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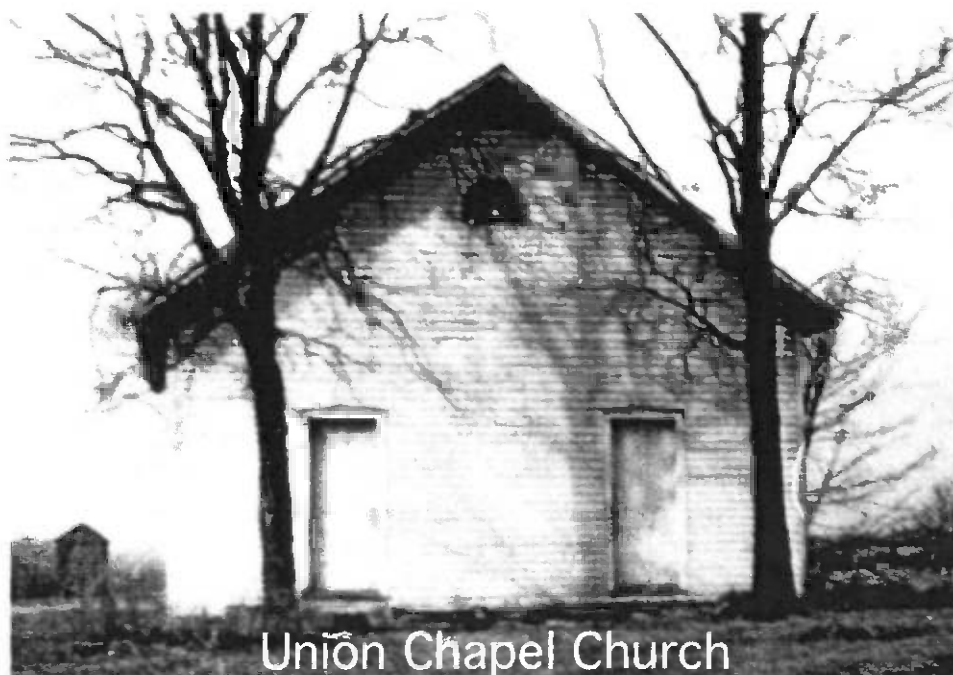
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Union Chapel Cemetery is located in the middle of Section 34  
in Fremont Township, Clarke County, Iowa  
about 4 1/2 miles Northeast of Osceola.

The oldest monument in Union Chapel  
Cemetery is dated 1863.



Union Chapel Church

Union Chapel Church was located about one-half  
mile south and east of the cemetery. It was a  
Quaker Church. Note the two doors in the photo --  
one for men and one for women -- the seating was segregated.  
The church closed and was taken down in the 1930s.

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## 1. Immigration to Clarke County, Iowa

Freinsheim is a small Palatine village (about 4,100 people) in southwest Germany. It is located about eight miles west of Frankenthal on K Road. It is one of the wine villages and there are extensive vineyards in every direction. In the middle ages, walls and towers were erected to protect the inhabitants of the village from outside enemies. At Freinsheim, these walls and towers still stand and Freinsheim is often called the "Rothenburg of the Palatinate."<sup>1</sup>

History of the village goes back to 773/774. A 1300 meter fortification wall was built around the town between 1350-1514 and is still in place. In 1689, Freinsheim was completely burned down by French troops -- only the town walls and shell of the Protestant church constructed in 1470 remained. The church was rebuilt around 1700. In 1750, the baroque town hall was built next to the church. Earliest record of the Wiant family in Freinsheim is for Heinrich Wiegand who was a resident there in the 1600s<sup>2</sup>. His great grandsons, Johann Jost Wigandt (1737-1785), Johannes Wigandt (1746- ) and Johan Heinrich Weyandt (1749-1822) came to America on the Ship Sally. They arrived in Philadelphia on October 29, 1770.



Freinsheim Reformed Church  
and Old City Hall

<sup>1</sup> Annette K. Burgert, *Colonial Pennsylvania Immigrants From Freinsheim in the Palatinate*, p. 27.

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WIANT Family Trek From  
**FREINSHEIM TO FREMONT**  
(Germany to Iowa)

There are records for three generations of my WIANT ( Wigandt, Wiegand) ancestors in the Reformed Church in Freinsheim, Germany. Three brothers of the fourth generation came to Philadelphia in 1770. One source reported that Henry went to the German settlement in the Delaware area and then moved on to Bedford County, Pennsylvania. Henry was a Revolutionary War soldier. He was married about 1786 and son Jacob was born.

Deed records in Washington County, Maryland, show Henry as a property owner from 1790 - 1795.

In 1794, Henry obtained land warrants in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, and paid taxes from 1794 -1821. He died there in 1821.

His son, Jacob, married Magdalena DIBERT and they had six children from 1810 to 1824. Jacob died in 1826. Widow Magdalena continued to live in Bedford County until 1834 when the family moved to Grant County, Indiana. The children ranged in ages 10 -24 years at that point. One daughter, Mary, had married Jacob Miller two years earlier.

Magdalena and her oldest son, Jacob, age 24, were first entry land owners in Washington Township, Grant County, Indiana, in 1834. According to the 1840 census, Jacob was single and living with his mother and three siblings. Sister Margaret married Ebenezer Badger in 1836 and lived on a nearby farm.

In 1850 Magdalena, along with Jacob and his family, set out for Iowa with a team and wagon. Jacob's family included his wife Malinda, a three-year old son, and an infant daughter. Jacob homesteaded land in Lucas County, Iowa, and later deeded this land to his mother Magdalena.

Magdalena's youngest son, Isaac, remained in Indiana. He married Eliza Woolman in 1845 and owned a farm in Grant County. He served as Clerk and Treasurer of Washington Township while living there. By 1854 he had sold the Indiana property and moved to Iowa. The family included his wife and three daughters, ages 1 - 8 years at this point.

Isaac purchased a 160 acre farm in Iowa in 1854 -- thus completing the WIANT family journey from FREINSHEIM, Germany, to FREMONT Township, Clarke County, Iowa..

Isaac WIANT was my great grandfather.

## Chronology - FREINSHEIM to FREMONT

- 1770 - Johan Henrich WEYANDT (Henry Wyant) arrived in Philadelphia on Ship Sally<sup>3</sup> on October 29. The ship came from Rotterdam, Netherlands via Cowes, England.
- 1786 - Son Jacob born ca 1786.
- 1790 - Henry WEYAND made an indenture on July 30 for property in Washington County, Maryland. He sold the property in 1795<sup>4</sup> and was identified as "Henry, now of Bedford County, Pennsylvania."
- 1794 - Henry WIANT obtained Land Warrants in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, and paid taxes in Bedford Township from 1794 through 1821<sup>5</sup>.
- 1807 to 1826 - Jacob WYANT paid taxes in Bedford Township, Bedford County, Pennsylvania<sup>6</sup>. Jacob married Magdalena DIBERT about 1809 and he died in 1826<sup>7</sup>.
- 1828 to 1834 - Widow WYANT (WIAND, WYENT) paid taxes in Bedford County, Pennsylvania<sup>8</sup>.

### Pennsylvania to Indiana and Iowa

- 1834 - Magdalena WIANT and six children moved to Grant County, Indiana. She was a first entry land owner in Section 29 and 33 of Washington Township. Her son, Jacob made land entry in Section 32 and Daniel BADGER (father of Ebenezer) purchased land in Section 31<sup>9</sup>.
- 1840 - Four sons employed in agriculture were living at home with Magdalena in Washington Township<sup>10</sup>. Two daughters had married (Mary in 1831; Margaret in 1836) and were living in Wabash and Grant Counties.
- 1850 - Magdalena and her son Jacob started for Iowa in the spring in a carriage transporting the household goods in "true freighter" style and located in Lucas County, Iowa<sup>11</sup>. Jacob WHIANT made a first land entry in Sections 20 & 29 of Lincoln Township (now in the city of Chariton) and deeded this land to Magdalena in 1851<sup>12</sup>.
- 1854 - Magdalena's son Isaac WIANT moved his wife and three daughters to Clarke County, Iowa. He purchased 120 acres in Section 28 and 40 acres in Section 21 in Fremont Township<sup>13</sup>.

<sup>3</sup> Strassburger & Hinke, Pennsylvania Pioneers; passenger lists for ships arriving at Philadelphia.

<sup>4</sup> Washington County, MD Deed Record, Liber I, Folio 326 & 328, recorded September 1, 1795.

<sup>5</sup> Bedford County, PA Tax Records, 1772-1835, LDS Family History Library films #1,449,356-70.

<sup>6</sup> *ibid.*

<sup>7</sup> Bedford County, PA Wills, Volume II, pp. 210-211.

<sup>8</sup> *ibid.*

<sup>9</sup> Brant & Fuller, History of Indiana and Grant County.

<sup>10</sup> 1840 U.S. Population Census, Indiana, Grant County, p. 81.

<sup>11</sup> Historical and Biographical Record of Iowa, p. 400.

<sup>12</sup> Lucas County, IA Recorder; Affidavit Book 1, page 102; Deed Book A, page 36.

<sup>13</sup> Clarke County, IA Recorder; Deed Book A, page 166.

## 2. My WIANT Ancestors

bio-sketches & obituaries

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### FATHER

#### RALPH HARLAN WIANT 1897-1957

In September, 1897, Ralph Harlan Wiant was the fifth child born to John C. F. and Emily Harlan Wiant in the family farm house in Fremont Township. He had five sisters; one died as an infant. John's father, Isaac, came to Clarke County, Iowa, in 1854, and purchased 240 acres in Fremont Township. John bought the adjacent 120 acres in 1888. These farms were located 4-1/2 miles North of Osceola on U.S. Highway 69. This was WIANT territory!

### EARLY YEARS

Ralph attended Fremont #8 school 1/4 mile north of his home from 1903-1910. In 1927-1933 he served as a Director and Secretary of the Jamison Independent School District. The district included six one-room schools (#1, 2, 5, 6, 7 & 8) in the township.

Baseball and Ford Model-T cars were important things to him in the 1920s. He took pride in his cars and did maintenance and overhauls as needed to keep them on the road. A set of Ford wrenches designed to adjust transmission clutch bands was a prized possession. Baseball was his favorite sport and he played on the township semi-pro team. In later years when battery pack radios were available, Ralph was an avid World Series fan. The farm work came to a halt during those September afternoons.



*Ralph Wiant 1922*

Ralph's mother died in March, 1915. Two sisters, Gertrude and Ruth, married in 1912 and 1913. This left Ida, Ralph, and Margery at home with their father John. In 1918, sister Margery married Ralph Lane. Ida and Ralph continued to live at home and care for John whose health had begun to decline by 1923.

Ralph married Fern Reynolds in January, 1923. Fern graduated from Indianola High School in 1921. She taught school during the 1921-1922 year at Buzzard Roost, Fremont #3, in the Northwest part of Fremont Township.

The Osceola Sentinel published this item on page 4 of the January 25, 1923 edition:

*Miss Fern Reynolds, 20, of Indianola and Ralph Wiant, 25, of this city, were married by Rev. J.W. Lombard, Saturday, January 20th, at the M.E. Parsonage. The two young people are well known and popular in their respective communities and have the congratulations and best wishes of many friends. They will make their home on a farm five miles north of this city.*



In April, 1923, sister Ida married Frank Chamberlain and left the homestead in Fremont township. Charles Edward was born to Ralph and Fern in November, 1923.

John was in poor health for the next three years. He lived with Ida and Frank and Ralph and Fern during most of this period until he entered the Osceola Hospital in August, 1925 and died there in December of that year. The 75 acres of timber pasture that John owned in Sections 21 and 33 of Fremont township had been sold to pay medical expenses. Ralph and Fern purchased the 120 acre "home place" from the estate.

Twin daughters, Virginia Gene and Velda June, were born prematurely in September, 1927. They died in October and were buried in Union Chapel Cemetery next to their grandparents John and Emily Wiant.

Son Charles Edward began school at Fremont #8 in the fall of 1928.

Rex Harlan was born in October, 1930, in the family farmhouse where his father Ralph and brother Charles came into this world. Rex started school at Fremont #8 during the 1936-1937 school year. Charles was in the eighth grade that year and moved on to Osceola High School in the fall of 1937.



## ***“Thieves Wreck Car, Kidnap Farmer”***

This was the headline of the February 7, 1938, Des Moines Tribune -- and from the news story: *Wiant, kidnaped by the couples, Monday morning told his story as he prepared to butcher hogs in the farm yard. “I was awakened by the crash as that car ripped out eight posts in the guard rail on the curve. I dressed and started out with a lantern to see what had happened. Just outside the door I was met by the two men who said one of their wives’ ankles was broken and that they wanted me to drive them to Osceola. I tried to get them to bring her in the house and call a doctor, but it didn’t work.”*

*“I drove them to Osceola and just at the edge of town one said, ‘if a cop comes out, keep going if you want to stay healthy.’ Down in town we pulled up behind a big trailer truck. When I pulled around it, I kept right on turning into the gas station. This fellow tried to pull the wheel straight, but he wasn’t strong enough.”*

*“I stopped, jerked out the keys and ran into the sandwich shop. He came right after me, but I ran right on out the back door.”*

The two robbers had just been married and were referred to as the “Honeymoon Bandits.” They stole another car in Osceola and fled to Ottumwa where their brides were apprehended. Another news story said this:

*Osceola’s notorious “Honeymoon Bandits” were under the influence of marijuana, a drug weed, during most of the time of their brief crime career across Iowa.*

The bandits were eventually caught and convicted for their crimes.

