

WILLARD FAMILY OF ILLINOIS AND ADAMS COUNTY

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The **WILLARD** family of Northeast Adams County was descended from Revolutionary War Soldier William Willard.¹ Enlisting in July 1778 at Leesburg, Loudoun Co., Virginia, William served 7 months in Col. David Shephard's regiment under commander General Martin. Completing this term of service, he returned to his home in Loudoun Co., VA. Two and a half years later in 1781, he rejoined the French Army under LaFayette at Ruffan Ferry where his company under Col. Russell remained until Cornwallis was captured at Yorktown. He received a pension (#7988, file 31489 (or is it 31487 ?) issued 2 May 1833 Springfield, IL²) of \$31.67 per annum in 1833 which continued until 14 Sep. 1846, just two months and 5 days before his death on 9th Nov. in McDonough Co. near Colchester, IL. William's birthdate hasn't been definitely established. It was given as 1755 on his pension record and tombstone says died 1846 "in the 97th year of his age." The censuses also give different ages. He died on 9th November 1846 near Colchester in McDonough Co., IL at the home of his daughter Mary who had married John McCord. According to book *The Willards of Illinois*, the father of William I has not been established, but one possible early ancestor could be — a Captain William Willard, mariner, of Hartwich, Essex, England and later a resident (Mar. 26, 1672) of Isle of Wright County, VA with court records as early as 1664. Another possibility which a later researcher also gives — a family of Willard (also spelled Wollard, Woolard, and Woullard in various court records; spelled 3 ways in same document) in Leesburg, Loudoun Co., VA. In the Loudoun Co. Judicial records are many evidences of William Willard, including the administration of his estate by his wife, Mary, in 1786. Mary's will probated 9 October 1789, mentions her sons — Isaac, John, **William**, and Joseph and daughters — Ann, Jean, Elendar, and Mary plus a granddaughter Elizabeth. This family would be at the right place and right time to be parents of William I but apparently has not been definitely proven and that family may also be descendants of Capt. William of Wright.

William Willard I³ had married about 1782 in Leesburg, Loudoun Co., VA to Jane Cooke (parents unknown). Very little information is known about her except that she was considered a religious woman and was born in Ireland. Jane apparently died around year 1833 in Morgan County, Illinois near Jacksonville, buried in Old East Cemetery (large marble stone not found) says *Willards of Illinois* book. However another serious researcher says she died 1833 in Macomb, McDonough Co., IL. William and Jane had six children: William, James, Mary, Hannah, Alexander, and John.

Shortly after the Revolutionary War, William I had moved his family to Henry Co., VA. A few years later, William and a John Goodpasture went to Overton County, Tennessee. They stayed several years clearing land, building a shelter, and planting crops before returning to Virginia. William then moved with his family of 5 children to Overton County probably before 1797 as youngest child, son John, was born 1797 in Overton Co. TN. In May 1804 he also purchased land in Overton Co. and the family remained twenty-five years or so in Tennessee before leaving for state of Illinois.

The Willard family seemed to be mostly of the Methodist faith and took their church responsibilities seriously. There is record in Overton County of William I deeding to the Union Meeting House a tract of land for a church. William was known to be a very pious man depending on prayer. Sometime between 1826 and 1830, the entire Willard family made a move to Illinois where William and several sons are first found in Morgan County.

William's oldest son, **William II**,⁴ is estimated to be born about 1783 in Leesburg, VA and died 31 August 1838 in Morgan Co., IL near Jacksonville. Birthdates don't agree with cemetery

¹ Also see *Yellowjacket*, Mar. 1998, Vol. XXIII, No. 4, pp. 124-128; Dec. 1999, Vol. XXV, No. 3, pp. 91-94

² *The Willards of Illinois* by Robert L. & Harriet E. Willard, p. viii.

