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Obituaries of Pratt and Adelia Dawes

OBITUARY

JOSHUA PRATT DAWES

Joshua Pratt Dawes was born in Cutler, state of Maine, February 22, 1845, and came to Wisconsin with his parents in the year 1850, settling for a time near Portage. From Portage, the family later removed to what is now Monroe Center, in which vicinity Mr. Dawes grew to manhood.

At the age of twenty-six years, he was united in marriage to Adelia Allan of Necedah, formerly of Maine, and a direct descendant of Colonel John Allan of Revolutionary War fame. In the year 1872, Mr. and Mrs. Dawes moved to Clark county, at that time a new country, where he helped to organize the town of Fremont and where he held public office for many years, besides clearing a farm in the heavy timber.

In the year 1910, Mr. Dawes sold his farm in Clark county and with his wife went west and settled on a farm in Benton county, Oregon. The climate here did not agree with Mrs. Dawes, so after one and one-half years they returned to Wisconsin. But Mr. Dawes liked the west, and so, after a time, they decided to try Portland, that city being somewhat farther from the coast. But the climate proved to be too damp for Mrs. Dawes and they again returned to Wisconsin.

Mrs. Dawes passed away May 6th, 1918, and Mr. Dawes' remaining years were spent with relatives and friends, he being the last survivor of a family of nine children, the others all having gone before him. A fond mother sleeps in the cemetery at Geneve, Nebraska, one sister in Kansas, two sisters in the Yolo cemetery at Chili, Wis., and a loving wife, his father, two brothers and three sisters, in the Monroe cemetery in Adams county, where he requested to be buried.

I only hope that I might be a man,
As Godly as is He a man, who His glad
Voice can raise to God His Lord in
constant praise;

One who is ever helping others,
Making them His friends and brothers,
A man whose every thought is good.
To follow in His steps I would,
But, Oh, to follow such as He,
It seems beyond a man like me.
May the Lord help and strengthen me,
To think, to do, to be as He.

To my many friends, I am bidding
you a long farewell.—Uncle Pratt.

(Editor's Note—The above obituary was written by Mr. Pratt Dawes himself. The sketch is published in its entirety.)

Mr. Dawes died on Friday, Nov. 27, 1918, at the home of his nephew, Jesse D. Dawes, in Necedah, at the advanced age of 86 years, 10 months and 5 days.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 10 o'clock from the Jesse Dawes home and at 11 o'clock at the Monroe Center church, Rev. O'Neil being in charge.

The remains were laid tenderly at rest in the Monroe Center cemetery, which is a part of the old Dawes home.

Among the relatives and friends in attendance at the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Miller, Marshfield; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Owens and Mr. and Mrs. Pratt Dow and daughter, Granton; Mrs. Cora Dow, Chili; Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Hammond, West Plainfield; Mr. and Mrs. Winn McGowan, Friendship; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Dawes and son George, Monroe Center; Mrs. Ona Pfundheller and daughter, Milwaukee; Mr. and Mrs. Clark Smith and Walter Wyman, Strongs Prairie; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Lennon, Portage; Mrs. Martha Knight, Dellwood; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ross, Mrs. Eva Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Roberts and Mrs. Robert Anderson, Saratoga; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Amundson, Wisconsin Rapids; Mrs. Anna Currier and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ellis, Plainfield; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hays, Nekoosa; Mrs. Ida Vantassel, Adams; Andrew Nelson and sister Tena and Mrs. Isaac Nerrison, Arkdale; Mrs. Flora Wyman, Strongs Prairie.



MRS. J. P. DAWES IS DEAD.

Another of the county's pioneer women, Mrs. J. P. Dawes of the town of Fremont is summoned by death. The final call being answered by her at 4:30 p. m. on Monday, May 6th, 1918. The cause of her death was cancer of the breast from which dread malady she has suffered much since last November.

Deceased was born Adella Allan in Lubic, Maine, on November 20th in 1850. She was there married to Pratt Dawes on May 10th in 1872 and in the fall of 1873 came with him here to the town of Fremont and settled. No children were born to this couple. She was the youngest in a family of 9 children and is survived in this family by only one brother, Lieut. Allan of Boston, Mass. Deceased was a direct descendant of Col. John Allan of Revolutionary fame who came to this country from Scotland when but a boy of 19 years and just at the time when the Colonies were at war with England.

The funeral services were held at Chili Wednesday afternoon, Rev. F. Jordan of the M. E. church at Marshfield officiating and the remains accompanied by Mr. Dawes her husband and her niece Mrs. John Russel was taken to Spring Creek on the evening train for burial there beside the bodies of beloved relatives, gone before. The pall bearers acting at Wednesday's services were Herman and John Henning, Thode Harriman, Harry Eide, John Davis and Herman Koser.

