

Jasper County Vital Statistics in 1878

Jasper County did not keep birth and death records until 1880 (and even then, the recording system was haphazard at best), so the one- and two-sentence mentions we find in local newspapers are frequently the only record of our county's early vital statistics. Only two newspaper sources from 1878 are currently available on microfilm. They are the *Prairie City News* (coded PCN in the items below) and the *Newton Journal* (NJ).

BIRTHS

- The family of Joseph BRALEY, esq. was augmented by the arrival of a chopping little squaler on the 15th, a girl. (NJ, Kellogg column, 21 Feb 1878)
- George Washington COCHRAN, of this city, was born on this date 23 years ago. (PCN, 22 Feb 1878)
- A ten pound boy to M/M Wm. DAVIS on Saturday last (23 Feb?) (PCN, 1 Mar 1878)
- 4 Jan, 1878, a son to M/M Fred M. KELLOGG, of Des Moines township (PCN, 18 Jan 1878)
- M/M John MATHEWS' little boy is supremely happy just now over the advent of a nice little baby sister. (NJ, 31 Jan 1878)
- Wed., 7 Jan, 1878, a son to M/M D. C. RIGG (PCN, 18 Jan 1878)
- A boy to M/M Ed ROACH, no date given ((PCN, 15 Mar 1878)
- A boy to (city) Recorder G. M. WOODS, on Wed., 27 Feb 1878 (PCN, 1 Mar 1878)
- Mrs. James WOODS, formerly Miss Georgie WIDELL, who has been spending a few weeks with her parents in this city, returns to her home in Montrose next week, taking with her a new household pet, weighing in the neighborhood of 12 pounds, to make glad the heart of his anxious papa. (NJ, 31 Jan 1878)

MARRIAGES

- ABDILL-CLARK. In this city, 3 Jan 1878, at the residence of the bride's parents; Rev. J. H. MAGOFLIN of St. Stephen's Church officiating; Mr. Levis B. Abdill of Danville, IL, and Miss Carolina M., daughter of D. L. CLARK, Esq. (NJ, 12 Jan 1878)
- BARRON-YOUNG. At the Evangelical parsonage in Green Castle, 29/28? Feb; by Rev. W. KING; Mr. C. Barron and Miss Mollie Young, both of Jasper Co. (NJ, 28 Mar 1878)
- BUCKLEY-OLDHAM. At the residence of the bride's brother, W. SCOTT of Des Moines; on the 20th inst.; Mr. R. S. Buckley and Mrs. Margaret Oldham, both of Monroe; Rev. P. P. INGALLS, officiating. (NJ, 28 Mar 1878)
- CASE-BAKER. On the 10th inst., at the residence of A. B. TAYLOR; Rev. L. O. HOUSEL officiating; Mr. Truman A. Case and Miss Catherine H. Baker. (NJ, 21 Mar 1878)
- DICKEY-REED. In Jasper Co., 24 Jan 1878, at the residence of the bride's parents; by Rev. L. S. COOLEY, of Gilman, IA; Mr. G. W. Dickey and Miss S. J. Reed, both of Jasper Co. (NJ, 7 Feb 1878, copied from Grinnell Herald)



