

**JOHN KRIMMEL**  
**of Juniata Co., PA**

his children and descendants through his son

SAMUEL KRIMMEL (1822 - 1900)  
of Bureau Co., IL

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## Preface

This project is one result of my long term hobby, family history. The first major version of the information on descendants in the Krimmel family was collected from the late 1960s to the mid 1970s. At that time I could not conclusively identify the father of Samuel Krimmel. With new information from Kathy Addis and Pat Weiderman Crimmel, I have re-written the project to include John Krimmel and his family as well as adding much more filler about the early descendants of Samuel Krimmel. Much of this story is told in obituaries, other newspaper clippings and family letters that have been shared with me by many people. The 'core' collection of early obituaries is the one loaned to me by Grace (Kenney) Holmes, a collection started by her mother, Besse (Rhodes) Kenney. The later generations still reflect the fact that most of the information was gathered before the mid 1970s. Because of this, many young people are missing and I have not assigned numbers to some of them, beginning in generation six.

The results of my research have evolved through many stages into the present, electronic, form. As an electronic document, this presentation changes more rapidly than a traditional publication would. It can be presented in a variety of formats, styles and contents. Recent versions include a date on each page to help with identification.

What others have shared with me, I am glad to share with you in the hope that through continued sharing we will improve the scope, accuracy and documentation of our knowledge of the family.

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# The Krimmel Line

The purpose of this document is to record and document my research on my line of descent from John Krimmel and on the descendants his son Samuel.

**1. John Krimmel.** All of the Krimmels of Mifflin and Juniata counties seem to be descended from this man<sup>1</sup> but his origin is still unknown. One of the difficulties is that several spellings are found which may or may not be related. Although several men in the 1810 census of PA bore such names as Crommel, Cramel, Cromel, Krimer and Krimmel, I have not been able to identify a connection with them. This John Krimmel appears in the 1820 census of Fermanagh Township, Mifflin County<sup>2</sup>, PA, where his family included 2 males under 10 [William and Daniel], 1 male 26-45 [John], 2 females under 10 [Susannah and ?], 1 female 26-45 [Elizabeth] and 1 female age 45 and up [a widowed mother?]. He was listed as engaged in manufacture.<sup>3</sup>

The 1830 census of Walker Twp., Mifflin County, shows the family with 1 male under 5 [David], 3 males age 5-10 [John, Samuel, and ?], 1 male age 10-15 [Daniel], 1 male age 15-20 [William], 1 male age 40-50 [John], 1 female under 5 [?], 1 female age 5-10 [Mary Ann?], 2 females age 10-15 [Susannah and ?], and 1 female age 30-40 [Elizabeth].<sup>4</sup>

The 1840 census of Walker Township, Juniata County, PA, page 205, lists the following two families:<sup>5</sup>

John Krimmel with 2 males under 5 [Henry and Alfred?], 1 male age 10-15 [David], 1 male 50-60 [John], 1 female age 5-10 [?] and 1 female 50-60 [Elizabeth].<sup>6</sup>

William Crimmell with 1 male 20-30, 1 female under 5, and 1 female 20-30.

The names inserted in brackets with the census records above are merely guesses made in an attempt to fit the family listed below into the record and the result suggests that the family may have been larger than the group so far identified.

An index to the Walker Township tax records for 1842 lists William Krimmel, labourer, John Krimmel, mason, Daniel Krimmel, labourer, and Samuel Krimmel, labourer. In 1845, John

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<sup>1</sup> Well, maybe not! Who where the E. Crimel and the L. Crimmell of the 1850 census; the Sarah Ellen Crimmell, b. 10 Feb. 1840, who married Samuel Brubaker in 1859; the Elizabeth Crimmell, b. 20 Jan. 1840; the Mrs. Crimmell, d. 11 July 1899, age 67; the 30 year old William Krimmel with wife E. Krimmel in the 1850 census; Leah Krimmel, etc?

<sup>2</sup> Juniata County, county seat at Mifflintown, was formed from Mifflin County, county seat at Lewistown, in 1831.

<sup>3</sup> Crimmell, Pat Weiderman, documentation with a family group record dated 24 Oct. 1996 and sent to Dan W. Olds. The references on these pages make this the best resource I have for this family group.

<sup>4</sup> Crimmell, Pat Weiderman, same. I inserted the guesses at the names.

<sup>5</sup> At some point, it may be of interest to know that the 1840 census of Bedford Borough, Bedford Co., PA, lists the families of a Saml Crummel, age 30-40, and a Danl Crummel, also age 30-40.

<sup>6</sup> Crimmell, Pat Weiderman, reports the oldest female as age 40-50 so I need to re-examine the record..

Krimmel is listed as a tenant and a mason.<sup>7</sup>

I have found the following Krimmel families in the 1850 census of Juniata County:

Borough of Perrysville in Milford Twp., page 195.5

L. Crimmell, male, age 32 [i.e. b. ca. 1828. I have not examined this record for years; recheck]

S. Crimmell, female, age 34

T. S. Crimmell, male, age 5

N. R. Crimmell, male, age 4

Walker Township, page 242.5

E. Crimel, female, age 50

Alf Crimel, male, age 17, labourer

Walker Township, page 247.5 family of Saml. Krimmel, see below

Walker Township, p. 250, 13th Oct. 1850

Eliza Krimmel, female, age 56, b. Pa

Mary Krimmel, female, age 25, b. Pa

Henry Krimmel, male, age 16, labor, b. Pa

Albert Krimmel, male, age 13, b. Pa

Daniel Krimmel, male, age 27, b. Pa.

Mifflintown, p. 269

Alfred Krimmel, male, age 17, att. school, in the family of R. C. Gallaher, merchant, age 52, and Jane Gallaher, age 50.

Fermanagh Twp., page 281.5

William Krimmel, male, age 38, farmer, b. Pa

Mary Krimmel, female, age 33, b. Pa

Eliza Krimmel, female, age 12, b. Pa

Jordan Krimmel, male, age 8, b. Pa,

Watson Krimmel, male, age 5, b. Pa<sup>8</sup>

Seth Ziegler, male, age 35

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<sup>7</sup> copy sent by Kathy Addis, 10 July 1994.

<sup>8</sup> This son is listed in the 1860 census as William Krimmel, age 15. . William W. Crimmell m. Margaret Kauffman, 18 Feb. 1869 (from the Pennell files). W. W. Crimmell is listed as a laborer in Patterson in the 1895 tax list of Juniata County. W. Watson Crimmell is buried at Westminster Cemetery in Mifflintown township but I do not have any dates from this. (all from notes sent by Kathy Addis, 1994). W. W. Crimmell of Patterson wrote the following on Jan. 27, 1895 which was used in the probate of his estate after his death on 31 Jan. 1908 about 11 p.m. "By the order of W. W. Crimmell this eveling [sic] John Crimmell is to tend and Settle my accounts with all hom I ow and this propoty is to Remain in the hands of my wife and John Crimmell as long as my wife lives then John can settel so sai Christ Harry Tomie Nora Clara". Will Book E, p. 191, Juniata Co. Christ Crimmell died 17 Feb. 1904, age 32 yrs, 5 mo, 25 d., son of W. W. & Margaret Crimmell, and was buried at the Presbyterian Cemetery, Mifflintown. (Juniata County death record sent by Kathy Addis, 1994).

Turbett Twp., Juniata Co., PA, p. 225, 10 Oct. 1850<sup>9</sup>  
William Krimmel, male, age 30, farmer, b. Pa  
E. Krimmel, female, age 25, b. Pa

The 1850 census lists Elizabeth Krimmel and family without John so the presumption is that he died about 1845 or shortly thereafter. From the census records, we presume that John was born 1780 - 1790 and was married about 1810. Elizabeth was born about 1794 and thus significantly younger than her husband.

Although Samuel Krimmel has “always” been known to our family (I knew several people that had known him), the connection to John Krimmel took years of research. For me, the clinching proof of relationship is pieced together from family letters to Samuel and Hester Krimmel, which I have now and are quoted below, plus the discovery by Kathy Addis in 1994 of the death record of Susan Hostetler, d. 22 Feb. 1901, age 86 years, 6 mo., 13 d. which names her parents as John and Elizabeth Crimmell.

Pat Crimmel has collected the following information on this family. Her line of the family uses the spelling Crimmel which is the one used in many of the earlier county records as well. I’ve used her references internally and added any others as footnotes.

#### Children of John and Elizabeth Krimmel

- i. William Crimmel, b. ca. 1812, d. 8 March 1889<sup>10</sup>, m. Mary M Wetzler, 25 Apr. 1836, d. 1862.<sup>11</sup> The marriage is found in the Grooms Index at Juniata County Historical Society and in the Juniata Free Press, 10 May 1836. He married (2) Caroline Hostetler<sup>12</sup> about 1864. William is reported in the 1840, 1850 and 1860<sup>13</sup> census records of Juniata County. In 1880 he is listed with wife Caroline and sons Thompson, age 19, and Orin, age 16.<sup>14</sup>
- ii. Susannah Crimmel, b. 10 May 1810 [probably corrected by the footnote below which indicates she was born in 1813], d. 22 Feb. 1901, buried at Thompsettown, Juniata Co., PA. She married John Hostetler about 1839.<sup>15</sup> Her birth, marriage and death information

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<sup>9</sup> This one is missing from my notes so I have added it from material sent by Kathy Addis, 1994.

<sup>10</sup> William Crimmel was on the roll of members of Mifflintown Lutheran Church, 15 May 1854. Sent by Kathy Addis, 1994, from the Pennell Files.

<sup>11</sup> Mary M. Crimmel, died 15 Jan. 1862, age 44 yrs, 3 mo., 13 d., buried Center Lutheran Church. She was on the 13 May 1849 communion list of Mifflintown Lutheran Church. Sent by Kathy Addis, 1994, from Pennell Files (Walker Township Cemetery).

<sup>12</sup> The family of Caroline Hostetler, b. 1 Jan. 1842, d. Oct. 1909, married William Crimmel who d. 8 March 1889, is included in Descendants of Jacob Hochstetler, the immigrant of 1736, by Rev. Harvey Hostetler (1912, Brethren Publishing House, Elgin, IL), p. 765. They had one son, Orin H. Crimmel, b. 20 Apr. 1864 and he had two children, a son William T. Crimmel, b. 13 Feb. 1889 and a daughter, Winniefred B. Crimmel, b. 26 July 1894.

<sup>13</sup> The 1860 census of Walker Twp., p 872, shows William Krimmel, age 48, wife Mary, age 45, and children Jordan, 18, William, 15, Mary E., 6, and Alice S., 3. Sent by Kathy Addis, 1994.

<sup>14</sup> Pat Crimmel, letter to Dan Olds, 24 Oct. 1996, reported that she was in contact with a Gene Gaddy of Dallas, TX, who was a descendant of Elizabeth Crimmel Bruner, first child of William and Mary. Kathy Addis, 1994, reported the marriage of Elizabeth Crimmel and Josiah Bruner, both of Walker Twp, on 16 Dec. 1858. (from the Pennell Files).

<sup>15</sup> The family of John Hostetler, b. 15 April 1798, d. 26 Sept. 1872, married Susan Crimmel, d. 22 Feb. 1901 is included in  
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- is from Amish and Amish Mennonite Genealogies by Gingrich. She was living with her sister Mary Ann Egler in the 1860 census of Walker Twp., Juniata Co.<sup>16 17</sup>
- iii. Daniel Crimmel married Susan. He is on the tax lists of Juniata County for 1845 - 1851 and bought a house and lot in 1845.<sup>18 19</sup>
  - iv. John A. Crimmel, b. ca. 1819, married Sophia Heffly, Feb. 1849.<sup>20</sup>
  2. v. Samuel Krimmel. See below.
  - vi. Mary Ann Crimmel, 1824 - 1898, m. William M. Eagler (1832 -1913) about 1858. They are buried at Locust Run Cemetery, Old Section, row 21.<sup>21</sup>
  - vii. David Crimmel, b. 28 May 1827<sup>22</sup>, d. 20 Jun 1902, Beale, Juniata Co., and buried at Academia, Juniata Co.<sup>23</sup> He was living with his mother in the 1850 census and with his wife and next to his brothers John and Henry in the 1860 census of Spruce Hill Twp., Juniata Co.<sup>24</sup> Pat Crimmel lists the wife's name as Lucy Ann.<sup>25</sup>
  - viii. Henry Crimmel, b. ca. 1832, married Mary A. \_\_\_\_ about 1857. There is a Henry Crimmel in the 18th Militia (1862-1863) and one in the 171st Pennsylvania.<sup>26 27</sup>
  - ix. Alfred Crimmel, b. 12 May 1834, Mexico, Juniata Co., PA., died 13 Feb. 1905, and buried

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<sup>15</sup>(...continued)

Descendants of Jacob Hochstetler, the immigrant of 1736, by Rev. Harvey Hostetler (1912, Brethren Publishing House, Elgin, IL), p. 761. They had three children, Anna E., b. 2 Sept. 1840, James Walker, b. 15 Oct. 1844, and Catherine.

<sup>16</sup> The 1850 census of Walker Twp., p. 242.5, 25 Sept. 1850, lists the family of Jno. Hostetler (or Hosteller or Hostetter), age 49, with S. Hosteller, female, age 30, A. Hostetler, female, age 10, J. W. Hostetler, male, age 6, Infant, female, age 4/12, and S. Cander, female, age 25.

<sup>17</sup> Kathy Addis, in 1994, sent a Juniata County Historical Society Archives transcript from the Emmanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery, showing John Hostetler, d. 7 Oct. 1872 and wife Susan C. Crimmel, d. 22 Feb. 1901, age 86 y, 6 m, 13 d. This gives a calculated birth date of 9 Aug. 1814, in keeping with the birth order Pat Crimmel uses.

<sup>18</sup> the same transcript of tombstones at Emmanuel Lutheran Church shows Susan, wife of Daniel Crimmel, d. 12 March 1880, age 63 y, 5 m., 3 d. No Daniel Crimmel is listed. There is a marker for Thomas Crimmel, Priv. Co I, 53rd Regt. PV, with no dates and one for Sarah Jane, wife of Thomas Crimmel, d. 9 Jan. 1908, age 60 y, 1 m, 13 d.

<sup>19</sup> Susan Crimmel of Thompsontown, Juniata County, made her will on 6 March 1880 and died Friday, 12 March 1880 at about 2 p.m. She mentioned her son Thomas Crimmel and her daughter Hester Ann Elizabeth Long who "shall divide between them whatever is due from my father's estate". Sarah Jane Crimmel was the wife Susan's son Thomas and her daughter Hester Ann Elizabeth was the wife of Shelburn Long. She made a bequest to John Thomas Masterson, nephew of her son's wife. Will Book C, 1875-1891, film 941729, SLC.

Kathy Addis, 1994, reported that W. D. Long and Hester A. E. Crimmel were married 24 Oct. 1871 (from the Pennell Files).

<sup>20</sup> The 1860 census of Spruce Hill Twp, Juniata County, lists John Crimell, age 40, wife Sophia, age 31, with children Elizabeth, Marthi, and Ann Eliza. (sent by Kathy Addis, 1994).

<sup>21</sup> A cemetery transcription from the Juniata County Historical Society Archives in Mifflintown, sent by Kathy Addis, 1994, shows this couple and at least two children, John A. (1868 - 1930) and Cora A. (1859 - 1934).

<sup>22</sup> David Crimmel, son of \_\_\_\_ of Greenwood Twp., (Delaware Twp.) was born 24 May 1827. From Pennell Files, sent by Kathy Addis, 1994. I need to know more about the nature of this reference.

<sup>23</sup> according to the records of J. O. Brown, undertaker, David Crimmel, age 75 y, 1 m, 2 d, was buried on 30 June 1902 at Academia. Sent by Kath Addis, 1994.

<sup>24</sup> The 1860 census shows David Krimel, age 32, wife Anna Krimel, age 23, and no children. Sent by Kathy Addis, 1994.

<sup>25</sup> Lucy Ann Crimmell, b. Snyder Co., d. 11 Aug. 1899, age 69 y, 5 m., 2d, died in Beale Twp. and is buried at Academia. David Crimmel, d. 20 June 1902, age 75 y, 1 m. 6 d, died in Beale Twp. and is buried in Academia. Sent by Kathy Addis, 1994.

<sup>26</sup> The 1860 census of Spruce Hill Twp., Juniata Co., list Henry Krimel, age 24, Mary A. Krimel, age 25, and children Hannah E. and Joseph C.