³ *Ibid.*, p. 1-3

⁴ *Ibid.*, p. 3-7

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records which indicate he was 47 years old when he died which would make him born the year his sister was born so evidently incorrect. He is buried in Diamond Grove Cemetery. Married 11 February 1813 in Overton Co., TN to Martha Goodpasture (dau. of Abraham & Martha) who was probably born about 1797. Martha died 7 October 1869 and is buried also in Diamond Grove. William and Martha had ten children: James Madison (11-19-1814/7-30-1853) m. 8-16-1838 Hester Ann Rucker; Margaret H. (9-27-1817/1-15-1847) m. 1-25-1836 John Douglas Cooper; Alexander Cooke (5-06-1820/3-16-1880) m. 1st 11-06-1840 Amanda F. Taylor, m. 2nd 2-22-1847 Irissa A. Greer; Jane Cooke (6-30-1822/9-03-1902) m. 11-09-1842 Wilson Smith; Martha (10-06-1824/2-16-1852) m. 1-03-1843 Hilary Masters; Jefferson Goodpasture (2-21-1827/1916) m. 3-27-1849 Aliff Cooper (or Everett/Averett ?); William Marion (9-20-1829/12-03-1847) probably unmarried; Abraham Jasper (4-23-1832/8-09-1921) m. 12-31-1853 Martha Ellen Filson; Perilla (9-15-1835/9-22-1852) unmarried; and Newton Cloud (6-24-1837/4-17-1881 TX) m. 3-20-1877 Mary Katherine Hostettler in Texas..

The second son of William I and Jane, **James**,⁵ was born 26 October 1784, Leesburg, Loudoun Co., VA. He married in Overton Co., TN, Mary Dillon 30 August 1810. However, in one history of Adams County, IL, his wife is given as "Polly" Goodpasture. This could mean that Mary, possibly a widow, was a Goodpasture who first married a Dillon as "Polly" is usually a nickname for Mary. So far, this puzzle hasn't been solved. Anyway James and Mary had four children born in Overton Co. before moving to Clay County, Missouri, where Madison was born in 1820. James and his family did not stay long in Missouri as they are found back in Overton Co., Tennessee by 1821 where three more children are born. They moved to Illinois by 1830 before their youngest daughter was born. The earliest record of James in Adams Co., IL was the appointment of James to locate a road from Meredosia to Warsaw in 1837, but it is believed he was in Houston Township as early as 1832. It was here that James finally settled with his family and lived the rest of his days. James died 27 Oct. 1858 and he, his wife, and their nine children are all buried in Ebenezer Cemetery in Houston Township. James' oldest son William III donated the land for the cemetery and Ebenezer Chapel (See following picture and article on Ebenezer Chapel). James' wife, Mary, was evidently born in Loudoun Co., Virginia on 31 Dec. 1788 and died 13 April 1868. They were blessed with nine children: William III (6-07-1811/4-27-1895) m. 2-08-1838 Caroline Morrow; Samuel (2-11-1814/6-17-1898) m. 1st 10-27-1836 Nancy Garner, 2nd 2-23-1851 Cynthia J. Stump; John (1-20-1816/4-08-1889) m. 12-29-1889 Rebecca McFarland; Davis (3-17-1819/2-04-1875) m. 1st 10-18-1841 Frances Harris, 2nd 4-10-1856 widow Mary E. Prather; Madison (11-25-1820/8-09-1894) m. 3-25-1855 Lucinda Taylor; Amanda (7-16-1823/8-10-1910) m. 12-10-1840 Joseph H. McFarland; Thomas O. (2-11-1825/2-10-1900) m. 6-24-1855 Margaret J. Woods; Samantha (6-12-1827/3-02-1892) m. 12-28-1848 Albert Hoyt; and Mary (11-07-1830/5-21-1917) m. 4-26-1853 Horace Reynolds.

