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FISH FAMILY

We originally published a brief family listing in *Fayette Facts*, Vol. 7 No. 1, pages 45-6. Iona Marbry has sent information about her relationship to this family and the editor combined that with obituaries, cemetery records and census to prepare the following family sketch.

The information published in Volume 7 was sent to us by Betty Cearlock who had the good fortune of finding an old family book in which dates of birth and death were recorded.

Edwin McDonald FISH was born 22 May 1799 d 11 Dec 1869 Bolivar, Henry Co., TN m Hannah HERMAN. Edwin is buried in Piney Grove Cem. They lived in Hardeman County, Tennessee and it is here that most of their children were born. Hannah was b 7 Sep 1801 KY d 20 Oct 1886 in Arkansas.

Son, John and wife, Cynthia came to Illinois about 1863, appearing in Fayette County on the 1870 Census. The mother, Hannah, age 69 was living with them in Hurricane Twp. on that census.

CHILDREN OF EDWIN AND HANNAH FISH

1. Edwin FISH, Jr. m 13 Aug 1855 Hardeman Co., TN Mary E. COSBY b 11 Jul 1836 TN, d 30 Sep 1926 Hardeman Co., TN. They are buried in Walnut Grove Cem.
 - A. John Edwin FISH b 6 June 1856 d 28 Dec 1935 m 1) Dicy E. BASS, had 3 children m 2) Josephine PARRISH, had 9 children.
 - B. William Thomas FISH b 4 Oct 1858 Hardeman Co., TN d 4 June 1938, same m Sophronia HOOPER, dau of Jeremiah and Mary MURLEY HOOPER. Sophronia is buried in Piney Grove Cem. (See Page 27 for photo of William Thomas.)
 1. William Thomas FISH m Cora M. DONALDSON
 2. Ester Lee FISH m John KAY
 3. Nancy FISH m J.W. HUDSON
 4. Anna FISH
 5. John Hardeman FISH b 25 Sep 1894 m 5 Aug 1916 Nora Maude DONALDSON, she d 3 Dec 1977 Memphis, TN, bu Hebron Cem. They were parents of 9 children.



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- a. Johnnie Pauline FISH m 1) Jewell TAYLOR 2) Clester CRUM
- b. Robert Eugene FISH m Annette MAINERS
- c. Mary Ethel FISH b 18 Aug 1921 d 3 Mar 1923
- d. Infant FISH died 1923
- e. Infant FISH died 1924
- f. Nora Iona FISH m 1) William H. SIGLER, Jr.' 2) Hurley D. MARBRY
- g. Vernon FISH m 1) Lillie ROBINSON; 2) Olga NERREN
- h. Charlie Austin FISH m Patty Jo BISHOP
- i. Ben Olen FISH m Martha Carole MANN

6. Jerry Milton FISH, died at age 2 years.

- C. Mary J. (Mollie) FISH b 23 Aug 1861 d 20 Feb 1940 m Joe S. SILER
- D. Alice Elizabeth FISH b 1864 d 7 May 1935 m Archie Francis HAZELGROVE
- E. Eugenia FISH b 15 Nov 1868 d 15 Sep 1940 m Robertson OWENS
- F. Lafayette B. FISH b 16 June 1871 m Nancy J. MILSTEAD

2. Joseph FISH

3. Stephen FISH

4. Allen FISH

5. **John William FISH** b 29 May 1826 Bolivar, TN d 28 Jul 1907 m 13 Sep 1844 Hardeman CO., TN Cynthia L. HICKS she b 25 Feb 1825 d 2 Aug 1899. Edwin FISH was listed as Bondsman on the marriage license. The 1870 Census gives Cynthia's place of birth as Mississippi as does the 1880 Census. Her parents are shown as born in North Carolina. John and Cynthia are buried in Little Hickory Cem., N. Hurricane Twp., Fayette Co., IL

6. America FISH

7. Tempy FISH

8. Hannah FISH

The Family of JOHN WILLIAM FISH and CYNTHIA HICKS.