<sup>27</sup> John. H. Crimel, son of Henry and Mary A., d. 4 Feb. 1867, age 1 mo., is buried at the Ebenezer United Methodist Church, Spruce Hill Twp., Juniata Co. Sent by Kathy Addis, 1994.

in lot 393, St. Marks Cemetery, Lewistown, Juniata Co. Pat Crimmel refers to an article in the Port Royal Times dated 23 Feb 1905 which stated that O. H. Crimmel<sup>28</sup> and wife attended the funeral of their uncle Alfred Crimmel of Lewistown and that he left a widow, five grown children and a brother in Illinois. She also has a copy of his obituary in The Daily Centinel of Lewistown, PA.

## GENERATION TWO

**2. Samuel Krimmel.** He was born in Mifflintown, PA. His birth date was 22 June 1822, according to his tombstone in Forest Hill Cemetery, Wyandot, IL. Although a note in his Bible gives his birth date as 15 June 1829, this does not seem consistent with other records, such as the census records. He died in Bureau Co., IL, on 22 April 1900.

He married Hester Dunn of Juniata Co., PA. She was born on 22 July 1822 and died 26 Aug. 1898 in Bureau Co., IL. She is also buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Wyandot, IL. They were married in Juniata County, 2 Jan. 1849.<sup>29</sup> The only other Krimmell marriage listed in the reference is that of John Krimmell to Sophia Heffly, 20 Feb. 1849. Most of the marriages listed in this reference are associated with a state, town or township, but these had none. Of potential future interest is the marriage of Thos. Dunn to Evalina Coltrider, both of Fayette, on 11 Oct. 1848, in the same reference.

The 1850 census of Juniata Co., PA, lists this family as follows:

Walker Twp., page 247.5, 13 Oct. 1850  
Saml. Krimmel age 27, male, farmer, b. Pa.  
Hester Krimmel age 27, female, b. Pa.  
Ann Krimmel age 1, female, b. Pa.

There are other families of Krimmel, Crimmel, and especially Dunn in this record. The only Dunn likely to have been Hester's father is:

Fayette Twp., p. 289, 23 Oct. 1850  
James Dunn, male, age 60, farmer, b. Pa  
Eliza Dunn, female (male in my notes!), age 54, b. Pa  
Eliza Dunn, female, age 21, b. Pa  
Ephraim Dunn, male, age 20, b. Pa  
Cath Dunn, female, age 18, b. Pa  
Jonah Dunn, male, age 14, b. Pa  
Peter Boris, male, age 22, b. Pa.

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<sup>28</sup> Orin H. Crimmel was the son of William and Caroline (Hostetler) Crimmel.

<sup>29</sup> Marriages by Rev. Dr. Mathew (Matthew) Allison, Juniata Co. A typescript in the Penn. State Library, Harrisburg, PA, seen 16 July 1998. I did not find an indication of his church affiliation in the reference but Kathy Addis has a reference to "Marriages of the Presbyterian Congregation of Lost Creek & Mifflintown, PA by John Hutchinson, Pastor, and Matthew Allison, Pastor", p. 252, with the same Krimmel marriages.



According to the obituary of Hester Krimmel, they came to Illinois in 1857. The obituary of Anna Belle Krimmel Olds says they came to Illinois when she was 7 (2 Oct. 1856 - 1 Oct. 1857). This is further supported by later census records showing that they came between the births of Catherine and Emma.

I do not have the 1860 census record. The 1870 census of Bureau Co., IL, lists the family as living in Wyanet twp. on 15 Aug. 1870.

Saml. Crimmel	48	b. Penn.
Hester	47	b. Penn.
Catherine	14	b. Penn.
Emma	12	b. Ill.
Addie	9	b. Ill.
Francis	7	b. Ill.

In this census record, the previous family listed was

John Olds	23	b. Ill
Anna	20	b. Penn.
Bryant	5/12	b. Ill. in Feb.
Jas. Crimmel	17	b. Penn. farm hand
Alf Anderson	22	b. Sweden farm hand

(This is Anna Belle Krimmel who married John Olds and her brother James is living with them.)

The 1880 census record gives

Indiantown, Bureau Co., Ill.		father born	mother born
Samuel Crimmel	58 b. Pa	---	---
Hester	59 wife, b. Pa.	Pa.	Pa.
Addie	19 dau., b. Ill.	Pa.	Pa.
Annie <sup>30</sup>	16 dau., b. Ill.	Pa.	Pa.

I have four obituaries or death notices for Hester Dunn Krimmel. These are from unidentified newspaper clippings.

#### "OBITUARY MRS. SAMUEL KRIMMEL

"Hester Dunn was born in Juniata county, Pennsylvania, July 22, 1822. In 1847, she married Mr. Samuel Krimmel. By this marriage there were seven children: six daughters and one son, six of whom are living. Mr. and Mrs. Krimmel, in 1857, moved to Illinois, where in the vicinity of Wyanet they have since resided.

"Unexpectedly, Friday, August 26, 1898, Mrs. Krimmel passed from the daily services of earthly life into the unseen future.

"She was a kind and affectionate mother, deeply interested in the welfare of her children. She

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<sup>30</sup> this may be my copying error; anyway this is Fannie, not Annie

was respected and loved by the community in which she lived and leaves a whole circle of intimate friends and acquaintances to mourn for her.

"One who has known her intimately said of her: 'The best woman that ever lived.'

"Sunday noon a brief service for the family was held at the late residence. Then the silent, mournful procession bore her remains to the First Cong'l Church of Wyanet, where public services were held. The congregation of sympathising friends and neighbors crowded the audience room and vestry and vestibule.

"The services were concluded at beautiful Forest Hill Cemetery where the remains were laid to rest, Rev. R. Stetson, officiating."

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"The funeral of Grandma Krimmel was held last Sunday in the Congregational Church; sermon by the pastor, singing by Messrs. Montgomery and Weaver, and Misses Mate Stryker and Hannah Isaacson of the M. E. Church. The deceased had apparently been in better health than usual for some time past, and with her husband spent Thursday, the 25th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Olds, in town, remarking while there that she hadn't felt as well in a long time. Friday a.m. she was about her household duties; did her ironing; then prepared beets for canning; in order to replenish her fire, she went to the wood house for a basket of cobs, and was found there by her husband a short time afterward; having fallen over her basket. She was still breathing, but unconscious. Mr. Gordon, the nearest neighbor, was summoned, and the son, James Krimmel, a little farther away. They got her to the house, but she ceased breathing very soon. Apoplexy was the cause of death. She was a native of Pennsylvania and was seventy-six years of age. There were several children in the family, four daughters and one son being settled within a few miles of the old home. Mrs. Booth, of Providence, Mrs. Stinson, of Buda, Mrs. Rhodes and James Krimmel, at Union, four miles south, and Mrs. J. H. Olds, of Wyanet. These with their families were all present at the funeral, which was very largely attended. She leaves a large circle of friends and acquaintances, who sympathize with the aged husband and other relatives in their affliction. The remains were interred in Forest Hill Cemetery. --B.C. Republican."

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"Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Rhodes and Mr. and Mrs. David Booth drove to Peoria last Friday and had been in the city but about three hours when they received a telegram announcing the death of their mother, Mrs. Samuel Krimmel, which occurred at her residence near Union about 11 o'clock Friday forenoon. She was about 76 years of age, leaves a husband, five daughters and one son to mourn her sudden departure."

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**"Mrs. Hester Krimmel"<sup>31</sup>**

"Mrs. Hester Krimmel, nee Dum, died suddenly at her home, three miles south of Wyanet, Friday, August 26, 1898.

"She was born in Juniata county, Pa., July 22, 1822. In 1847 she became the wife of Samuel Krimmel. In 1857, she moved to Bureau county, where they have since resided.

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<sup>31</sup> The paper name on this clipping mostly missing, is Bureau C...

"She left a husband and six children, sixteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren to mourn their loss. Mrs. Krimmel was in good health up to the time of her death.

"Mrs. Krimmel preserved her physical health to a remarkable degree, and long after ordinary women are considered old she was erect, full of life and vigor and well preserved for one who had been through so many labors and cares of life. She was one of the most genial and gracious of women, patient and systematic, taking matters as easy as if time existed by her permission.

"The funeral services were held in the Congregational Church at Wyanet Sunday afternoon, August 28. The church was filled by loving friends. Rev. Stetson conducted the services, after which she was followed to Forest Hill cemetery where she was quietly laid to rest in mortal's last resting place.

#### A FRIEND

No lingering clouds around her fireside hung  
Nor entered her home to stay  
Her shining spirit would pass them by,  
And send them on their way.

She walked in pureness, like the night  
Of stormless winds and starlit skies.  
And all that was love and brightness  
We met in her beaming eyes.

In the long path she left behind,  
She led a life of soul sincere;  
Stood firm at the wheel until the last,  
In action faithful, in honor clear.

Her aim was of the highest mind;  
To break no promise, serve faithful to the end;  
Leave behind her deeds of goodness;  
Gain no worldly title, but lose no friend.

Her moral heart was as pure as the lily,  
And bravely her life of health was sped;  
With a long remembrance that she lived,  
Her name shall be written with the dead.  
And now in the silent earth reclines her clay,  
That clay where once such ambition beam'd  
Lies dormant in its grave alone,  
Worthy and waiting to be redeemed.

To part with such a soul as this,  
Seems to us a vain endeavor;

Yet, we know the mortal cares of life

Are past, with her, forever.

[This unattributed poem has some elements of "She Walks in Beauty" by Lord Byron but is not the same]

Family tradition states that Hester Dunn Krimmel was one-quarter Cherokee.<sup>32</sup> This tradition was suppressed by certain members of the family (especially, it is said, by Aunt Myra Olds) and I have been unable to verify it. (The 1790 census of Pa. lists a Thomas Dunn (red) and also a Thomas Dunn (black). What is the significance of this?)

I have a few family letters which provide some clues to the ancestry of Samuel Krimmel and (perhaps) Hester Dunn. He was probably of German descent. In fact, both he and his wife are said to have been able to speak German. "I never heard of any other relatives of Samuel Krimmel or Hester Dunn. I know that Samuel Krimmel was born in Mifflintown, Juanita County, Penn. June 22, 1822. He died April 22, 1900 east of Providence. His mother was German. Hester Dunn as born in Penn. July 17 1822 -- died August 26, 1898, at her house three miles south of Wyanet. She probably was of German descent as both she and her husband spoke the language. I do have Hester Krimmel's obituary and note that she was born in **JUNIATA** Co. Penn. and this is the spelling used."

On 29 Nov. 1896, Mrs. Amil E. Lang of Lewistown, Mifflin Co., Pa., wrote to "respected Uncle" Samuel Krimmel of Wyanet, Ill., and described herself as Hester, daughter of his brother Daniel and mentions her uncle John, brother Tomie, her mother (dead 15 years), her own three girls and two boys, and uncle Henry. Her oldest son, Tomie, living in Altoona, "brakes on the road" and has one little girl. She called her oldest girl Susan and she is married to a Mr. Powell and lives in Millerstown. The two children still at home are a boy, Jasie (?), and a girl, Dasie (?). The youngest girl is dead.

Mrs. Susan Hostetler of Thompsontown, Pa., begins her letters to Samuel Krimmel "Dear Brother and Sister". She mentions brother Alford and "Sister Mary Ann Eagler". A letter to Samuel's daughter Addie Stinson, from this same "Aunt Susan" also mentions "sister Mary Ann". She mentions "sister Hettie" who seems to be Hester Krimmel. Susan Hostetler mentions a son James. She addresses Addie Stinson as "my dear niece". It was the discovery, by Kathy Addis, of the death record of this Susan Hostetler, naming her parents, that conclusively forged the link to her parents, John and Elizabeth Krimmel.

I have an old list of deaths in the Krimmel family. It is written in pencil, author unknown:

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<sup>32</sup> "I do know that Anna Belle Krimmel's father was Samuel Krimmel who married a 1/4 Cherokee Indian girl Milford told me this years ago and I did write it down so that Charles' children would know of it." Myrle (Schell) Olds Rose, letter to Dan W. Olds, 28 Feb. 1974

"Mother Krimmel died August the 26, 1898  
Anna Krimmel died Sept. the 27, 1898  
Father Krimmel died April the 22 1900  
Bertha Estella Booth died December the 8 1883"

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"The funeral of Mr. Samuel Krimmel was held Tuesday p.m. from the home of his daughter, Mrs. Rhodes, two miles south of Providence, and very largely attended -- Rev. Stetson officiating. The deceased had been in feeble health for some time, and about six weeks ago had a stroke of paralysis, which rendered him perfectly helpless until his death on Sunday night. He was born in Pennsylvania seventy-seven years and ten months ago, had been a resident of Bureau county for over forty years, most of the time living on his farm some four miles south of town, where his wife died the 26th of August 1898; since which time he has made his home with Mrs. Rhodes, besides whom he leaves three other daughters, Mrs. Stinson and Mrs. Foster of Buda, and Mrs. J. H. Olds, of Wyanet; and one son, Mr. James Krimmel, four and one-half miles south of town, and a large number of grandchildren and other friends, to mourn his departure. His children were all present at the funeral, also Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Olds, of Princeton. The interment was in the family lot at Forest Hill cemetery. The family have the sympathy of many friends in their sorrow."<sup>33</sup>

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"Deaths: Samuel Krimmel, Providence, d. Apr. 22, age 77."<sup>34</sup>

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"The Wyanet correspondent in speaking last week of the children of Mr. Kimmel [sic] must have forgotten that Mrs. Daniel [sic] Booth of Providence is also a daughter."<sup>35</sup>

Bryant Olds told the story of his grandpa Krimmel who would not sleep in the house when his wife was away. He slept in the barn with the horses (for company?).<sup>36</sup>

On 23 Feb. 1974, I wrote Robert Johnson of Wyanet because he was caretaker of the cemetery there and I had noticed, a few years earlier, that Samuel Krimmel's grave was decorated with a flag for Memorial Day and wondered why. He replied:

"Burial in Lot #271

"b. June 22, 1822 Mr. Samuel Krimmel, died 22 April 1900, buried 24 April 1900, age 77 yrs. 10 da [sic], last residence Tiskilwa.

"b. July 22, 1822 Mrs. Samuel Krimmel, died 26 Aug. 1898, buried 28 Aug., 1898, age 76 yrs, 1 m. 4 da, last residence Indiantown.

"James Krimmel bought lot #271 the 2nd day of Sept. A. D. 1898 and I. D. Hull was President of Wyanet and B. S. Edwards being Clerk of Village. Perpetual care on lot was paid 5-3-1927 by whom I cannot find.

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<sup>33</sup> Bureau County Republican, Thursday, April 26, 1900, under County News, Wyanet.

<sup>34</sup> Bureau County Republican, Thursday, April 26, 1900.

<sup>35</sup> Bureau County Republican, 3 May 1900, under Providence.

<sup>36</sup> conversation, Mrs. Pearle Olds, 9 June 1971.

“I asked Kenneth Towne who takes care of V.F. W records and they have no record of any Armed Service. Kenney thought maybe when they mowed the cemetery that someone moved the decoration and forgot to put Flag back at proper grave. If you know that we was in service, I know Kenney Towne would be glad to know and they would decorate the grave every Decoration Day.”<sup>37</sup>

#### Children of Samuel and Hester (Dunn) Krimmel

3. Anna Belle Krimmel	b. 2 Oct. 1849	d. 21 May 1937
4. Mary Eliza Krimmel	b. 4 Oct. 1851	d. age 1 yr, 1 m.
5. James Lock <sup>38</sup> Krimmel	b. 22 Aug. 1853	d. 4 April 1932
6. Catherine Malinda Krimmel	b. 14 March 1855 (1856)	d. 3 May 1937
7. Mary Emma Krimmel	b. 31 Oct. 1858 (1857?, 1859?)	d. 11 March 1937
8. Addie Lavenia Krimmel	b. 14 March 1861	d. 15 March 1936
9. Frances Krimmel	b. 24 Aug. 1864	d. 1 Nov. 1935

There are some small disagreements on these dates among the old records I have, the obituaries, and the census.

#### GENERATION THREE

**3. Anna Belle Krimmel.** Anna Belle Krimmel, daughter of Samuel and Hester (Dunn) Krimmel, was born 2 Oct. 1849 in Juniata Co., Pa., and died 21 May 1937 at her home in Bureau County, IL.

On 15 April 1869, in Bureau County, she married John Hixon Olds who was born in Princeton, IL, on 21 May 1847 and died 8 July 1901. They are buried in the Forest Hill Cemetery, Wyand, IL.

Further details of her life and family come from her obituary. It is dated Thursday, May 27, 1937.<sup>39</sup>

“Anna Belle Olds, 88, Summoned at Her Home Here Friday  
“A member of pioneer family Bureau County; Funeral Services on Monday.