## **World War II**

Charles completed high school in 1941. World War II came along and he reported for military duty in March, 1943. He trained with the 8th Armored Infantry Division, 49th Regiment, at North Camp Polk, Louisiana. His unit provided replacements for the D-day invasion in France. He was wounded during an October, 1944, battle in northern France and received a Purple Heart. Charles was discharged from the Army with a rank of Sergeant at Camp Grant, Illinois, in December, 1945.

Life on the farm continued during the war years with rationing of sugar, gasoline, rubber tires and overshoes. Cigarettes were also in short supply and local merchants had cigarette sale hours posted -- this resulted in long lines waiting to buy the limit of two packs.

Rex completed high school in 1948, received a Sears Roebuck college tuition scholarship and enrolled in Iowa State College at Ames.

### **THE EMPTY NEST**

Ralph and Fern continued farming the Wiant homestead in Fremont Township. They traded the 1929 Ford Model A (which was the successor to the Model Ts) for a 1950 Ford two-door sedan. The Rural Electrification Administration (REA) made electricity available to them. The farm was the first in the county to be wired to receive REA power in 1941. Other changes included the addition of a 1937 Model B John Deere tractor to replace the horses and mules used for the farm field work. Ralph was fond of horses and maintained a team of "show" horses for many years after obtaining the tractor because of his sentimental attachment to them.

Ralph was active in the Farm Bureau, Federal Land Bank of Omaha, AAA and the SCS. He was the township committeeman for the Agriculture Adjustment Administration (AAA). Duties included assisting farmers with program applications and measuring field acreages to certify that programs were completed satisfactorily. Ralph pioneered implementing farm practices advocated by the Soil Conservation Service (SCS). His farm was an example of crop rotation, contour farming and field terracing.

### **THE CHILDREN MARRY**

In 1950, Charles married Geraldine Sanko in San Antonio, Texas, where he was employed as a Doctor of Chiropractic. He later opened the Wiant Chiropractic Arts Clinic in Odessa, Texas.

In 1951, Rex married Helen Beane in Adair County, Iowa. He received a Forestry degree from Iowa State University in 1952 and began work with the Iowa State Highway Commission in Creston, Iowa.

Ralph had a sudden stroke in 1953 diagnosed as a cerebral hemorrhage. After a partial recovery, he continued to operate the farm. His health did not substantially improve and he died unexpectedly on April 19, 1957, at the age of 59 in the farmhouse where he was born.

## Ralph Harlan Wiant 1897-1957

Ralph Harlan Wiant, son of John Charles and Emily Ellen Wiant, was born September 19, 1897. He lived his entire life on the farm where he passed away April 19, 1957. He had been in failing health the past four years but seemed to be better the past six months. Death came suddenly after he retired Friday evening. He was 59 years and 7 months of age.

He was married to Fern Annis Reynolds at Osceola January 20, 1923 and to this union were born four children.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, Charles of Odessa, Texas and Rex of Creston, Iowa; two grandsons, Charles Edward, Jr. and Rex Harlan II; a granddaughter, Leslie Ellen; two daughters-in-law, Geraldine and Helen; two sisters, Ida Chamberlain of Osceola and Gertrude McNair of Arlington, California.

He was preceded in death by his father, mother, two infant daughters and two sisters, Margery Lane and Ruth Harlan.

He was a member of the Osceola Christian church, having united with that church May 11, 1913.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Warren Hile at the Webster Funeral Home Tuesday, April 23 at 2 o'clock. Music was furnished by Emil Rinderspacher with Amy Ruth Harlan at the organ. Burial was in Union Chapel Cemetery.

## Fern Reynolds 1903 -1992

Fern Annis Wiant Cottrell, daughter of Lucious Edward and Mary Rose Harsh Reynolds was born May 22, 1903 in Warren County, Iowa and passed away March 25, 1992 at the Clarke County Hospital in Osceola, Iowa.

After completing high school in Indianola, Iowa, Fern taught public school in Warren County.

On January 20, 1923 Fern married Ralph Harlan Wiant in Osceola, Iowa; four children were born to this union. She was a homemaker for her husband and family until Ralph's death in 1957. At this time she returned to school teaching and continued her educational studies at Drake University.

In 1968, Fern retired from being a school teacher and married Carl Cottrell on June 28, 1968. Carl and Fern made their home in Chariton, Iowa until Carl's death in 1979. She then moved to Osceola, Iowa and has lived with her sister, Lucille Pixley, the last five years. Fern was a member of the First Christian Church in Osceola, Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her parents; both husbands, Ralph Wiant and Carl Cottrell; 2 infant daughters, Virginia Gene and Velda June; 2 brothers, Clarence and Maurice Reynolds; 3 sisters, Infant Velma, Gladys Kurtz and June Lippold.

Fern is survived by her son, Charles Edward of Odessa, Texas; son, Rex Harlan Wiant and wife Helen of Ames, Iowa; 4 grandchildren, Charles Wiant, Jr., Ralph Wiant, Leslie Sheridan and Rex Wiant II; 4 great grandchildren; step-children, Ethel Cottrell Prough, Dale Cottrell and Doris Cottrell Christensen; and a number of step-grandchildren and step-great grandchildren; sister Lucille Pixley and other relatives and friends.

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Thursday April 2, 1992; p. 3, col. 1.



**GRANDFATHER**  
**JOHN CHARLES FREMONT WIANT    1856 - 1925**

On July 15, 1856, John Charles Fremont was the fifth child born to Isaac and Eliza Woolman Wiant in Fremont Township, Clarke County, Iowa. He had four older sisters; two were born in Indiana and two were born in Clarke County. A younger sister and brother were also born in Fremont Township. John had eight years of education at the township school.

In October, 1865, John's oldest sister, Mary Elizabeth, married Daniel Clay. A little over four years later his sister, Eliza Jane, married James Clark (January, 1870). In 1879 John married Emily Ellen (Emma) HARLAN (December 24, 1879). The ceremony was performed at her father Eber Harlan's home by C. O. Rowley, Minister of the Gospel. Emily Ellen was a fourth cousin of Mary Harlan, wife of Robert Todd Lincoln, son of Abraham Lincoln.

The 1880 population census listed John Wiant living on a farm in Fremont Township with wife Emmie. In 1885, the Iowa census showed John C. F. Wiant living in the NE-NE quarter of section 27 which was across the road from his parents' home.

A daughter was born in 1886 and died as an infant on November 16. She was buried in the Union Chapel Cemetery in Fremont Township.

In 1888 John and Emily purchased the 120 acre farm where they had been living. The following year on December 19, a second child Ida May was born in the farm home. On January 21, 1893, a third daughter, Gertrude Vivian, was born.



Emily's mother, Catharine Hubbard Harlan, died October 25, 1894, and was buried in Union Chapel, known then as the Harlan Cemetery. On September 20, 1895, a fourth daughter, Ruth Delight, was born.

On September 19, 1897, their fifth child, Ralph Harlan, was born in the family farm home. The next year John's father, Isaac, died (February 18, 1898) and was buried in Union Chapel Cemetery. John and Emily's youngest child, Margery Ethel, was born August 5, 1899. The following month, John's mother, Eliza Woolman Wiant, died (September 7, 1899).

The 1900 population census listed the John C. Wiant family of Emma, Ida, Gertrude, Ruth, Ralph and Margie living in Fremont Township, Clarke County, Iowa.

In July, 1900 the Osceola paper reported:

*A party of sixty relatives and friends of John C. Wiant gathered at his home five miles north of Osceola Sunday and gave him a complete surprise, it being his forty-fourth birthday. He had been taken in charge by a neighbor who held him in complete innocence of the event, until the party had gathered, when he returned home and was surprised beyond utterance. They came in the morning bringing well filled baskets. The bounteous dinner was supplemented with lemonade and ice cream. It was a very pleasant occasion, everyone enjoying themselves to the full extent. An easy chair was presented to Mr. Wiant in a neat, well-worded address by Prof. A. J. Miller. Mr. Wiant was born on the old homestead, just across from his present residence, forty-four years ago, being among the county's earliest children. He has lived there all his life and become a successful farmer. As a citizen he stands very high, holding the esteem of his acquaintances. His friends hope he may live to pass another like term of years and thus go beyond the prophetic three score and ten.*

Eleven years later Emily's father, Eber Harlan, died in Maitland, Missouri, on April 6, 1911. He was buried in Union Chapel Cemetery. The following year daughter Gertrude married Robert Charles McNair (August 27, 1912) in Lucas County, Iowa. Daughter Ruth Delight married Fred Gilbert Harlan a year later (December 7, 1913) in Osceola, Iowa.

John's wife, Emily Ellen, died of myocarditis on March 8, 1915. She was buried in Union Chapel cemetery. This left children Ida (age 25), Ralph (age 18) and Margery (age 15) at home with John. Three years later Margie married Ralph Lane (December 24, 1918) in Osceola.



John C. F. received this poem, written by Will Harlan (brother of his late wife Emily Ellen). It was mailed from Lincoln, Nebraska and postmarked March 4, 1922.  
Exclusively John C. Wiant

1.

Town near the farm where I was born and reared,  
Was a creek by all we children much revered;  
With giant timber towering o'er its banks,  
With wild grass waving in the summer breeze  
And wild birds singing in the lofty trees  
And squirrels cutting various kinds of pranks.

2.

The swimming hole which all boys think so grand,  
Was there and always in demand;  
Its bed was solid rock from end to end,  
Wild turkey by the hundreds too were there  
And quail and pheasant scattered everywhere,  
They seemed to think that each boy was a friend.

3.

We walked two miles to school thru snow and slush  
In winter we ate corn bread, milk and mush  
And scarcely ever had a doctor bill;  
Hot biscuit every Sunday was our treat  
With homemade sorghum made our meal complete,  
And seven hungry youngsters got their fill.

4.

We never stopped for cold or wind and snow  
No matter if 'twas 20 points below;  
We trudged to school and rarely had a cold,  
Appendicitis was to us unknown,  
Our teeth and tonsils stayed where they had grown  
Because we had good health and little gold.

5.

When Sunday came our parents lead the way  
To a little church 3 miles or more away  
Where Sunday school and services were held,  
Our clothes were made by mother and by hand  
Our shoes were made of leather all home tanned;  
Those were the days before our heads were swelled.

6.

I often think if people of our time  
Would not imagine it was such a crime  
To eat more mush and milk and jonny-cake  
There'd be much less of surgeons' bills,  
Less use for any kind of pills  
If we'd live on food like mother used to make.

7.

If I were asked to name some special time  
I would repeat before I leave this clime,  
I'd say, kind sir, permit me once again  
To live one day on Rock Creek's shore  
Just as we did in days of yore,  
I feel that you could chloroform me then.

*Memories of bygone days*  
*By your foolish Brother*  
*W.S.H.*

In July, 1922 the Osceola paper published this article:

*Pioneer Resident Celebrates Birthday:*

*J. C. Wiant, who resides five miles north of the city on the Jefferson Highway, a pioneer resident of Fremont Township, happily celebrated his sixty-sixth birthday at his home Sunday, July 16. A party of seventy arrived in the afternoon which was a complete surprise to Mr. Wiant. Included in the number were his two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Hart and Mrs. Isaac Baker and his three married daughters and their families, the rest being neighbors and friends. The afternoon was filled with pleasure. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were enjoyed by the guests and the one of honor. The large birthday cake bearing sixty-six candles (and indeed delicious), was baked by Mr. Wiant's eldest daughter, Ida. Only few are privileged to receive such a beautiful gift as Mr. Wiant received on this birthday, a large comfortable chair. Mr. Wiant who is better known as John is one of the most highly respected and beloved citizens of Fremont Township. He has spent almost his entire life in this county, being born and reared near his present home and this large gathering Sunday showed in what high esteem he is held in his home community. After hearty best wishes and many more happy birthdays, the crowd departed for their homes. Mr. Wiant is no doubt still wondering what he can do to repay this happy crowd for such a pleasant afternoon.*

Son Ralph married Fern Annis Reynolds on January 20, 1923, in Osceola, Iowa. Three months later, daughter Ida married Frank Chamberlain on April 10. Ralph and Fern lived on the family farm and cared for John C. F. whose health was failing. John also lived about two years in Mount Pleasant with Ida and Frank. The last four months of his life was in the hospital at Osceola where he died of pneumonia on December 12, 1925, at age 69 years.

## John C. F. Wiant 1856 - 1925

John Charles, son of Isaac and Eliza Wiant, was born in Clarke county, Iowa, July 15, 1856 and died at Osceola, Iowa, December 12, 1925, aged 69 years, 4 months and 27 days.

December 24, 1879, he was united in marriage to Emily Ellen Harlan and to them six children were born, one dying in infancy. Those living are Mrs. Ida Chamberlain, Mrs. Gertrude McNair, Mrs. Ruth Harlan and Ralph who reside at the home address, and Mrs. Margery Lane, Burlington, Iowa. All the children were present at the funeral. The wife and mother preceded the husband in death March 8, 1915.

Other relatives which Mr. Wiant leaves to sorrow are one brother, Wm. Wiant of Colorado; Mrs. Mattie Smith of San Diego, California and Mrs. Ruth Hart both of this county. He also leaves nine grandchildren.

Mr. Wiant was born in, and practically lived all his life in Clarke county, excepting two years spent at Mount Pleasant, Iowa with his daughter.

About twenty years ago, he united with the Church of Christ, under the ministry of Elder E. H. VanHorn, and has ever endeavored to live near his Lord and Master. He was a kind husband and tender father, and his children rise up to call him blessed. He never spoke an unkind word, or injured anyone intentionally. He has been in ill health for the past three years, and for the last four months has been in the hospital where he entered into his final reward.

