt Prante
Mary Inez Richardson	

Arthur Williams	Alice M. Frank
Harold Williams	
Etta M. Williams	Raymond Wilson
	Harold Wilson
Alfred Emmons	Margaret Wilson
Patten Atwood	
Emmons	
Ralph Gustin	Vina Rusk
Mary Gustin	Kenneth Rusk
Lee Gustin	Baby Rusk
Neal Gustin	
Lela Johnson	Merna E. Peterson
Freda Johnson	Paul A. Peterson
	Norma E. Peterson
Grace King	Elinor A. Kober
Cecil King	
	Beth Wilson