"Mrs. Anna Belle Krimmel Olds, 88, one of the early settlers of Bureau County, and a lifelong resident, passed away in peace at the close of day Friday, May 21st. She had been confined to her home and bed since last July, but even so, she had an ever-glowing spirit of contentment.

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<sup>37</sup> Robert G. Johnson, Vlg. Treas., to Dan W. Olds, 1974.

<sup>38</sup> middle name from Joyce Stinson Webb, letter to Dan W. Olds, 12 Feb. 1961

<sup>39</sup> a newspaper clipping in my collection.

"Funeral services were conducted at her home on Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, with the Rev. Mr. H. L. Brett pastor of the Wyanet Methodist Episcopal church, officiating. Two of her favorite songs, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere", and "City Foursquare" were sung by Mrs. Elmer Anthony and Mrs. Earl Mount. The pall bearers were Earl Mount, Glenn Mosher, C. F. Winterberg, A. E. Bergh, Elmer Anthony, Earl Jegglic. The pall bearers with the exception of Mr. Jegglic, were sons of her old friends.

"Interment was made in Forest Hill Cemetery.

"Anna Belle Krimmell was born on October 2, 1849, in Mifflintown, Pa., and was the oldest daughter of Samuel and Hester Krimmell. When seven years of age she came with her parents to Illinois who settled in the vicinity of Tiskilwa. Here she spent her girlhood, attending the public schools and the Tiskilwa high school, and the Methodist Church.

"The deceased was married to John H. Olds on April 15, 1869, and they settled on a farm nearby Tiskilwa and four miles south of Wyanet, where they made their home for a number of years, later moving to Wyanet. Mr. Olds here built the residence known as the Larson home and still later the present place where they continued to live. Mrs. Olds had lived in the present house for 44 years. Mr. Olds passed away on July 8, 1901, thirty-six years ago. Since that time her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. George Dahl, have made their home with her almost continually.

"To Mr. and Mrs. Olds were born eight children -- Bryant Olds, Howard Olds, Mrs. Elmer Sapp, all deceased, Mrs. M. G. Whitney of Cour d'Alene, Idaho, Guy M. Olds, deceased, Mrs. C. J. Webster, of Portland, Ore., John C. Olds, deceased, and Mrs. George C. Dahl of Wyanet.

"Mrs. Olds was the last of a pioneer family, her parents and brothers and sisters have all preceded her in death -- James Krimmel, Mrs. Lucius Rhodes, Mrs. David Booth, Mrs. Geo. Stinson and Mrs. Stephen Foster.

"Besides the three daughters mentioned, Mrs. Olds leaves the following grandchildren, Mrs. Warner Van Aken of Cold Water, Mich., Milford Olds and Austin Olds, of Chicago, Robert Olds of Newark, Ohio, Justin Olds of Marseilles, Bernadine Olds of Wyanet, Maxine Whitney and Merrill Whitney of Cour d'Alene, Idaho, Mrs. Clyde Campbell and Elizabeth Olds, Wyanet.

"There are nine great grandchildren, Marjory Van Aken, Bryant Van Aken and Elmer Van Aken, Charles Bryant Olds, Billy Whitney, Bobby Whitney, Danny Olds, Jackie Olds and Dickie Olds.

"Mrs. Olds was taken sick in July of last year and has been confined to the house and bed practically the entire period since that date, until the time of her death on Friday evening, May 21st 1937. She slipped peacefully away just at the close of day just as the sun was going down, having reached the advanced age of eighty-eight years. Throughout the recent months she endured much suffering with declining strength, but through it all constantly displayed a quiet and patient spirit so typical of her character. In these months she was most faithfully ministered to by her daughter Mrs. George Dahl. All that love and devotion could do was gladly done to make her comfortable and contented.

"The passing of Mrs. Olds is the breaking of another link that binds this generation to the pioneers, for Mr. and Mrs. Olds made their home and spent their lives in this vicinity of Bureau County. As these pass from amongst [us,] we sense a loss for their struggles and fortitude and

sturdy uprightness to worthy ideals were the very foundations that made this great section of our land what it is today. We owe a debt to them and trust that we as their successors may be like them, courageous and faithful in our day.

"Mrs. Olds was one of those quiet, unassuming personalities who go about life's duties with a faithfulness which is highly commendable. She ministered well to the cares of her household and in her quiet way forgot not to minister to those who were in need, and thus carried on a helpful ministry.

"She will be missed by a large number of friends for to know her was to love her. Her memory will be with her own loved ones who remain as a sweet fragrance.

"Say not goodbye but rather bid me good morning in God's better land.

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“Memoriam

To Anna Belle Krimmel Olds

“I stood by a flower-decked casket,  
That held a treasure rare.  
I looked upon the face of one I knew.  
The wealth of all the Indias  
Could not equal the value of love sleeping there.  
It was a mother. Her face set in lines of calm repose.  
Oh, could she but whisper the secret of Eternity she knows  
That has set her tired and careworn features  
In such peaceful rest.  
Another mother lies sleeping there,  
Another mother with snow-white hair.  
Others came and went, I sensed them not.  
I stood and gazed. The World forgot.  
Because a mother lay sleeping there,  
Her once stern, but faintly smiling face  
Speaking to us a message of hope  
Eternal in the human breast,  
Of a day to come when we, too, shall  
Pass this way.  
So still and peaceful too.  
There may be faint regret o'er some sad mistake  
But there is only One, a perfect pattern, that passed this way,  
For us to thread our loom, and weave life's pattern by, so fair.  
What happens? When the weary spirit passes  
Through the open Portal, from this  
Changing Sphere, into Life's Eternal Plan?  
Our mothers, who have guided our faltering childish feet,  
And smoothed our brows of man's and maiden's cares,  
The one of all who understood the sudden thrust



Of Life's sharp pain and burdens hard to bear,  
Gone to well-earned joy and peace,  
Our Sainted Mothers.  
By a Friend"

Her death record is filed in the Bureau County Courthouse in Princeton, IL. It gives her father as Samuel Krimmel, b. Mifflintown, PA, and her mother as Hester Dunn, b. PA. She was born 2 Oct. 1849 in Mifflintown, PA, and died 31 (according to my notes, although this date is incorrect) May 1937. The cause of death was cerebral hemorrhage.

I have her Bible, printed in New York by the American Bible Society in 1872. It is inscribed "From John H. Olds to his beloved wife Anna Bell Olds, Wyanet, January 1st, 1873". The marriages, births, and deaths of the family are recorded in it, up to the time of her own death, beginning with herself and her husband. In this record, her name is spelled Anna Bell Crimmel. This Bible is the source of the following list.

Children of John Hixon and Anna Belle (Krimmel) Olds

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| 10. Bryant Olds     | b. 17 Feb. 1870 | d. 14 Dec. 1929                |
| 11. infant son      | b. 9 Sept. 1871 | d. 28 Sept. 1871 <sup>40</sup> |
| 12. Howard Olds     | b. 26 Aug. 1872 | d. 12 July 1928                |
| 13. Edna Olds       | b. 14 Feb. 1874 | d. 29 Jan. 1923                |
| 14. Blanche Olds    | b. 5 Nov. 1875  | d. 24 Dec. 1942 <sup>41</sup>  |
| 15. Guy Melvin Olds | b. 7 Sept. 1877 | d. 14 Feb. 1916 <sup>42</sup>  |
| 16. Lucy Olds       | b. 23 Oct. 1879 | d. 23 Feb. 1943 <sup>43</sup>  |
| 17. John C. Olds    | b. 8 July 1882  | d. 20 Oct. 1936                |
| 18. Myra Olds       | b. 1 Aug. 1884  | d. 10 May 1960 <sup>44</sup>   |

**5. James Lock Krimmel.** James Lock Krimmel, son of Samuel and Hester (Dunn) Krimmel, was born 22 Aug. 1853 and died 4 April 1932 in Bureau Co., IL, at the age of 78 y., 7 m. 13 d.<sup>45</sup> His heirs at law were his sisters Kate Rhodes, Emma Booth, Anna Belle Olds, Roy Maynard as executor of the will of Fannie Foster, and A. G. Stinson as administrator of the estate of Addie Stinson.

James Krimmel married (first), in 1878, Anna K. Wyatt. They had no children (see obituary quoted below). She died 20 Sept. 1898 (according to his obituary). The list of deaths quoted in the section on Samuel and Hester Krimmel gives this date as 27 Sept. 1898. Her tombstone in

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<sup>40</sup> my photo of his marker appears to read "died Oct. 18, 1872"

<sup>41</sup> death date from Maxine Whitney

<sup>42</sup> The Bible record contains a Melvin Olds with this birth date, but the name has been marked out. I have added the middle name from the obituary.

<sup>43</sup> death date added from her obituary, quoted later.

<sup>44</sup> death date from the tombstone

<sup>45</sup> from records in Princeton, IL. His middle name is supplied by Joyce Stinson Webb, letter, 1961. The death record names his parents as Samuel and Hester Krimmel, both born in PA.

Forest Hill Cemetery, Wyandot, IL, reads "Ann E., wife of James L. Krimmel, born Apr. 8, 1855, died Sept 27, 1898". They raised a niece, Maude Kinneman, who married Roy Maynard.<sup>46</sup>

"The following was told to Myrtle and Nevin Arnold by Lester Whited of Buda, Ill. who remembers Jim Krimmel, brother of Annabelle Olds, Emma Booth, Catharine Rhodes and Fannie Foster. 'Jim Krimmel's first wife was a Wyatt. Jim's second wife whose name was Decker had a daughter Mabel who married Elmer Booth. Jim Krimmel and Harry Kinneman married sisters. Harry Kinneman was Lester Whited's grandfather. Jim Krimmel had a good team of horses and knew how to drive them'.

"Evidently the Krimmels had a way with horses as the above infers. I know my great-grandmother, Fannie Krimmel Foster was 'horse crazy'".<sup>47</sup>

"In my hurried note I neglected to explain who Myrtle and Nevin Arnold are as you asked. Nevin is my grandfather (Chas. Arnold)'s younger brother. They live right in back of us so Aunt Myrtle & I have a great time running back and forth with bits of genealogical info. that we discover."<sup>48</sup>

James Krimmel married (second), in 1900, Mrs. Helen (Mayhew) Decker who was born in Providence, IL., on 27 Oct. 1855 and died in Tiskilwa, IL, on 1 Dec. 1922.<sup>49</sup> (See her obituary below for further information.) James, Helen, and their son Howard are buried in the older section of Mt. Bloom Cemetery, Tiskilwa, IL, where the dates on the tombstones show years only: Krimmel: James L. 1853-1932; J. Howard, 1900-1921; Mother, 1855-1922.<sup>50</sup>

James Crimmel of Indiantown was on the list of petit jurors in 1909.<sup>51</sup>

The following obituary is from an unidentified newspaper clipping.

#### "JAMES KRIMMEL

"James Krimmel, 78, passed away at his home in Tiskilwa, April 4, after a prolonged illness. He came from his native state, Pennsylvania, with his parents when he was a little child and had been a lifelong resident of Tiskilwa.

"Mr. Krimmel was married to Anna K. Wyatt in 1878. They had no children but raised Mrs. Roy Maynard as their daughter. Mrs. Krimmel passed away September 20, 1898. His second marriage was to Helen Decker in 1900. They had one son, Howard, who met a tragic death by drowning May 25, 1921, just after his graduation from High School. Mr. Krimmel was again bereaved when his wife passed away December 1, 1922.

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<sup>46</sup> letter from Mr. and Mrs. Harry Booth to Dan W. Olds, [n. d.]

<sup>47</sup> Kathy S. Arnold, letter to Dan W. Olds, 28 Sept. 1967.

<sup>48</sup> Kathy S. Arnold, letter to Dan W. Olds, 15 Dec. 1967.

<sup>49</sup> Her death record in Princeton gives her parents as H. Mayhew and Helen Reed. The date of death is given as above.

<sup>50</sup> Tiskilwa Cemetery, visited 10 June 1971.

<sup>51</sup> Bureau County Tribune, Princeton, Ill., Friday, February 26, 1909.

"The life work of Mr. Krimmel was farming and he was very successful in that calling. For fifteen years he ran the Hinman farm of 600 acres. Later he moved to a smaller place and twelve years ago he retired to locate in the village. He was highly respected in the community where he had a wide circle of friends.

"Besides the foster daughter, Mr. Krimmel is survived by five sisters: Mrs. Kate Rhodes and Mrs. Emma Booth of Tiskilwa, Mrs. Annabelle Olds, of Wyanet; Mrs. Adelaide Stinson and Mrs. Fannie Foster, of Buda. It is a remarkable record that in this family of one brother and five sisters, now ranging in age from 68 to 82 this is the first break in the circle.

"Rev. E. B. Cushing, of Princeton, conducted the funeral services at the home April 6. Music was furnished by Mrs. Harry Cushing and Mrs. Ed Wilson who sang "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" and "Nearer, Still Nearer". The bearers were nephews: Alden Stinson, Elmer Booth, Harry Booth, John C. Olds, Harvey Landis and Roy Maynard. Burial was in the family lot in Mount Bloom Cemetery."

I have no further information on James Krimmel's first wife, but the following obituary provides material on the family of Mrs. Helen Krimmel.<sup>52</sup>

"Mrs. James Krimmel

"Helen Mayhew, daughter of Helen Reid and Holmes Mayhew was born in Providence, Illinois, October 27, 1855 and died at the family residence in Tiskilwa, Illinois, December 1, 1922. Her parents were among the pioneers of Indiantown township and Helen lived the life of an ordinary farmer's daughter, attending the district and high schools and afterwards becoming a teacher in the rural schools.

"In 1877 she was married to Clarence Decker and lived some years in Bradford, Illinois, and later in Chicago, until the death of Mr. Decker. To this union two daughters were born Mrs. Fred Hanson, of Kasber, Illinois, and Mrs. Elmer Booth, of Buda, Illinois. In 1900 Mrs. Decker was united in marriage to James Krimmel and to them was born one son, Howard, a young man of unusual promise, who passed away as a result of a sad drowning accident in May, 1921.

"At the time of her death, she was a member of the Congregational church of Providence, Illinois, having united with that church probably under the ministrations of Rev. Paddock, about 40 years ago. She was a church member and she lived a christian life. Her domestic relations as the head of two households have been of the purest and highest type of the American wife and mother and on the death of her only son, just on the eve of his graduation from the high school, she looked to God for strength and guidance and found her comfort in continuing to be active and interested in the life of her town.

"She was a charter member of the Indiantown Household Science club, and will be greatly missed from that organization in which she took an active part.

"Her husband and two daughters mourn the loss of a loving wife and mother. Her brother, Howard, of Bradford, and four grandchildren, Clarence and George Hanson, Fred and Helen

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<sup>52</sup> Bureau County Republican, Thursday, December 14, 1922.

Booth and a large circle of loving friends will long remember the good sister, the dear grandmother and the genial, kindly friend.

"To those who mourn can any words of more comfort and cheer be spoken than those pronounced by Rev. E. B. Cushing, who conducted the funeral services at the late residence of the deceased. "If a man dies, shall he live again?" The question was asked 3000 years ago and our Savior came and answered it: "He that liveth and believeth in Me shall never die." And so as we think of the sorrowful husband and children, we can perhaps turn our thots from mourning to thots of the glad meeting beyond the grave.

"At the funeral services, the music was beautifully rendered by Mrs. E. M. Wilson and Mrs. Harry Cushing, with Mrs. Cora VanDevort at the piano, the songs being: "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" and "Asleep in Jesus".

Children of James Lock and Helen (Mayhew) Decker Krimmel

19. James Howard Krimmel b. 4 Nov. 1900 d. 25 May 1921

**6. Catherine Malinda Krimmel.** Catherine (or in later records, Katherine) Malinda Krimmel, daughter of Samuel and Hester (Dunn) Krimmel, was born in Pennsylvania on 14 March 1856. She died at her home in Tiskilwa, IL, at 2:00 a.m. on the morning of Monday, 3 May 1937.

On 30 March 1880, she married Lucius A. Rhodes, the son of Crawford J. and Elizabeth (Booth) Rhodes. He was born near Providence, IL, on 12 Jan. 1857 and died at his home in Tiskilwa on 26 April 1928.

The following newspaper clippings provide further information on their lives and family.

"Lucien Rhodes died Thursday morning, not having recovered consciousness after a stroke. Rev. E. B. Cushing assisted by Rev. Bohn officiated at the services at the home Saturday afternoon. There was a large attendance of friends who had known Mr. Rhodes for many years on the farm and in town and he will be missed by many. Among those who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brucher and Mr. and Mrs. William Rhodes, of Peoria. The remains were laid to rest in the new addition to Mt. Bloom, north of the road."