The third child of William I and Jane Willard was **Mary**,⁶ born 1785 in Loudoun Co., Virginia. She married John McCord about 1805 in Overton Co., Tennessee. John, born 28 May 1780 in North Carolina and died 28 Dec. 1863 in McDonough Co., Illinois. Mary died 17 June 1861 also in McDonough Co. and both are buried in Old Atkinson Cemetery in Emmet Township Co. On Mary and John's 1840 census is listed Mary's father, William I. However, William I is also listed on his son John's 1840 census in Warren Co., Illinois. It's quite possible that he divided his time staying with his children. Apparently William I was around 90 years of age when he died. John and Mary McCord had ten children: Nancy H. (10-24-1806/12-06-1884) m. 1st 11-22-1831 Joseph F. Durant, 2nd 1842 John Ledgerwood ; William Willard (2-12-1809/7-20-1884) m. 1st 11-01-1832 Louisa Scantlin, 2nd 1870 Lucretia Mulkey; Mary (dates ?) m. Moses Foster; John Willard (1815-?) m. Nancy

⁵ Ibid, pp. 44-49.

⁶ Ibid, pp.95-109.

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L. (?), Jane C. (no dates); Thomas (1820-?); Elizabeth (3-20-1822/9-31-1852) unmarried; Alexander Younger (1825-1902) m. Mary A. (?); Margaret (1826-? AK) m. James Welch; Sarah Ann (1832-? AK) m. William Ledgerwood.

The fourth child of William I and Jane Willard was **Hannah**⁷, born 26 September 1791 in Leesburg, Loudoun Co., Virginia. She married Abraham Goodpasture (son of Abraham & Martha) 17 February 1807 in Overton Co., Tennessee. Abraham was born 1 March 1782 in Virginia and died 1 June 1866 in Morgan Co., Illinois and wife Hannah died 2 January 1881. Both are buried in Smith Cemetery near Concord. Apparently Hannah and Abraham came to Morgan Co. before 1830 with other members of their families and remained rest of their life in Morgan Co. Their youngest child Martha was born in 1826 in Tennessee. The Goodpastures had ten children all born in Overton Co. TN: Jane (6-01-1808/4-02-1888 IL) m. 11-02-1830 James Deaton, Jr.; William (5-08-1810/1-10-1897 CO) m. 1st 11-22-1832 Martha Deaton, 2nd 7-09-1835 widow Rebecca (Padgett) Shedd; Hamilton (9-03-1811/ ?) m. 2-24-1836 Eleanor Ellison; Margaret (1-14-1814/11-09-1838) m. 9-05-1834 Benjamin Brassell; John J. (5-26-1815/4-06-1892) m. 1st 2-18-1842 Emily Long, 2nd 11-20-1849 Mahala Rayborn; Elizabeth (1-14-1817/1866) m. 3-07-1839 William M. Layton; Abram (6-14-1818/11-29-1900) m. 1st 2-13-1845 Elizabeth Smith, 2nd 7-29-1857 Zannah Richardson; Alexander (8-12-1821/4-28-1862 OR) m. 1-18-1844 Elizabeth Moss; Hannah (8-12-1823- ?) m. 8-29-1842 Sterling Long; and Martha (7-10-1826/1912 or 1921 ?) m. 1-10-1850 Larkin B. Smith (his 2nd marriage).

The third son and fifth child of William I and Jane Cooke Willard, **Alexander**⁸, was born 26 October 1795 in Leesburg, Loudoun Co., Virginia. He was married about 1813 in Overton Co., Tennessee to Lucy Liles who was born 7 July 1796 in Overton Co. It seems that Alexander grew up in Overton Co. and in 1820 was in Clay Co., Missouri for a time with his brother James and probably younger brother John. He appears in Morgan Co., IL on the 1830 federal census, but by 1838 he seems to be in Warren Co., IL where he and his wife are listed as members of a church of Greenbush organized in 1838. Alexander died 21 February 1849 in Greenbush Township, Warren Co., IL and his wife, Lucy, died 15 May 1879 at Bushnell, IL. Alexander and Lucy had nine children: Mary (11-24-1814 KY/1-16-1893) m. 1-22-1835 William Foster; William (8-11-1816 TN/3-05-1900) m. 9-07-1836 Jane Hodge; Lucinda (9-03-1822 TN/1-21-1899) m. 1st 10-19-1839 Ezekiel M. Snapp, 2nd 2-09-1847 Thomas Darneille; Thomas Joiner (4-10-1824 TN- ? KS) m. 5-07-1846 Mary J. Simmons; Jane (8-31-1826 TN/9-27-1905) m. 1-06-1847 Heinzie Darneille; Margaret (3-18-1829 IL - ?) m. 2-06-1855 Charles S. Holeman; John (2-25-1831 IL/ ?) m. 1st 7-15-1850 Martha A. Summers, 2nd widow Elizabeth (Hutton) McClurg; Annis (7-11-1833 IL/2-21-1876 MO) m. 7-25-1851 Porter J. Jack; and Alexander J. (12-17-1837 IL/ ?) m. 9-22-1859 Emily Ann Simmons.