- EXLINE-GREENLUM. In this city, on the 20th inst; at the residence of D. ARNOLD; by Rev. E. L. SCHREINER; Mr. Bernard Exline and Mrs. Isabell Greenlum, both of Newton. (*NJ*, 28 Mar 1878)
- FISHER-GILBERT. On 7 March, at the residence of the bride's father; Rev. E. L. SHERMAN officiating; Mr. Levi FISHER and Miss Sarah E. A. GILBERT. (*PCN*, 8 Mar 1878)
- GUTHRIE-HARTMAN. Thurs 14 Mar, at the residence of the bride's parents; by Rev. Charles FLICKINGER; Mr. George W. Guthrie, of Newton, and Miss Mahala S. Hartman, of Mt. Carroll, IL (*NJ*, 28 Mar 1878)
- HUFF-JOHNSON. On Thurs 7 Feb 1878, at the residence of the bride in Mound Prairie township; Rev. E. L. SHERMAN officiating; Mr. Samuel Huff and Mrs. Mary L. Johnson. (*PCN*, 8 Feb 1878; *NJ*, 14 Feb 1878)
- JOHNSTON-REES. 14 March 1878, by Rev. E. S. MC MICHAEL; Mr. D. M. Johnston and Miss Stella M. Rees, both of this county. (*NJ*, 21 Mar 1878)
- JONES-WRIGHT. On Mon, 26 Feb 1878, at the residence of the bride's father Mr. John BREWIN; Rev. E. L. SHERMAN officiating; Mr. A. M. Jones and Mrs. Sarah Wright. They start for their home in Buena Vista County next week. (*PCN*, 1 Mar 1878)
- KINGDON-BUTTERS. On Thurs, 7 Feb 1878, at the residence of the bride's parents in Mound Prairie Twp; Rev. J. W. SNODGRASS officiating; Mr. I. M. Kingdon and Amanda S. Butters. (*PCN*, 8 Feb 1878; *NJ*, 14 Feb 1878)
- KONO-LINT. 24 Jan 1878, at the residence of the bride's parents; Rev. W. KING officiating; Mr. Fred Kono and Miss Tilla Lint, both of Jasper Co. (*NJ*, 31 Jan 1878)
- PENN-NELSON. Thurs, 24 Jan 1878, at the residence of James RHINEHART in Mound Prairie township; Rev. E.L.SHERMAN officiating; Mr. R.W. Penn, of Colfax, and Miss Laura Nelson, of Mound Prairie. (*PCN*, 25 Jan 1878; *NJ*, 31 Jan 1878)
- REMSBURG-WILSON. Wed., 13 Mar 1878, at the residence of F. M. AUSTIN; Rev. E. L. SHERMAN officiating; Mr. Charles E. Remsburg and Miss Lulu E. Wilson (*PCN*, 15 Mar 1878)
- RICHEY-REEVES. (no date given) Dr. M. W. Richey and Miss Electra Reeves were married on Squaw Creek, Washington Twp, by Esq. Doud, of Colfax. (*NJ*, 7 Feb 1878)
- WATTERS-RUMMELL. 23 Dec 1877, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. W. KING; Mr. M. M. Watters and Miss Emeline Rummell, both of Jasper Co. (*NJ*, 12 Jan 1878)
- WHORTON-INGLE. Wed., 28 Feb 1878, at the residence of the bride's father, Geo. F. INGLE, Esq., Vandalia; Elder J. P. ROACH of Bedford, IA officiating; Mr. R. D. Whorton and Miss S. E. Ingle. (*PCN*, 1 Mar 1878)

DEATHS

- John ALLOWAY, died of consumption week before last, at the residence of his father, north of Galesburg. (*NJ*, Galesburg column, 21 Mar 1878)