Mrs. Dawes was a woman of many noble traits of character and her passing from life is mourned not only by her husband and brother, but by a large circle of sincere friends and admirers.

Jushua Pratt Dawes (1845-1931) *Brave, Macho Man*

I have Uncle Pratt's scrap book and would like to include a picture of him, and his obituary that he wrote himself. He had passed away before I was born so I asked my older brother Bob to write about his thoughts of Uncle Pratt. In the book that Joy Wood wrote there are several stories that have been read by those who bought the book (If you would like a copy, act quickly, there are only 7 left!). Looking through the scrap book you get another perspective of this brave macho man that always believed in being the best at whatever he did. Some of the stories of his life would have made a wonderful Disney movie. I think the scrapbook was started when he was older because all the pictures of him are when he was an old man. He kept track of Charles G. Dawes (Vice President of the United States) and had lots of Will Rogers writings, poetry and some family pictures that have no name under them. We will plan to include a page from his scrapbook in this newsletter every now and then. —*Duane Dawes*

*William Dawes &
Mehitable May
Charles May Dawes &
Sarah McFarland
Pratt Dawes & Mehitable
Pomeroy
Jusua Pratt Dawes*

Uncle Pratt by Robert Dawes (1925-)

I was asked to jot down what I remember of Uncle Pratt. I don't remember when he came to stay with us in Necedah, Wisconsin, but I do recall the summer of 1931. I was 4 1/2 years old. An average week day went something like this, Dad would have gone to work, my older brothers and Berniece would be in school, Mom would be doing her housework and taking care of Marland the baby, that left Uncle Pratt and I to spend the biggest part of the day together. He would put me on his knee in front of the blackboard and teach me the ABC's, numbers, some spelling including words that had silent letters in them such as knife and garage. Other days we would go outside and he would tell me the different names of the clouds and how they affected our weather. He taught me about the birds and bees and trees, etc. I have no idea how many "why's and what fors" I may have asked him, but he never said a harsh word to me. He may have been hard outside but a softer-hearted and more compassionate man I don't think you could find.

Then came fall and deer hunting time. He and Dad "Jesse Dawes" went out to the Dawes farm at Monroe Center and he missed what he thought to be a perfect shot at a large buck. He thought he should have got that Buck. They came home that night and I guess he decided that if he couldn't put something on the table he wouldn't take anything from it, because I hear that's the last solid meal he ever ate. I would watch mother take a tray of soup crackers and tea into him and when she came out she would say he took a couple of sips of tea or water but no solid food. Then some 30 days or so later mom came out and said she had to call the doctor. Uncle Pratt had passed away. When the Doctor and coroner and everyone came mom had me put my coat and cap on and asked me to go out into the back yard until they got everything taken care of. It was late in the fall and I remember sitting in our garden against a corn shuck, around me were pumpkins and watermelons that hadn't matured and were wasting away. I kept looking back at the house expecting to see a little puff of smoke or something letting me know his spirit was on its way to heaven. After the ambulance left, mom called me in and sat me down in a kitchen chair and explained to me that was the cycle our lives take. It was hard for me to understand because he was the first person close to me to pass away. He died as he lived—in his own way. In the last 30 days of his life he got his things in order and he wrote his own obituary and seemed to be at peace with the world. Those are my thoughts of a man that in my eyes stood right beside my dad as a great influence in my young life.



God Bless Uncle Pratt

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JWD'S (John Wilkinson Dawes) ANTECEDENT GENEALOGY

ADRIAN DAWES: GREAT GREAT GRANDPARENTS OF JWD

Married Hannah ?. Died in England.

Children of Adrian and Hannah:

1. **EDWARD SR.** Greasley, England, married Elizabeth Roads March 14, 1692, died December 1714. Second wife was Sarah Cassell.
2. **ABRAHAM SR.** Greasley, England, married Edith Ellis Nov. 5, 1700, died February 26, 1730
- *3. **FRANCIS** see below.
4. **JOSEPH** died May 19, 1698

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FRANCIS DAWES: GREAT GRANDPARENTS OF JWD

Born in Greasley, England, baptized February 7, 1672, in St. Mary's Church (Anglican). Occupation, farmer. Died 1739 or 1740.

Married Margaret Griffith, (born in Wales), November 29, 1704, near Gwynedd, Montgomery Township, Pennsylvania. (Montgomery Township became Montgomery County, Pennsylvania in 1784).

Francis came to American in 1702 or before with two brothers, Edward and Abraham. The two brothers came in 1702.

Francis and Margaret had four children born in Pennsylvania:

1. **MARY**, born March 25, 1705, married John Roberts
- * 2. **ADDREN**, born November 6, 1707 - see below
3. **CATHERINE**, born May 17, 1710
4. **HANNA**, born @ 1711, married John Pickering 1745, died Dec. 14, 1796 about age 85 years.