Funeral services were held at the Christian Church, Osceola, Iowa, Monday, December 14 at 2 p.m. Interment was made in the Union Chapel Cemetery.

Elder S. D. Harlan, Butler, Missouri



## Emily Ellen Harlan 1858 - 1915

Emily Ellen Harlan was born in Lee County, Iowa March 20, 1858 and died at her home five and one half miles north east of Osceola, Iowa March 8, 1915 being 56 years, 11 months and 16 days of age.

When but 17 years of age she moved with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eber Harlan, to Clarke County, Iowa, where she has since resided. On Dec. 24, 1879 she was married to John C. Wiant. This union was blessed with six children. The oldest having died in infancy, those surviving are: Mesdames Gertrude McNair, Ruth Harlan; Misses Ida May, Margery and brother Ralph, all of whom were present when the soul took its flight to the God who gave it. Beside her immediate family she leaves four brothers, William of Lincoln, Nebraska and Cash of Warrensburg, Missouri who were present at the funeral. Jess and Shirley were unable to be present. May God richly comfort all who mourn.

Sister Wiant's mother and two brothers passed away within a month of each other during the year of 1894. Her father died in the month of April, 1911. This noble life was dedicated to Christ when she was 15 years of age and we can unhesitatingly say it is well with her soul. She was faithful, not only to her Christ but to her family, neighbors, and friends. Truly she will be missed. God will give her a beautiful home in the city where there is no death, tears and sorrow. She was a constant sufferer for years, but she bore her affliction with fortitude and patience. Although suffering she would cheer those about her, always conscious that every cloud has a silver lining. The funeral was held from the Union Chapel Church at 1:00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Cole having charge of the service. Interment was made in Union Chapel Cemetery.

Osceola Sentinel  
March 18, 1915



## GREAT GRANDFATHER ISAAC WIANT 1824 - 1898

On August 9, 1824, Isaac Wiant was the sixth child born to Jacob and Magdalena (Dibert) Wiant in Bedford, County, Pennsylvania. He had three older brothers and two older sisters; they were all born in Bedford County.

Isaac's father, Jacob, died in 1826. About 1831 his sister, Mary, married Jacob Miller in Pennsylvania. In 1834, his mother moved the family to Grant County, Indiana. In 1836 Isaac's sister, Margaret, married Ebenezer Badger in Grant County. The 1840 U.S. Population Census listed two males between 20-30 years old (Jacob, age 30; John, about 26 years) and two males between 15-20 years old (Isaac, age 15 and unnamed son about 18 years) living in Washington Township, Grant County, Indiana.

Isaac married Eliza Woolman on November 9, 1845 in Grant County. Daughter Mary Elizabeth was born December 14, 1846. In 1847 Isaac was Clerk and Treasurer for Washington Township. On October 23, 1848, daughter Eliza Jane was born.



The 1850 population census listed Isaac as a farmer in Washington Township owning \$200 in real estate. His family included wife Eliza, daughter Mary E. and daughter Eliza Jane.

Voter records for 1852 show that Isaac voted at the Center school house in Washington Township on the first Tuesday in November, 1852. In 1853 daughter Martha Emily was born and Isaac sold 75 acres in Section 22 of Washington Township for \$750<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Grant County, IN, Deed Book M, p. 267.

Isaac moved his family to Clarke County, Iowa, and purchased 120 acres in Fremont Township in 1854 for \$175<sup>2</sup>. Daughter Ruth Delight was born December 5, 1854. On July 15, 1856, John Charles Fremont was born to Isaac and Eliza. Lucy Margaret was born the next year on October 20.

The 1860 population census listed Isaac as a 35 year old farmer in Fremont Township with \$3600 in real estate and \$525 in personal estate. Family included his wife and six children. On October 27, 1864, William Tecumseh Sherman was born. Daughter Mary Elizabeth married Daniel E. Clay on October 24, 1865.

On January 3, 1870, daughter Eliza Jane married James A. Clark. The 1870 census showed Isaac with \$7850 in real estate and \$1688 in personal property. His wife Eliza and five children were also included in the census tabulation. About 1877 daughter Martha Emily married J. A. McNeal. On December 24, 1879, son John Charles Fremont married Emily Ellen Harlan.

The 1880 census showed children Ruth, Lucy and William living with their parents on the Fremont Township farm. Charlie McNeal, a two-year-old grandson was also listed in the household. He was the son of Martha Emily and J. A. McNeal. Morton Howard was also living in the Isaac Wiant household. He was an 18-year-old nephew and son of William and Ruth Woolman Howard of Grant County, Indiana.

Daughter Ruth Delight married Manly D. Hart on September 19, 1882. The 1885 Iowa census listed Isaac and Eliza living in Section 34 of Fremont Township and children Lucy and William living with their parents.

In 1886, this biographical sketch of Isaac was published<sup>3</sup> :

*Isaac Wiant is a native of Bedford County, Pennsylvania, born June 29, 1824, a son of Jacob and Magdalene (Diebert) Wiant. His father died in 1826, and his mother subsequently, with her six children, moved to Grant County, Indiana, where he was reared and married. After his marriage his new cares increased his desire for a home, and accordingly, to better his opportunities for procuring one, he left Indiana and came West, locating in Clarke County, Iowa. He entered a tract of Government land, which he has improved and now has a fine farm of 275 acres of well-improved land, all under cultivation, with good buildings and a pleasant residence. He is an enterprising, progressive citizen, and a good farmer. He is public spirited, and in addition to attending to his personal affairs is active in promoting the interests of his town and county. He has served as township trustee twenty-one consecutive years, and as treasurer of the School Board nine years. In politics he is a Republican, but in local elections votes for men, not party. In religious faith he is allied to the United Brethren church, and is a liberal supporter toward its material needs. Mr. Wiant was married in November, 1845, to Eliza Woolman, daughter of Abraham and Ruth Woolman. To them have been born seven children—Mary Elizabeth, Eliza Jane, Martha Emily, Ruth D., John C. F., Lucy M. and William T. S.*

<sup>2</sup> Clarke County, IA, Deed Book A, p. 166.

<sup>3</sup>Biographical and Historical Record of Clarke County, IA, 1886, pp. 243-4.

Son William T. S. married Susie D. Neff on April 5, 1887. On April 6, 1890, daughter Mary Elizabeth Wiant Clay died and was buried in Union Chapel Cemetery. On October 2, 1895, daughter Lucy Margaret married Isaac Baker.

Isaac Wiant died February 18, 1898 at age 73 years of paralysis.

The Osceola Democrat newspaper reported on Thursday, February 24: *Isaac Wiant died at his home about two and one-half miles south of Jamison, Friday February 18, 1898. The funeral services were held at Union Chapel Sunday morning, after which the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery near there. His aged companion still survives at this writing, and six children, to mourn his loss. He was a good citizen and kind neighbor, and well respected by all. The bereaved family have the sympathy of all.*<sup>4</sup>

The Clarke County Clipper reported on February 26: *Jamison—Isaac Wiant passed into the higher life on Saturday the 19th. An old and highly respected citizen has left us. He leaves a wife in very critical condition, and two sons and four daughters to mourn his loss who have the sympathy of a large circle of friends.*<sup>5</sup>

A Mexican & Civil War Veteran marker was placed on his Union Chapel Cemetery grave.

Wife Eliza died September 7 at age 75 years of paralysis on September 7, 1899. Ruth Hart made this Affidavit on August 11, 1916 in regard to the Isaac Wiant estate:

*I, Ruth D. Hart,-- say that I was well and personally acquainted with my father, Isaac Wiant, who died intestate in Clarke County, Iowa, on 18 February, 1898, and who at the time of his death owned the SE 1/4 of Section 28 and N 1/2 NW 1/4 of Section 34, except railroad right of way, in Fremont Township and who left as his widow, Eliza Wiant, my mother, who died intestate in Clarke County on 7 September, 1899, without having remarried, and that my father and mother left as their only heirs at law, J. C. F. Wiant, a son; Eliza J. Clark, a daughter; Ruth Hart, a daughter; Lucy Baker, a daughter; Martha E. Smith, a daughter; W. T. S. Wiant, a son, and grand children as follows: Clara Daniels, Florence Harsh, Fred Clay and Pearl O. Clay, and that they had no other child or children who died prior to their death leaving issue. ---- that Martha E. Smith, Martha Thornberg, Mattie Thornberg and Mattie E. Thornberg, refers to one and the same person.----*<sup>6</sup>

<sup>4</sup> The Osceola Democrat; Vol. XXIV, No. 4, p. 1, col. 3

<sup>5</sup> Clarke County Clipper; Vol. 1, No. 8, p. 4.

<sup>6</sup> Clarke County, IA, Recorder; Miscellaneous Bk. 17, p. 497.

## Isaac Wiant 1824-1898

After three weeks of suffering from a paralytic stroke Mr. Isaac Wiant died at his home in Fremont Township, Friday, February 18th, aged seventy-three years, seven months and nineteen days. Mr. Wiant was among the earliest pioneers of the county, having come here in 1854. He was born in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, June 29, 1824. His father died when he was two years of age and his mother afterwards moved to Grant County, Indiana, where he was reared and married.

In 1853 he left Indiana and went to Chariton, Iowa, where he remained one year, coming to this county in 1854. He entered government land at the site of the present homestead, where he has been a continuous resident for forty-four years. He improved a fine farm of 275 acres and took a lively interest in the progress of the county during the active years of his life.

The deceased served as township trustee for twenty-one consecutive years and as treasurer of the school board nine years. He belonged to the U. B. Church for many years, and was a liberal supporter towards its needs.

His marriage to Miss Eliza Woolman his surviving widow, who is now prostrated with illness, occurred in 1845. Five daughters and two sons were born to this union as follows: Mary E., who became the wife of D. E. Clay and died some years ago; Eliza J., now Mrs. J. A. Clark of Woodburn; Martha E., now Mrs. Thornberg, of Monette, Missouri; Ruth, now Mrs. Dave Hart of Atlantic and Lucy, now Mrs. Isaac Baker. The boys are John and Wm. Wiant.

Mr. Wiant lived an industrious, honest, conscientious life. He did not aspire to great honors, being content to live a peaceable quiet life, but nevertheless it reflected and shed luster over his community, making it better both by precept and example.

The funeral was held at Union Chapel, Sunday at 11 a.m., the Christian Minister Rev. \_\_\_\_\_ officiating, after which his body was laid to rest in the Union Chapel Cemetery.

## Eliza Woolman 1824-1899

Mrs. Eliza (Woolman) Wiant died of paralysis at her late home north of Osceola September 7, aged 75 years, 8 months and 4 days. She was born in Clark County, Ohio, moved with her parents to Grant County, Indiana, where she married Isaac Wiant in 1845. In 1854 they moved to Clarke County which continued to be their home the remainder of their lives.

Six children survive as follows: Eliza J., wife of J. A. Clark, Woodburn; Martha E., now Mrs. Thornberg, Monette, Missouri; Ruth, wife of M. D. Hart, now living at the old home place; Lucy, now Mrs. Isaac Baker; and John and William Wiant of this county.

Mrs. Wiant joined the U. B. Church in early life and remained a member until her death, having been a good consistent Christian woman for 55 years.

The funeral was held at her late home September 9, 10 a.m., Rex Maxson conducting the funeral, after which her remains were laid to rest in Union Chapel Cemetery beside her husband whose death occurred in February, 1898.

Osceola Sentinel  
Thursday September 14, 1899



## GREAT GREAT GRANDFATHER JACOB WIANT ca 1786 - 1826

Jacob Wiant was born about 1786 to Henry and Catherine Wyant. His name first appeared on the Bedford Township tax rolls in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, in 1807. Single males were added to the tax lists at age 21 and this is the basis for his estimated birth year.

Property records show Henry Wiant, Jacob's father, obtained Land Warrants for 75 acres in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, in 1794. In 1796 tax records, taxes were paid by Henry on 150 acres, house, 1 barn, 1 horse, and 4 cows in Bedford Township.

Jacob Wyand was included in the 1807-1810 Bedford tax records as a farmer and single freeman. About 1809 Mary Magdaline DIEBERT married Jacob WEYANT of Henry<sup>1</sup>. Court proceedings for the Michael Dibert estate listed his ten children and included this reference "Mary Dibert intermarried with Jacob Wyant<sup>2</sup>." Another reference states "Jacob Weyant, son of Henry Weyant, married Magaline Dibert, daughter of Michael<sup>3</sup>."

Son Jacob Wiant was born March 15, 1810, in Bedford County, Pennsylvania. On March 14, 1811, Mary was born. The 1812 and 1813 Bedford Township tax records show that Jacob Wiant paid 11 cents tax. About 1814 a second son was born and it is believed his name was John (evidence has not been found).

In 1817 the tax assessments for Bedford Township listed Jacob Wyant having 100 acres of patent land, 1 horse, 3 cows, value \$530. Tax was \$2.60. On July 18, 1818, daughter Margaret was born.

The April, 1819 Record of Contributions to the Messiah Lutheran Church in Bedford, Pennsylvania, included \$1.00 from Jacob Weiland and \$2.00 from Henry Weiland. Jacob paid \$0.50 for Bedford Township taxes in 1819.

In 1820 the U.S. Population Census of Bedford Township showed Jacob Wiant employed in agriculture with a family of two sons, two daughters and a wife. The 1820 Tax Assessment records listed Jacob Wyant with a distillery, 2 horses, 3 cows, value \$113, \$0.67 tax. His occupation was given as a stiller.

A third son was born about 1820 (based on 1840 population census data). Jacob Wiant was listed in the 1825 and 1826 Bedford Township tax records. Son Isaac was born August 9, 1824.