- the 6-year-old son of M/M B. F. ARNOLD, proprietor of the *Lynnville News*. (*PCN*, 29 Mar 1878)
- in *Prairie City Sat.* 5 Jan, 1878, Mr. C. S. BISBEE, aged 74 yr. Came from ME to Page Co., IA in 1863, and to Prairie City two years later. Survived by wife and son, plus a daughter in ME. (*PCN*, 11 Jan 1878)
- (no date given) Frankie COWMAN, aged 11 m, 28 d; first-born child of M/M G. W. Cowman who live 7 mi. S.W. of Prairie City. The funeral took place from the residence of Mr. MC COY on Sat., 23 March 1878. (*PCN*, 29 Mar 1878)
- last Monday (14 or 21 Jan?) Charles DOOLEY, at George Dooley's Stone Quarry in Wild Cat Grove. He was at work alone, at the top of a ledge, and by some means missed his footing and fell about 30 feet, striking the rocks below in such a way as to break his neck. He was a bachelor about 40 years of age and a man of temperate habits. (*NJ*, 24 Jan 1878)
- Mrs. Sarah CROSSEN, died at the residence of her son-in-law, R. H. DUNLAP, Thurs. 10 Jan, 1878, in the 64th year of her age. (*PCN*, 11 Jan 1878)
- on Sat., 29 Dec 1877, of typhoid fever, Mr. J. DE REESE, aged about 52 yr. (*PCN*, 4 Jan. 1878)
- Mrs. Charlotte, wife of Joseph B. EYERLY, of Newton, and daughter of D. D. PIPER, died on the 26th (Feb), aged 34 years. (*PCN*, 22 Feb 1878; *NJ*, 28 Feb 1878)
- At City Hotel in Colfax, 5 Jan 1878, Levi D. FERRELL. He had been in Jasper Co. working for Capt. A. B. HANNA for about 18 months. He leaves his father in IL and a sister in Page Co., IA. (*NJ*, 12 Jan 1878)
- Fri. 4 Jan 1878, Mr. GILMORE, residing 2 miles north of town, died while sawing wood. He was about 62 years of age. (*NJ*, 17 Jan 1878)
- In Plumas Co, CA, 8 Feb 1878, John M. HAWK, aged 41 years. He was the son of Peter Hawk and a brother of W. C. Hawk, both of this city, and had been engaged in stock farming in that state for 14 years. He leaves a wife and two children. (*NJ*, 31 Jan 1878; *PCN*, 8 Feb 1878)
- Fri. 15 March 1878, James HICKEY, aged 65. He was a Jasper Co. resident for more than 22 years. He leaves a wife and several children. (*NJ*, 21 Mar 1878)
- John JONES, a farmer living 5 mi. N. of Newton, was found dead in his field a few evenings ago. The cause of his death is supposed to have been heart disease. (*PCN*, 11 Jan 1878)
- Miss Allie LINDLEY, of Newton, youngest daughter of Hon. S. N. Lindley, died of smallpox on the 20th inst., aged 17 years. (*NJ*, 28 Feb 1878)
- Thomas LIVINGSTON of Monroe fell through the railroad bridge at Iowa City while on his way to Chicago with a carload of stock last Saturday night (5 or 12 Jan?). He stepped off the caboose to look after his stock and in the darkness fell through the bridge. (*NJ*, 17 Jan 1878)
- Mrs. LIVINGSTONE (sic), of Monroe, whose husband was killed by stepping off a rail-road bridge at Iowa City a short time since, it is said will bring suit against the C. R.I. & P. R.R. for \$15,000 damages. (*PCN*, 8 Feb 1878)

- 17 Dec 1877, Mr. James F. PARKS, aged about 28 years, died of consumption in Clyde. He was formerly the town blacksmith. He leaves a wife and one child. (*NJ*, Clyde column, 17 Jan 1878)
- Nellie PETERS, dau. of John Peters, who lives near SNOOK's coal bank. About 4 weeks ago she was badly burned by her clothes taking fire while putting coal in the stove. She died from the effects of the burn on Mon. (14 Jan?). (*PCN* 18 Jan 1878)
- On the 12th inst., Henrietta SEYMOUR, aged 56 years, wife of Charles Seymour. She was born in Greenwich, CT; married 1843; came to Newton 1856. Survivors are her husband and a daughter. (*NJ* 14 Mar 1878)
- Mr. G. F. "Frank" SHURTZ, formerly of this town, died at the home of his sister in Marshalltown a few days ago. (*NJ*, 14-21 Feb 1878)
- The funeral of G.W. SMALL, of this city, on last Sunday (27 Jan?) was very largely attended. The Masonic Lodge of this city assisted by a large delegation from Monroe buried him with the honors of the fraternity. (*PCN* 1 Feb 1878)
- On Fri. Jan 11, 1878, Lewis Ebert STRAWN, son of M/M C. B. Strawn, in the third year of his age. (*PCN*, 18 Jan 1878)
- Near this city on Wed, 14 Mar, of pneumonia, Mrs. Melinda TEMPLETON, aged 62 years. She was the mother of Mrs. J. E. GARDNER, residing about 2 mi. west of Newton, with whom she was living. She had recently returned from a visit to children and friends in IN. She buried her husband, Isaac Templeton about 5 years ago in this city. (*NJ*, 21 Mar 1878)