The sixth (youngest) child and fourth son of William I and Jane Cooke Willard was **John**⁹, born 26 October 1797 in Overton County, Tennessee. John married a Martha Mitchell on 21 March 1819 probably in Overton Co., Tennessee. John is thought to have went with his brothers, James and Alexander, to Clay Co., Missouri either around 1818 or 1819 as they were there in 1820 but stayed only a short time before returning to Tennessee by 1821. He was in Morgan Co. Illinois in 1830 and in 1840 is listed on the federal census in Warren Co. where his father, William I (a pensioner), is listed as age 89. It seems that after 1840 he disappeared from Warren County records. John D. Willard of Bowen, IL discovered from a 1948 letter from one of John's daughter Mary's descendants (Mrs. Linwood Jungerman of Corder, MO) that the family had moved to Southern Missouri. She sent information plus a copy of John's will. It seems that there was some dispute over

⁷ Ibid, pp. 110-124.

⁸ Ibid, pp. 125-146.

⁹ Ibid, pp. 147

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Civil War and some of the Willard men on Confederate side went on raids against the North Union side. She also told the story of one of the young Willard daughters waking up at night smelling coffee and bacon cooking and the mother told her that she was dreaming. But years later after the Civil War was over, the mother told her daughter that it was "Uncle John" from across the Northern lines who was really visiting, but the family was afraid of trouble if anyone knew a Northerner had visited them. The dates from the Jungerman family give the death of John as occurring on 3 October 1869 in Adams Co., Illinois. This could be in error, but it is thought that John is buried in the Poor Cemetery near Columbus in Adams Co. Martha and John had nine children reports Mrs. Jungerman: Margaret (1821- ?) not married; Robert (1823 -1902); Sarah (1829-1909); Jane (1830 - ?) not married; Esther (1831- ?); Mary (1833-1893) m. Robert Rutherford Nelson (the line Mrs. Jungerman is descended from); William (1834-1886); Samuel C. (1837-1916); and John Dow (1839-1916).

Most of the above material is from the book *The Willards of Illinois* owned by John Dale Willard. However there are quite a few errors, especially 1800s dates were often typed as 1900s plus other errors found and corrected by John D. Also, not much information was given on William I's youngest son John as his family was presumably thought vanished from Illinois. John D. Willard is descended from William I thru his second son James (1784-1858) given previously in this article and then thru James' third son John listed as follows:

John Willard, son of James & Mary, b. 20 Jan. 1816, Overton Co. TN; d. 8 April 1889 Adams Co., IL; married 29 December 1836 to Rebecca Ann McFarland b. 21 July 1817 Green Co., Ohio; d. 13 March 1894; both buried Ebenezer Cem., Adams Co., IL. John and Rebecca had four children: **William Madison** (3-16-1838/1-11-1927); **Rebecca Ann** (12-01-1840; 1-22-1911; bur. Ebenezer Cem.) m. Theodore Philip Crum; **James H.** (10-29-1843/ ?) m. Sarah Ann Eckles; and **Margaret Cornelia** (11-03-1849; 10-10-1888 KS) m. William Harris.