On July 17, 1826, Jacob Wyant completed his last will and testament naming Magdalana Executrix and leaving all his property "unto my dearly beloved wife Magdalana and my children." It was probated August 23, 1826. His burial site is unknown.

<sup>1</sup> Dibert Family Genealogy, p. 4.

<sup>2</sup> Bedford County, PA, Orphans Court Docket #4, p. 91-96, January, 1825

<sup>3</sup> Thomas Imler, They Planted a Tree in the Wilderness: A Genealogy of Dutch Corner, Bedford County.

**GREAT GRANDMOTHER  
MARY MAGDALENA DIBERT WYANT 1791 - 1875**

On December 10, 1791, Mary Magdalena Dibert was the seventh child born to Michael and Margaret (Miller) Dibert in Bedford County, Pennsylvania. She married Jacob Wyant about 1809 and they had six children before Jacob died in 1826.

The Bedford Township tax assessment rolls for 1828 - 1830 listed 2 horses and 1 cow for widow Wyant valued at \$67 and taxed \$0.40. In 1834 the tax records listed widow Wyant, tax \$0.12 and Jacob Wyant - single freeman, \$0.50 tax.

In 1831 daughter Mary left the family and married Jacob Miller in Bedford County. Magdalena moved her family to Grant County, Indiana in 1834. She made a first land entry in Sections 23 and 24 in Washington Township on November 8, 1834. Her son Jacob made a first entry in Section 32 on June 10, 1834.

On January 12, 1836, daughter Margaret married Ebenezer Badger in Grant County, Indiana. They lived on a farm in Washington Township near Magdalena and Jacob. The 1840 U.S. Population Census listed the Mata Wyant family as 2 males age 15-20 (John, Isaac), 2 males age 20-30 (Jacob, ?? son) and 1 female age 40-50 (Magdalena). The males were employed in agriculture.

Son Jacob Wyant married Malinda Gaines on January 27, 1842, in Grant County, Indiana. School records of Washington Township District No. 2 showed that Martha Wyant had one child (Isaac) between ages of 5 and 21 in school in 1844. Son Isaac Wyant married Eliza Woolman on November 9, 1845, in Grant County, Indiana.

In the spring of 1850 Magdalena, her son Jacob, and his family (wife, two children) moved to Iowa with a team and wagon. Jacob Whiant made a first land entry in Sections 20 & 29 of Lincoln Township and deeded this land to Magdalena in 1851. The 1856 Iowa Census listed Magdalena Whyant as a widow born in Pennsylvania and had lived in Iowa six years.

The 1860 U.S. Population Census of Clinton Township, Lucas County, Iowa, included Magdalena Wyant, 68 year old widow, with \$2500 real estate, \$250 personal property, and couldn't read or write.

Magdalena WYANT died intestate November 1, 1875, at age 83 years, 10 months, 22 days. Heirs: Margaret Badger, Isaac Wyant, Mary Miller and heirs of Jacob Wyant, deceased. Ebenezer Badger was named Administrator<sup>4</sup>.

She was buried in the Chariton Cemetery in the Old Division, Block 21, Lot 9.

<sup>4</sup> Lucas County, IA, Probate Records, volume D, page 90.

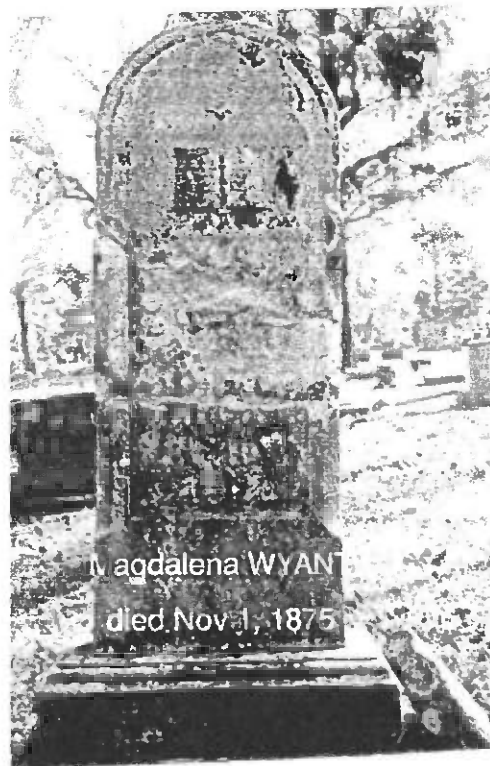
The Chariton, Iowa newspaper, The Patriot, reported on November 3, 1875:

*Died: Old Mrs. Wyant, known as "Granny" Wyant, mother of Mrs. E. Badger and one of the oldest residents of this county, died at the residence of Mr. E. Badger, on Monday of this week, the 1st day of November, of paralysis. Her age was 84 years.*

The Chariton Leader reported on November 6, 1875:

*Old Mrs. WYANT, known as Granny Wyant, died at the residence of Mr. Ebenezer Badger, her son-in-law, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., aged 85 years. Mrs. Wyant was one of the earliest settlers of this county, she having lived here about twenty five years.*

This is from an affidavit filed in June, 1919 by Wm. H. Simpson: "--- I was well and personally acquainted with Jacob Wiant to whom was issued United States Patents to the East One-half of the South East Quarter & the South East Quarter of the North East Quarter in Section 20, Township Number 72, Range 21 in Lucas County, Iowa, and also with Magdalena Wyant who afterward owned said land. That both of said persons were illiterate and neither could read or write and executed all instruments by mark, and as a result, their names were frequently misspelled. --- And that I personally know the Magdalena Whiant -- and the Magdalena Whyant --- to be all one and the same identical persons. " 1st day of March, 1910<sup>5</sup>.



## GREAT GREAT GREAT GRANDFATHER Henry Wiant 1749 - 1822

Henry (Johann Heinrich) Wiant (Wiegand) was born January 27, 1749, in Freinsheim, Germany<sup>1</sup>. His parents were Johann Peter and Maria Magdalena (Eigenbrodt) WIEGAND. The Family Group Record on the following page was assembled by Steven Meiser of Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Henry and two brothers, Johan Jost WIEGAND and Johannes WIEGAND, arrived in Philadelphia on Ship Sally<sup>2</sup> on October 29, 1770. The ship came from Rotterdam, Netherlands, via Cowes, England.

Henry was reported as living in the Delaware German settlement and subsequently in Bedford County, Pennsylvania and fought in the Revolutionary War<sup>3</sup>. No confirmation of this has been found.

Land records of Washington County, Maryland<sup>4</sup>, state "Henry Wyand -- now of Bedford County, Pennsylvania," completed land transactions in 1785, 1791, and 1795. Henry's wife, Catherine, relinquished her right of dower in these papers.

In 1794 Henry obtained Land Warrants for 75 acres in Bedford County, Pennsylvania. Henry is listed in the Bedford Township tax records<sup>5</sup> from 1794 through 1821. His entry was lined out in the 1822 tax book.

The 1800 U.S. Population Census included the Henry WYAND family with six male and three female children. They were living in Bedford Township of Bedford County, Pennsylvania.

The 1807 Bedford Township tax record showed that Henry was a farmer with 50 acres warrant, 143 acres location, distillery, 3 horses, 5 cows, value \$619. In 1817 the tax assessment included 50 acres improved, 142 acres location, 3 horses, 4 cows, value \$641. In 1819 Henry obtained a land warrant for another 30 acres in Bedford County. The Messiah Lutheran Church record of contributions for April, 1819, included Henry Weiland as giving \$2.00.

The 1820 U.S. Population Census showed Henry WIANDT employed in agriculture with two males under 26 and one female under 10 years and one female 26-45 years old living in Bedford Township, Bedford County, Pennsylvania.

Papers dated January 8, 1822<sup>6</sup>, listed Jacob Wyant and John Miller as the administrators for Henry Wiant's estate.

<sup>1</sup> Kirchenbuch Freinsheim, Germany, translated by Archivist Siegfried BARTH, June, 2001.

<sup>2</sup> Ralph Beaver Strassburger, Pennsylvania German Pioneers. Volume 1, 1727-1775 pp. 731-2.

<sup>3</sup> History of Armstrong County PA, J. H. Beers & Co., Vol. I, p. 332.

<sup>4</sup> Washington County, DE, 1785-1791 Deed Index, Liber D, Folio 459, year 1785, Liber G, Folio 342, year 1791 and Liber I, Folio 326 & 328, year 1795.

<sup>5</sup> Bedford County, PA Tax Records, 1772-1835, LDS Family History Library films 1,449,356-70

<sup>6</sup> Administration Abstracts, Bedford County, PA, St. Clairs Bedford, v. 4, no. 1, p. 8.



**6th GENERATION ANCESTOR**  
**Family Group Record**  
**Heinrich & Catherine WIEGAND**

Husband: Johann Heinrich WIEGAND	
Born: 27 Jan 1749	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
Chr.:	Place:
Died: 1822	Place: Bedford Co, PA
Bur.:	Place:
Marr: 2 Feb 1770	Place:
has other marriages	
Father: Johann Peter WIEGAND	
Mother: Maria Magdalena EIGENBRODT	
Wife: Catherine	
Born:	Place:
Chr.:	Place:
Died: Abt 1795	Place:
Bur.:	Place:
Father:	
Mother:	
Sex Children	List each child (living or dead)
M/F	in order of birth
1. Name: John WEYANDT	Spouse: Barbary BOWSER
M Born: Abt 1780	Place: MD
Chr.:	Place:
Died: 1860	Place:
Bur.:	Place:
Marr:	Place:
2. Name: Elizabeth WEYANDT	Spouse: Frederick BOOHER
F Born: 1783	Place: MD
Chr.:	Place:
Died:	Place:
Bur.:	Place:
Marr:	Place:
3. Name: Henry Jr. WEYANDT	Spouse: Elizabeth
M Born: 1784	Place: MD
Chr.:	Place:
Died:	Place:
Bur.:	Place:
Marr:	Place:
4. Name: Jacob WYANT	Spouse: Mary Magdalena DIEBERT
M Born: 1786	Place: MD
Chr.:	Place:
Died: 1826	Place: Bedford Co, PA
Bur.:	Place:
Marr: Abt 1809	Place:
5. Name: Joseph WEYANDT	Spouse: Susan ICKES
M Born: 1789	Place: Jerusalem Twp, Washington Co, MD
Chr.:	Place:
Died: 1860	Place: Union Twp, Bedford Co, PA
Bur.:	Place: Bedford Co, PA
Marr: Abt 1810	Place:
6. Name: Martin WYANT	Spouse: Christina BOOHER
M Born: 1790	Place: Jerusalem Twp, Washington Co, MD
Chr.:	Place:
Died:	Place: Armstrong Co, PA
Bur.:	Place:
Marr:	Place:

## 7th, 8th & 9th GENERATION ANCESTORS

The birth, death, and marriage information for these ancestors was assembled by Siegfried Barth, Archivist, Freinsheim, Germany. He translated the original church records that are now stored on the fourth floor of the Freinsheim City Hall.

### 7th Generation Ancestor

Johann Peter WIEGAND was the first of three children born to Johann Jost and Anna Margaretha (Scherrer) Wiegand on March 5, 1700 in Freinsheim, Germany. This was the second marriage for Johann Jost; there is no record of children by his first wife Elisabeth. Johann Peter's mother died about 1712. His father married #3 Kathrina Philippine ISENBARTH in 1716 and they had nine children.

Johann Peter Wiegand married Maria Magdalena EIGENBRODT on May 6, 1731 in Freinsheim, Germany. They had eight children. Johann Peter died August 5, 1758, in Freinsheim. Three sons, Johan Jost (born 1737), Johannes (born 1746), and Johann Heinrich (born 1749) came to America in 1770. Maria Magdalena died April 17, 1774, in Freinsheim.

### 8th Generation Ancestor

Johann Jost WIEGAND was born about 1671 to Henry and Anna Margaretha Wiegand in Freinsheim, Germany. He married three times; first to Elisabeth on April 22, 1691, second to Anna Margaretha SCHERRER on February 17, 1699, and third to Katherina Philippina ISENBARTH on February 19, 1716.

There are no records of children with Elisabeth. Johann Jost and Anna Margaretha had three sons, Johann Peter (born 1700), Johan Heinrich (born 1707), and Johan Georg (born 1711). Anna Margaretha died about 1712.

Johann Jost and Katherina Philippina had nine children. One son, Elias (born 1721), came to America and lived in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. He died there in 1807. The youngest of the nine children was born in 1742.

Johan Jost died February 14, 1758 and Katherina died October 17, 1767 in Freinsheim, Germany.

### 9th Generation Ancestor

Heinrich WIEGAND was born about 1648. His wife's name is unknown. First born was Johann Jost about 1671. Johann Jakob was born about 1679 and Anna Maria Elisabeth was born about 1687. Heinrich died before 1698 in Freinsheim, Germany.