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

From the *Prairie City News*, 18 Jan 1878, comes this item:

The following pupils at the *Prairie City Public Schools* have not been tardy or absent from school without excuses during the month ending Jan. 11, 1878:

A Grammar School: C.A. KELLOGG, W.M. ROBERTS, Chas. WILSON, F.M. MOORE, Ella SLEMMONS, Emma J. BREWIN, Grant SPRINGER, Willie RUSSELL, J.R. BRYAN, Eva GILL, Zettie RAYBURN, May COCHRAN

B Grammar: Linnie WARNER, Katie BOWLES, Jennie CLARK, Elmo HAMMOND, Emma DANIELS, Amanda SLEMMONS (Mollie SNODGRASS, Teacher)

A Primary: Nora PHILLIPS, Hattie STALLCUP, Katie REIGART, Alice CLICK, Frank REIGART, Fred PETTYS, Eddy MOODY, Robert CLICK, Katie ADAMS, Jesse PORTER, Julie HAMMOND, Frank MOODY, Eddie MILLER, Jimmie RUSSELL, Chester RHODES (Mrs. MUMMERY, Teacher)

B Primary: Lois MC GINITIE, Clyde WOODDELL, Charlie WOODARD, George WEIGLE, Frank WOODARD, Crawford CLARK (Mattie SNODGRASS, Teacher)

C Primary: Maude PATCHIN, Myrtle RIGG, Della MC KEEVER, Lellie WOODARD, Clyde MC GINITE (Miss TAINTER, Teacher)

- We notice by the *New Sharon (IA) Star* that Hon. David MORGAN, father of T. J. Morgan of this city, has been admitted to practice in the U. S. Supreme Court at Washington, D. C. (*PCN*, 8 Mar 1878)

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Newspaper references: *NJ* = *Newton Journal*; *PCN* = *Prairie City News*

Births

- Mrs. J. CLEVERLY very cleverly presented her husband with a fine son and daughter one day last week. (*NJ*, 16 May 1878, Clyde column, written 10 May)
- A young stranger put in an appearance at the house of Geo. W. CONDON last Saturday and caused considerable consternation in the hitherto quiet household. The father is doing well. (*NJ*, 20 June 1878, Kellogg column)
- On Fri., 15 May, to Mr. & Mrs. J. A. GRIFFIS, a daughter. (*PCN*, 24 May 1878)
- On Wed. last (16 May?) Wm. T. HAMMOND was presented with a daughter and Dr. H. C. POTTER with a grand-daughter simultaneously. (*PCN*, 24 May 1878)
- Mr. & Mrs. B. B. HARKNESS rejoice in the advent of a little girl in their home. It arrived on Wed., 3 July, and is of regulation size. (*PCN*, 5 July 1878)
- Mrs. HIGGINS, of this city, has prepared a surprise for her husband, who is in Newton on business. This morning she gave birth to a pair of full weight boys... (*PCN*, 12 Apr 1878)
- Last Friday (12 Apr?) was the 65th birthday of Mrs. Hugh RODGERS.... (*NJ*, 18 Apr 1878)
- A fine baby girl to Dr. (& Mrs.) J. R. SMITH. It was awful cross and tired when it arrived, having walked all the way from Heaven Friday night (17 or 24 May). (*NJ*, 30 May 1878, Kellogg column)
- It's a boy, standard weight boy at the house of E. J. STAFFORD. He came last Saturday on the two o'clock train and expects to remain till he is of age. Mr. Stafford has always been considered a man of small stature but old GRANT's overcoat wouldn't make a vest for him now. (*NJ*, 11 Apr 1878, Kellogg column)
- Mr. Amos TAYLOR is the happiest man in (Newton) now, and the cause of all this happiness is because he is the father of a bouncing baby boy. (*NJ*, 27 June 1878)
- We omitted to chronicle the arrival of a fine baby girl at the residence of Wm. VAUGHAN last week... (*NJ*, 2 May 1878, Kellogg column)