William Madison Willard, son of John & Rebecca, b. 16 March 1838 Adams Co., IL; d. 11 January 1927 Hancock Co., IL; married Elizabeth E. Meats of Wellington, England (dau. of Issac & Mary Elizabeth Meats) on 24 February 1859. Elizabeth born 10 August 1840; died 1 January 1917; both buried in Ebenezer Cemetery. William Madison & Elizabeth had eleven children: William Henry; Emma m. a Williams; **John V.** (2-10-1863/1931) m. Laura Barger; Anna; Thomas E.; Jane m. a Powell; Katie m. John Thompson; **Idona** (1872-1939) m. Arch Owen, both bur. Ebenezer Cem.; **Ella** m. a King; **Nellie May** (1880-1966) m. William Kimball (1881-1959), both bur. Ebenezer Cem.; and **Charles N.** (1882-1947) m. 1901 Ethel Sweigert (1884-1962), both bur. Ebenezer Cemetery.

John V. Willard, son of William Madison & Elizabeth, b. 10 February 1863 Adams Co., IL; d. 1931 Bowen, IL; m. Laura Barger (dau. John & Martha) b. 1867; d. 1936; both buried in Bowen Cemetery, Bowen, Hancock Co., IL. John & Laura had seven children: **Pearl** (2-02-1889; 2-24-1915) m. Fred Motter, both bur. Ebenezer Cem.; **Merle** (1890-1961) m. Owen Sammons; **Carl Russell** (5-27-1897/1-25-1898) bur. Ebenezer Cem.; **Clyde** (5-26-1902/11-23-1986) m. Mabel Bruns, served in WWI, bur. Camp Point Cem.; **Roscoe Archibald** (1902-1970) m. Thelma M. Plummer 3-11-1927, both bur. Bowen Cem.; **Dale** (10-16-1904/5-27-1906) bur. Ebenezer Cem.; and **Neva L.** (1906-1929) m. a Cossart, bur. Bowen Cemetery.

Roscoe Archibald Willard, son of John V. & Laura, b. 25 March 1902, Adams Co., IL; d. November 1970, Hancock Co., IL; m. 11 March 1927 to Thelma M. Plummer (b.7-18-1902; d. 1983); both buried Bowen Cem., Bowen, Hancock Co., IL. Roscoe and Thelma had two children: **John Dale** b. 1928, m. Patricia L. Finnigan b. 1930 (one child: Debra Ann b. 1960); and **Nadine Joan** b. 1930, m. Lyle Crear.

It is thanks to **John Dale Willard**, son of Roscoe A. & Thelma, that the above material and information on the following article on the Ebenezer Chapel and Cemetery was obtained. The book that much of the material was obtained from was found to have several errors in dates; therefore some of information given may not be completely accurate and must be rechecked by the researcher.

Submitted by Roma I. Weir.

Alexander Hamilton Willard

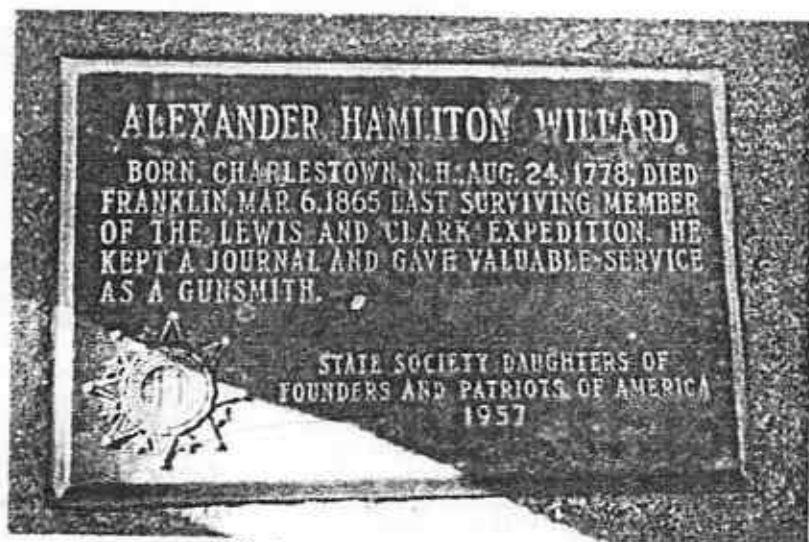
b. August 24, 1778. d. March 6, 1865.
 Member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.
 Franklin Cemetery, Franklin, California, USA



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Blair P. Chicoine

Blair P. Chicoine, 48, of Sioux City died of cancer Monday, Nov. 15, 1999, at a Sioux City hospital.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, with the Rev. Paul-Louis Arts officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, with graveside services conducted by Discovery Corps, a Lewis and Clark re-enactment troupe. Visitation will be 1 to 4 p.m. today at Christy-Smith Morningside Chapel. Visitation will resume 5 to 9 p.m. today, with the family present 6 to 9 p.m. and a parish vigil service at 7 p.m., at the church.