**7th GENERATION ANCESTOR**  
**Family Group Record**  
**Johann Peter & Maria Magdalena WIEGAND**

Husband: Johann Peter WIEGAND	
Born: 5 Mar 1700	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
Chr.:	Place:
Died: 5 Aug 1758	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
Bur.:	Place:
Marr: 6 May 1731	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
Father: Johann Jost WIEGAND	Mother: Anna Margaretha SCHERRER
Wife: Maria Magdalena EIGENBRODT	
Born: 2 Dec 1708	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
Chr.:	Place:
Died: 17 Apr 1774	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
Bur.: 19 Apr 1774	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
Father: Johan Daniel EIGENBRODT	Mother: Anna Marie SELTZER
Sex Children	List each child (living or dead)
M/F	in order of birth
1. Name: Maria Elisabeth Susanne WIEGAND	Spouse:
F Born: 27 Sep 1732	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
Chr.:	Place:
Died:	Place:
Bur.:	Place:
Marr:	Place:
2. Name: Melchoir WIEGAND	Spouse:
Born: 22 Aug 1734	Place: Freinsheim
Chr.:	Place:
Died:	Place:
Bur.:	Place:
Marr:	Place:
3. Name: Maria Magdalena WIEGAND	Spouse:
F Born: 21 Oct 1735	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
Chr.:	Place:
Died: 11 Aug 1737	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
Bur.:	Place:
Marr:	Place:
4. Name: Johan Jost WIEGAND	Spouse: Ann Elizabeth DUDWIELER
M Born: 19 Oct 1737	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
Chr.:	Place:
Died: 1785	Place: Dauphin Co, PA
Bur.:	Place:
Marr:	Place:
5. Name: Maria Susanne WIEGAND	Spouse:
F Born: 26 Oct 1740	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
Chr.:	Place:
Died: 17 Apr 1768	Place: Weisenheim/Sand, Germany
Bur.:	Place:
Marr:	Place:

**7th GENERATION ANCESTOR**  
**Family Group Record**  
**Johann Peter & Maria Magdalena WIEGAND**  
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Husband: Johann Peter WIEGAND		Year of Birth: 1700
Wife: Maria Magdalena EIGENBRODT		Year of Birth: 1708
Sex Children (continued)		
6.	Name: Andreas WIEGAND	Spouse:
F	Born: 22 Nov 1743	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
	Chr.:	Place:
	Died: 9 Feb 1748	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
	Bur.:	Place:
	Marr:	Place:
7.	Name: Johannes WIEGAND	Spouse: Catharina LIMBACH
M	Born: 5 Jun 1746	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
	Chr.:	Place:
	Died:	Place: VA ??
	Bur.:	Place:
	Marr: Apr 1768	Place: , Germany
8.	Name: Johann Heinrich WIEGAND	Spouse: Catherine
M	Born: 27 Jan 1749	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
	Chr.:	Place:
	Died: 1822	Place: Bedford Co, PA
	Bur.:	Place:
	Marr: 2 Feb 1770	Place:



**8th GENERATION ANCESTOR**  
**Family Group Record**  
**Johann Jost WIEGAND**  
**1691 - married Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_**  
**1699 - married Anna Margaretha SCHERRER**

Husband: Johann Jost WIEGAND		
Born: Abt 1671	Place: Freinsheim, Germany	
Chr.:	Place:	
Died: 14 Feb 1758	Place: Freinsheim, Germany	
Bur.: 1758	Place: Freinsheim, Germany	has other marriages
Marr: 17 Feb 1699	Place: Freinsheim, Germany	
Father: Heinrich WIEGAND		Mother: unknown
Wife: Anna Margaretha SCHERRER		
Born: 1679	Place:	
Chr.:	Place:	
Died: Abt 1712	Place: Freinsheim, Germany	
Bur.:	Place:	
Father:		Mother:
Sex Children	List each child (living or dead)	
M/F	in order of birth	
1.	Name: Johann Peter WIEGAND	Spouse: Maria Magdalena EIGENBRODT
M	Born: 5 Mar 1700	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
	Chr.:	Place:
	Died: 5 Aug 1758	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
	Bur.:	Place:
	Marr: 6 May 1731	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
2.	Name: Johan Georg WIEGAND	Spouse: Katarina SPITZ?
M	Born: 11 Jun 1711	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
	Chr.: 14 Jun 1711	Place:
	Died: 1740	Place: USA
	Bur.:	Place:
	Marr:	Place:

**8th GENERATION ANCESTOR**  
**Family Group Record**  
**Johann Jost WIEGAND**  
**1691 - married Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_**  
**1699 - married Anna Margaretha SCHERRER**  
**1716 - married Katherina Philippina ISENBARTH**

Husband: Johann Jost WIEGAND	
Born: Abt 1671	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
Chr.:	Place:
Died: 14 Feb 1758	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
Bur.: 1758	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
Marr: 19 Feb 1716	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
has other marriages	
Father: Heinrich WIEGAND	Mother: unknown
Wife: Katherina Philippina ISENBARTH	
Born: 1680	Place:
Chr.:	Place:
Died: 17 Oct 1767	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
Bur.: 18 Oct 1767	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
Father: Elias ISENBARTH	Mother: Maria Salome BOHLER
Sex Children	List each child (living or dead)
M/F	in order of birth
1. Name: Johann Adam WIEGAND	Spouse: Susan Margaret DAUT
M Born: 20 Nov 1718	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
Chr.:	Place:
Died: 27 Jan 1780	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
Bur.:	Place:
Marr: 14 Feb 1747	Place:
2. Name: Elias WIEGAND	Spouse: Jacobea Charlotta RECK
M Born: 3 Apr 1721	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
Chr.: 6 Apr 1721	Place:
Died: Oct 1807	Place: Montgomery Co, PA
Bur.: Oct 1807	Place: Falckner Swamp, Montgomery Co, PA
Marr: 7 Feb 1747	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
3. Name: Johann Heinrich WIEGAND	Spouse:
M Born: 18 Aug 1723	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
Chr.:	Place:
Died: 6 Oct 1737	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
Bur.:	Place:
Marr:	Place:
4. Name: Anna Katherina WIEGAND	Spouse: Johann Hermann HUCK
F Born: 20 May 1726	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
Chr.:	Place:
Died: 7 Dec 1801	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
Bur.:	Place:
Marr: 28 Jul 1744	Place:
5. Name: Elizabeth WIEGAND	Spouse:
F Born: 2 May 1729	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
Chr.:	Place:
Died:	Place:
Bur.:	Place:
Marr:	Place:

**8th GENERATION ANCESTOR**  
**Family Group Record**  
**Johann Jost & Katherina Philippina WIEGAND**  
**page 2**

Husband: Johann Jost WIEGAND		Year of Birth: 1671
Wife: Katherina Philippina ISENBARTH		Year of Birth: 1680
Sex Children (continued)		
6. Name: Johann Reichert WIEGAND <span style="float: right;">Spouse:</span>		
M	Born: 7 Jul 1731	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
	Chr.:	Place:
	Died:	Place:
	Bur.:	Place:
	Marr:	Place:
7. Name: Anna Sybille WIEGAND <span style="float: right;">Spouse:</span>		
F	Born: 25 Jan 1735	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
	Chr.:	Place:
	Died:	Place:
	Bur.:	Place:
	Marr:	Place:
8. Name: Maria Barbara WIEGAND <span style="float: right;">Spouse:</span>		
F	Born: 3 Jun 1738	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
	Chr.:	Place:
	Died: 23 Jun 1739	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
	Bur.:	Place:
	Marr:	Place:
9. Name: Johann Konrad WIEGAND <span style="float: right;">Spouse:</span>		
M	Born: 4 Oct 1742	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
	Chr.:	Place:
	Died:	Place:
	Bur.:	Place:
	Marr:	Place:



**9th GENERATION ANCESTOR**  
**Family Group Record**  
**Heinrich WIEGAND**

<b>Husband: Heinrich WIEGAND</b>	
Born: Abt 1648	Place:
Chr.:	Place:
Died:	Place: Freinsheim, Pfalz, Germany
Bur.:	Place:
Marr: Bef 1671	Place:
Father:	Mother:
Wife: unknown	
Born:	Place:
Chr.:	Place:
Died:	Place:
Bur.:	Place:
Father:	Mother:
Sex Children M/F	List each child (living or dead) in order of birth
1. Name: Johann Jost WIEGAND	Spouse: Elisabeth
M Born: Abt 1671	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
Chr.:	Place:
Died: 14 Feb 1758	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
Bur.: 1758	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
Marr: 22 Apr 1691	Place:
2. Name: Johann Jakob WIEGAND	Spouse: Anna Katherina MAGSAMEN
M Born: Abt 1679	Place:
Chr.:	Place:
Died: 15 Jan 1719	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
Bur.:	Place:
Marr: 12 Jul 1701	Place:
3. Name: Anna Maria Elisabeth WIEGAND	Spouse:
F Born: Abt 1687	Place: Freinsheim, Germany
Chr.:	Place:
Died:	Place:
Bur.:	Place:
Marr:	Place:

## COLLATERAL RELATIVES

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### 3. Aunts from John C. F. Wiant Family

Infant Daughter 1886 - 1886

Ida Mae Wiant 1889 - 1961

Gertrude Vivian Wiant 1893 - 1969

Ruth Delight Wiant 1895 - 1953

Margery Ethel Wiant 1899 - 1945

The first child of John C. F. and Emily E. (Harlan) WIANT was born and died on November 16, 1886, in Clarke County, Iowa. She was buried in Union Chapel Cemetery in Fremont Township.



Obituaries for the other aunts and their husbands are on the following pages.



## Ida Mae Wiant 1889 -1961

Ida Mae Chamberlain, eldest daughter of John C. and Emily E. Harlan Wiant was born December 19, 1889 in Fremont Township, Clarke County, Iowa and passed away December 22, 1961 at the Clarke County hospital. She attended Fremont No. 8 school. She was a member of Union Chapel church and later her membership was transferred to the Osceola Christian Church.

On April 10, 1923 she married Frank Chamberlain. Three children were born to this union. She lived her entire life in Clarke County except for two and one-half years at West Burlington and Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her parents, an infant son, two sisters, Margery Lane and Ruth Harlan and brother Ralph Wiant. She is survived by her husband Frank, son Francis and wife Grace; daughter Evelyn Todden and her husband Alfred; 10 grandchildren: Steven, Jeanne, Bobby, Johnny, Mark, Jimmie and Rebecca Chamberlain and Danny, Patti and Susan Todden; a sister Gertrude McNair of Arlington, California; also several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

She had been in ill health for a number of years, having lost her eyesight 15 years ago. She did not complain of her misfortune and was always concerned for her family and friends.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday December 26 at Webster's Funeral Home. Rev. Clinton D. Wolf officiated. The pall bearers were Ray Heston, Lloyd Garner, Basil Page, Floyd Newman, George Casey and Kenneth

VanWinkle. Deloris Thornton sang "Sweet Bye and Bye" and "The Old Rugged Cross." Interment was in Maple Hill Cemetery.

Osceola Tribune

Tuesday January 2, 1962; p. 5, col. 4

## Frank Chamberlain 1881 - 1966

Frank Chamberlain, youngest son of Francis and Mary Ann Smith Chamberlain, was born September 13, 1881 near Lacelle, Iowa and passed away September 10, 1966 at the Midwest Nursing Home, Osceola, Iowa at the age of nearly 85 years following a short illness.

He retired from farming in 1950 and moved to Osceola. For the past four years he had lived at the Guthrie Rest Home.

He attended rural Clarke County schools and Union Chapel Church.

On November 12, 1908 he was married to Ada Belle Lane. To this union two children were born, a daughter who died in infancy and a son, Ivan.

On April 10, 1923 he was married to Ida Mae Wiant. To this union three children were born, a son who died in infancy, Francis of Murray, Iowa and Mrs. Evelyn Todden of Osceola.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, his wife Ada in 1918; his son Ivan in 1929; his wife Ida in 1961; brothers John and Marion and sister Myrtle Hickman. He is survived by his son Francis and daughter Evelyn; daughter-in-law Grace; son-in-law Alfred Todden; 11 grandchildren: Steven, Jeanne, Robert, John, Mark, Jimmie and Rebecca Chamberlain, Danny, Patti, Susan and Marianne Todden; five nieces, one nephew and many other relatives and friends.



**Gertrude Vivian Wiant 1893 -1969**

McNAIR -- In Riverside, California, January 18, 1969. Gertrude McNair, aged 75 yrs.

Late resident of 5960 Troth St., Mira Loma, Calif. Mother of Charles McNair, Yorba Linda, Calif.; David L. McNair, Teresa Abela, Irene Neff and H. L. McNair, Riverside, Calif., and L. W. McNair, Missouri.

Also survived by 16 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Recitation of the Rosary in the Colonial Chapel of the Preston-Rasmussen Mortuary Monday at 7:00 p.m. Requiem Mass in St. Thomas Church Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. The Rev. Peter Perchem, Celebant.

Interment in Olivewood Cemetery.

The Daily Enterprise; Riverside, CA  
January 21, 1969; page A-9, col. 6

**Former Resident Dies in California**

Funeral services were held January 21 for Gertrude Wiant McNair, 75, of Arlington, California. Mrs. McNair, a former Clarke county resident, was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; sisters, Margie Lane, Ida Chamberlain and Ruth Harlan, and brother, Ralph Wiant. She is survived by four sons and two daughters.

She had made her home recently with her daughter, Irene Neff, of Mira Loma, California.

The Osceola Tribune; Osceola, Iowa

**Robert Charles McNair 1892-1968**

McNAIR -- In Riverside, California, January 21, 1968. Robert C. McNair, aged 75 years.

Late resident of 3679 Van Buren, Riverside. Husband of Gertrude McNair. Son of Margaret McNair, Arlington. Father of Charles McNair, Yorba Linda; David McNair, Theresa Abela and Irene Neff, Riverside; H. L. McNair, Illinois, and L. W. McNair, Missouri. Brother of Theodore McNair and Grace Borts, Corona; Leland McNair, Kenneth McNair and Dorothy Sanders, Arlington, and Berniece Pesterfield, Oregon.

Also survived by 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Recitation of the Rosary in the Colonial Chapel of the Preston-Rasmussen Mortuary, Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. Requiem Mass in St. Thomas Church Thursday at 9:30 A.M., the Rev. Peter Parchem, Celebant.