Marriages

- BENEDICT-LYON. At the Delmonico, in Newton, 26 June by D. EDMUNDSON, J.P., W. N. Benedict and Miss Lydia H. Lyon. (*NJ*, 4 July 1878)
- BENTON-MC MILLEN. In Mound Prairie Twp. on the 6th inst., by J. W. SANDERSON, Esq., F. R. Benton and Clarinda Mc Millen. (*NJ*, 9 May 1878)
- BOOTH-BREWIN. On Tues., 2 July, by D. EDMUNDSON, J.P., Mr. Robert Booth and Miss Mary Brewin, both of Des Moines Twp. (*NJ*, 4 July 1878; *PCN*, 5 July 1878)

W. F. GRAY, F. E. HAMMER, C. M. MENDENHALL, A. MEREDITH, Will MEREDITH, F. F. QUIRE, Jas. C. QUIRE, V. A. ROBERTS, and Frank WHITE.

By 1899, the association had 38 vice-presidents, and the following year 42 were elected. Presumably all were members of the association under the terms outlined in the above-mentioned 1881 constitution. Names of the vice-presidents for 1899 were:

From **Newton**: Ballinger AYDELOTT, Judge CLEMENTS, Urial HINSHAW, O. C.

MEREDITH, John MEYER, and Judge H. RYAN

From **Murphy**: John MURPHY

From **Monroe**: James C. TODD

From **Kellogg**: T. R. BURCHARD, George SWAN, Hon. Charles DOANE

From **Lynnville**: Lyman BAILEY, Ed BARTLOW, Rev. CHARLES, Charles

JOHNSON, Albert JOHNSON, S. H. MACY, C. O. MEREDITH, Stephen J. SPARKS, and W. H. SYLVESTER,

From **Colfax**: J. B. WEAVER

Other vice-presidents living outside of Jasper county: Hon. F. LACY, Hon. Ben M. COY, Penn College Pres. A. ROSENBERGER (**Oskaloosa**); Judge A. R. DEWEY

(**Washington**); John SCOTT (**Brooklyn**); J. W. JARNAGAN, Judge W. R. LEWIS,

and A. L. RAYBURN (**Montezuma**); Isial CLAY, Jesse MACY, and John MANLY

(**Grinnell**); C. B. RYAN (**Peoria**); Herman BOSQUET (**Pella**); J. C. GARNER and

Ed HALL (**New Sharon**); Moses LUNT, Charles MILLER, Charles PHELPS, and Jake

TIMBREL (**Taintor**); and, **residences unknown**: Perry KITCHEN, B. N. LAFERTY,

and John NOLEN.

In their early years the Old Settlers reunions were one of Jasper County's social highlights of the year, with crowds more than a thousand strong coming from miles to enjoy the festivities. However, like the old settlers themselves, the reunions at Lynnville slowly faded away. Currently, reunions continue to be held at Monroe and Prairie City in mid August.

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Lynnville, IA, *Herald* article, 22 Sep. 1877: "Twenty Years Ago: The Old Settlers' Re-Union"

Lynnville, IA, Old Settler's 125th Reunion book, 16 Aug, 1996

Newton, IA, *Journal* article, 23 Aug. 1882: "Old Settler's Day"

(ED. NOTE: References for this article were contributed by Barb Van Zante of Richland Twp.)

