

STEELE AND PARKHILL BIBLE RECORDS

These records were donated by Clyde and Louise Parkhill, West Frankfort, Illinois.

John Steele was a resident of Randolph County, IL.

BIRTHS

John Steele was born February 11th 1795
Elizabeth Steele was born (to faint to read)
Elvira Bilderback was born December 28th 1820
William H. Bilderback was born February 18th 1819
Alfred Steele was born August 16th 1822
Matthew Steele was born April 30th 1825
Almirinda Steele was born July 4/6/9 (?) 1827
Martin Steele was born October 12th 1829
Marian Ellis Steele was born March 17th 1832
Mary Jane Steele was born January 2nd 1835
Huldah Steele was born May 9th 1837
Cyntha Steele was born September 27th 1839
Margaret Ellen Steele was born July 29th 1845
Elizabeth Steele was born 23 May ___ and died 23 October 1876
Samuel Parkhill was born October 14 1878

MARRIAGES

Samuel Parkhill and Huldah Steele was married February 24th 1859
Frank Stewart and Luella Parkhill was married November 20th 1890

BIRTHS

Samuel Parkhill was born March 8 1827 in Ireland
Huldah Steele Parkhill was born May 9th 1837 in Randolph Co. IL.
Margaret Isabel Parkhill was born February 27th 1860
Nancy Ann Parkhill was born June 20th 1862
John Lafayette Parkhill was born June 18th 1865
Morrison Parkhill was born October 6th 1867
Luella Parkhill was born November 27th 1870
Ira Parkhill was born May 31st 1873
Hartzell Parkhill was born July 22nd 1875
Emma Parkhill was born June 30th 1878
Birdie Parkhill was born March the 3 1889
Carrie Layman Stewart was born December 30 1892
Guycillin Stewart was born January 12 1899
Harrie Frank Stewart was born July 31 1903

DEATHS

Margaret Isabel Parkhill died July 6th 1862
Nancy Ann Parkhill died August 25th 1864
Emma Parkhill died June 30th 1879
Birdie Parkhill died July the 24 1885/9

DEED TO PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH

This indenture made this the Eleventh day of December in the year of our Lord, One Thousand and Eight Hundred and Sixty between Alexander Richardson and Elizabeth Richardson, his wife, of the County of Franklin and State of Illinois and Reuben Allen, Calvin Allen and John Richardson, Trustees of the United Baptist Church Called "Providence" of the county of Franklin and State of Illinois of the Second Part and their successors in office forever for the use of said Church, witnesseth that the said party of the first Part for and in consideration of One Dollar and the Welfare and Prosperity of said Church have granted, bargained and sold unto the parties of the Second Part and their successors in office the following described real estate located in Franklin County, Illinois, to wit: commencing at the Northwest corner of the Southeast quarter Southwest quarter of Section 11 in township 5 South, Range 4 east, and running from thence south following the line of said forty acres 16 rods, thence running due east 10 rods, then running due north 16 rods, then running west, following the line to the point of beginning, containing about 1 acre, together with all and singular hereditaments and appurtenances therein belonging to or in anywise appertaining and the reversion and reversions, rents, issues, and profits thereof and all the estate rights, titles in the claim, or demand whatsoever of the said party of the First Part, either in law or equity of in and to the above bargained premises with the hereditaments and appurtenances unto the parties of the Second Part To have and to hold the said premises above bargained and described with the appurtenances unto the parties of the Second Part and their Successors in Office forever for the uses of aforesaid and it is further Covenanted and agreed in this Deed that should the real estate herein granted cease to be used for the purposes herein set forth and for the use of the Church before described, then the same shall become null and void and shall revert back to the heirs of the party of the First Part. The said Party of the First Part do further covenant that at this time of the ensealing and delivering of these presents, they were well seized of the premises above conveyed as of a good, sure perfect, absolute and indefeasible estate or inheritance in law and in fee simple and have good right and lawful authority to sell and convey the same, are free and clear from all encumbrances of whatsoever nature or kind and that they will forever warrant and defend the above bargained premises in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said party of the Second Part and their successors in Office from the claim or claims of all persons whomsoever.