Interment in Olivewood Cemetery.

The Daily Enterprise; Riverside, CA  
January 23, 1968; page A-7, col. 1



## Ruth Delight Wiant 1895 - 1953

Ruth Delight Harlan, daughter of John and Emily Wiant, was born in Fremont township, September 20, 1895. She died after an illness of a few hours at the Clarke County hospital March 23, 1953 at the age of 57 years, 6 months and 3 days. Her sudden and untimely death was a great shock to the members of her family circle and to her friends.

She was united in marriage to Fred G. Harlan, December 7, 1913. The marriage was performed by the Rev. W. C. Cole, former pastor of the Osceola Christian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Harlan immediately established their home on a farm three miles northeast of Osceola and resided there until the time of her death.

Mrs. Harlan is survived by her devoted husband, Fred G. Harlan, a son Ernest W. of Des Moines, a daughter Mrs. Evans Connor of Leon, a son Donald R. of Denver. There are five grandchildren: Bob Harlan of Des Moines; Fred Conner of Leon; Tom, Cathy and Bill Harlan of Denver. Also surviving is a brother Ralph Wiant of Fremont twp., and two sisters, Ida Chamberlain of Osceola and Gertie McNair of Arlington, Calif. There are many other more distant relatives and a host of friends who mourn her passing.

She was a member of the Osceola Christian church. She was a devoted wife and mother and genuinely interested in the constructive forces of the community. She was a good neighbor and stood ready to help all who were in need.

The Tribune, Osceola, IA,  
Tuesday, March 31, 1953; p. 5, col. 3

## Fred Gilbert Harlan 1892 - 1971

### Fred Harlan Dies Friday ....

Funeral services were held on Monday, May 17 at the Webster Kale Funeral Home for Fred Gilbert Harlan. He had died at his home on Friday, at the age of 78. The 3 p.m. services were conducted by the Rev. John McCallum.

Fred Gilbert Harlan was born on December 7, 1892 in Clarke County and had lived in Osceola all of his life. He was educated in Clarke County and was married twice, first to Ruth (Wiant) Harlan, and second to Lois Slaybaugh Harlan. No children were born to the second union.

Surviving relatives include: wife, Lois; son, E. W. Harlan and wife, Alice of Des Moines; daughter, Idris and husband, Evans Conner of Leon; son, Don and wife Helen of Denver, Colorado; six grandchildren; five great grandchildren; sisters, Edith Wilson and Ida Duncan of Chicago.

He was preceded in death by: first wife, Ruth; two brothers, Elmer and Ben, and by two sisters, Blanche O'Neill and Linnie McClain.

He was a retired farmer and cattle buyer at the time of his death.



## Margery Ethel Wiant 1899 - 1945

Margery Ethel Wiant was born in Clarke County, Iowa on August 5, 1899 and passed away on June 14, 1945 after several months illness.

She received her early education in rural school No. 8 of Fremont Township, later taking a Normal Training course at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. After completing her work at Drake she taught for two years.

Early in life she became a member of the Union Chapel church which was near her childhood home, later transferring her membership to the Methodist church at West Burlington, Iowa.

Those left to mourn her death are her husband, Ralph B. Lane, her son Lieutenant (j.g.) Arlie Lane, U.S. Navy, Washington, D.C., her daughter-in-law Mrs. Bernadine Ball Lane and three week old grandson, John Stephen Lane, and her mother-in-law Mrs. S.A. Lane.

She also leaves three sisters, Mrs. Ida Chamberlain and Mrs. Ruth Harlan of Osceola, Iowa, Mrs. Gertrude McNair of Arlington, California, and one brother, Ralph H. Wiant of Osceola, Iowa besides a number of nieces and nephews and other distant relatives and many friends.

The Osceola Tribune

Tuesday, June 19, 1945, p. 1, col. 2



## Ralph Bloomfield Lane 1898 - 1980

Ralph B. Lane, 82, Wever, died Friday May 23 at 7:55 a.m. at the St. Francis Continuation Care Center.

He was born in Osceola May 20, 1898, to Azro and Nancy Harris Lane. On September 16, 1950, he married Cleo Hollenbeck in Muscatine.

He worked 32 years as a machinist for the Burlington Northern Railroad and was a member of Railroad Veterans and the Wever Christian Church.

Surviving: the wife; a son, Arlie, Shawnee Mission, KS; five step-children, Clyde Prier, Port Charlotte, FL; Barbara Prier, Burlington; Sandra Gilley, Lynch, KY; Sharon Trumbo, Wever; and Burton Prier, Wever; 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Committal: Tuesday (time to be announced) Memorial Park Cemetery. A memorial has been established to St. Francis Continuation Care Center.

The Hawk Eye, Burlington, Iowa  
Friday May 23, 1980; p. 15, col. 2



## COLLATERAL RELATIVES

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### **4. Great Aunts & Uncles from Isaac Wiant Family**

Mary Elizabeth Wiant 1846 - 1890

Eliza Jane Wiant 1848 - 1911

Martha Emily Wiant 1853 -

Ruth Delight Wiant 1854 - 1936

Lucy Margaret Wiant 1857 - 1940

William Tecumseh Sherman Wiant 1864 - 1929



## Mary Elizabeth Wiant 1846 - 1890

Mary Elizabeth was born December 14, 1846 in Grant County, Indiana. Her parents were Isaac and Eliza Woolman Wiant.

On October 21, 1866, she married Daniel E. Clay in Clarke County, Iowa.

Daniel and Mary had five children. All were born in Fremont Township, Clarke County, Iowa. They were: Lawrence born 1866; Clara Alice born September, 1867; Florence Olive born March, 1870; Fred W. born June, 1873; Pearl Oscar born January, 1880.

### In Memoriam

Passed away, Easter Sunday, April 6, 1890 from her home in Nortonville, Mrs. Mary E. Clay, wife of Daniel E. Clay and daughter of Isaac & Eliza Wiant, aged 43 yr., 3 mo., and 22 days.

Mrs. Clay was born in Grant County, Indiana December 4, 1846 and came to Clarke County with her parents in 1854. She was formerly a member of the U.B. Church and during her last days expressed a bright hope of a blessed future.

The funeral services were held at the family residence on the 8th inst., after which the body was laid to rest in the Harlan Cemetery.

Osceola Sentinel, Tue, Apr. 17, 1890, page 5, column 4.



## Eliza Jane Wiant 1848 - 1911

### Obituary

Eliza J. Clark was born in Grant County, Indiana on October 23, 1848. In early childhood she came to Iowa with her parents and settled in Osceola. She married James A. Clark in 1870 in Osceola. Mr. Clark had served three years in the army.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark lived on a farm near Woodburn for a year or two, then moved to York County, Nebraska, where Mr. Clark took a soldier's claim staying there about two years, then returned to Woodburn, where they resided until his death on October 27, 1907. The last year Mrs. Clark has spent visiting among her children in Colorado, North Dakota and Nebraska.

Mrs. Clark died November 25, 1911 at the new home she had made for herself and daughter Margery in Lincoln, NE. She was a faithful member of the M. E. Church.

She leaves as mourners, Mrs. Cora Likens, North Dakota; Margery Clark, Lincoln, Nebraska; Hal W., Walton, Nebraska; Lena Galloway, Walton, Nebraska; two brothers, John Wiant, Osceola and William Wiant, Colorado; three sisters, Mrs. Ruth Hart and Mrs. Lucy Baker of Osceola and Mrs. Mattie Smith, San Diego, California. ----- Rev. E. Durant.

Osceola Sentinel, Thursday,  
December 7, 1911, p. 1, col. 6.



## James Adam Clark 1844 - 1907

### Obituary

James Adam Clark, son of T. W. and Mary Clark, was born in Miami county, Ohio, Aug. 14th, 1844. When but a small boy he came with his parents to Grant Co., Ind., and afterwards to Wabash Co., Ind., where they resided until 1856, when they came to Iowa and settled in Linn Co.

In 1859 they removed to Harrison Co., where they remained until the breaking out of the civil war, when they returned to Iowa, locating in Clarke Co., where they have since resided.

In 1863 Brother Clark enlisted in Co. K, 39th Reg. Iowa Inf., and engaged with them in the battles of Parkers Cross Roads, Snake Creek Gap, Sugar Creek, Resaca and Altoona Pass. At the latter place he was wounded and taken prisoner by the Confederates under Gen. Hood, after being taken from one prison to another he was thrown into Andersonville prison pen, where he suffered all the horrors of that terrible pit, from Dec. 25th until the following April, without medical attendance or any of the care that common humanity should dictate. After he was released he came to St. Louis, where he was discharged July 3rd, 1865.

After returning home he attended a revival meeting, conducted by a minister, familiarly known as Uncle Frankie Reed, where he was converted and united with the M. E. church, of which he remained a member until his death.

He was married to Miss Eliza Wyant Jan. 3rd, 1869 (1870), to which union four children were born, all of whom are now living and were permitted to be with him in his last sickness, viz; Mrs. Cora M. Shockley, Margery V. and Hallie W. Clark and Mrs. Lena Galloway, of Chicago, who, with the mother and three grandchildren are left to mourn his loss.

Brother Clark was a great sufferer in the last month of his life, but he was enabled to lay hold on One who was mighty to save and deliver in time of trouble; and notwithstanding all of his suffering, he was enabled to rejoice in the hope of eternal life.

Funeral services were held at the M. E. church Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, Rev. J. L. Johnson officiating. Sermon preached from John 14-2.

**Martha Emily Wiant ca1853 - 19\_\_**

Martha Emily Wiant was born about 1853 in Grant County, Indiana. Her parents were Isaac and Eliza Woolman Wiant.

On July 1, 1877, she married J. A. McNeil, age 26, in Clarke County, Iowa. In 1878, son Charles McNeil was born in Missouri.

On June 30, 1880, she was listed in the U.S. Population Census in Osceola, Iowa with her son Charlie. Her occupation was sewing.

On September 10, 1883, she married Charles D. Thornberg, age 39, at Osceola, Iowa. In 1899, she was listed as an heir of Isaac Wiant and living in Monett, Barry County, Missouri.

In 1910, she sent a Christmas card to John C. Wiant from 3874 5th Street in San Diego, California.

In 1911, she married \_\_\_\_\_ Smith in San Diego, California. On August 11, 1916, Martha E. Smith was named in an affidavit by Ruth D. Hart (her sister) to clarify names of Isaac Wiant's heirs.

In 1920, the U.S. Population Census listed Martha E. Smith, age 68, living in Ventura County, California. Two sons, Harvey R., age 28, and Ernest, age 24, were also listed in the household.

In 1925, Mrs. Mattie Smith was living in San Diego, California.

## Ruth Delight Wiant 1854 - 1936

### Obituary

Ruth Delight Wiant, daughter of Isaac and Eliza Wiant, was born in a log cabin about four miles north of Osceola, Iowa Dec 5, 1854. Here she with two brothers and four sisters grew up amid the early pioneer hardships and pleasures of those days. Later the family moved to a farm home which became the family homestead for many years.

She attended the rural school near her home and the high school in Osceola taking teacher training. She then taught school for several years. She was married in 1882 to Manly Hart. The family moved from Atlantic, Iowa to Osceola in 1900. Here Mrs. Hart spent the remainder of her life. The past few winters owing to failing health, she has lived with her daughters.

The deceased united with the Methodist Episcopal Church in early womanhood and was an active worker in the Sunday school and Missionary society until failing health prevented her from doing so.

She passed quietly to rest at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jack Richardson, of Red Oak, Iowa on May 12, 1936 after an illness of several months during which she displayed a wonderful patience and fortitude.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Lucy Baker of Osceola; three daughters, Mrs. W. O. Tillotson of Osceola, Mrs. Jack Richardson of Red Oak, Iowa and Mrs. Ralph Howard of Estherville, Iowa; four grandchildren, Max Richardson, Junior Tillotson and Ruth and Joe Howard; a score of nieces and nephews and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral was held Thursday, May 14 at Webster's Funeral Home, burial in the Union Chapel Cemetery. Rev. W. M. Brooks was in charge of service.

The Osceola Tribune  
Tuesday May 19, 1936



## Lucy Margaret Wiant 1857 - 1940

### Obituary

Funeral services for Mrs. Lucy Baker, 82, were held from the Webster Funeral Home, Tuesday, January 23, at 2:00 o'clock with Rev. F. C. McCallon in charge of the services. Interment was in Maple Hill Cemetery.

Lucy Margret, daughter of Isaac and Eliza Woolman Wiant, was born on a farm about 3 1/2 miles northeast of Osceola, in Fremont township, Clarke county, Iowa, on the 20th day of October, 1857, and departed this life at her son's home in Fremont township, Saturday morning, January 20th, 1940, being at the time of her death, 82 years and 3 months of age.

Her father and mother were among the earliest settlers in Fremont township, coming here from Grant county, Indiana, about 1851. Lucy was next to the youngest of a family of seven children; the father, mother, the four sisters and two brothers have preceded her into the Great Beyond.

All her life was spent in Clarke county. On October 2, 1895, she was married to Isaac J. Baker, of Fremont township, and to this union two children were born, the first, a daughter, dying in infancy, and a son, Russell W., who with his wife mourns her loss today. Besides this son, Mrs. Baker reared and cared for a step-daughter, Mrs. Nellie Willadson. For a few years Mr. and Mrs. Baker made their home in Osceola. There her husband passed away on January 1, 1928, and in recent years her home was with the son on the farm.

Of Quaker descent, Mrs. Baker was of a very retiring and quiet disposition, living for her home and family and in her quiet manner doing good for those who came her way. Her church interest centered for many years in the Union Chapel church of Fremont township, and she deeply regretted the tearing down of this building and its loss to the community.