- BUTTRUM-RAYBURN. Mr. "Wess" Buttrum and Lizzie Rayburn, married last Friday night (3 May?). (*NJ*, 9 May 1878, Lynn Grove column)
- CALLISON-MORRIS. At the M. E. parsonage at Kellogg, IA, on Thursday 28 Mar., by Rev. C. P. REYNOLDS, Mr. A. F. Callison to Miss Amanda E. Morris. Both of Rushville. (*NJ*, 4 Apr 1878)
- EBERHART-VAUGHAN. Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Ella Vaughan and Mr. D. J. Eberhart next Tuesday evening (9 Apr.). Miss Ella's future home, we believe, will be in Dacotah. (*NJ*, 4 Apr 1878)
- FISK-MEYER. Wed. 19 June at the home of the bride's parents, Hon. John MEYER, in Newton, Mr. Frank Fisk and Miss Cornelia Meyer. Rev. Edward D. EATON officiated, assisted by Rev. Dr. MAGOUN of Grinnell. Among the wedding presents was one from Gen. Clinton B. Fisk, of New York, uncle of the groom. (*NJ*, 27 June, 1878)
- HOWE-ADAMS. In Newton, on the 3rd inst., by S. S. STUVER, Esq., Mr. T. J. Howe & Jessie A. Adams, both of Poweshiek Twp. (*NJ*, 11 Apr 1878)
- HUNLEY-SANDERS. Last Wednesday (5 June?) Mr. B. T. M. Hunley (of the wholesale boot and shoe house of *Patterson and Bash*, Baltimore, MD) and Miss Allie Sanders. The bride is the niece of Mr. & Mrs. A. CARRIER, of near Newton, at whose home the wedding was held. Rev. E. L. SCHREINER, of the M. E. Church, performed the ceremony. (*NJ*, 13 June 1878)
- KAY-DAVIS. On Wed., 3 July, Rev. E. L. SHERMAN, officiating, Mr. B. Kay and Miss S. E. Davis, all of this county. (*PCN*, 5 July 1878)
- KEATING-HYER. Wed. evening 15 May, in the Baptist Church at Vandalia, Mr. J. T. Keating, Jr. and Miss M. C. Hyer. (*PCN*, 24 May 1878)
- MEREDITH-BROOKE. Mr. Henry C. Meredith to Lettie E. Brooke, all of Richland Twp., on 9 July in Newton, by A. S. STUVER, Esq. (*NJ*, 11 July 1878)
- MYERLEY-ORRELL. Last Thursday night (2 May?), at the residence of the bride's mother, Mr. Elijah Myerley to Miss Mary Orrell. (*NJ*, 9 May 1878, Kellogg column)
- PLUMB-KLINE. 1 July, in Newton, by David EDMUNDSON, J.P., Mr. Joshua M. Plumb and Miss Nancy A. Kline, both of Clear Creek Twp. (*NJ*, 4 July 1878)
- TREFREN-WILSON. In Newton, 28 May by Rev. E. S. MC MICHAEL, Henry W. Trefren and Lettie L. Wilson, both of Newton. (*NJ* 13 June, 1878)
- WILKINSON-BARR. In Cromwell, County, (sic), IA, 30 Mar., John A. ROGERS, J. P. officiating, Mr. Geo. W. Wilkinson (apparently of the Prairie City area) and Miss Florence E. Barr. (*PCN*, 5 Apr 1878)

Deaths

- In (Newton) on the 27th inst...at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. John MEYER, Mrs. Lucia BEEBEE, aged 69 years. (*NJ*, 30 May 1878)
- Little Edith BLANCHARD, youngest daughter of Mayor Blanchard, of Newton, passed away Sunday morning after a protracted and painful illness, aged 5y 2m. (*NJ*, 4 July 1878)
- Jennie, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John DETWILER (no date given). Burial in Des Moines on Wed. (17 July?). (*PCN*, 19 July 1878)