ADDREN (or ADRIAN) SR., or II: GRANDPARENTS OF JWD

Second child and only son of Francis, born November 6, 1707, near Gwynedd Monthly Meeting, Pennsylvania. (Probably in Montgomery Township, Pennsylvania).

Married Susannah Wilkinson July 7, 1736.

Susannah was born 1677/8, in Providence, Rhode Island.

Addren (Adrian) and Susannah had the following children:

KNOWN: **MARGARET DAWES**, married Samuel Fisher August 11, 1762.

JOHN DAWES, SR., (second son) born August 8, 1742.

* **ADRIAN DAWES, JR.**, (third son) married Hannah Coate, July 2, 1778.

PROBABLE: **MARY DAWES**, married James Egbert October 8, 1778 at Plymouth, PA

PERHAPS: **FRANCIS DAWES**, eldest son, married Mary Scott Jan. 20, 1767 at Baltimore, Maryland

POSSIBLE: **WILLIAM DAWES**, 1746-1811, at Elizabeth, New Jersey

JOSIAH DAWES, militia officer in Bucks County, Pennsylvania

HANNAH DAWES, a daughter, or probably wife of **DAVID DAWES**.

ADRIAN DAWES, JR or III: PARENTS OF JWD

Born 1730, married Hannah Coate 1778 Kingwood New Jersey, died 1830 Easton, Pennsylvania

Children of Adrian and Hannah:

1. **JOSEPH** born 1779, died 1861, was a millwright, lived at Easton Pennsylvania
2. **FRANCIS** born 1781
3. **GUSTAVUS ALDOLPHUS**
- *4. **JOHN WILKINSON** born October 27, 1783/4 at Elizabethtown, New Jersey, died March 7, 1864 in Leon, Waushara County, Wisconsin.

Married **SUSAN CRANCE** and had one daughter, **SARAH** who married Jake DePew.

Married **ELIZABETH PATTERSON**, born June 12, 1787 in New York and died July 29, 1866, Lock Berlin, Wayne County, New York. (See genealogy chart for their children/lineage)

ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA
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MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

The 30th annual J.W. Dawes business meeting was held at the Wyndam Hotel in Costa Mesa, California July 7, 1996

Our president Richard Dawes called the meeting to order. President Dawes gave the financial status as of the end of April (\$382.46) and Connie Hollenbeck read the minutes of the 29th reunion.

Martha Granstrom made a motion to extend thanks for the tremendous job that Ken Knudsen has done on the Dawes roster. Jane Yeager seconded the motion, motion was carried by all present. (Thanks Ken! You have made it much easier for future generations.)

Our host and Vice-President, Charles Sihilling, commented on the mailing list he used (276 names) to contact cousins asking them to attend the reunion, and his disappointment in the lack of response.

Discussion was held on how national reunions each year did not fit well with schedules and finances of a great many of the cousins.

A motion was then made by Charles Sihilling, to hold regional reunions, (East, Central, West) in odd number years, a national reunion in even numbered years with an officer present at each reunion. A second was made by Martha Granstrom. Motion was carried unanimously.

Charles Sihilling then made a motion to hold the national reunion (1988) in Hickory, NC, to be hosted by Jane (Cal & Julie) Melton Sihilling. Avis Twadell seconded and motion was carried.

Officer elections was then opened. Hershel Hall has resigned as Eastern Vice President. Mary Ozmund made a motion to have Jane Melton Sihilling become the Eastern Vice President, motion seconded by Suzie Farris. Motion carried unanimously. Shirlee Smoot Fisher then made a motion that the balance of the slate of officers continue until the next national election in 1998. Motion was seconded by Jane Yeager and carried unanimously.

The office of genealogist has been vacant for a few years. Ken Knudsen was asked to fill this position. Ken accepted the job, stating that each family branch needs to have one person willing to keep track of all births, deaths that occur, etc. Jane Yeager (ANANIAS branch), Wilma Whitney (FRANCIS branch), Jerryl Knudsen Butcher and Carol Luetje (ADRIAN branch) have volunteered to keep their twigs on the branch. (Who will keep the twigs for John Roy, Samuel, George, Joseph?)

A discussion was held in regard to possibly getting a zip code list to enhance more in region to attend reunions.

Discussion was also held on new roster (approximately 2600 cousins listed) with only 91 paying members, to print a new roster, we will need to increase the membership to be able to afford to print and mail a new roster.

Martha Granstrom, gave each family present a JWD antecedent genealogy.

Keith Yeager presented a limestone pencil holder from Mitchell County, KS to Charles Sihilling.

President Richard Dawes adjourned meeting.

Respectfully submitted, *Connie Hollenbeck*