1. Nancy Ann FISH b 19 Sep 1845 TN d 2 Aug 1899 m 15 June 1865 Fayette Co., IL, Moses Martin DONALDSON. The birth of their 9th child Eli Martin was filed in Fayette County. Nancy appears as a widow on the 1880 census. We do not have names of all of their children.

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- A. Sumner Clark DONALDSON b 1872 IL d 1954 OK m Susie V. GRIGG she b 1891 d 1966 OK.
 - B. Lucinda Jane DONALDSON b 1873 IL
 - C. Arthur Leroy DONALDSON b 1874 Fayette Co., IL d 1954 m Ettie Matilda ISHMAEL she b 1878 d 1912. Ch: Florence DONALDSON
 - D. Eli Martin DONALDSON b 5 Aug 1878 Ramsey Twp. (9th child)
2. Malissa Jane FISH b 3 Jan 1846 TN d 7 Aug 1892 m 11 Dec 1865 Fayette Co., IL Thomas Ewing COLE he b 18 Mar 1844 Fayette Co. IL. Following the death of Malissa, Thomas m 2) 25 Apr 1894 Mary RHODES.
- A. Ida COLE m _____ WILSON
 - B. William E. COLE
 - C. Wraney COLE
 - D. Luella COLE m _____ FARBER
 - E. Homer F. COLE
 - F. Child deceased
3. Lucinda J. Hannah FISH b 14 Dec 1848 TN d ____ m 3 Dec 1868 Fayette Co., IL Benjamin F. HANES, his third marriage. A biographical sketch of Benjamin appears on page 407 under the heading of Scott County, of Goodspeed's '*History Of Western Arkansas*' published in 1890. It told he was born 7 Nov 1829 son of Jonathan and Harriet LEWIS HANES. The family moved to Washington Co., AR in 1832 and in 1847 to Scott Co., AR. Benjamin was conscripted into the Confederate Army in 1862 and was discharged after 4 months due to disability. He moved to Fayette County, IL in 1864, remaining there until 1869 when he moved back to Scott Co., AR.
- A. Sierra N. HANES b 13 Dec 1871
 - B. Joel C. HANES b 25 Jan 1875
 - C. Charles G. HANES b 12 Jan 1879
 - D. Louie C. HANES b 31 May 1882
 - E. Cynthia A. HANES b 23 Jul 1886
 - F. Carrie B. HANES b 4 Oct 1889
4. John Calvin FISH b 16 Mar 1851 Hardeman Co., TN d 16 Mar 1918 on his 67th birthday. He m 29 Oct 1874 Fayette Co., IL Margaret A. (Maggie) NOWLIN; she b Sep. 1852 AR died 15 June 1910. Margaret was the dau of Nathaniel and Elizabeth FREELS NOWLIN. (A sketch of the NOWLIN family was published in *Fayette Facts*, Vol. 10 No. 1 beginning page 63.)

They were parents of 4 children and were found on the 1880 Census living in Hurricane Twp. Following her death he m 2) Frances Rosette LITTLE, she b 7 Apr 1873 d 16 Jul

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1953, she the dau of William and Melvina CEARLOCK LITTLE. They were parents of a son, John FISH. John and Margaret are bu in Mt. Carmel Cem., while Rosette is buried in Ramsey Cem. His obituary told that he came to Illinois in 1863.

- A. Etta (Emma) Bell FISH b 21 Oct 1875 IL d 23 Jul 1877. A tombstone ordered for her upon delivery was refused by the father...A 1913 news article told the particulars of why this stone for Emma with above dates was buried on the railroad right-of-way. The stone was rediscovered in March of 1987 buried along the Illinois Central tracks in Ramsey. At that time, her half-brother John was going to see about having it set. The family shows her name as Emma but on census she is Etta. There is a stone for her in Little Hickory Cem.
- B. Effie D. FISH b Apr 1879 IL m 7 Mar 1900 Thomas R. RHODES he b 1878 son of Elijah and _____ CAUSEY RHODES. This was Thomas' second marriage.
- C. Reuben C. FISH b 13 Mar 1881 d 23 Jan 1905 bu Mt. Carmel Cem.
- D. Joseph Henry FISH, Sr. b 20 Aug 1884 Fayette Co., IL d 22 Apr 1959 bu Mt. Carmel, m 1) Lillie V. _____ b 10 Mar 1888 d 30 May 1913 bu Mt. Carmel Cem. 2) 30 Mar 1915 Sarah Matilda CRAIG, she b 4 June 1896, the dau of Jake and Margaret Ann WILLIAMS CRAIG. The following children's names is taken from 'Craig's Of The Craig Cemetery Area' by Audrey Halford Probst.

- 1) Margaret FISH
- 2) William Otto FISH
- 3) Joe Henry FISH m Lilly REAVIS. Had dau Ruby Marie m 15 Jan 1925 Cecil J.F. RHODES.
- 4) Gene FISH
- 5) Josephine FISH m Jack MOORMAN of Griffith, IN
- 6) Vida Mae FISH m _____ TRUNNELL, lived Bloomington, IL
- 7) Betty FISH m Clarence KROLL, lived Calumet City, IL
- 8) Beverly FISH m Dean BLACKERBY
- 9) Juanita Belle FISH b 18 Nov 1931 d 26 May 1936 from burns received while playing with matches.

E. John FISH b 15 Aug 1912 d 21 Jul 1993 m 12 Apr 1933 Dorothy I. DAVIS she the dau of Walter F. and Bertha CEARLOCK DAVIS. He is bu Ramsey Cem.

- 5. Ada Adline FISH b 9 Oct 1853 TN d 20 Aug 1935 Decatur, Macon Co., IL m 26 Sep 1872 Fayette Co., IL William Carroll HARRIS he b 21 Feb 1852 d 22 Nov 1914 Sefton Twp., Fayette Co., IL. William's obituary was published in the *Vandalia Union* 26 Nov 1914. (The daughters names were Allie, Lizzie, Emma, Glenora, Florence, Bessie and Ella Lee - not certain who married whom.)

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- A. _____ HARRIS m J.J. LAW, living VanBuren, IN in 1914
 - B. _____ HARRIS m Luther LAWLER, li Sailor Springs, IL in 1914
 - C. Ella Lee HARRIS b 7 Jan 1880 d 19 Sep 1915 Tamaroa, IL m 1904 Harry ROGERS.
 - 1) Clarence ROGERS
 - 2) Doris ROGERS
 - 3) Harry ROGERS
 - 4) Virginia ROGERS
 - 5) Opal ROGERS, decd before 1915
 - 6) Jimmie ROGERS, decd before 1915
 - D. _____ HARRIS m J.C. BUCKMASTER, li Decatur, IL in 1914
 - E. Glenora HARRIS m William Floyd DYCUS, b 1 May 1883 d 31 Nov 1938. He m 2) Estella DAUGHERTY. William founded Dycus Oil Company in Brownstown and was the son of William C. and Mary TURNER DYCUS.
 - 1) Kathleen DYCUS m 1) James KRATZ, he killed in WW2 m 2) Donn PLATT
 - 2) Carl Lee DYCUS m J. GRIGSBY
 - 3) William Floyd DYCUS, Jr. m Willy VanKEULEN in Holland. He was a WW2 veteran.
 - F. _____ HARRIS m Raymond MARSHALL li Brownstown in 1914
 - G. Florence HARRIS, li Brownstown in 1914.
 - H. Henry Walters HARRIS, decd by 1914
 - I. Mary Leanna HARRIS, decd by 1914
6. Edwin McDonald FISH b 20 Jan 1856 TN d Feb 1926 m Sept. 1878 Jennie PEAK. He m 2) Rebecca E. PARKHAM HALFORD she b 18 Jul 1854 NC d 10 Jan 1925, Fayette Co., IL, her second marriage. She m 1) 1874 I.A. HALFORD and they were parents of 4 children, of which Walter HALFORD survived. From her marriage to Edwin they were parents of a daughter, Laura.
- A. Dr. W.O. FISH b 1882 d 1955 m Lydia E. _____ she b 1884 d 1964
 - B. Walter Albartes FISH b 1879 m 11 Mar 1900 Fayette Co., IL Nancy Caroline HICKS she b 1884 the dau of Martin M. and Mary L. STOKES HICKS. They were living in Greenville in 1939. There are other children for whom we do not have names.
 - 1) Erva V. FISH b September, 1904 d 10 May 1905 bu Little Hickory Cem.
 - 2) Viola FISH b/d 16 May 1906 bu Little Hickory Cem.
 - 3) Chaffin FISH
 - C. Laura T. FISH b Feb 1887 IL m A.B. NEECE
7. William Carson FISH b 4 June 1858 TN d 15 Mar 1915 m 6 Jan 1882 Fayette Co., IL Lydia Jeanette (Nettie) WILSON b 28 June 1863 d 17 Oct 1938 dau of John B. and Elizabeth SEARS WILSON. Both bu Little Hickory Cem.