Mr. Chicoine was born Feb. 19, 1951, in Akron, Iowa, the son of Daryl R. and Rose J. (Myette) Chicoine.

He was raised in rural Elk Point, S.D., and attended Curry District 6 School. He graduated from Elk Point High School in 1969 and Briar Cliff College in 1974.

He married Rose A. Ahlers on July 27, 1974, in Granville, Iowa.

He spent two years in the advertising business before becoming a freelance journalist, where he specialized in hobby, transportation and historical non-fiction magazine subjects. In 1982, he co-authored the book "Sioux City: A Pictorial History" with Scott Sorensen.

In 1985, he was asked to consult in the design of the Sergeant Floyd Museum and Welcome Center in Sioux City and was hired as its manager in 1989. The Sergeant Floyd Museum became part of the Sioux City Museum Department in 1998.

He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

As a Lewis and Clark historian, he was a member of National Research Guild, National Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Nebraska and Iowa State Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Planning Committees, Sioux City Museum and Historical Association, Discovery Corps, an Omaha-based Lewis and Clark re-enactment troupe, and Onawa Friends of Discovery and Keelboat Crew.

Historian Chicoine succumbs to cancer

By Julie Weeder
Journal staff writer

Blair Chicoine, one of Siouxland's premier historians, died Tuesday at a Sioux City hospital after a 30-year battle with cancer.

Chicoine, 48, was manager of the Sergeant Floyd River Museum and Welcome Center since its opening in May 1989.

A Lewis and Clark enthusiast, Chicoine participated in re-enactments and educational presentations for schools. He was widely known for building historically accurate scale models of riverboats and trains, several of which are on display at the Welcome Center.

The Welcome Center and the Sioux City Public Museum will be closed Thursday in memory of Chicoine.

Craig Olson, museum director, said Sioux City was fortunate to have a historian like Chicoine.

"He was always interested in everything that was going on," said Olson. "He built almost every model

from scratch. It was amazing what he was able to do."

Chicoine was first diagnosed with Hodgkin's Disease in 1969 at the age of 18, and in 1971 cancer developed in his hip. Radiation treatments helped ease the painful disease. In 1991 the cancer returned and Chicoine underwent a bone marrow transplant.

It was during his long recovery periods that Chicoine began building model airplanes, then trains.

When plans for the Sergeant Floyd River Museum were being made, Chicoine volunteered to build models for the museum — from dugout canoes to modern tow boats. He was named the manager of the museum when it opened in 1989.

Olson said Chicoine thought the real key to his job was educating others. In 1998, Chicoine founded the Sergeant Floyd Community Boat Building Project in conjunction with the Sanford Center. Students learn history of Lewis and Clark while building their own riverboats.

Chicoine also was known for co-authoring the 1982 book "Sioux City: A Pictorial History."

"He loved learning about local history," Olson said. "He was so knowledgeable and lived every day to the fullest."



Chicoine



He was an active 1804 history re-enactor and did numerous presentations at local schools. He was a scale model builder with a special interest in railroad and river transportation. Several of his works are on display at Sergeant Floyd Welcome Center and Museum.

Survivors include his wife; his mother, Rose J. Moret of Sioux City; three brothers, Dr. Noel and his wife, Teresa, of Pierre, S.D., Dr. Kevin of

St. Louis, Mo., and Warren of Clarksville, Tenn.; two sisters and their husbands, Melanie and Jerry Johnson of Carmen, Idaho, and Nanette and Jeff Cunningham of Carrollton, Texas; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Pallbearers will be Warren, Dr. Noel and Dr. Kevin Chicoine, Dave Pratt, Ed DenBeste and Steve Erlandsen.