She leaves to mourn their loss, the son Russell, his wife Hazel, the step-daughter Mrs. Nellie Willadson, husband and son; one sister-in-law, Mrs. Wm. Wiant of Wiggins, Colo. who was not able to be present at the funeral, and a number of nieces and nephews, a part of whom were present at the rites Tuesday. While her dear ones grieve, they know their loss is her gain. She was a most faithful wife and mother, a kind friend and obliging neighbor.

## Isaac Judson Baker 1858 - 1928

### Obituary

Isaac Judson Baker was born in Morrow county, Ohio, March 14, 1858. Here amid the scenes of the old home, he grew to manhood. When about twenty-five years of age he came to Iowa, locating near Osceola, Clarke county.

On August 11, 1880, he was united in marriage to Miss Julia Edwards, and to this union two daughters were born, Bertha, who passed away January 4, 1895, and Nellie May, now Mrs. Nellie Willadson of near Woodburn. The mother entered her rest in September, 1892, leaving the husband and two daughters bereft of a mother's loving presence.

On October 2, 1895, he was united in marriage to Miss Lucy Margaret Wyant and unto them two sons were born, the first born dying in infancy, the other, Russel Walter, who lives on the old home place 7 miles northeast of this place.

Mr. Baker became one of Clarke county's very successful farmers, which life he enjoyed until about ten years ago when he moved to Osceola where he lived at time of his departure which occurred Sunday morning, January 1, 1928. Thus he completed his life's span which extended over a period of 69 years, 9 months and 17 days.

He leaves to mourn him his wife, two children, one grandchild, Max, two brothers, Alonzo and Sidney, of Fulton, Ohio, besides many other relatives and sorrowing friends. Alonzo, the elder brother, was unable to be with the family in their sorrow on account of feeble health.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the Christian church conducted by the Rev. John W. McKee. Music was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Russel Manley, Mrs. Emma Manley and Richard Lewis, with Mrs. Corda Stacy at the piano. Interment was made in Maple Hill cemetery.



## **William T. S. Wiant 1864 - 1929**

William T. S. Wiant was born October 27, 1864 in Clarke County, Iowa. His parents were Isaac and Emily Wiant.

On April 5, 1887, he married Susan Henthorne Neff. She was the adopted daughter of John and Elizabeth Neff.

Clella Jefferson Wiant was born October 11, 1887, in Perkins, Grant County, Nebraska. Daughter Bessie Wiant was born in December, 1890, in Clarke County, Iowa. Daughter Frona Mae Wiant was born February 24, 1894 in Clarke County, Iowa.

The 1895 Iowa Census listed William Wiant as a farmer in Ward Township, Clarke County, Iowa.

In 1900, the U.S. Population Census included the William Wiant family as residents of Ward Township, Clarke County, Iowa. An infant was born on April 21, 1900 and died on May 8, 1900. She was buried in the Murray Cemetery.

In 1904, daughter Dorothea E. Wiant was born in Iowa. Son Clella was employed at the Hotel Fort Des Moines and died there in an accident on June 7, 1904. He was buried in the Murray Cemetery in Clarke County, Iowa.

The family moved to Colorado in 1906. On April 26, 1911, William S. Wiant filed a land patent for 160 acres (SE-1/4 Section 1, Township 1 North, Range 60 West) in Colorado.

### **Wm. Wiant Dies at Hoyt**

William Sherman Wiant, 65 years old, a resident of the Hoyt community, died yesterday at noon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. P. Moore, southeast of Hoyt in Adams County on what is known as the Pat Moore ranch.

Mr. Wiant who has lived in Colorado since 1906 and had been ill for two months. The body was brought to the Parker Funeral home here yesterday where funeral

arrangements will be made.

Mrs. Wiant is now in California, but has been notified of her husband's death and is on her way to Colorado.

Mr. Wiant is survived by his wife and three daughters. The daughters are Mrs. H. L. Fletter of Eaton, Colo., Mrs. E. Moon of Corcoran, California, and Mrs. J. P. Moore of Hoyt, Colo. A son, Clell Wiant, is dead. Surviving sisters are Mrs. Lucy Baker and Mrs. Ruth Hart of Osceola, Iowa.

Funeral services were held at the Parker Funeral Home Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock for William Sherman Wiant, 65 years old, who died Thursday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. P. Moore in the Hoyt community. Mr. Wiant had lived in Colorado since 1906. He is survived by his wife, three daughters and two sisters.

Rev. E. Lee Williams of the First Christian Church was in charge of the service. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

**Fort Morgan Times**

Friday December 20 & 23, 1929

## **Susie D. Neff 1866 - 1941**

### **Mrs. Wiant, 75, Dies in Denver**

A former Fort Morgan resident, Mrs. Susie D. Wiant, 75, who has lived in Denver the past six years, died in a Denver hospital yesterday.

Services will be held in Denver with burial at the cemetery here Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

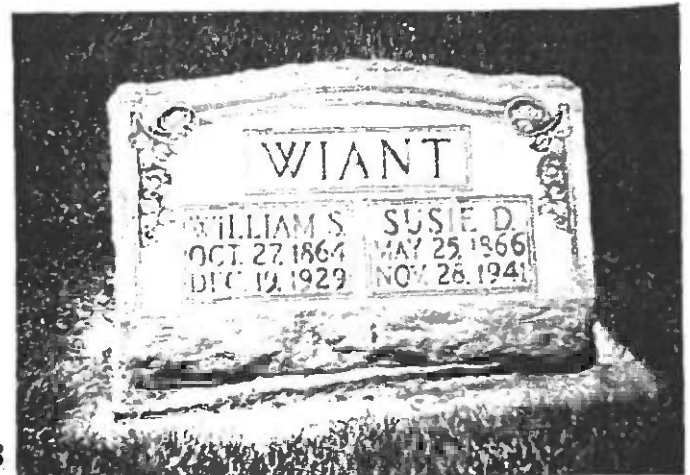
Mrs. Wiant homesteaded south of Wiggins and lived for several years in Fort Morgan spending 25 years of her life in Morgan county.

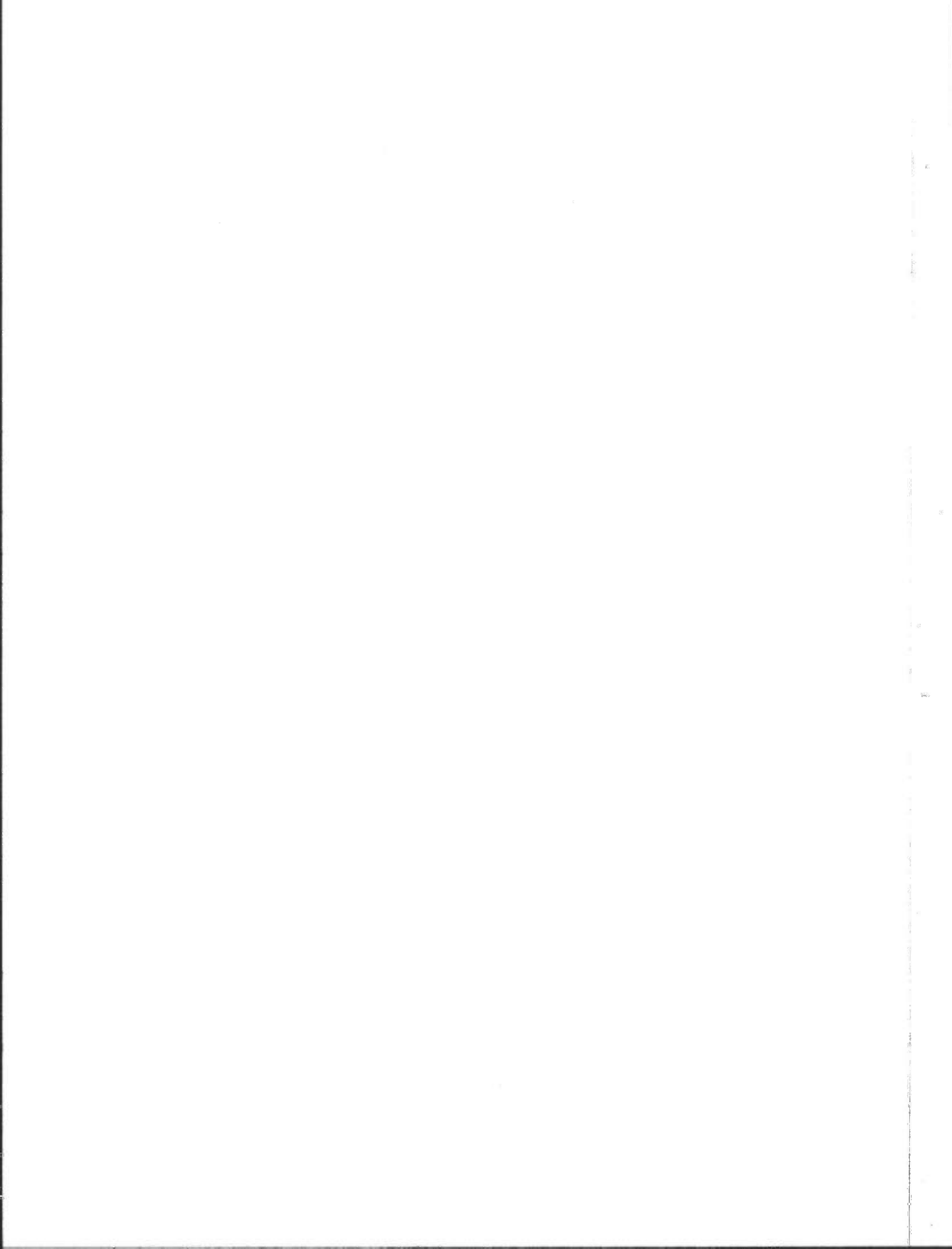
She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. James P. Moore of Denver, Mrs. H. L. Fletter of Eaton and Mrs. E. M. Moon of Tracy, CA.

Eleven grandchildren survive.

**Fort Morgan Times**

Saturday Nov. 29, 1941





## COLLATERAL RELATIVES

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### 5. Great Great Aunts & Uncles from Jacob Wiant Family

Jacob Wyant 1810 - 1868

Mary Wyant ca 1811 - 1886

John Wyant ca 1818 - 18\_\_\*

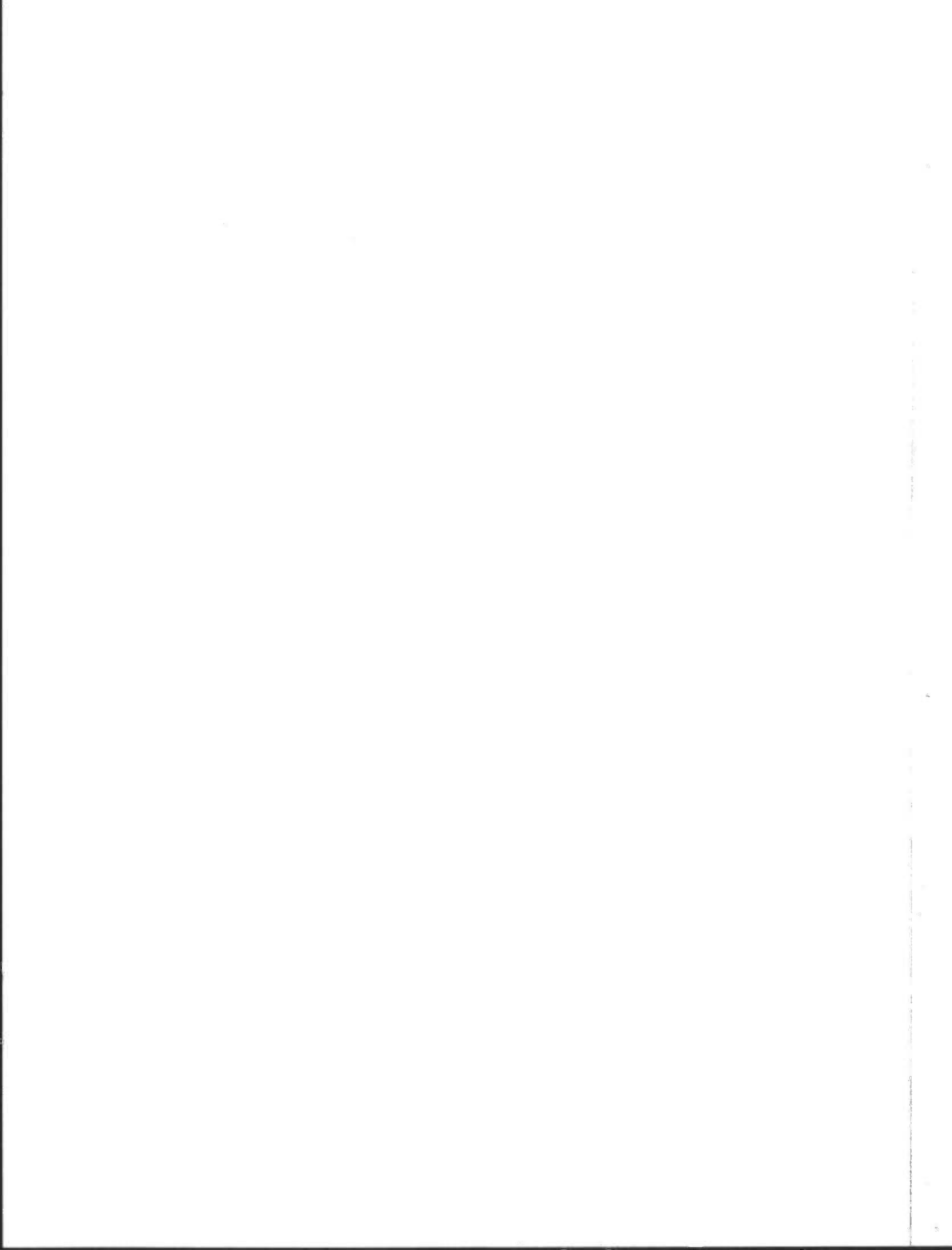
Margaret Wyant 1818 - 1896

Son Wiant ca 1820 - 18\_\_\*\*

\*Married Emily E. \_\_\_\_\_.  
No other information available.

\*\*Probably died in Indiana.  
No other information available.





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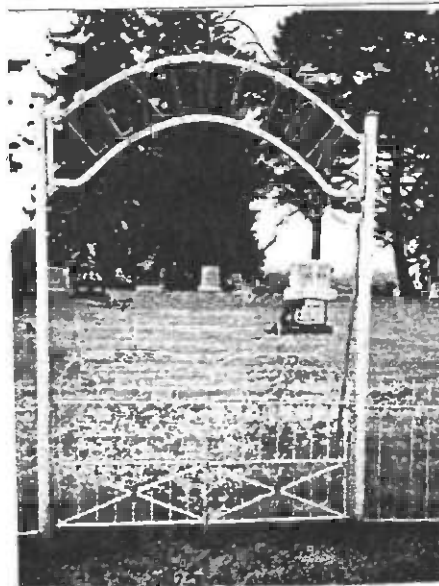
### Jacob & Malinda Gaines Wyant Family

- 1810 - Jacob Wyant was born March 15 in Bedford County, Pennsylvania. His parents were Jacob and Magdalena Diebert Wyant.
- 1821 - Malinda Gaines was born October 14 in Greene County, Ohio. Her parents were Edmund Pentleton and Mary Bond Gaines.
- 1826 - Jacob's father died.
- 1834 - Magdalena Wyant moved her family to Grant County, Indiana. Son Jacob made a first land entry in Section 32 of Washington Township, Grant County, Indiana on June 10.
- 1840 - The U.S. Population Census lists the Wyant family as 2 males ages 15-20 (John, Isaac), 2 males age 20-30 (Jacob, ?? son) and 1 female age 40-50 (Magdalena) in Grant County.
- 1842 - Jacob married Malinda Gaines on January 27 in Grant County, Indiana.
- 1844 - Jacob and Malinda's first child, James K. P., was born in October in Grant County, Indiana.
- 1849 - Caroline, second child of Jacob and Malinda, was born February 11 in Grant County, Indiana.
- 1850 - Jacob and his family (wife, two children) and his mother Magdalena moved to Iowa with a team and wagon in the spring. Jacob made a first land entry in Sections 20 & 29 of Lincoln Township, Lucas County, Iowa. He deeded this land to his mother in 1851.
- 1851 - Jacob Wyant was elected to the Lucas County Board of Road Supervisors.
- 1852 - Jacob and Malinda's third child, Jacob, was born in Lucas County, Iowa.
- 1855 - Mary and Edmund, twin children of Jacob and Malinda, were born in March in Lucas County.

- 1856 - The family moved to Taylor County, Iowa, and was listed in the Iowa Population Census on a farm in Clayton Township. John Howard, a 19-year old farmer born in Ohio was living with them. According to the census, he had just moved to Iowa.
- 1857 - Jacob and Malinda's sixth child, Margaret, was born March 31 in Taylor County, Iowa.
- 1859 - Lucy, Jacob and Malinda's seventh child, was born in January in Marshall Township, Taylor County, Iowa.
- 1860 - The U.S. Population Census listed the Jacob Wyant family living in Marshall Township of Taylor County, Iowa. Jacob was a 49-year old farmer with \$2000 in real estate and \$500 personal property. Malinda and seven children were included in the family.
- 1861 - Caroline, Jacob and Malinda's second child, died February 11. She was 12 years, 15 months and 1 day old and buried in Lexington Cemetery in Taylor County.
- 1862 - Isaac, Jacob and Malinda's eighth child, was born February 28 in Taylor County.
- 1864 - Jacob and Malinda's ninth child, Abraham, was born May 19. He died January 22, 1865 and was buried in Lexington Cemetery, Taylor County, Iowa.
- 1868 - Jacob Wyant, 58, died August 18 and was buried in Lexington Cemetery.
- 1880 - The U.S. Population Census enumerated the Malinda Wyant family on July 14 in Marshall Township, Taylor County, Iowa. Single children living at home were James, 34, Jacob, 28, Edmund, 25, Mary, 25, Margaret, 23, Lucy, 21, and Isaac, 18.  
- Margaret, 23, died November 6. Cause of death was pneumonitis of five days duration. She was buried in Lexington Cemetery.
- 1882 - Edmund Wyant, 27, married Margaret Etti Miller and they had six children. In 1934, Etti Wyant was a resident of Beaver Township, Dallas County, Iowa.
- 1884 - Malinda Wyant, 63, died December 17. She was buried in Lexington Cemetery.

- 1890 - The U.S. Population Census of Taylor County, Iowa, showed Isaac Wyant living with his sister, Lucy, on Greeley Street in Conway, Iowa.
- 1893 - Mary Wyant, 38, married D. C. Hanks. They had two children.
- 1900 - The U.S. Population Census listed Isaac Wyant living with his sister, Lucy, in Conway, Taylor County, Iowa. James K.P., 54, was living with his sister, Mary, and brother-in-law D. C. Hanks.
- 1905 - Lucy Wyant, 46, married Aaron W. Drake in Taylor County, Iowa. She died of tuberculosis May 20, 1909 in Conway, Iowa, and was buried in Lexington Cemetery.
- 1909 - James K. P. Wyant, 63, single, died May 17 of dropsy and paralysis at the home of his sister, Mrs. Tom Hanks, south of Conway, Iowa. He was buried in Lexington Cemetery in Taylor County, Iowa.
- 1915 - The Iowa Census of Boone County listed Isaac Wyant, age 52, single, resident in the town of Berkely, could read and write, eight years of common school education, laborer, three months unemployed, and total earnings in 1914 was \$500.
- 1920 - The U.S. Population Census listed Jacob Wyant, 68, living with brother Isaac, 58, in Boone County, Iowa.
- 1934 - Boone County, Iowa Poll Tax records listed Jacob Wyant and Isaac Wyant living in Union Township in Boone County.

Jacob, Malinda, Abraham, Caroline, Margaret, James K. P. Wyant, and Lucy Wyant Drake are buried in Lexington Cemetery. It is located along Highway 49 about three miles north of Bedford, Iowa.



## CHRONOLOGY of the

### Jacob M. B. & Mary Wyant Miller Family

- 1808 - Jacob M. B. Miller was born December 7 in Pennsylvania.
- 1811 - Mary Wyant was born March 14 in Bedford County, Pennsylvania. Her parents were Jacob and Magdalena Diebert Wyant.
- 1826 - Mary's father died.
- 1831 - Jacob Miller and Mary Wyant were married about 1831 in Pennsylvania.
- 1832 - Jacob and Mary Miller's first child, Martha, was born about 1832 in Pennsylvania.
- 1833/4 - Jacob and Mary Miller's second child, John, was born about 1833 in Pennsylvania. A third male child was born about 1834 and died before 1850.  
-Magdalena Wyant moved her family to Grant County, Indiana in 1834.
- 1837 - Jacob and Mary Miller's fourth child, William R., was born in Indiana.
- 1840 - The U.S. Population Census of Washington Township, Grant County, Indiana, listed Jacob Miller, two males less than five years (John, William R.), one male 5-10 years (????), one female 5-10 years (Martha), and one female 20 -30 years (Mary). Other relatives living nearby were: Ebenezer Badger, Samuel Woolman and Ruth Woolman.
- 1841 - Jacob and Mary Miller's fifth child, Mahlon W., was born February 16 in Wabash County, Indiana.
- 1842 - Jacob and Mary Miller's sixth child, Jacob R. H., was born about 1842 in Indiana.
- 1846 - Jacob and Mary Miller's seventh child, Mary Jane, was born about 1846 in Indiana.
- 1848 - Jacob and Mary Miller's eighth child, Elizabeth, was born about 1848 in Indiana.

- 1850 - The U.S. Population Census for Lucas County, Iowa included Jacob Miller, farmer, and his family (Mary, Martha, John, William, Jacob, Mahlon, Mary, and Elizabeth) as residents of District #13. Magdalena Wyant (Mary's mother) was listed on the next line of the enumeration sheet and lived nearby.
- 1851 - Jacob and Mary's ninth child, Sarah, was born about 1851 in Iowa.
- 1853 - Jacob M. B. Miller and wife Mary came to Quincy, Iowa in 1853. He built the second house in the new town of Quincy. Joseph Holbrook, a son-in-law, built the first house in the county and sold the first goods purchased from Savanna, Missouri. -- source: History of Adams County, Iowa, page 394.
- 1854 - Jacob and Mary Miller had ten children. Their tenth child, Eliza Ellen, was born in February. She was the first child born in Adams County.  
- Jacob M. B. Miller died September 12 in Adams County, Iowa. He died at age 48 while serving his second year as County Judge.
- 1857 - Son William R. Miller married Eve Elizabeth Star on April 17 in Adams County.
- 1860 - The U.S. Population Census listed the Miller family in Quincy Township, Adams County, Iowa: Mary, 40; Mahlon, 18; Mary, 14; Sarah, 9; and Ellen, 16.
- 1865 - Son Mahlon W. Miller married Phoebe R. Lawrence on December 3 in Adams County.
- 1866 - Daughter Mary Jane Miller married Sylvester Huntington on July 23 in Adams County.
- 1870 - The U.S. Population Census of Quincy Township, Adams County, Iowa, on August 4 listed Mary Miller, 58, keeping house, with \$900 real estate and \$420 personal property; cannot read or write. Ellen, 16, was living at home.
- 1875 - Mary Miller was an heir in Magdalena Wyant's estate.
- 1880 - The U.S. Population Census of Quincy Township, Adams County, Iowa, enumerated on July 2 listed Mary Miller keeping house and living alone.

1886 - Mary Miller died September 13. She was found dead at home. Supposed cause of death was gastric convulsions. Complications: three attacks on July 5, 1885, August 3, 1885 and June 13, 1886. She was buried in Old Quincy Cemetery in Section 8 of Quincy Township, Adams County, Iowa.

The obituary of Mahlon W. Miller included information about his parents Jacob and Mary. The Adams County Free Press published this obituary on October 17, 1929:

All through the night Wednesday (October 9) the family of Mahlon W. Miller sat at his bedside and watched the slowly ebbing life of Adams County's oldest pioneer as he relinquished the life lived so sturdily and staunchly in Adams County for the past 70 years. On Tuesday (October 8) Mr. Miller suffered a slight stroke of apoplexy and gradually grew worse until his passing at an early hour Thursday morning (October 10). He was 88 years, 7 months and 24 days old. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. October 12 at the Methodist Church conducted by the Rev. G. T. Roberts. Interment was made in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

Mahlon Miller was born February 16, 1841 in Wabash County, Indiana and came to this county in the year 1853 with his parents, Judge Jacob and Mary Wyant Miller. His father entered government lands at Quincy and subsequently gave one half the land to the town of Quincy providing Quincy was made the county seat which was done. His sister, Eliza Ellen, was the first child to be born in the county. A brother-in-law of Mr. Miller built the first house in the county and his father, Judge Miller, built the second house so the history of the family became a part of the very earliest history of the county.

When he was a lad 13 years old, Mr. Miller's father died and left Mahlon Miller with the care and responsibility of the family of younger children. The responsibility he assumed with all the courage of the older pioneers of that time. His education was limited to the elementary schools however by practical business experience and much reading he acquired a good practical education which made him an important figure all through the years of progress and growth of the county affairs.

He improved a farm in Quincy Township and in 1879 he bought wild land in Section 35 in Douglas Township which became one of the finest farms in Adams County.

December 3, 1865 he was married to Phoebe Lawrence who died March 2, 1903. To them was born one daughter, who is now Mrs. Maude Carothers. May 13, 1908 he was married to Mrs. Mary Litton and following their marriage they moved to Corning where he has since made his home. May 11, 1914 his wife died.

November 28, 1917 he married to Mrs. Frances Gholson who survives him. He is also survived by his daughter, Mrs. Maude Carothers and three grandchildren, Mahlon, Lester and Leslie Carothers and the son-in-law Milo Carothers.

Mr. Miller was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Corning having transferred his membership from the Methodist Church in Brooks in 1910.

It is seldom that a community is called upon to give up one who has lived so long in the community and whose life has been so definitely linked with the history and the progress of the county. His life has been quiet and unassuming but honest, upright and successful to an unusual degree. Assuming as he did early in life, the serious business life, he was given the wonderful compensation of good health and a robust constitution. He had never been ill and had enjoyed life to the fullest. His story, while not spectacular will ever reflect the glory of pioneer days and the courage of those early settlers.

## CHRONOLOGY of the

### **Ebenezer & Margaret Wyant Badger Family**

- 1812 - Ebenezer Badger was born November 30 in Ohio. His parents were Daniel and Anna Apple Badger. Daniel was a soldier in the Revolutionary War.
- 1818 - Margaret Wyant was born July 18 in Bedford County, Pennsylvania. Her parents were Jacob and Magdalena Wyant.
- 1826 - Margaret's father died.
- 1834 - Magdalena Wyant moved her family to Grant County, Indiana.
- 1836 - Margaret married Ebenezer Badger on January 12 in Grant County, Indiana.  
- Their first child, Ephraim, was born November 7 in Grant County..
- 1838 - