

FAMILY REUNION

The Neoga (Illinois) News—The second annual reunion of the Walk family was held Sunday, August 18, in Jennings park. A sumptuous dinner was served cafeteria style at noon.

In the afternoon all joined in singing some old time songs, after which a business meeting was held, and the remainder of the day was spent in visiting.

The officers that served during 1928 were elected again for 1929:

President—Adolph Walk.

Sec.-Treas.—Mrs. Nellie Metten-
dorf.

The next reunion will be held the third Sunday in August, 1930.

Members of the family present were: Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Walk and daughter Marie, Marysville, Mo.; Frank Walk, Milo, Iowa; Mrs. Mary Kubo, Lacona, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Steger and family, Moravia, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Labey and family, Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cotton and family, Grandview, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Kunkler and daughter Anna, Springfield, Ill.; Everett Walk and family and Mrs. Fox, Decatur, Ill.; Wm. Janus and family, Teutopolis; Mr. and Mrs. John Platz, Jewett, Ill.; Charles Walk and daughter Lucy, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Walk, Mrs. Ben Steger and sons, Lloyd, Ervic and Clarence, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cotton, all of Montrose; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Walk, Geo. Walk and daughter Anna, and Mike Fromme of Sigel; Joe Metten-
dorf and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Walk, Sr., and son, Victor Mrs. Mary Walk and son Frank, Adolph Walk and family, John Walk, Jr. and family, Clarence Walk and family, Raymond Walk and family, Martin Walk, wife and daughter Stella, Orval Walk, wife and baby all of near Neoga.

The visitors were Fr. Nell and his mother, Mrs. Christine Nell, Miss Edith Fellöbake and Miss Lena Behrman, Island Grove, Ill.; Frank Platz, wife and son Franklin, Sigel; Mrs. Donald Sweogel, Chicago; Fr. Crowley and sister, Miss Hannah Crowley, Mrs. Josie Huff and daughter Agnes, Wm. Norris, Wm. McCurdy, Z. S. Haskett, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Williams, C. J. Fearday and family, Fred Baker and family, all of Neoga and vicinity.

The WALK Brothers Origin

Andrew Joseph, Sr.



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MILO, IA.

THE newspaper clipping on the right, contributed by Mrs Marie Wadle, confirms the story told by Mrs Lloyd Walk, about two WALK brothers, (Martin & Andrew Joseph Sr), who came to the Freeport area ca. 1853. The copy of the 1860 Federal Census, (pg 6), shows them to be in Maryland Twp, Ogle Co, ILL. The inset is a map showing that location in relation to Freeport. (continued pg6)

(WALK)

This is contrary to the Iowa Walks family literature that Andrew Sr raised his family near Springfield, ILL. The Editor has spent months looking in Sangamon & surrounding counties & has come up with not one Walk in the area. (Did find Abraham Lincoln as a Lawyer in Springfield though!) From the best that the Editor has put together, the two brothers had been in the 1855 state census, (see opposite), and it appears that Andrew had married first, while Martin lived with them. By 1860 both had families of their own (see below). Then in 1864 they both went to Neoga area, Cumberland co, ILL. Martin stayed and some of his descendants remain in the area today. Andrew left after one year for Warren Co, Iowa. Many others in the Maryland & Ridott townships had left the area of "GERMAN VALLEY" and went to Iowa. It is not known why Southern Illinois was chosen by the Walk brothers first over Iowa, but it appears that Andrew had second thoughts and followed others to Iowa. Today this family history of the two brothers has come down somewhat distorted. It is therefore why this article is featured this month so as to set the record straight. It is noted that there have been three different Walk Reunions in recent years; that of the Andrew Joseph Junior side; that of the Frank Andrew side; and that of the Martin Walk side. It appears that in the 1920's & 30's, that all lines had the knowledge and contact of each other. It is somewhat sad to note that this family closeness has been lost...

NAME *Walk, Andrew*
 COUNTY *OUDE*
 TOWNSHIP *Springfield*

Free White Males		Free White Females	
0-10	50-60	0-10 /	50-60
10-20	60-70	10-20	60-70
20-30 /	70-80	20-30 /	70-80
30-40 /	80-90	30-40	80-90
40-50	Over 90	40-50	Over 90

STATE CENSUS 1855

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1860

NAME	AGE	SEX	TOWNSHIP	MALES	FEMALES	REMARKS
<i>Andrew Walk</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Spring</i>	<i>817</i>	<i>417</i>	<i>Lincoln</i>
<i>Martin</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>F</i>				
<i>Grand</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>M</i>				<i>Alle</i>
<i>Perwalt</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>M</i>				
<i>Perwalt</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>M</i>				
<i>Andrew Walk</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Harmer</i>	<i>417</i>	<i>217</i>	<i>Lincoln</i>
<i>Martin</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>F</i>				
<i>Martin</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>M</i>				
<i>Martin</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>M</i>				
<i>Andrew Walk</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Spring</i>	<i>417</i>	<i>217</i>	
<i>Perwalt</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>M</i>				<i>Alle</i>
<i>Perwalt</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>M</i>				<i>Lincoln</i>
<i>Perwalt</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>M</i>				
<i>Perwalt</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>M</i>				<i>Alle</i>
<i>Perwalt</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>M</i>				
<i>Perwalt</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>F</i>				
<i>Perwalt</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>M</i>				
<i>Perwalt</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>F</i>				<i>Lincoln</i>