- On Sat., 13 Apr, Lula, youngest child and only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. C. R. GRAHAM, aged 3 years. On Thurs., 18 Apr, Charles, son of the same parents, aged 5 years. Both died of diphtheria. The eldest child is also quite sick with the same disease. (*PCN*, 19 Apr 1878)
- In Wild Cat Grove, 28 May of scarlet fever, Nettie, daughter of Stephen and Docia GUESSFORD, aged 3y 1m 18d. (*NJ*, 6 June 1878)
- We learn that diphtheria prevail to some extent in the northwest part of Sherman township. Allen JEFFRIES lost two children last week, burying one on Saturday and the other Sunday. (*NJ*, 13 June 1878)
- The body of Mr. Meek MARSHALL, a young man formerly of this community, was brought here Saturday last, from near Atlantic, Cass Co., for burial. The man was killed while at work in the barn, but nothing could be ascertained as to the real cause of his death. (*NJ*, 13 June, 1878, Monroe column)
- On Wed., 8 May, Willie, oldest son of Mr. & Mrs. John A. MC MURRAY, aged 15y 4m. Survivors include his "parents, brothers and sisters." (*PCN*, 10 May 1878)
- On 1 July, at her father's home in Adel, IA, Mrs. Ella NOEL, wife of D. W. Noel of Metz, aged 23 years. She is also survived by two little children, aged 10 months and 2 years. (*NJ*, 11 July, 1878)
- Robert PAUL, of Hickory Grove Twp., died July 3 from the effects of poison taken accidentally. After working around the residence he felt hungry and ate a piece of "cake" from the cupboard. It turned out to contain strychnine, which his wife had placed in the cupboard to poison mice which had infested the home. (*NJ*, 11 July 1878)
- At his residence east of Newton, 21 May 1878, William PECK, aged 62 years...survived by wife and "family." Funeral services were by Rev. ROBINSON of the Baptist Church. (*NJ*, 30 May 1878)
- In Jackson Valley, CA., 14 Mar, Jennie, the beloved dau. of W. H. & Mary H. PROUTY, aged 14y 2m 28d. She endured extreme suffering and was wasted by a prolonged sickness. Burial in Ione Cemetery, Ione City, CA. (*NJ*, 18 Apr 1878)
- In Sherman Twp., 26 June, of consumption, Horace M. REED, aged about 21 years. (*NJ*, 11 July 1878)
- Thurs. 27 June, John Wilbur, youngest son of John and D. A. ROBERTS, aged 10 months. (*PCN*, 5 July 1878)
- A man named RULEFORD, living at Clyde, is reported to have poisoned his wife on Tuesday night, from the effects of which she died Thursday morning. (*NJ*, 2 May 1878, Colfax column)
- In (Newton) on the 2nd inst., Emma, daughter of Henry SCHULZ, aged 29 yr. Survived by her father and sister. She had been a resident of Newton for a brief time. (*NJ*, 9 May 1878)
- In Monroe on the 17th inst., of typhoid fever, George, son of S. P. and M. J. SPRINGER, aged 6y 8m 10d. (*NJ*, 30 May 1878)
- Miss Belle THOMPSON, of this township, died of epilepsy on Wednesday the 8th inst. (*NJ*, 16 May 1878, Clyde column)

- At Anita, Cass Co., IA, Thurs. 30 May, Almiriah VETTER, aged 38 years. (She) was for a long time a citizen of this township and was a daughter of Levi JONES. Two sisters and one brother still reside here. (*PCN*, 31 May 1878)
- Near Rushville, 16 June, Mrs. Mollie E. WILSON, wife of W. D. Wilson, aged 34y 5m 15d. She had been in failing health for two years, with death from consumption. Survivors include her husband and two children. She was a member of the M. E. church. (*NJ*, 27 June 1878)
- In Elk Creek, of scarlet fever, 21 June, Sapah (sic) Ella WINTERS, daughter of Wm. S. and Louisa Winters, aged 10years (*NJ*, 11 July, 1878)

ABOUT THE AUGUST ISSUE...

From Des Moines, William A. Johnson wrote to share some information regarding one of the death notices which appeared in our *August Gleaner*. As copied from the *Prairie City News* of 4 Jan. 1878, the notice read: "(died) 29 Dec 1877, of typhoid fever, Mr. J. DE REESE, aged 52 yr".

According to Mr. Johnson's letter:

"I believe this to be J. D. REESE, whose full name was Joseph Daniel Reese. He was my wife's great grandfather. He had the farm north of the present Vandalia Cemetery. He is buried in that cemetery.

"Now I have another problem with his demise. This states that he died the 29th. His tombstone says that he died the 30th and his probate records say the 31st.

"I mentioned that he owned the Jasper Co. farm. He also owned the farm in Polk Co. where he had died. This was in Camp township.

"His mother, Anna ALBAUGH Reese, had died on Christmas Eve of 1877. With the death of two in the family in the same holiday season, it could have created confusion for the family with dates. I am of the opinion, when some of these records were made, that those reporting said "I think it was on a certain date" and that was what was written. I haven't found any other records in my searches that have had this many dates for a death this late in time."

Mr. Johnson's information points up several of the problems with what we call "secondary sources" in genealogical research. The error(s) could have been made in the reporting of the information, the writing/reading/typesetting of the information, and/or the copying of the information from the newspaper. This is why many genealogical researchers aren't satisfied until they find 2-3 pieces of evidence to confirm each date they enter on their family tree.

Thanks for sharing your information on this family, Mr. Johnson. What a sad Christmas season it must have been for the Reeses that year.

A Sad Death Roll

The bringing of the body of Mr. Ney Russell home from Chicago to be buried has caused many of our people to consider the number of people who have gone from Newton and brought back to be buried, and we have been asked to hunt up and furnish the names. Below they will be found, with name of place where they died, and when they were buried:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Where died</u>	<u>When Buried</u>
Hugh Matchett	Illinois	May 23, 1889
Frank Oden	Crawford, Neb	July 27, 1889
Cassie Carothers	Des Moines	Oct 3, 1889
Alva Mershon	Chicago, Ill	March 26, 1890
Hattie Wasson	Des Moines	Nov. 2, 1890
Richard Holman	Des Moines	March 16, 1890
Wm. Hugin	Pasadena, Cal	April 3, 1890
Mrs. Emma Finch	Broken Bow, Neb	June 24, 1890
Dr. T. O. Mershon	Des Moines	Aug 22, 1890
Mitchell, Arthur	Denver, Col.	Jan 26, 1891
Etta Hughes	Denver, Col	Feb. 8, 1891
Richards, W. W.	Kellogg	Feb. 27, 1891
Frank Ainsworth	Sheldon, Iowa	March 23, 1891
King, Geo.	Omaha, Neb	April 16, 1891
Blackman, J. A.	Texas	April 23, 1891
Wilbur Early	Helena, Mont	May 9, 1891
Clarence Mitchell	Des Moines	May 14, 1891
Trotter, Harvey	Des Moines	Dec. 3, 1891
Mrs. R. Reynolds,	Des Moines	Dec. 8, 1891
Birdie Walsh	Chicago, Ill	Feb. 2, 1892
Nelson Bishop	Jacksonville, Fla.	Mar 29, 1892
Brown, Bessie	Chicago, Ill	May 11, 1892
Stevens, R. W.	Wallace, Idaho	July 24, 1892
Nellie Humphrey	Otto, Iowa	July 31, 1892
Geo. S. Guthrie	Omaha, Neb.	Nov. 29, 1892
Steven Harrah	Hastings, Neb.	Dec. 3, 1892
Conn, Andy	Denver, Col	Feb. 15, 1893
Ney Russell	Chicago, Ill	Mar. 19, 1893

Mr. Will Coiner died at Pasadena, California, and was buried here Dec. 15, 1888. It will be noted that with but two exceptions these deaths were all young people; the most of whom left Newton in good health. We are indebted to Messrs. Morgan & Hunter for the data give above.

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ADDITION TO THE DEATH ROLL. – Last week we published a roll of those who had died and been brought back to Newton within the past four years. This roll was taken from the books of Morgan & Hunter, and we supposed it was complete. Such, however, was not the case, and the friends have handed in the following additional names:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Where Died</u>	<u>When Buried</u>
Chas. Clarkson	Colorado	April 29, 1889
Nelson Gorgoson	Colfax	April 18 1889
C. M. Stream	Des Moines	April 14 1889
Mrs. Jacobs	Gundy Center	May 6, 1890
Anna Pardoe	Colfax	June 9 1890
Frank Spitler	Des Moines	Jan 5 1892
S. E. Newton	Marshalltown	Aug. 8, 1892
Diggins, Jennie	Marshall Co.	Sept 22, 1892

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