In testimony whereof the party of the First Part have hereunto set their hands and seals on the day and year first above written.

Alexander Richardson
her
Elizabeth X Richardson
mark

Samuel Parkhill died January 3rd 1916
Hartzell Parkhill October 31 1920
John Steele died October 2nd 1872
Elizabeth Steele died ?
Cyntha Steele died ?
Elvira Bilderback died December 29th 1882
Edward E. Steele was BORN October 18 1869

Included in the records donated by Mr. and Mrs. Parkhill was the following information about David Criley. If you know anything about this family or how or if he is connected to the Parkhill family, please write and let us know.

David Criley

During the building of the I.C. R.R, he piloted a steamboat hauling the rails when it was first built, towing them from the Mississippi River up the Muddy River, since which time he has worked at his trade of carpenter. During the Civil War, he was in the State Militia of Missouri, having two brothers, John and Cyrus, in the war for the Union. Two brothers, Isaac and Harmon, served in the Mexican War. Of his father's family, consisting of ten children, four, Julia, Worthen, John, Cyrus and Melvina are living. He died November 30th 1907 at 4 o'clock at the home of his son, Edward.

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Linza J. Gray vs. Nancy Clayton et al.
Petition for Dower, Oct. 1879, Box 245

To the Honorable D.M. Browning, presiding judge of the Franklin County circuit court.

Your petitioner, Linza Gray, is a resident of Franklin County. On the 5th day of August 1876, John Clayton departed this life intestate at Franklin County, Illinois, leaving Nancy Clayton, his widow, who is entitled to a dower interest in land (E 1/2 of the SW quarter of the NW quarter and the SE NW 1/4 and NE SW 1/4 and the East 1/2 of the NW SW 1/4, Sec. 20 T. 7S R. 1E), and the following children, Nancy M. Humphreys, I(saac).J. Clayton, Lemuel Clayton, John C. Clayton, Christiana Willoford, Sarah Clayton, Nancy E. Smith and Margaret M. Combs, each entitled to one twelfth, subject to the dower rights of the widow. He also left the following grandchildren, U.L. Mitchell, I.D. Mitchell and A.C. Mitchell, who are entitled to two twelfths of the real estate.

You petitioner would further show that she is entitled to the following real estate, E 1/2 SW NW 1/4 and the E 1/2 NW SW 1/4 and 30 acres off the south side of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4, subject to the dower interest, by purchase, as shown by her deeds ready to be produced as this court may direct, and a decree rendered according to the prayer of the bill... and that your honor will appoint the commissioners who are not akin to any of said parties and who are wholly disinterested to assign dower in said premises to said Nancy Clayton and to award your petitioner a writ of possession for the land not covered by dower interest.

Taken from an old Franklin County ESTRAY BOOK.

The estray book usually contained information on strayed farm animals: horses, mules, oxen, cattle, etc. and lists the name of the finder, who reports it to the county clerk. An ad was usually run in the newspaper naming the finder and description of the animal, including color, markings, etc.

State of Illinois) SS
Franklin County)

On this the 1st day of May A.D. 1899 personally appeared before me B. C. Carelton, and made oath that on or about the 15th day of April A.D. 1899, that he found a piece of money in the Village of Macedonia, on or near the County line between the Countys of Hamilton and Franklin. But to the best of his knoweledge and belief in Franklin County and State of Illinois. And that there has been no change or alteration in the piece of money since it was found. And that the value of said money was Five Dollars, and described as folows. Said money was a Five Dollar United State Treasury

Note. No. of Bill 7364323.