[The following is from the Tiskilwa Chief, May 2, 1928]

"Lucius Rhodes, son of Crawford J. and Elizabeth Booth Rhodes, was born on the old homestead farm, four miles southeast of Providence, on January 12, 1857, and passed away at his home in Tiskilwa on April 26, 1928, at the age of 71 years and 3 months. His illness was very brief. He sustained a stroke of apoplexy, Tuesday afternoon, and, although everything was done for him that skillful and loving hands could do, he never regained consciousness, but passed away in the early hours of Thursday morning.

"Mr. Rhodes passed his youth and early manhood on the old home farm and attended school at Dorr Hill and Providence. March 30, 1880, he was married to Miss Katherine Krimmel, and for 40 years they lived in various farm homes, all within a radius of ten miles of Tiskilwa. In January, 1920, they retired from active farm life and moved to Tiskilwa, which has since been their home.

“Mr. Rhodes was one of the most quiet and unassuming of men, but he possessed just those sterling qualities that make for good citizenship and form the bone and sinew of our nation. He served as school director for a number of terms, and at the time of his death was one of the trustees of the Providence Cemetery Association. He was truly a good man, including all the plain and comprehensive goodness that the term may imply. He was a loving husband and father, a kind neighbor, a loyal friend, and as a citizen was always on the side of right. He possessed a quiet fund of humor that often delighted his friends and sometimes found expression in clever dialect readings at the annual meetings of the Indiantown Household Science Club.

“Mr. Rhodes is survived by the sadly bereaved widow and two sorrowing daughters, Mrs. Grace Landes and Mrs. Bessie Kenney, both of Tiskilwa. There are five surviving grandchildren, and two, Floyd Landes and Harland Kinney, have preceded him in death, and more recently, the one darling great grandchild, Donna Jean Landes of Madison, Wisconsin. Of six sisters and one brother, two sisters survive him. Mrs. Susan Hayward and Mrs. Mattie Belcher, both of Peoria, Illinois, and his brother Edward Rhodes of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

“Funeral services were held at the home in Tiskilwa at 2:30 o’clock Saturday afternoon, April 28, conducted by Rev. E. B. Cushing assisted by Rev. E. J. Bohn. The hymns “He Knows the Way” and “Abide with Me” were sung by Mrs. Ethel Wilson and Mrs. Edna Cushing of Providence. Prayer and scripture reading were by Rev. Bohn, and the sermon from II Cor. I, verses 3, 4, was by Rev. Cushing who prefaced the beautiful and comforting sermon by a personal tribute to the character and friendship of Mr. Rhodes. The interment was beside his nephew [sic], Floyd Landes, in North Mt. Bloom. He was carried to his last resting place by a group of nephews, Bryant Olds, John Olds, Elmer Booth, Harry Booth, Alden Stinson and Ralph Hayward.

“Relatives from out of town attending the funeral were, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hayward, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Melcer, Mrs. and Mrs. Frank Brucher, Mr. and Mrs. Manly Commins, Mr. and Mrs. Will Rhodes, Robert Watrous, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hayward, all of Peoria; Milton Booth and daughter of Atkinson, Ill., Charles and Walter Brown of Washington, Ia.”

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“Mrs. Katherine Rhodes

“Tiskilwa -- Mrs. Katherine Rhodes, 81, died at 2 o’clock this morning at her home in Tiskilwa. She was born in Pennsylvania March 14, 1856, and lived in Tiskilwa 18 years. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Harvey Landes of Princeton, and Mrs. Merle Kenney of Tiskilwa.

“Funeral service will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m. at the Tiskilwa home with Rev. Nunemaker in charge. Burial will be in Mt. Boom cemetery.”

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“MRS. RHODES PASSES AWAY MONDAY A. M.

“Funeral Services at the home Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

“Mrs. Katherine Rhodes passed away at her home, Monday morning at 1:50 a.m., aged 81 years. Mrs. Rhodes has been in failing health for several years but it was not until the last two weeks that her condition became serious and she was confined to her bed.

“Katherine Melinda Rhodes, daughter of Samuel and Hester Dunn Krimmel was born March 14, 1856 in Juniata County, Pennsylvania and passed away Monday May 5 [sic], 1937 at her home in Tiskilwa.

“She is survived by her two daughters, Mrs. Harve Landes of Ashton and Mrs. Merle Kinney, five grandchildren, two great grandchildren, a sister, Mrs. Annabelle Old [sic] of Wyanet and a brother in law, George Stinson of Buda.

“Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o’clock, at the home, with Rev. H. E. Numamaker, pastor of the Mennonite church officiating. Interment was in Mt. Bloom Cemetery.

“The obituary will be printed next week.”

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“Funeral Services Held of Katherine Rhodes at her Home

“Katherine Krimmel Rhodes was born at Mifflintown, Juniata Co., Pennsylvania, on March 14, 1856 and passed away at her home in Tiskilwa, May 3, 1937, being 81 years of age, 1 month and 18 days.

“She was the third child of a family of five daughters and one son born to Samuel and Hester Dunn Krimmel. Of this family, one aged sister, the eldest of the family, survives. She is Mrs. Anna B. Olds of Wyanet.

“When Katherine was about one year old, her parents with their three children, Anna Belle, James and Katherine came to Bureau County, Illinois. Later three other daughters, Emma, Adelaide and Fannie were born. These sisters, and their brother all married and their homes have been in Bureau County.

“On March 30, 1880, Katherine was married to Lucius A. Rhodes, eldest son of Crawford and Elizabeth Booth Rhodes. To this union were born two daughters, Grace, Mrs. Harvey Landes of Ashton, Illinois, and Besse, Mrs. Merle Kenney of Tiskilwa, Illinois.

“Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes followed the occupation of farming for forty years, or until January, 1920, when they moved to Tiskilwa. Mr. Rhodes passed away, April 26, 1928. His wife continued to live on in the house until the spring of 1932, when she suffered a stroke which greatly impaired her speech and health. In October, 1933, she broke her hip which added to her invalidism. Since her stroke she has been lovingly cared for by her daughter, Besse who moved into her home with her.

“Despite her weakened condition she loved life, spending her time in her rocker by the window surrounded by gifts of flowers, cards and candy sent and brought by the friends who passed by and waved to her as they passed. She had gone through the useful period of life and it was a pleasure to know that she had made a host of friends.

“She leaves to mourn her passing, her two daughters and their families. There were three grandsons, two granddaughters and two great grandchildren; two grandsons and a great-granddaughter passed away several years ago. Also she leaves her aged sister, one sister-in-law, and three brothers-in-law, a large number of nieces and nephews, neighbors and friends.

“Mrs. Ethel Wilson and Mrs. Edna Cushing sang “The Old Rugged Cross” and “Asleep in Jesus”.

“Services were conducted by the Rev. H. E. Nunemaker.

“Pallbearers were nephews: Elmer Booth, Harry Booth, Harry Bangston, Ralph Haywood, Roy Maynard, Alden Stinson.

“Relatives from a distance were: Harve Landes and daughter Kathryn of Ashton; Mr. and Mrs.

Douglas McGregor; Mrs. Ann Wastrous<sup>53</sup>, Miss Nellie Rhodes; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hayward; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hayward of Peoria; Mrs. C. N. Booth, Mrs. and Mrs. M. T. Booth, Mrs. Chas. Nelson of Atkinson, Mrs. Thirza Olds and niece of Lasalle.”

Children of Lucius A. and Katherine Malinda (Krimmel) Rhodes.

20. Grace Rhodes b. 1881` d. 1939<sup>54</sup>

21. Besse Rhodes b. 1885 d. 1949<sup>55</sup>

**7. Mary Emma Krimmel.** Mary Emma Krimmel, daughter of Samuel and Hester (Dunn) Krimmel, was born 31 Oct. 1858, near Tiskilwa, IL, and died 11 March 1937 in Tiskilwa at the age of 79 years, 4 months, 11 days.

On 21 Nov. 1878, she married David Booth, son of Joseph and Hannah Booth. He was born in Providence, IL, on 28 Oct. 1855 and died 5 May 1927. David Booth, his parents, his wife, and his two oldest children are buried at Oak Hill Cemetery, Providence, IL.

Again, the story is told in the newspaper clippings.

[from the Tiskilwa Chief newspaper]

“Providence Native Son Passes

“David Booth, son of Joseph and Hannah Booth, was born in Providence, Illinois, October 28, 1855. He was married to Mary Emma Krimmel, November 21, 1878. To this union three children were born, one daughter, Bertha E., who departed this life December 8, 1883, and two sons, Elmer Dewayne and James Harold, both of whom live in Providence community. He followed the occupation of farming his entire life until he retired a few years ago, making his home since in Tiskilwa. His illness was of about a month’s duration, and although everything was done that could be by the most skillful medical and surgical attention, he passed away May 5, 1927, at the age of 71 years, 6 months and 7 days. During his residence on the farm he and Mrs. Booth were regular attendants and supporters of the Providence Congregational Church.

“He was the youngest son in a family of eight children, four boys and four girls. Two of these are yet living; Mrs. Martha Brown, Washington, Iowa, and W. S. Booth, Princeton, Illinois. Besides these, remaining are his wife, two sons and two grandchildren.

“Mr. Booth readily made friends, by whom he was very highly esteemed. He was companionable, jovial in his disposition, possessing a keen sense of wit, even tempered. He was a hard working man, and very greatly devoted to his wife and children, and in their loss they have the sincere sympathy of the community.”

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“SERVICES HELD FOR MRS. BOOTH. Well Known Resident Passes Away in 79th Year”  
”Mary Emma Krimmel, daughter of Hester and Samuel Krimmel, was born in the vicinity of

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<sup>53</sup> cannot verify spelling since I can’t find an original obituary now.

<sup>54</sup> tombstone, Mt. Bloom Cemetery, Tiskilwa, IL

<sup>55</sup> tombstone, Mt. Bloom Cemetery, Tiskilwa, IL

Tiskilwa, Illinois, October 31, 1858. She was married to David Booth, November 21, 1878.

“To this union, three children were born, one daughter, Bertha E., who departed this life December 28<sup>56</sup>, 1883, and two sons, Elmer Dewayne of Buda and James Harold of Tiskilwa.

“Her illness was of many months duration, and although everything possible was done by kind and loving hands to ease her suffering, she passed away at her home in Tiskilwa, March 11, 1937, age 79 years and 11 days.

“Her girlhood was spent in and around Providence where she and her husband later made their home. They lived on their farm until 1921 when they retired to their home in Tiskilwa. Six years later, May 5, 1927, Mr. Booth passed away.

“She leaves to mourn her passing her two sons, Elmer D., and James Harold, two grandchildren Frederick David Booth of Manlius and Helen Emma Knudsen of Buda, and one great grandson, Richard Curtis Knudsen, also two aged sisters, Mrs. Annabelle Olds of Wyanet and Mrs. Katherine Rhodes of Tiskilwa and many nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

“The services were held at the home in Tiskilwa, Sunday afternoon at 2 o’clock, Rev. E. B. Cushing of Princeton, officiating, assisted by Rev. Wiltberger of the Providence church. Mrs. E. M. Wilson and Mrs. Harry Cushing sang “Some Day We’ll Understand” and “Beautiful Isle of Somewhere.

“She was laid to rest by the side of her husband in Oak Hill Cemetery, Providence.”

Children of David and Mary Emma (Krimmel) Booth

22. Bertha E. Booth	b. 1879	d. 8[?] Dec. 1883
23. Elmer Dewayne Booth	b. 1 Sept. 1881	d. 21 May 1962
24. James Harold Booth	b. 1 Jan. 1886	d. 1970

**8. Addie Lavenia Krimmel.** Addie Lavenia Krimmel, daughter of Samuel and Hester (Dunn) Krimmel, was born near Tiskilwa, IL, on 14 March 1861. She died 15 March 1936. On 8 April 1882 she married George L. Stinson. Again the newspaper clippings tell the story.

(Saturday, April 30, 1932 -- paper unidentified)

“165 Entertained at Golden Wedding of Buda Couple”

“Buda, April 30. -- At the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. George Stinson, one hundred and sixty-five guests were enter- [sic, line missing?] friends from Buda, there were guests from Harvey, Peoria, Princeton, Kewanee, Tiskilwa, Sheffield, Wyanet and Elmira.

“Alden Stinson, the only son, and Mrs. Joyce Johnson, the only granddaughter received the callers. During the day and evening the little grandsons, Jean and Richard, sang several duets with Miss Mabel Turner accompanying. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stratton sang with Mrs. Joyce Johnson as accompanist. Several young ladies poured at a prettily appointed table.

“At noon the anniversary occasion was announced over the radio from a Chicago station.”

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<sup>56</sup> This date is correctly quoted but disagrees with others I have.



(Buda Plain Dealer, Buda, Ill., Thursday, March 19, 1936)<sup>57</sup>

“Mrs. George Stinson Passed Away Sunday After Long Illness”

“Buda lost one of her esteemed residents when Mrs. George Stinson passed away shortly after 4 o’clock Sunday afternoon.

“Mrs. Stinson had been ill for a number of months but retained her courage and patience to the end in spite of great suffering.

“Mrs. Stinson was the daughter of Samuel and Hester Krimmel, born near Tiskilwa on March 14, 1861, where she attended the local schools and grew to womanhood. She was married to George Stinson on April 8, 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Stinson made their home in Buda where he was in the meat business. Later they operated a farm for a time until they retired to Buda and made their home here the last 31 years of her life.

“She was a member of the Methodist church, and of the Mystic Workers, as well as an honorary member of the Buda Women’s Club.

“The funeral was held Wed. afternoon from the Methodist church with the service in charge of the pastor, Rev. F. D. Menze.”

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“Buda Resident, Long Ill, Called.

(photo)

Mrs. G. Stinson called Sunday in Buda Home.

Aged Resident Passes: Funeral to be Wednesday.

“Buda -- Mrs. George Stinson died in her home at 4:20 Sunday afternoon. She had been ill for a number of months.

“The decedent was a member of the Methodist church, the Ladies’ Aid society, the Mystic Workers and an honorary member of the Buda Woman’s club.

“Funeral will be held at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon from the Methodist church in charge of the Rev. Mr. F. D. Menze assisted by the Rev. Mr. C. E. Hawkins, Peoria, a former pastor of the church.

“Adelaide, daughter of Samuel and Hester Krimmel, was born near Tiskilwa March 14, 1861. She attended Tiskilwa schools and on April 8, 1882, was married to George Stinson [sic] in Princeton. They made their home in Buda where the husband was in the meat business, later resided on a farm and retired to Buda 31 years ago. The couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1932.

“Surviving are the husband, a son, Alden, a granddaughter and two grandsons.

“There also survive three sisters: Mrs. Anna Olds, Wyanet; Mrs. Kate Rhodes, Mrs. Emma Booth, Tiskilwa.”

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“MARKS BIRTHDAY. (photo) GEORGE STINSON Buda -- George L. Stinson, a resident of Buda and vicinity since 1854, will celebrate his 90th birthday, Monday, Sept. 9. Mr. Stinson came with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stinson, pioneers of this community, when he was two

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<sup>57</sup> from a typed copy sent to me by Kathy S. Arnold, 15 Dec. 1967.

years of age. He attended the rural schools, later entered business in town, farmed for several years, then became a merchant again and retired a number of years ago.

“He married Miss Addie Krimmel of Tiskilwa, who died some time ago. He has one son, A. G. Stinson, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.”<sup>58</sup>

Children of George L. and Addie Lavenia (Krimmel) Stinson  
25. Alden George Stinson b. 5 Sept 1886 d. 4 Dec. 1972<sup>59</sup>

**9. Frances Krimmel.** Frances Krimmel, daughter of Samuel and Hester (Dunn) Krimmel, was born near Tiskilwa, IL, on 24 Aug. 1864, and died 1 Nov. 1935 at home in Buda, IL. On 27 Feb. 1890, she married Stephen H. Foster who was born 4 Sept. 1864 died 27 May 1927.

“STEPHEN H. FOSTER<sup>60</sup>

“Stephen H. Foster, son of Stephen H. and Sarah Browning Foster, was born in Macon Township, Bureau County, Illinois, Sept. 4, 1864. He grew up on the farm, attended the public school of his district and the High School of Buda. One year while quite a young man he spent in Colorado.

“On February 27, 1890, he was married to Miss Fannie Krimmel. For 16 years they lived on the farm and two daughters came to bless their home -- Ethel Maude, now Mrs. Harry Bangston, and Sarah Hester, now Mrs. Charles Arnold. In 1905, Mr. Foster was converted and joined the Congregational church under the pastorate of Rev. W. J. Stewart. He loved the church and was devoted to its service. Since 1915, he has served continuously as a trustee and a more efficient officer the church never had. Stephen Foster was known and honored for his integrity and faithfulness of character as citizen and Christian.

“After prolonged illness and much suffering, he died in his home in Buda, May 27, 1927, aged 62 years, 8 months and 19 days. Besides his beloved wife and daughters, he leaves one brother, George Foster, of Colorado Springs, Colorado; one sister, Mrs. Eunice Knipple of Buda and 5 grandchildren. More distant relatives and friends without number feel a personal bereavement in his death, but their sorrow is soothed by strong consolation of the Christian faith.

“Funeral services were held at the home Sunday afternoon by Rev. C. A. Hale, the pastor[,] and Rev. W. M. Britt, a former pastor. Many beautiful [sic] floral emblems were expressive of love and sympathy. A large company of friends assembled to pay a tribute of respect.

“Among those present from out of town were Albert Foster of Battle Creek, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Landis; Mr. and Mrs. Merle Kinney and daughter and James Krimmel of Tiskilwa; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Booth of Providence; Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Olds, John Olds, Howard Olds, Mrs. J. H. Olds and Mr. and Mrs. George Dahl of Wyand; Mrs. Charles Webster of Portland, Oregon; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sapp of Princeton and Austin Olds of Chicago.

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<sup>58</sup> unidentified newspaper clipping.

<sup>59</sup> name and dates in letter from Mrs. Joyce (Stinson) Webb, 18 Oct. 1973.

<sup>60</sup> from a typed copy sent by Joyce Webb.

“Interment was in Hopeland cemetery in the family lot.”

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(from an unidentified newspaper clipping)

“FOSTER ESTATE OF BUDA \$99,377.34

(special to the Star Courier)

“Buda, Nov. 30. L. A. Zearing, appraiser in the matter of the inheritance tax relative to the estate of Stephen H. Foster, deceased, of Buda, has filed his report. The total estate as found by the appraiser was \$99,377.34 made up as follows:

“Real estate \$69,659; chattel property \$4,006.25; notes, stocks and bonds \$25,721.09. The total deduction on account of debts and cost of administration was estimated to be \$6511.18, leaving the net value of the estate to be \$92,866.16. Deceased left his widow, Fannie Foster, and two daughters, Ethel Bangston, and Sadie Arnold as his only heirs. The amount of the inheritance tax amounted to \$657.32 distributed as follows: the widow pays \$285.96; Ethel Bangton [sic] \$164.27 and Sadie Arnold \$207.09.”

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“PROBATE WILL IN BUREAU CO. COURT”

“Princeton, Ill., June 6. -- (Special) -- The will of Stephen H. Foster, a retired farmer and a life long citizen of Buda, has just been admitted to probate in the county court of Bureau county. He left Fannie Foster, his widow, and Ethel Bangston and Sadie Arnold, his daughters, as his only heirs-at-law. The widow and two daughters entered their written appearance and consented to the immediate probate of the will. Mr. Foster at the time of his death was the owner of 320 acres of land in Colorado and 400 acres of land in Bureau county and his household goods, chattel property, notes, stocks, bonds, and other personal securities is estimated to be worth \$25,000.

“By the terms of the will his wife is given all the household goods, notes, stocks and other securities absolutely and the homestead residence in Buda besides an annuity of \$400 from each of the two daughters. Ethel Gangston (sic), his daughter, is given 160 acres of land in Colorado and 160 acres of Bureau county land. Sadie Arnold is given 160 acres of land in Colorado and 240 acres of Bureau county land. His widow, Fannie Foster, is appointed executrix of the will without bond.”

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(Plain Dealer, Buda, Ill, Thursday, Nov. 7, 1935)<sup>61</sup>

“MRS. FANNIE FOSTER

“Mrs. Fannie Foster, daughter of Samuel and Hester Krimmel, was born near Tiskilwa, Illinois, August 24, 1864, and passed away in her home November 1, 1935, after a short illness, at the age of 71 years, 2 months and 8 days.

“She spent her girlhood in the vicinity of her birth, and on February 27, 1890, was married to Stephen H. Foster. They established their home on the Foster homestead south of town and remained there until September 1906 when they moved to Buda to the home where she resided the remainder of her life.

“Mr. and Mrs. Foster were the parents of two daughters, Ethel Maude, now Mrs. Harry

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<sup>61</sup> from a typed copy sent by Kathy S. Arnold, 15 Dec. 1967

Bangston of Buda; and Sarah Hester, now Mrs. Charles Arnold of Buda; who with ten grandchildren, survive her. She also leaves four sisters: Mrs. John Olds of Wyanet, Mrs. Kate Rhodes and Mrs. Emma Booth of Tiskilwa, and Mrs. Addie Stinson of Buda; and one brother-in-law, George Stinson of Buda. In addition to these close relatives, she leaves a number of others, as well as a host of friends to mourn her passing. One brother, James Krimmel, of Tiskilwa passed away four years ago.

“Mrs. Foster and her family united with the Congregational church in 1905 under the pastorate of Rev. W. J. Stewart, and attended church as long as her health permitted. Her husband preceded her in death eight years ago.

“He had been in failing health for a number of years but the end came very unexpectedly after only a few days of illness.

“She was a devoted mother, a beloved grandmother, a good neighbor, always ready to do her part when able.

(a poem follows)

“Funeral services were held Monday afternoon from the home, with Rev. Frank T. Meacham, pastor of the Congregational church in charge.

“The bearers were Roy Maynard, Elmer Booth, Harvey Landes, John Olds, Alden Stinson, and Harry Booth. Interment was in Hopeland cemetery.

“Those from out of town who came to attend the funeral were Mrs. J. H. Olds, Mr. and Mrs. George Dahl, Mrs. Eva Olds, John Olds, Mrs. Fletcher and Mrs. Fred Booth of Manlius; Mrs. Harold Knudsen of Neponset; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Landes, Mr. and Mrs. John Callanan, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bangston, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Bangston, Mr. and Mrs. Carey Johnson of Princeton; Mrs. Merle Kenny and son Rhodes, Mrs. and Mrs. Lewis Holmes, Mrs. Harry Booth and Mrs. Stella Kitterman of Tiskilwa.”

Children of Stephen H. and Frances (Krimmel) Foster

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| 26. Ethel Maude Foster  | b. 26 Dec. 1891  | d.                            | <sup>62</sup> |
| 27. Sarah Hester Foster | b. 18 March 1893 | d. 16 Oct. 1966 <sup>63</sup> |               |

#### GENERATION FOUR

**10. Bryant Olds.** Bryant Olds, son of John Hixon and Anna Belle (Krimmel) Olds, was born 7 Feb. 1870 near Wyanet, IL, and died 14 Dec. 1929 in Chicago.<sup>64</sup> On 1 Nov. 1893, he married Anna Maria Sophia Schmidt, daughter of Wilhelm and Wilhelmina (Hopp) Schmidt.<sup>65</sup> She was born 18 Nov. 1874<sup>66</sup> and died 11 Dec. 1966 in her home, Wyanet, IL.

Bryant Olds is listed with his parents in both the 1870 and the 1880 census of Bureau Co., IL.

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<sup>62</sup> Kathy Arnold VanDrew, letter to Dan Olds, 4 Aug. 1971

<sup>63</sup> Kathy S. Arnold, letter to Dan Olds, 31 Jan. 1968

<sup>64</sup> These dates are recorded in his mother's Bible.

<sup>65</sup> This date is in both the Olds and the Schmidt Bibles (parents of the couple).

<sup>66</sup> This date is in the Schmidt Bible. I also have a copy of the marriage certificate, showing that the witnesses were Emma Hess and Mina Scharff (cousins of Anna Schmidt Olds).

The Schmidt family may not have been living in Bureau County in 1880.

Bryant Olds was one of those who gave recitations at a public program in April, 1892.<sup>67</sup>

In Dec. 1962, Anna Olds told me how she and Bryant first met. The Schmidts had a young horse that they were teaching to pull a cart in single harness. When this horse decided they had gone far enough from home, she would stop and had to be lead to start again. It was necessary to mount the moving cart from the rear. One day when Anna was doing this (with her sister Ida in the cart), Bryant Olds came by and said "Do you girls need any help?". Anna said "No". That was her future husband.

The Wyanet Bugle of 3 Nov. 1893 contains the following:

"WEDDED"

"Miss Anna Schmidt was married to Bryant Olds, Wednesday, November 1st, at high noon, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schmidt, north of town. Rev. Bannan, of Princeton, performed the marriage ceremony. Miss Emma Hess, of Chicago, cousin of the bride, and Mr. Guy Olds, brother of the groom, were the attendants. The bride wore a lovely pink silk, and the groom wore the conventional black. There were about fifty guests present, all relatives, and a royal dinner was served. Many presents were received. The worthy young couple occupy the home prepared by the groom, and everything points to a happy life for them, which they deserve."

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"Last Saturday morning lightning struck Bryant Old's [sic] home, knocking off the chimney and going through the south side and through the west side tearing off siding and doing internal injuries to the plastering. Mrs. Olds and baby had a very narrow escape as they were alone in the house at the time; they got quite a shaking up."<sup>68</sup>

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"Mrs. Bryant Olds and son expect to leave Wyanet next Monday for their new home in Elreno, Oklahoma. Mrs. Olds will leave many friends in Wyanet who will miss her, but Wyanet's loss will be Elreno's gain."<sup>69</sup>

(newspaper clipping headed by a photograph of "The Late Bryant Olds".<sup>70</sup>)<sup>71</sup>

"Prominent Wyanet Citizen Summoned by Call of Death"

"Sorrow laid a heavy hand upon the hearts of the Wyanet Community when news came last Saturday night that death had claimed another of its sons. Bryant Olds departed this life at the home of his son, Milford Olds, in Chicago that evening. After an illness of four long months

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<sup>67</sup> Bureau County Tribune, Friday, April 19, 1892.

<sup>68</sup> Bureau County Tribune, Friday, May 10, 1895.

<sup>69</sup> Bureau Country Tribune, Friday, February 28, 1902.

<sup>70</sup> Bureau County Republican, Princeton, Ill., Thursday, January 2, 1930.

<sup>71</sup> essentially the same obituary had appeared in The Wyanet Record, Thursday, Dec. 26, 1929.

duration, nature whom he so admired and loved, gathered his weary form to her bosom. He had lived his entire life in Bureau County except for two years spent in the west and he became endeared to all who knew him, death served to impress, how deeply.

“During all his life he found his greatest enjoyment in doing for others and there are few among us left behind him who have not at some time, in some way felt our burdens lightened by his helping hand. Generous almost to a fault, selfishness had no part in his make up and were everyone for whom he has done some loving kindness to pause but an instant beside his bier the procession would indeed be an impressive tribute to the greatness of his kindly heart.

“Mr. Olds was a man of strong personality and deep feeling. He possessed an unusually alert mentality and through wide range, close observation and careful thought he became essentially well educated. He was a rare man in that he was fearless in his thinking and willing to accept the logical conclusions of his thoughts whether along previously accepted lines or not. He investigated, he studied, he thought and he separated the gold from the dross in the crucible of his brain. Nature was his temple to do good his religion.

“Deepest sympathy was expressed for his family who must feel his loss mostly (sic) keenly. Taken as he was in the prime of his active life his absence will be all the more keenly felt. As a son he was a staff and a support, as a husband a protector and a shield, as father the embodiment of a self sacrificing love. He possessed the qualities of leadership and he will continue to live in the minds of his family and exert a dominant influence upon their lives. The world is better always for such a man having lived.

“Bryant Olds, a son of John Hixon and Annabelle Krimmel Olds, was the oldest of eight children, three of whom, Howard, Guy M., and Edna Olds Sapp passed on before him. He was born on a farm three miles south of Wyanet on February 17, 1870. He lived all his life within a radius of but a few miles of the place of his birth with the exception of two years spent in the west.

“He attended the public schools in and near Wyanet and later attended business college at Dixon, Ill. On November 1, 1893, he was joined in marriage with Anna Schmidt, of Wyanet, and at the time was engaged in the hardware business with his father. In 1895 he engaged in the windmill and pump business in Princeton where he remained until he removed to Oklahoma in 1902.

“Upon his return to Bureau County in 1904 he took up farming which vocation he followed to his death.

“He is survived by his wife, Anna, three sons, Milford Hixon and Austin Bryant, of Chicago, Robert Lee at home, and one grandson, Charles Bryant, of Chicago, his mother, Mrs. Annabelle Olds living in Wyanet, one brother, John C., of Wyanet, and three sisters, Blanche, now Mrs. Monroe G. Whitney, of Couer d’Alene, Idaho; Lucy, now Mrs. Charles J. Webster, of Portland, Ore., and Myra, now Mrs. George C. Dahl, of Wyanet.

“The funeral service at the former home of the deceased on Tuesday afternoon was attended by a great number of friends and neighbors. Indeed, considering the inclemency of the weather it was a remarkable gathering.

“Mr. R. O. Ferrell, a Chicago lawyer, college mate of Milford Olds, after the reading of a portion of the obituary, spoke eloquently of his love for and sympathetic understanding of the

mind of the deceased, and read the poem, "Thanatopsis" by William Cullen Bryant.

"Rev. W. E. Gross completed the reading of the obituary and spoke briefly of the high regard of the community and expressed their sorrow and sympathy for the bereaved. At the outset of the service Mr. B. L. Hudson sang as a solo, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere".

"The concluding service in the cemetery was impressive, the more beautiful because of the vast quantity and richness of the floral offerings."

Anna Olds lived as a widow for 37 years in Chicago and Wyanet, IL. By the time of her death in 1966, the style of obituaries had changed from that used for so many of the earlier members of this family record.

"Death Takes Mrs. Anna Olds"

"WYANET -- Mrs. Anna Olds, 92, life long resident of the Wyanet community, died at her home at 4:50 p.m. Sunday after a three year illness.

"Mrs. Olds was born Nov. 18, 1874, in a log cabin at Searles Ridge, the daughter of William and Wilhelmine Hopp Schmidt. She was married to Bryant Olds at Wyanet Nov. 1, 1893, and he preceded her in death. She was a member of the Methodist Church, Order of Eastern Star, and the Indian Township Household Science Club.

"Surviving are three sons, Milford of Wyanet, Austin of Sheffield, Robert of Olney; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

"Funeral services will be held at the Sutley-Wilkey Funeral Home at 2 p.m., Wednesday. The Rev. Albert E. Ihne will officiate and interment will be in the Forest Hill Cemetery.

"Friends may call at the funeral home, 6 to 9 p.m., Tuesday."

A funeral card printed in memory of Mrs. Anna Olds (18 Nov. 1874 - 11 Dec. 1966) lists the pall bearers as: Eugene Cook, Henry Frielingdorf, Wendell Morse, Cecil Wilson, Ronald Peterson, and John Scharff.

Children of Bryant and Anna (Schmidt) Olds<sup>72</sup>

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| 28. Milford Hixon Olds | b. 21 Dec. 1894 |
| 29. Austin Bryant Olds | b. 17 Aug. 1904 |
| 30. Robert Lee Olds    | b. 7 Mar. 1913  |

**12. Howard Olds.** Howard Olds, son of John Hixon and Anna Belle (Krimmel) Olds, was born 26 Aug. 1872 and died 12 July 1928. On 10 May 1897, he married Eva Kennelly at Wyanet, IL.<sup>73</sup> She was born 21 July 1873 and died 26 Nov. 1951, the daughter of Patrick and Ellen (Dillon) Kennelly.<sup>74</sup>

The name of Howard Olds, along with Ora. R. Everett and John M. Wyatt, was on the "Women's Specimen Ballot" for the Primary Election, Village of Wyanet, Bureau County, Illinois, Tuesday, March 11, 1919. The three names were for members of the board of trustees and voters

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<sup>72</sup> These birth dates are from the men themselves.

<sup>73</sup> This is from his parents' Bible, but see the obituary below.

<sup>74</sup> Information from Bernadine Olds Smith, letter to Dan W. Olds, 11 April 1971.

were to vote for three (write-in lines also provided).<sup>75</sup>

“Aunt Ev”, as I called her, is buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Wyanet, IL. She lived in a large house on an adjacent corner of the same block that my grandmother lived on and my early memories are that there were no other houses on the block.

(newspaper clipping, Friday, July 13, 1928)

“HOWARD OLDS, Prominent in Civic Life of Town for Years”

“Spends entire life in Bureau County; Former Fire Dept. Chief”

(Special to Star-Courier)

“Wyanet, July 13. -- Howard Olds, one of our oldest and best known citizens, met the call of his maker at 3 p.m. Thursday. Mr. Olds was always active in civil and social life in this community, having served as trustee of the village board of Wyanet for fourteen years and as chief of Wyanet fire department for twenty-seven years, retiring five years ago when he reached the age limit and was voted an honorary chief for life by the members of the department.