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- A. John FISH m Esther HARRISON dau of Carroll and Nettie HICKS HARRISON. She m 1) Bill MAIN and had a son Arthur MAIN, lives Nokomis, IL.
 - B. Roy C. FISH b 1901 d 1972 m Elvira J. _____. Both bu Glendale Cem., Fillmore, IL
 - C. Jessie FISH m Guy SLOAT
 - D. Sylvia FISH m _____ CRESS
 - E. Fred FISH b 1888 d 1963 m Nonie _____ she b 1892 d 1972 both bu Glendale Cem.
 - F. Charlie FISH
 - G. H. I. J. - 4 daughters died before 1938.
8. Reuben Jobe FISH b 4 Feb 1860 TN d Mar. 1932 bu Glendale Cem., Fillmore, IL m Sept. 1881 Mary Belle ABELL b Nov 1863 d 1923.
- A. Elbert J.P. FISH b Dec. 1896 IL d 1971 bu Glendale Cem., Fillmore, IL m Myrtle SUPINGER she b 1897.
9. Hugh Moore FISH b 14 May 1862 IL d 1 June 1863 bu Little Hickory Cem.
10. Sarah Emeline FISH b 12 Sep 1864 IL d 9 Dec 1930 Fillmore, IL m 30 Oct 1884 Fayette Co., IL Joshua Levi WILSON he b 1 Mar 1860 Montgomery Co., IL d 26 Sep 1948 the son of John B. and Elizabeth SEARS WILSON. Both are bu Little Hickory Cem.
- A. Lillie WILSON m C.C. STOKES
 - B. Della WILSON m _____ HALFORD, lived Miami, AZ in 1930.
 - C. Bert WILSON, li Fillmore, IL
 - D. Tempa WILSON m _____ EARL, lived Mendota, IL
 - E. Elvis WILSON, li Mendota, IL
 - F. Joseph WILSON li El Paso, IL
 - G. Earl WILSON li El Paso, IL
 - H. Edna WILSON m _____ RAMSEY
 - I. Newell WILSON
 - J. Cecil WILSON li Nokomis, IL
 - K. Retta WILSON m _____ CEARLOCK, li Assumption, IL
 - L. Alta WILSON, decd before 1930
 - M. Ruby Fern WILSON decd before 1930
11. Cintha Leanner FISH b 10 Oct 1865 IL d 6 June 1956 m Mar., 1885 James HICKS

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12. Tempy Arabel FISH b 11 Oct 1869 IL d 6 Sep 1945 m 30 Nov 1902 Robert G. HILL
b 25 Jan 1866 d 9 Aug 1941 Ramsey, bu Mt. Carmel. He was the son of Richard and
Nancy WEBB HILL. Robert m 2) Hattie M. ___ she b May 1868 d 25 Oct 1894 bu Craig
Cem. In the obituary of Robert, among the survivors was a step-son Nova FISH.

- A. Sina HILL m _____ PETTIT lived Herrick, IL
- B. Fay HILL m _____ CEARLOCK lived Wenatchee, WA in 1941.
- C. Ralph HILL, lived Bellingham, WA
- D. Charles HILL
- E. Virgil HILL



William Thomas FISH b 4 Oct 1858 Hardeman Co., TN d 4 June 1938, son of Edwin Fish Jr.
(See Page 21 for William's family)

**75 YEARS AGO
OBITUARIES AND DEATH NOTICES
RAMSEY NEWS JOURNAL and
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April to June, 1925

ALEXANDER, Cora Mabel dau of Henry H. and Harriet ALEXANDER was b 27 Apr 1908 and died after a short illness at the home of her parents in Bayle City, 7 Apr 1925. The youngest of 9 children; 4 predeceased her. Survivors were parents, sisters, Mrs. Leonard SARVER, Herrick, Mrs. Oscar BLAYLOCK and Anne at home, brother, William H., aged grandmother Nancy MERRIMAN of Fillmore. Burial was in Harris Cem. near Bingham. Ramsey News Journal 17 Apr 1925, Vandalia Union 9 Apr and 16 Apr 1925.

ARNOLD, Sarah, nee WORKMAN dau of Isaac and Mary WORKMAN was born 4 Oct 1830 Knox Co., OH and died at her home near Brownstown, 13 May 1925 aged 94 years and 9 months. At an early age she with her parents settled in what is now Sefton township. She m 27 Apr 1851 Joshua ARNOLD who died 7 Dec 1914. They were parents of 12 children, 6 sons and 6 daughters; 4 preceded her in death. The survivors were: Henrietta BOWMAN, Salena FLOWERS, H.E. ARNOLD all of Brownstown, Joseph D., Republic, MO, J.W., North Dakota, Martha COX, San Diego, CA, Minnie F. MILLER, St. Elmo and Dr. B.F. ARNOLD, Greenville, TX. She was the last WORKMAN descendant being the last of the 12 children. She was a pioneer members of Old Liberty Church. Burial was in Liberty Cem. beside her husband. Vandalia Union 14 May and 21 May 1925.

BEACH, Harold C. died very suddenly in Los Angeles, CA Saturday afternoon. He was born 17 Sep 1885 the son of Dr. R. E. BEACH, a prominent Vandalia physician and surgeon. The deceased attended University of Illinois where he graduated in law. He moved to St. Mary's Idaho where he was associated in law with C. R. SCHULTE. He then moved to Spokane, WA and from there to Los Angeles where he was a partner with Janeway & Pratt. His mother Mrs. W.M. ALLISON was in Bloomington, IL where she had been called upon the death of her sister, Miss Nellie KIDD. His widow was to accompany the body to St. Louis for cremation and then to Vandalia for burial of the cremains in South Hill Cemetery, Vandalia. A sister, Dolly PAULLIS (Mrs. George) was recovering from appendicitis in Detroit and was not expected to attend the services. Vandalia Union 18 May 1925.

BECK, Nora died suddenly while watching her son Clifford check his hooks in Beck Creek. The son said he had left his mother sitting on a sandbar while he checked his hooks and when he came back she had fallen forward with her head in the water. He pulled her out of the water and summoned help. It was determined at the inquest that she was epileptic. Survivors were the husband Fred BECK and son Clifford and aged parents Mr. and Mrs. Isaac McELFRESH. Also surviving were sister Mrs. Will BREWER, brother Earl McELFRESH of Casey along with 2 grandsons. Burial was in Meyers Cem., Herrick. Ramsey News Journal 1 May 1925, Vandalia Union 30 Apr 1925.

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Biographies of Early Settlers

JAMES FISHER--

James Fisher, one of the pioneer settlers of Crawford County, was born in Crawford County, Pennsylvania, February 5, 1816. He grew into manhood in his native county receiving a common school education and learning the carpenter and joiner's trade. In 1836 he came with Alfred Bronson to Crawford County and settled at Prairie du Chien. He worked at his trade for some years. At the time that they came here the county extended from St. Paul on the north to the Wisconsin River on the south and there was no settlement outside of Prairie du Chien in what is now Crawford County. In 1844 Mr. Fisher was elected to the territorial legislature which position he held until 1846 when he was elected sheriff of the county. In 1849 he was elected to the state senate holding the office of one term. It was not until at 55 that he located in Eastman when he purchased 250 acres of land on section 6, town 8, range 5 west which has developed into one of the finest farms in the county.

In 1859 he was again elected sheriff of the county and in 1861 to the legislature which he held until 1865. He was chairman of the board three years, was clerk of court two years, town treasurer one year, and assessor of the town for two years. While sheriff the first time, Mr. Fisher transversed the county on foot from Prairie du Chien on the south to St. Paul on the north and Lake Superior on the east, swimming the streams and rivers when necessary and sleeping out in the woods at night.

It was while he was sheriff that he accompanied the party that went up the Mississippi in 1842 to search for and arrest the Indian that killed Sheriff Lester. Before starting many of the men had taken a taste of the Indians' "fire water" and were for sure the worse off for it. They were all well armed and would shoot at every Indian that they saw on the banks. The Indians reported the fact to the army and regulars were sent out to quell the disturbance. It was a perilous journey with many hardships, but they "Got their man". On their return the expedition stopped at a French trading post and after getting their supper, drinking whiskey, got the trader drunk and disarming him, tied him to the bed. They then drank and ate everything that they could get. The next morning they set their prisoner free and offered to pay him fifty cents each for damages, but he would only agree to take fifty cents for it all. Mr. Fisher married in 1861 to Margaret Gordon. She died in 1871 leaving four children, Jim, Kate, Margaret, and Maud.

Mr. Fisher was not affiliated to any church. During his last illness he requested that his old friend, Wm. Evans, preach his funeral service. That was done in accordance with his wishes.

From Eastman History--1969--written by Hazel Finney

JAMES AND ISOBEL CAMPBELL

They came to Eastman Township from Nova Scotia with five children in the 1850's. They settled on the farm now know as Floyd Kramers. The children born to this couple were Maggie (Mrs. Long, Korn, Baumeister), Sarah (Mrs. Wm. Thomas), Edward, Letitia (Mrs. Ira Thompson), Ellen (Mrs. Thomas Wallin), James, Charles, Belle (Mrs. Hughes Bonney) Ida (Mrs. Alfred Finney), and Julia (Mrs. Fred Bonney).

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell lived on this farm until their deaths in the 1890's. Mr. Campbell donated a couple of acres of his land upon which to start a cemetery site. This has always been known as "The Campbell Cemetery".

From Eastman History--1969--written by Hazel Finney

JOHN ALDER FAMILY

John Alder was born in 1815 in Berwick, England and married Marie Rosenbach of France in 1843. In 1844 they came to Buffalo, New York where they lived until 1857.

The following are the children of John and Marie Alder: John Jr. Born 1844; Alfred Born 1846; Ephram Born 1848; Eugene Born 1851; Louise Born 1856 and Jennie Born 1861.

In 1857 the family moved to Wisconsin and bought a farm four miles east of Batavia (Eastman) now known as the Grimme farm. Those years on the farm were so busy they hardly heard the rumbles of the Civil War coming. They were pleased at this time to hear that another Englishman, George Finney, had bought the farm below them now owned by Jack Morovits. CONTINUED



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In 1861 John Jr. joined the 3rd Reg. Wisconsin; John Sr. the 5th Reg. Wisconsin and was sent to the front lines at once. Alfred joined in 1864, Illinois Infantry.

After the war was over in 1865 a big celebration was held in July at Batavia. Free coffee and donuts were served. Much beer was consumed and the young folks danced until the wee hours of the morning while the old folks just ate and visited.

The farm was sold in the spring of 1865 as Ephram had passed away and father, John, was in poor health due to a chest wound he received at Gettysburg. They bought 5 acres on the edge of Eastman later know as the Charley Campbell place, he having married Jennie Alder. The place now belongs to Dan Slama.

Maple trees were planted to line both sides of the streets. (Some are still standing). A white house with green shutters was built. It had a cozy book nook built on where mother, Marie, kept lovely potted plants in the winter.

In the fall of 1865 a gristmill was built on the acreage and this was in operation until 1880 when it was dismantled and shipped to Middle Branch, Nebraska by Alfred and family who made the trip by covered wagon.

Eugene Alder became owner of a general store taking a partner young John Roach. It was known as Roach and Alder's Store until Gene's death in 1912. J.J. Roach then took over and continued until his death in 1958. The store is now run by his son, Owen.

From Eastman History--1969--written by Mrs. Louise (Speck) Fisher

MR. C. H. SPECK--

One of the pioneer settlers of Crawford County was Charles H. Speck, who was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, then his parents moved to Columbus, Wisconsin. When he was four years old they emigrated by ox team and covered wagon to Crawford County and located on a farm on Shanghai Ridge, the former Clifford Meyers farm, which is now owned by James Wall. (Known as Coates farm)

In 1863 his father, Fred Speck, enlisted in the 37th Infantry, was wounded at the siege of Petersburg, taken prisoner and died in Danville prison in August 1864.

The death of the soldier father left the widow with seven small children on this wilderness farm. Charles was but nine years old. He helped his mother all he could, they walked to Prairie du Chien, a distance of seventeen miles, many times carrying dozens of eggs and butter to exchange for supplies needed by the family.

The floor of their modest home was just dirt and they carried pails of white sand from a cave near by to sprinkle around to make it clean. In 1873 Charles took charge and operated the farm until 1876.

In the fall of this year while operating a horse powered threshing machine on the then, James Fisher farm, now owned by the Zabel Brothers, Leonard and Arthur, he got his right arm crushed in the cylinder. He was put into a lumber wagon onto a bed of straw and blankets and taken to Prairie du Chien where they set him on a chair on the sidewalk in front of the then, City Hotel, where the new Kozelka Clothing store now stands. The doctor amputated the arm above the elbow, and sent him home to recuperate.

In the fall of 1880 Mr. Speck moved to Prairie du Chien and was elected Register of Deeds of Crawford County, which position he held until January 1887.

In 1891 he and his family returned to the village of Eastman and purchased the home now occupied by Mrs. Mike O'Brien. He bought and shipped livestock for many years. While living here he organized and directed a band, the members of which were: Seymour Allen, Ben Speck, Jim Smrz, Flora Harvat, Charles Campbell, Elra Hall, Eugene Alder, Charles Swatek, Robert Granzow, Fred Reiser, and Charles Speck. They played at the County Fair, gave concerts and furnished the music for other gatherings. They traveled in a brightly painted bandwagon especially designed for them, and drawn by Mr. Speck's shiny black team.

He was also an auctioneer. In spite of his handicap, he always managed to make a good living for his large family.

Wisconsin State Journal--Feb. 19, 2007--Wisconsin Almanac--During the Black Hawk War, John Fennimore started a farm on a section of land adjoining the military Road leading to Prairie du Chien. During the war, he disappeared. Other farmers moving into the area decided to remember him by calling their settlement Fennimore Center.--The Romance of Wisconsin Placenames