C. M. Johnson, P.M.
and exiofficio J.P.

On this the 1st day of May A.D. 1899 personally appeared before (me) B. C. Carelton a resident of the Town. of Northern and County of Franklin and State of Illinois. And on being duley sworn on his oath says that on or about the 15th day of April A.D. 1899. That while in the Village of Macedonia that he found Five Dollars near the County line between the Countys of Hamilton and Franklin. And as near as he could state that said money was found in Franklin County and State of Illinois. And that the value of said money was Five Dollars. And there has ben no change of said money or alteration in any maner whatever. And the owner of said money is unknowen. And that the folowing is a discription of said money. (Was a Five Dollar United States Treasury Note No. of Bill is B7364323)

B. C. Carelton

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of May A.D. 1899.

C. M. Johnson, P. M.
and Exiofficio Justice of the
Peace

State of Illinois) SS
Franklin County)

I, C. M. Johnson a Police magistrate of the Village of Macedonia. And exiofficio Justice of the Peace of Franklin County and State of Illinois, do here by certify that the above statement is a true and corect copy thereof of my ESTRAY record in this case.

C. M. Johnson, P. M.
and exiofficio J. P.

Submitted by Delores G. Hood. (I never did find out who got to keep the money!) The spelling is exactly as in the book.

Clarissa Steele called 'mother of California cheese industry'

Associated Press

SAN MATEO — The cows were "wild and ornery," but when their milk was processed into a smooth, crumbly cheddar, the California cheese industry was born.

As with much of the progress pioneers made in taming this wild land, it happened somewhat by accident.

Clarissa Steele had emigrated to California from New England and settled with her husband, Rensselaer, on a farm near San Mateo in 1857.

In the trunk that came with her across the continent was her grandmother's old cookbook, and in the cookbook was a recipe for making cheddar cheese.

That made Clarissa hungry to taste some cheddar, so she tried to milk some cows that were foraging nearby. But those descendants of old Spanish herds had become wild and were not willing to be milked, so she enticed an Indian into roping and milking them.

That milk "developed into a smooth, unctuous, crumbly cheese that San Franciscans found irresistible when it was sent there to be sold," says Jean Ash, who researched the history of the state's cheese for the California Milk Advisory Board.

The Steeles combined with his cousins — Isaac, Edgar and George — to develop dairies in Marin, San Mateo and San Luis Obispo counties.

"Using Clarissa's recipe as the 'Steele Brothers,' they became the first commercially successful cheese producers in California and initiated what is today a \$140 million cheese industry," Ash wrote.

He thus dubbed Clarissa Steele "the

mother of the California cheese industry."

Some farmers told the Steeles that the cool, foggy coast was unsuitable for dairies, but they considered the area "cow heaven" because their herd survived droughts that killed cows in hotter, drier interior valleys.

The San Francisco Commercial Herald applauded that judgment in 1870:

"The greater portion of these lands lying near the ocean, the moisture of the sea air keeps the grass green and growing most of the summer, thereby affording a rich and succulent pasturage."

A California State Agricultural Society Bulletin published in 1860 showed that between Nov. 29, 1858, and Oct. 31, 1859, the Steele Brothers made 61,068 pounds of cheddar which sold for \$14,932 or 24 cents a pound.

The Steeles also are remembered for making one massive cheese round to aid the Union cause during the Civil War. A brother, Frederick, was a general, so the dairymen pooled all their milk in 1864 and made a cheddar that was 20 feet in circumference, 18 inches thick and weighed almost 2,800 pounds, Ash says.

They sold it at a Mechanics Fair in San Francisco for \$1 a pound, raising \$2,782 for the Sanitary Commission, a predecessor of the American Red Cross. Samples of the big cheese also were sent to President Lincoln, Gen. Ulysses S. Grant and Gen. Steele.

The Steeles' dairies have long since been sold to others, but Isaac Steele's Green Oaks ranch at Half Moon Bay was dedicated in October as a historical landmark. Attending the ceremony was one surviving Steele, Catherine.