“Mr. Olds was born in Wyanet township Aug. 26, 1872, and lived his entire life in the community. He was a member of the hardware firm of Olds & Hamilton for twenty-six years. Mr. Olds served as a helper to his father for fourteen years previous to his acquiring a share in the firm of Olds and Hamilton, after the death of his father in 1901.

“Mr. Olds was a kind and loving father, a pleasant neighbor and a loyal citizen, an enemy to none and a friend to all. Although his health had been very poor for the past few years he worked faithfully until a year ago, when he retired. His passing is a great shock to his many friends in and around Wyanet and he will be missed by all who knew him.

“Funeral arrangements have as yet not been completed.

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(Bureau County Republican, Princeton, IL, Thursday, July 19, 1928)

“OBITUARY

“HOWARD OLDS

“Wyanet has lost one of its most beloved and loyal citizens. Howard Olds has closed his eyes in that dreamless sleep from which there is no awakening on this troubled earth. For months he had calmly and uncomplainingly suffered from a devastating illness which slowly wasted away his strength until Death mercifully relieved him Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

“He paused on life's highway almost in the morning of his manhood and while the shadows were still falling toward the West. Loved and loving, brother, husband, father, friend, he was taken just at the point where life's great beauties lay before him. During all his life, one of the busiest of men, he always found time to lend a helping hand, and were everyone for whom he had paused to do some loving kindness, to bring a blossom to his grave, he would sleep beneath a wilderness of flowers.

“Howard was the second son of John Hixon and Anna Belle Krimmel Olds, and was born on a farm three miles south of Wyanet on August 26, 1872. When he was seven years old, he moved with his parents to Wyanet where he lived until his death. He was educated in the Wyanet public school. When he was sixteen years old, he went to Galesburg to learn the tinner's trade and after

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<sup>75</sup>Review, Wyanet, Ill., Wednesday, March 5, 1919.



three years entered his father's hardware store in Wyanet to ply his trade. After the death of his father in 1901, he entered partnership with W. H. Hamilton, and from then until about a year before his death continued in the hardware business at the same location. He was forced to retire last June because of failing health.

"All of his life he was active in local civic affairs and took a keen interest in the political affairs of his state and nation. For twenty-seven years he was chief of the Wyanet Fire Department and served on the Wyanet village board for eighteen years. He also served two terms as tax collector for the township.

"He was united in marriage at Wyanet with Eva Kennelly on May 12, 1897.<sup>76</sup> To this union were born two children, Justin K. Olds, of Marseilles, and Miss Bernadine, at home. Besides his wife and children he is survived and mourned by his mother, Mrs. Anna Belle Olds, of Wyanet, one grandson, Richard Olds, of Marseilles, two brothers Bryant and John C., of Wyanet, and three sisters, Mrs. Monroe G. Whitney, of Couer d'Alene, Idaho, Mrs. Charles Webster, of Portland, Ore., and Mrs. George Dahl, of Wyanet.

"Howard Olds will be more than missed, not alone by his family but by all who knew him. His life was an exemplification of all that is good and wholesome and kindly. In his home life he personified to a remarkable degree the noblest type of husband, father, brother and son. In his community he was the sort of man to be pointed out as an example of right living to the young generation. He was indeed one of Nature's noblemen. He sleeps but his memory lives and will continue to live in the hearts of all who knew him as long as love, virtue, faith, and righteousness guide our lives. There was -- there is -- no gentler, kindlier, nobler, manlier man.

"Funeral services were held at the residence Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Father John D. Ring of Princeton, in charge of the services. The large assemblage of friends at the service and the beautiful floral tributes showed the esteem with which he was held in the community. Interment was at the Forest Hill cemetery."

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(from the Wyanet Record, Thursday, July 19, 1928)<sup>77</sup>

"HOWARD OLDS PASSES AWAY  
"Funeral Services Last Sunday Largely Attended  
(picture of Howard Olds)

"For the past two or three years we have known that our friend, indeed everybody's friend, Howard Olds, was suffering from a stubborn ailment. Nevertheless when news passed around last Thursday afternoon that he was gone it was a distinct shock.

"The funeral service last Sunday afternoon from his former home was notable because of the great throng of people who desired to show their sincere regards for him and sympathy for the bereaved family. Father Ring, pastor of St. Margaret's church, conducted the service, and paid eloquent tribute to the life and memory of his friend. His remarks were based on the 13th chapter of first Corinthians and he showed how in a remarkable degree the life of Howard Olds paralleled that beautiful passage.

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<sup>76</sup> but see the date taken from the Bible record at the head of this section.

<sup>77</sup> I have this issue of the newspaper in my collection and, on it, someone has written "Howards obituary written by Milford"

“A quartet composed of Mrs. Con Brown, Mrs. J. W. Wyatt, John Calloway and R. C. Prettyman sang appropriate selections, accompanied by Mrs. Lee Oloffson. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful.

“Preceding his remarks, Father Ring read the following Obituary.

(Here follows a quote essentially identical to the obituary reprinted above, beginning ‘Wyanet has lost one of its most loved and loyal citizens’.)

(from the diary of Anna Schmidt Olds, 12 July 1928)

“Howard passed away at 3 p.m. Howard was the most patient sufferer I ever seen never groaned or moaned never complained Only if asked he would say “I have an awfull head ache.” and when he said that it was bad. I have lost one of the best friends I ever had. kind to every one, always the same one man quite.”

Children of Howard and Eva (Kennelly) Olds

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| 31. Justin Kennelly Olds <sup>78</sup> | b. 10 June 1902                | d. 10 April 1964 |
| 32. Bernadine Olds                     | b. 17 Sept. 1907 <sup>79</sup> |                  |

**13. Edna Olds.** Edna Olds, daughter of John Hixon and Anna Belle (Krimmel) Olds, was born 14 Feb. 1874 in Wyanet, IL, and died 29 Jan. 1923 in Chicago, IL. She is listed in the class of 1891 at Wyanet High School.<sup>80</sup> On Thursday, 15 Oct. 1891, she married Elmer Sapp. They are buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Wyanet, IL, and the dates on their tombstones show only the years: Edna Olds Sapp, 1874 - 1923, and Elmer Sapp, 1866 - 1937.

“Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sapp and daughter returned Sunday evening from an extended visit along the Pacific coast.”<sup>81</sup>

“Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sapp and daughter Gladys, departed Saturday for an extended trip through the western states.”<sup>82</sup>

(From the Bureau County [IL] Republican)

1874 - 1923

Mrs. Edna O. Sapp

(her picture)

A Leaf of Laurel

“Into a home bearing the marks of a cultured New England ancestry, broadened later by a great pioneering adventure, little Edna Olds was born.

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<sup>78</sup> full name from Olds Family by Edson B. Olds

<sup>79</sup> date from Olds Family by Edson B. Olds

<sup>80</sup> Review, Wyanet, IL. Listing graduating classes, 1891 - 1910.

<sup>81</sup> Bureau County Tribune, Friday, February 28, 1902.

<sup>82</sup> Bureau County Tribune, Princeton, Ill., Friday, July 9, 1909.

“Small, merry, by childhood’s law, she spent happy days with her brothers and sisters in the Wyanet home, growing in stature and grace day by day, playing the old games, so well beloved by all children, and learning very many things about this mysterious and wonderful world.

“As a girl, in and out of her home, on the village street, in school and with the other girls, she was always winning and sweet, ready to do her share and quick to appreciate what others had done; a girl the older folks liked to meet and talk with. One might regret that this period of her life was so brief had she not been so happy as the girl-wife of Elmer Sapp. At seventeen this relation might have been a bit trying, but she was even more attractive then before.

‘Her air, her smile, her motions told of womanly completeness.

‘An inborn grace that nothing lacks

‘of culture or appliance.

‘The warmth of genial courtesy,

‘the calm of selfreliance.’ --

all contributed to the charm of this home. Guests came and longed to come again. She gathered here her friends and kept the hearth-fire aglow for her husband.

“When, by and by, a daughter, the baby Gladys, arrived, her heart was full and the radiance of her smile proved her complete satisfaction. Mother and daughter were great comrades and so complemented each other that both were richer, and all their joys doubled. Later, when this daughter became a bride and went to a home in another city, Mrs. Sapp was often “away” for a few days comforting her heart by a little visit in the new home.

“When she became grandmother, her whole nature expanded with the joy of the new and blessed dignity, and now, her life was bound up with these new lives and nothing was too hard to attempt for them.

“But these family duties and joys did not prevent her being interested in the world about her. One so capable could not hide her light under a bushel. She gave freely of her time and strength to every good enterprise of Princeton. The best things attracted her and won her loyal allegiance. She was so dependable. What she promised to do was done. She was resourceful, too, and self-controlled.

“As the president of the Woman’s Club, she proved her executive ability and her gracious presence was no small factor in the conduct of its affairs.

“She was beloved of the Friends in Council and the D. A. R. esteemed her a worthy descendant of a noble ancestry. Other social organizations testify to the helpfulness of her membership.

“Of her service of love in the Methodist church, where she was active in all its branches, her associates speak with unbounded praise. She will long be missed there by both old and young.

“But who shall tell of her friends! A great host! In all these various walks of life, she won love and devotion such as come to few. Even those who were not associated with her intimately, knew her worth, and a stranger meeting her on the street felt the day brighter because of the sunshine in her face.

“The splendid bravery of her last weeks was typical of her life habit. Always she kept her trouble to herself. Her joys she shared.

“Death has robbed us of her presence, but her life belongs to us and nothing can take from us the treasure of her lovely memory.

'I questioned one whose path with pain,  
'In the grim shadows long had lain:  
'How face you thus life's thorny smart?  
'Comrade, I bear a singing heart'

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(from the Bureau County Tribune, Friday, 2 Feb. 1923)

“NEWS OF DEATH BRINGS SORROW TO ENTIRE CITY

“Mrs. Edna O. Sapp, One of Princeton's Most Loved Women,

“Answers Final Summons At Chicago Hospital.

“One of Princeton's best known and most loved women was called to final rest at 12 o'clock Monday night in the Presbyterian hospital, Chicago, when Mrs. Edna Olds Sapp, wife of Elmer Sapp, president of the Bureau County Independent Telephone company, succumbed to an illness from which she had suffered for several weeks. In the hope of regaining her health, Mrs. Sapp submitted to an operation some four weeks ago; but it was the will of her Maker that she should pass on to the reward she most richly deserves for a life consecrated to His teachings, and she resigned herself cheerfully to His will. During the days following the operation, the many friends and acquaintances here awaited eagerly for news of improvement in her condition; and the entire community was saddened when it became known that the end had come.

“In respect to the memory of one who had been so active in the social, civic and religious life of the community, the ladies of the Drama Circle postponed the plays which they planned this week, and the committee in charge of the dinner dance at the Bureau Valley Country club next week indefinitely postponed their event.

“Funeral services were conducted from the home, Park avenue west, at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the Rev. J. E. Fluck of the First Methodist church being in charge. Interment was at the Wyanet cemetery.

“Mrs. Sapp was born in Wyanet on February 14, 1874. She was married on October 15, 1891. Mr. and Mrs. Sapp came to Princeton fifteen years ago, and during her residence here she was a tireless worker in every movement for the betterment of the community. Forgetful of self and ever thoughtful of others, she seldom overlooked an opportunity to be helpful and comforting to those in need or weighed down by sorrow.

“Mrs. Sapp was president of the Women's club at the time she became ill. She also served as president of the Drama Circle, and vice regent of the D. A. R. She was an active member of the First Methodist church, where she taught a Sunday school class of young ladies, served as president of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society and was a member of the guild. In all these organizations, as in her home and among her friends, a cheerful and helpful influence will be missed as a result of her death.

“Mrs. Sapp is survived by her husband; a daughter, Mrs. Warner VanAiken, of Coldwater, Michigan; her mother, Mrs. J. H. Olds, of Wyanet; three grandchildren, Marjorie, Warner Bryant, and Elmer Frederick VanAiken of Coldwater; three brothers, Bryant, Howard, and John Olds of Wyanet, and three sisters, Mrs. George Dahl, Wyanet; Mrs. Charles Webster, Portland, Oregon, and Mrs. Monroe Whitney, Cour d'Alene, Idaho.”

Children of Elmer and Edna (Olds) Sapp

33. Gladys Marguerite Sapp b. 13 June 1894

**14. Blanche Olds.** Blanche Olds<sup>83</sup>, daughter of John Hixon and Anna Belle (Krimmel) Olds, was born 5 Nov. 1876 in Bureau County, Illinois, near Wyanet and died 24 Dec. 1942 at Couer d'Alene, Idaho.

On 3 Dec. 1899, she married Monroe Gesner Whitney at Wyanet, Ill. He was born 7 Nov. 1865 at Limerick, Ill., the son of William Ross and Rebecca Jane (Gesner) Whitney. He died in Couer d'Alene, Idaho, on 13 March 1955. It was about August, 1907, that he moved his family, his parents and his sister from Wyanet to Couer d'Alene, packing all the belongings of two households into a box car.

The following several quotations are from the Bureau County Tribune, Friday, December 8, 1899:

(1) "Marriage licenses have been issued to the following: Monroe G. Whitney to Blanche Olds, both of Wyanet."

(2) "The Whitney-Olds Nuptials. At the residence of the bride's parents in Wyanet, on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 1 p.m., Monroe G. Whitney and Miss Blanche Olds, two of Wyanet's most highly esteemed young people, were united in marriage, the ceremony being performed in the presence of only the immediate relatives, by Rev. Wilfred J. Abel, of the M. E. church.

"The dress, decorations, etc., were simple but elegant and tasty. The sumptuous repast served was superior in quality and unlimited quantity. The presents were handsome, serviceable and costly.

"The celebration of this auspicious event in the lives of both was characterized by a warmth and sincerity that attested more strongly than words can tell the high place the contracting parties occupy in the affections of their relatives and acquaintances.

"A legion of friends, throughout the community, extend to them their best wishes, and hope that in assuming their new relations in life the young couple may realize their fondest anticipations."

(3) "Those wedding bells spoken of in our last week's letter, sounded on time, M.G. Whitney was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Blanche Olds, at 1 o'clock, Sunday, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Olds, the Rev. Abel officiating. There was no one present except the immediate relatives. The bride and groom took the evening train east on the Rock Island railroad."

(4) "'Ye local' extends sincere and hearty congratulations to the newly wedded couple at Wyanet -- Mr. and Mrs. Monroe G. Whitney. Miss Blanche Olds, daughter of that first-class man in every particular, John H. Olds, is royally descended, having for her ancestors, John Alden and Priscilla Mullen, both immortalized by Longfellow, and also for a great uncle, William Cullen Bryant, one of the world's greatest poets. Both of these young people have refined natures, with pronounced musical and literary tastes, and are admirably adapted to each other."

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<sup>83</sup> This information on her family is from a letter by Maxine Whitney to Dan W. Olds, June 1971.

The following clipping appears to have been torn from the Chicago American.<sup>84</sup>

**“A Farmer’s Dream.**

“Ghost Editor:

“A year ago this Winter my brother had hunted the country over trying to rent a farm, but found it impossible to get one, as every one who could was anxious to farm. He finally gave up and sold his stock preparatory to moving into town.

“However, one night he dreamed he had rented a farm near Tiskilwa, a neighboring town, about eight miles distant, a place which he had visited when but a boy, the farm being owned by one named Rhodes.

“The following morning he told his dream to his wife, but thought nothing further of it. About two weeks later he was called up by telephone and asked to come to Tiskilwa to see about renting Mr. Rhodes’ farm. On going there he was informed that Mr. Rhodes had died two weeks before. He rented the farm and is living there at the present time.

MRS. M. G. WHITNEY

Wyanet, Ill.”

Blanche became blind at age 50 and was given two years to live. However, she lived for 16 more years -- a cheerful and productive life. She continued to run her household, and she made quilts and even her own dresses.

Monroe Whitney was self taught after grammar school. He taught himself telegraphy, two shorthand systems, law and accounting. In 1908, he passed the Idaho bar exam with high marks. In 1910, he and a partner started a business college. In 1916, he was elected to the office of probate judge and served 36 years.

Children of Monroe Gesner and Blanche (Olds) Whitney

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| 34. Dorothy Maxine Whitney   | b. 7 Dec. 1900  | d. 30 March 1990 |
| 35. Merrill Roderick Whitney | b. 19 Oct. 1903 | d. 6 Aug. 1958   |

**15. Guy Melvin Olds.** Guy Melvin Olds, son of John Hixon and Anna Belle (Krimmel) Olds, was born 7 Sept. 1877 at Wyanet, Ill., and died 14 Feb. 1916 in Peoria, Ill. He graduated from Wyanet High School in the class of 1894.<sup>85</sup> On 16 Feb. 1910, he married Thirza Fanny Kinder who was born 22 May 1877 and died \_\_\_\_\_.

Master Guy Olds gave a recitation entitled Grandpa Brown’s Cow at a public program in 1892.<sup>86</sup>

(from an unidentified newspaper clipping, apparently in Muscatine, IA)

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<sup>84</sup> The clipping is undated but Crawford J. Rhodes died at his home four miles south west of Tiskilwa on 18 Feb. 1905. Blanche was married in 1899 and left the area in 1907. Bryant Olds had returned to Bureau County in 1904 and took up farming and lived near Tiskilwa. The only other married brother at this time was Howard and I have no record of his having farmed near Tiskilwa. He was in business in Wyanet.

<sup>85</sup> Review, Wyanet, IL. Listing graduating classes, 1891 - 1910.

<sup>86</sup> Bureau County Tribune, Friday, April 29, 1892.

**SOCIETY.** Guy Melvin Olds, local manager of the J. C. Meacham Land company, returned to this city Thursday evening, accompanied by his wife, who he acquired at LaSalle, Ill., on Wednesday evening. He was united in marriage to Miss Thirza Fanny Kinder at 5 o'clock at the Kinder-Johnson home, northeast of LaSalle. The ceremony was performed by Rev. D. J. Ridings, pastor of the LaSalle Congregational church. The ceremony was a beautiful and impressive one, the ring service being used. Following the hymeneal event, a six course dinner was served to the bridal party and guests. Mrs. Olds is one of the most popular ladies of LaSalle, prominent in social circles, highly cultured and accomplished. Mr. Olds is very well known in this city despite his brief residence here. As attorney and manager of the Meacham company, he has been prominent in local business and real estate circles during his six month's residence in Muscatine. He has been eminently successful in his work, and has cultivated the acquaintance of a large number of business associates, and well merits their esteem and friendship. His pleasant personality, genial manner and business integrity have already won for him a place in the commercial life of this city.

"Mr. and Mrs. Olds will be at home to their friends in this city at once at 111 East Fourth street. They are located at this place but temporarily, however, expecting to take up a permanent residence shortly."

(from an unidentified newspaper clipping, apparently in Wyanet)

"Guy Melvin Olds, third son of John H. Olds (deceased) and Anna Krimmel Olds, was born on the farm south of Wyanet, September 7, 1877, and died at his home in Peoria, Feb. 14, 1916. He was raised here, attending our high school and after graduating took a course in law at Valparaiso, Ind., graduating in 1900.<sup>87</sup> He began practice here, later was a practicing attorney in Oklahoma. In 1910 he obtained position under the government as a gauger in the revenue and was considered as one of the most efficient of the force. In 1910, he was married to Miss Thirza Kinder of LaSalle, Ill., sister of Mrs. George Cundiff, former merchant of this place, who now lives in Peoria, and the two families lived in the same building. Funeral services were conducted in Peoria Wednesday by the Masonic fraternity. The remains were brought to the old home under the auspices of our local Masonic lodge, assisted by brothers from adjoining cities. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Ridley, Congregational pastor of Oak Park, Chicago, who officiated at the marriage of Mr. Olds and his now bereaved widow. A large attendance at the funeral testified the respect and sympathy of our people. The interment was in our beautiful Forest Hill cemetery. He is survived by the wife, the mother, Mrs. John H. Olds, three brothers, Bryant and Howard, of this vicinity, and John C. of Muscatine, Ia., and four sisters, Mrs. Edna Sapp of Princeton, Mrs. Blanche Whitney of Couer d'Alene, Idaho; Mrs. Lucy Webster, of Portland, Ore., and Mrs. Myra Dahl of Earlville, Ill. Excepting the sisters in the far west the family were with him almost constantly and were present at the funeral. Friends present from abroad were Mr. Merril, Mr. Nailer, Mr. Comeford, Mr. and Mrs. George Cundiff, and Mr. and Mrs. John Kennelly of Peoria, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Kinder of LaSalle; Mr. and

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<sup>87</sup> I have a graduation program for the Senior Class of 1900 of the Northern Indiana Law School, a week-long event with graduation exercises on Wed, May 30. Guy M. Olds of Wyanet, IL, was on the Program Committee and a graduating senior.

Mrs. David Booth, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Booth, Tiskilwa, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Booth, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Bangston and Alden Stinson of Buda. The heartfelt sympathy of our community is given to the entire family. Guy was a favorite with everybody. His manner was always frank, jovial and cordial. He made friends easily and never forgot them. It is hard to see so bright and able a young man taken from loving friends and a life of usefulness.”

(from another clipping)<sup>88</sup>

“Guy Olds passed away at his home in Peoria, at 12:25 o’clock, Monday noon, succumbing to an illness which kept him to his bed for six weeks, due to kidney trouble. He has lived in Peoria for six years and has been connected with the U. S. internal revenue service as gauger, being one of the most efficient men in that work.

“Funeral services are being held this afternoon at the Peoria residence, under the auspices of Temple lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M. The body will then be brought to Wyanet this evening, and tomorrow -- Thursday -- at 3 o’clock, final rites will be conducted at the home of his mother, when burial will be made in Forest Hill cemetery. This last service is to be in charge of the local Masonic order.

“Guy Melvin Olds was born Sept. 7, 1877, the son of John H. (deceased) and Anna Krimmell Olds. The family at that time lived on a farm south of town, later coming to Wyanet. He was reared in this community, got his school education here, and then later took a course in law at Valparaiso, Indiana, graduating in 1900. He entered into the practice of his profession here, and for a time was also a practicing attorney in Oklahoma. In 1910 he was married to Miss Thirza Kinder of LaSalle. That same year he secured his position at Peoria.

“The deceased is survived by his wife; his mother, Mrs. J. H. Olds; three brothers, Bryant and Howard of this place, John of Muscatine, Iowa; four sisters, Mrs. Edna Sapp, of Princeton, Mrs. Blanche Whitney of Couer d’Alene, Idaho; Mrs. Lucy Webster, of Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Myra Dahl of Earlville, Ill.

“Save the sisters in the far Northwest, all the above were at his bedside almost continuously during his last illness, and were at the home at [sic] the moment of his death.

“In the loss of this husband, son and brother, the sympathy of the entire community goes out to the sadly bereaved relatives. Guy M. Olds was a favorite with all who knew him and he made friends easily -- his manner was always frank, jovial, cordial, and unassuming. While the family has sustained a great loss, every acquaintance also feels it to be a personal one.”

(from a third clipping)

“The funeral of Guy M. Olds of Peoria was held at the home of his mother, Mrs. Anna B. Olds, on Thursday afternoon of last week. A large number of friends and relatives of the deceased were present to pay their last respects to him who until recent years was a resident of this village, for Mr. Olds was born on a farm near here on the 7th of September, 1877 and later came to Wyanet with his father John H. Olds, deceased, and his mother Anna Krimmel Olds. His early education was received in the schools of this village. He later completed a law course at

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<sup>88</sup> Review, Wyanet, Ill., Wednesday, February 16, 1916.





Thirza was a daughter of James E. and Anne Grantham Dyball Kinder. She was born 22 May 1876 at Eldercroft Farm, LaSalle, IL, and died 19 Feb. 1951 at LaSalle, IL. She is buried in Rockwell Cemetery, LaSalle, IL. After Guy's death, she returned to the Kinder family home in LaSalle, living there until her death. She did not remarry and had no children.<sup>91</sup>

**16. Lucy Wood Olds.** Lucy Wood Olds, daughter of John Hixon and Anna Belle (Krimmel) Olds was born 23 Oct. 1879 near Wyanet, IL. She died 23 Feb. 1943. She graduated from Wyanet High School in the class of 1896.<sup>92</sup> On 1 Nov. 1906 (24 Nov. 1904), she married Charles J. Webster who was born 2 Nov. 1879 and died in 1971. They are buried in the Riverview Cemetery, Portland, OR. They had no children.

“Aunt Lucy Olds Webster and Uncle Charles, after living for some years in Colorado, moved to CdA in 1910. Uncle Charles was a pharmacist and worked in a local drugstore here, and Aunt Lucy kept the books there. They had a room in a nice rooming house and “boarded out”. After 2 or 3 years here, they moved to Portland, Oregon, where Uncle Charles started a dental course and Aunt Lucy taught shorthand until he had completed the course – with considerable distinction. Aunt Lucy could make friends readily and Uncle Charles knew how to be gentle with his patients and to keep them entertained with a steady flow of humor. So he did real well in his dental practice, and also did fairly well in the stock market, getting out just in time in 1929.

“Aunt Lucy died in January 1943 -- about a month after Mother died. I do not know the exact date. Uncle Charles kept house for himself and continued his practice for about 10 or 12 years, then moved to a very nice residential home where he was the liveliest one there. He also had quite a wide knowledge of medicine, subscribing regularly to Merck's Manual and keeping up with it. So he felt he was quite useful at the Patton Home, helping the nurses watch the patients. Shortly after he went into Patton Home, I started asking him over for a week or ten days every summer, would take him to lunch with a different friend of mine, and have a dinner party at home one night for him and those of Aunt Lucy's friends who were still around. Finally -- in 1964 -- when he had got both his train schedule and his baggage mixed up, I realized he would not be back next year. He became crippled with arthritis about that time, too, and was worried, because if anybody at the Patton Home missed two meals in the dining room in a row, he had to go to a regular nursing home. A couple of years ago, he got to that point, and, worrying for fear that senility would follow, he asked one of the nurses to become his guardian. He had dreaded the time when he might come to the end of his own resources and have to go on public assistance. That finally happened. But he had always he wanted to die with his boots on -- and he did just that. He adjusted nicely to the nursing home and everybody there adored him, just as they had at Patton Home. He did die with his boots on -- just last Sunday, July 25. I would have gone over, if the guardian had sent me word in time. But I had a letter from her only yesterday, (Thursday.) He had no relatives at all -- except me, and, of course, we were not blood relatives. When he had

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<sup>91</sup> Mrs. Harold A. Fletcher, San Diego, CA, biographical form completed for Dan W. Olds, 23 April 1974. Mrs. Fletcher was a niece of Thirza Olds.

<sup>92</sup> Review, Wyanet, IL. Listing graduating classes, 1891 - 1910.

come to visit, we would all sit and listen to his constant flow of humor. I always felt that his wit deserved a wider audience than his dental patients and friends. So far as I know, he was the last of my parents' generation of relatives and in-laws--unless Aunt Fanny's daughter Sadie is still living.

"Well, I did not mean to write a eulogy on Uncle Charles. I keep writing lots of things about people you don't know. Just ask me a simple question, and it produces a paragraph."<sup>93</sup>

"WEBSTER -- Feb. 23, Lucy Olds of 5045 NE Rodney, beloved wife of Dr. Charles J.; sister of Mrs. George Dahl of Wayanet [sic], Ill.; aunt of Maxine Whitney, sister of Judge Whitney [sic], both of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Private services Thursday, Feb. 25, at 4:30 P. M., at The Little Chapel of the Chimes, 430 N. Killingworth."<sup>94</sup>

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"Dr. Charles Webster. A longtime Portland dentist, Dr. Charles J. Webster, 3339 SE Division Street, died Sunday in a local rest home.

"Dr. Webster, 91, was born in Canton, Ill, on Nov. 2, 1879.

"Funeral will be in the Killingsworth Little Chapel of the Chimes at 3 p. m., Friday, with burial in Riverview Cemetery.

"Dr. Webster is survived by his niece, Maxine Whitney of Coer [sic] d'Alene, Idaho."<sup>95</sup>

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"Dr. Charles J. Webster. Funeral services were Friday for Dr. Charles J. Webster, 91, a retired dentist who died Sunday at a Portland nursing home.

"Dr. Webster, who lived at 3339 SE Division St., was born in Canton, Ill., and came to Portland in 1930.

"Interment was at Riverview Cemetery."<sup>96</sup>

The funeral home and cemetery still exist. Apparently the funeral home runs The Little Chapel of the Chimes at 430 N. Killingworth, Portland, OR, 97217.

I never knew my Dad's uncle Charles Webster but was nevertheless rather shocked to learn of his death -- not that he died but that he had been alive.. Family history had been my hobby for a long time by 1971 but I had concentrated mostly my ancestors. Somehow, I had just assumed that Charles Webster was dead long ago and it a was surprise to learn that I might have corresponded with him at the time I began active research of the descendants in the Olds and Krimmel families.

**17. John Cullen Olds.**<sup>97</sup> John Cullen Olds, son of John Hixon and Anna Belle (Krimmel) Olds, was born 8 July 1882 near Wyanet, IL, and died 20 Oct. 1936. He graduated from Wyanet High

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<sup>93</sup> Maxine Whitney to Dan W. Olds, 30 July 1971. What a wonderful correspondent she was.

<sup>94</sup> from the Oregonian (Portland, OR), 25 Feb. 1943, sent by the Multnomah County Library, 15 Jan. 1991.

<sup>95</sup> from the Oregonian (Portland, OR), 30 July 1971, sent by the Multnomah County Library, 15 Jan. 1991

<sup>96</sup> from the Oregonian (Portland, OR), 30 July [?] 1971, sent by the Multnomah County Library, 15 Jan. 1991

<sup>97</sup> information from Dorothy Olds, letter to Dan W. Olds

School in the class of 1899.<sup>98</sup> On 21 June 1914, he married Dorothy Guthrie who was born 23 May 1890 and died 28 May 1970.<sup>99</sup> They are buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Wyanet, IL. When I knew her, Aunt Dorothy lived in a large house on Main Street in Wyanet, near the Olds Hardware store.

(from an obituary clipping dated Thursday, October 29, 1936)

“Community Pays Final Tribute to Late John C. Olds

“Methodist Church is scene of impressive service last Thursday P. M.

“On Thursday afternoon the Methodist Church was crowded with relatives and friends of the late John C. Olds. Beautiful music was provided by Mrs. Lee Oloffson and Robert Watson. A fine and appropriate discourse was given by Rev. Brett. At the close of the impressive ritual for the dead by the Masonic brethren of the deceased, who attended the service in a body. The floral offerings in great beauty and profusion were in further evidence of the great love and esteem in which our friend was held by all. A large cortege followed his mortal remains to his last resting place in Forest Hill Cemetery.

“It was a beautiful October day, such as John always loved. We left him there amid a scene of autumnal splendor, tinged not a little with the melancholy that marks the falling year, and the passing of a vivid life.

“Among those from out of town who attended the services were:

“Mrs. Anna Olds, Mr. and Mrs. Milford Olds and son, Charles M., Mr. and Mrs. Austin Olds, all of Chicago, Mr. Robert Olds, of Newark, Ohio, Mr. Justin Olds, of Marseilles, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Guthrie, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Mrs. John Dorman and son, Clayton, of Viola, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Kenney, of Tiskilwa, Miss Amy Robinson, of Ottawa, and other relatives and friends from Buda, Providence, Princeton, and Bloomington.

“John C. Olds was born in Wyanet on July, [no day given] 1882, and died at his home in Wyanet on October 20, 1936, age 54 years.

“With the exception of about 10 years in Muscatine, Iowa, he has spent his entire life in this community. In June, 1914, he was married to Dorothy Guthrie, at Muscatine. To them were born two daughters, Ardeth, now Mrs. Clyde Campbell, and Elizabeth, now in high school.

“He also leaves to mourn his untimely passing, his mother, Mrs. Anna B. Olds; three sisters, Mrs. Myra Dahl, of Wyanet, Mrs. Blanche Whitney, of Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, and Mrs. Lucy Webster, of Portland, Oregon. He was preceded in death by his father, three brothers and a sister.

“For many years he has been an active member of the Masonic lodge in which he has served as Master, and in other useful and honorable capacities.

“Mr. Olds’s short life was crowded with manifold activities. As a skilled artisan he could and did turn off a surprising amount of work. He was essentially an out-of-door man. He loved the woods and waters, flowers and birds. He took time from his sleep, not from his work, to indulge his soul on the beauties and curiosities of the outdoor world.

“As a man among men, John Olds’ most emphatic quality was his neighborliness. His time,

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<sup>98</sup> Review, Wyanet, IL. Listing graduating classes, 1891 - 1910. He was listed as a merchant.

<sup>99</sup> information from Beth Olds, letter, 28 July 1971.



“TISKILWA STUDENT DROWNS YESTERDAY IN HENNEPIN CANAL”<sup>102</sup>  
“Howard Krimmel Sinks to Death near Erickson Bridge While Companions Gaze Helpless at Tragedy”

“Wins Dramatic Prize”

“Young Man Was Honor Student of Graduating Class and Also a Leader in Athletics -- Inquest to be Held Today.”

“Howard Krimmel, 20, a member of the graduating class of the Tiskilwa High School, was drowned late yesterday afternoon in the Hennepin canal near the Erickson bridge, northeast of the village. He was swimming with a group of boys and suddenly sank. Before his companions could reach him, life was extinct. The body was recovered a short time later. The drowning occurred about 5:30 p.m.

“The young man was an honor student in his class. He won first prize Saturday at the county literary meet in the boy’s dramatic contest. He was also a member of the track team and represented his school in the 50 and 100 yard dashes and also in the running broad jump. He was a son of James Krimmel, a retired farmer.

“An inquest will be held this morning at 9 o’clock by Coroner A. H. Mahn [?].

“The drowning has cast a spell of gloom over the high school, where Krimmel was one of the most popular students.

“Dr. R. B. Hess, who was called in an effort to revive the drowned youth, worked desperately to induce artificial respiration but all efforts failed. Krimmel was an excellent swimmer and a splendid athlete and it is the opinion of the doctor that death resulted from an attack of heart disease. There was no water in the lungs when the body was taken from the canal, it is said, which would indicate that death occurred before he sank.

“Arthur Steimle and Charles Hedrich, who were among the swimmers in the canal when the tragedy occurred, were the first to reach the spot where Krimmel sank and they recovered the body.”

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#### “OBITUARY”

#### “JAMES HOWARD KRIMMEL”

“James Howard Krimmel, only child of Mr. and Mrs. James Krimmel, retired farmers living in Tiskilwa, was born on a farm in Indiantown November 4, 1900, and died near Tiskilwa, May 25, 1921. His death was due to an accidental drowning while swimming in the Hennepin canal.

“After completing the eighth grade in the country school, Howard entered the Indiantown Arispie Township high school in the fall of 1916 and continued with his class for three years. Desiring to specialize in certain branches, he entered, in the fall of 1919, the Bradley Polytechnic Institute in Peoria and while there he became ambitious for a college education and after one year of study in the Polytechnic he reentered high school in Tiskilwa as a member of the Senior class of 1921, and had he lived would have graduated with that class at the end of the present school year.

“Being a fine speaker, he was chosen to represent the high school in the County Literary contest

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<sup>102</sup> Bureau County Republican, Thursday, May 26, 1921.



“Everett Wade, 17, a high school student who was in the swimming party, stated that 12 boys, who had been playing ball on the school grounds, decided to go swimming. They had been in the water about 15 minutes when Howard swam across the canal and then started back. As he reached the center of the canal, he called for help and struggled to keep from sinking. The boys hurried to his side, but Howard had gone beneath the surface of the water when they reached him.

“The boys tried to get their drowning companion to shore, but he struggled blindly and pulled his rescuers down with him, so that they had to give up their battle after covering a distance of about 20 feet.

“Charles Steimle, 15, another member of the party, stated that Howard was about 40 feet from the rest of the boys when he went down. He said that the water was not cold.

“When it became evident that the boy could not be rescued by his companions, Harold Jardine drove to Tiskilwa and got Wilton Norris at the restaurant. Norris removed his clothing on the way to the canal and started diving for the body at the point where it disappeared. He could not locate it, but with the aid of a log raft and a fishing pole, Howard was found about 30 feet from the shore. He found the body lying prone on, [sic] the bottom of the canal, face downward, in 12 feet of water.

“Dr. Hess, of Tiskilwa, who had been summoned to the canal, used a pullmotor [sic], secured from the Princeton hospital, in a effort to revive respiration. The efforts were unsuccessful.

“Howard was born on a farm in Indiantown township, and had lived in that vicinity all his life. He was popular with his school mates and had a large circle of acquaintances who are deeply grieved by his tragic death.

“The jury found death was due to accidental drowning. Those on the jury were John Bachman, M. D. Curtis, Dr. B. F. Landes, Dr. E. J. Kennedy, Geo. Lieferman and J. L. Brown.”

**20. Grace Anna Rhodes.** Grace Anna Rhodes<sup>104</sup>, daughter of Lucius A. and Katherine (Krimmel) Rhodes, was born 1 Dec. 1881 at Tiskilwa, IL, and died 20 Nov. 1939 at Ashton, IL. She graduated from Wyanet High School in the class of 1898.<sup>105</sup> On 9 July 1902, she married Harvey Edward Landes<sup>106</sup>, son of Franklin B. and Susan Elmira (Nelson) Landes, at Milo, IL. He was born 13 Feb. 1877 in Lagrange, IN, and died 25 Dec. 1955 at the Illinois Research Hospital in Chicago. They lived near Tiskilwa, Princeton, and finally Ashton. They farmed most of their married life. They are buried in the Mt. Bloom Cemetery, Tiskilwa, IL.

Children of Harvey Edward and Grace Anna (Rhodes) Landes

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|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| 38. Donald Edward Landes | b. 17 June 1903 | d. Sept. 1953                  |
| 39. Floyd Wayne Landes   | b. 31 Oct. 1904 | d. 3 Sept. 1925 <sup>107</sup> |
| 40. Frank Leslie Landes  | b. 26 July 1907 |                                |
| 41. Kathryn E. Landes    | b. 13 Feb. 1919 |                                |

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<sup>104</sup> information from Kathy Kristo, letter to Dan W. Olds, 22 Nov. 1973. “We spelled our name with an e instead of an I, thus Landes.

<sup>105</sup> Review, Wyanet, IL. Listing graduating classes, 1891 - 1910.

<sup>106</sup> The family of Harvey Edward Landes is included in Descendants of Barbara Hochstedler and Christian Stultzman by Rev. Harvey Hostetler (Gospel Book Store, Berlin, Ohio, n. d.) p., 976-977.

<sup>107</sup> dates from his obituary which also named the other children.



**21. Besse Rhodes.** Besse Rhodes, daughter of Lucius A. and Katherine (Krimmel) Rhodes, was born in 1885 and died in 1949. She married Merle A. Kenney who was born in 1883 and died in 1957. They are buried in Mt. Bloom Cemetery, Tiskilwa, IL Harlan M. and Merl A. Kenney are buried with Eldert A (1851-1919) and Sarah J. (1849-1928) Kenney. Bessie Rhodes Kenney is buried with Lewis and Grace Holmes.<sup>108</sup> On 23 Dec. 1929, Bessie Kenney left her husband and went back to her mother's house, charging cruelty, and filed a petition for divorce.<sup>109</sup>

Children of Merl A. and Besse (Rhodes) Kenney

- 42. Harlan Merton Kenney    b. 4 Feb. 1907                      d. 9 May 1924<sup>110</sup>
- 43. Rhodes Kenney            b.            1910 [?]
- 44. Grace Kenney              b.            1910

**22. Bertha E. Booth.** Bertha E. Booth, daughter of David and Mary Emma (Krimmel) Booth, was born in 1879 and died 8 Dec. 1883.<sup>111</sup> She is buried near her parents in the Oak Hill Cemetery at Providence, IL. The following is quoted from an unidentified newspaper clipping.

“To the memory of little Bertha, daughter of D. and E. Booth, composed by her little cousin, Bryant Olds<sup>112</sup>, of Wyanet, son of John Olds.

“The day was sad and lonely,  
“And the clouds were threatening snow,  
“As o'er the hills to the cemetery,  
“The mourners silently go.

“The doors of the house were sadly closed,  
“As they followed the coffin so white,  
“To the last resting place of mortals below,  
“And laid her forever from sight.

“They followed her to the graveyard fair,  
“Where she was laid in peaceful rest,  
“And the parents sorrowfully went to their home,  
“While they covered sod o'er her breast.

“Five weeks she lay on her pillow so soft,  
“Till one evening at the close of day,  
“While her parents were watching by her side

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<sup>108</sup> The dates, showing years only, are on their tombstones.

<sup>109</sup> Bureau County Republican, Princeton, IL, Thursday, Jan. 2, 1930.

<sup>110</sup> dates from his obituary which also named the other children

<sup>111</sup> the years are on her tombstone. The day of death is from an unidentified list of Krimmel deaths up to 1900 and is also given in her father's obituary.

<sup>112</sup> Bryant Olds was thirteen years old at this time.

“The death angel came and bore her away .

“Her playthings, we sadly lay them aside,  
“For with them she is done evermore,  
“And her parents may know that little Bertha  
“Has gone to a far better shore.

**23. Elmer Dewayne Booth.** Elmer Dewayne Booth, son of David and Mary Emma (Krimmel) Booth, was born 1 Sep 1881 at Princeton, IL, and died there 21 May 1962. On 31 Dec.1903, he married Mabel Decker who was the daughter of Clarence and Helen (Mayhew) Decker. (Helen was the second wife of James L. Krimmel.)<sup>113</sup> Mabel was born 5 Sept. 1884 and died 17 Aug. 1940. They are buried in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Providence, IL.<sup>114</sup>

Children of Elmer Dewyane and Mabel (Decker) Booth

- 45. Frederick David Booth                      b. 3 May 1906
- 46. Helen Emma Booth                            b. 4 May 1909

**24. James Harold Booth.** “Harry” Booth, son of David and Mary Emma (Krimmel) Booth, was born 1 Jan. 1886<sup>115</sup> at Tiskilwa, IL. and died 9 Aug. 1970 at Princeton, IL. The following is from an unidentified newspaper clipping:

“JAMES H. BOOTH. TISKILWA -- James Harold (Harry) Booth, 84, died at Perry Memorial Hospital, Princeton, Sunday, Aug. 9, 1970. He was born Jan. 1, 1886, in Tiskilwa, the son on [sic] David and Mary Emma Kimmell [sic] Booth. He was a retired farmer from the Tiskilwa area. He married Irene Albrecht, Dec. 12, 1914 in Tiskilwa.

“Surviving are a niece, Mrs. Helen Knudsen of Galva and a nephew, Fred D. Booth of Sheffield; one grand-nephew and great-grandchildren [sic]. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, one brother, and one sister.

“Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Hughes Funeral Home with Rev. Warren M. Mueller of the Hampshire Colony Congregational Church officiating. Burial will be in the Mt. Bloom Cemetery.

“Friends may call Tuesday 7 to 9 p. m. at the funeral home.”

Irene Albrecht was born 27 July 1886 and died 20 March 1967.<sup>116</sup> She was also buried in the Mt. Bloom Cemetery at Tiskilwa. They had no children.<sup>117</sup>

**25. Alden George Stinson.** Alden George Stinson,<sup>118</sup> son of George and Addie Lavenia (Krimmel) Stinson, was born 5 Sept. 1886 at Buda, IL, and died at age 86 on 4 Dec. 1972 in the

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<sup>113</sup> see her obituary, quoted under #5, James Lock Krimmel

<sup>114</sup> data provided by Frederick David Booth and Helen Knudsen, letter to Dan W. Olds, Aug 1971.

<sup>115</sup> the funeral card gives the birth date as 30 Jan. 1886.

<sup>116</sup> data provided by Frederick David Booth and Mrs. Helen Knudsen, letter to Dan W. Olds, Aug. 1971.

<sup>117</sup> Mr. and Mrs. Harry Booth, letter to Dan W. Olds, n. d. (ca. 1960)

<sup>118</sup> from biographical information form prepared by Mrs. Joyce Stinson Webb, Oct. 1973.

Perry Memorial Hospital, Princeton, IL.

“Alden Stinson spent his early years on the Stinson Homestead farm east of Buda. He attended Buda Schools and the Browns Business College at Galesburg. A retired rural carrier, he served route 2 out of Buda and the rural route at Wyandot for a total of 39 years. Best known as “Barney”, he was an outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing and he was an ardent sports fan. He participated in sports in his younger days and later, became a well known baseball umpire in this area. He was an active leader for Little League.

“He took great pride in his hometown, having been a member of the Buda Band, and later, he devoted countless hours to the Buda Volunteer Fire Company, of which he was a member for 50 years, and Fire Chief for 42 of those years. He was responsible for many improvements made in the Fire Dept. over the years, enabling them to win a B plus rating in Volunteer groups and then to work for the much coveted A rating. He was the second man to achieve a record of 50 years in the Fire Co. and was presented with an inscribed gold wrist watch on behalf of the members of the company in recognition of his service to the community at a dinner honoring his 50 years and in in [sic] 1945 they gave him a gold Chiefs Badge.

“I’m sure I sound prejudiced [sic] but the Fire Co. hasn’t been the same since Dad left it --many people tell me so -- but it was his “baby” and not every one has the interest and time that he had to give.

“Altho I know he missed Buda he contributed to live at the Highrise as long as he was able, being one of a group that played cards and pool and acting as a self-appointed tour guide for folks who came to visit there. [Signed] Joyce”

His unidentified obituary clipping states:

“ALDEN STINSON BUDA -- Funeral services for Alden George “Barney” Stinson, 86, retired Buda mail carrier who died Dec. 4, 1972, were held Dec. 7 in the Taylor Memorial Chapel.

“The Rev. Richard Huckins of the United Methodist Church officiated and Gaile Akin served as organist.

“Pallbearers were Charles Simms, Donald Younggren, Bruce Scott, Frank Simms, Donald Carper and Sidney C. Smith.”

On 8 April 1906, he married Alice Belle Davis, daughter of Albert W. and Martha Jane (Long) Davis, born 17 May 1888 at Buda.

Children of Alden and Alice (Davis) Stinson

- 47. Joyce Laverne Stinson b. 16 March 1906
- 48. Jean Stinson b. 18 March 1923
- 49. Richard Stinson b. 21 Aug. 1925

**26. Ethel Maude Foster.** Ethel Maude Foster,<sup>119</sup> daughter of Stephen and Frances (Krimmel) Foster, was born 26 Dec. 1891. She married J. Harry Bangston on 25 Dec. 1912. He was born 12 July 1885, in Indiantown township, Bureau Co., IL, son of Charles and Amanda (Johnson) Bangston, and died in Buda on 31 July 1972. Ethel Bangston died in June, 1977.<sup>120</sup>

“J. H. Bangston Services Today -- J. Harry Bangston, 87, Buda [sic] a retired farmer, died July 31 at his home in Buda.

“He was born July 12, 1885 in Indiantown Township, the son of Charles and Amanda Johnson Bangston. He married Ethel Foster on December 25, 1912 in Buda. He was a member of the Buda Congregational Church.

“Survivors include his wife, one son, Foster of Buda; three daughters, Mrs. Raymond (Esther) Philhower of rural Buda, Mrs. Richard (Elaine) Cambron of Buda, Mrs. Bernard (Janet) Vermeire of Kewanee; 8 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren; 4 sisters and 3 brothers.

“He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Robert in 1943; 4 grandchildren, 1 sister and 2 brothers.

“Funeral services will be held Thursday, August 3 at Buda Congregational Church at 2 p.m. with the Rev. John Kaale officiating. Burial will be in Buda Hopeland Cemetery.”<sup>121</sup>

Children of J. Harry and Ethel Maude (Foster) Bangston<sup>122</sup>

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|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 50. Foster Bangston         | b. 2 July       |                             |
| 51. Esther Bangston         | b. 1920         |                             |
| 52. Elaine Bangston         | b. 7 Sept. 1924 |                             |
| 53. Janet Bangston          | b. (4 June?)    |                             |
| 54. Robert “Sonny” Bangston | b.              | d. 1943 in tractor accident |

**27. Sarah Hester Foster.** Sarah Hester “Sadie” Foster,<sup>123</sup> daughter of Stephen and Frances (Krimmel) Foster, was born 18 March 1893. She married Charles Edgar Arnold on 20 Sept. 1916. He was born 12 March 1889 and died in June 1953. Sarah died 16 Oct. 1966.

Children of Charles Edgar and Sarah Hester (Foster) Arnold

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|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 55. Ruth Eleanor Arnold   | b. 21 Oct. 1919 |
| 56. Eugene Stephen Arnold | b. 11 Dec. 1920 |
| 57. Charles Edgar Arnold  | b. 31 Oct. 1924 |
| 58. Dolores Hope Arnold   | b. 30 Aug. 19   |
| 59. Verne Foster Arnold   | b. 2 Nov. 19    |

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<sup>119</sup> data from Kathy Arnold VanDrew, letter to Dan W. Olds, 4 Aug. 1971.

<sup>120</sup> “Ethel Bangston of Buda will be buried tomorrow. Grace and I will go to visitation tonight.” Letter from Pearle Olds to Doris and Robert [Olds], June 29 [1977].

<sup>121</sup> his obituary, The Sheffield Bulletin, 3 Aug. 1972, sent by Kathy VanDrew.

<sup>122</sup> data from Kathy Arnold, letter to Dan W. Olds, 31 Jan. 1968

<sup>123</sup> information from Kathy S. Arnold, letter to Dan W. Olds, 31 Jan 1968.

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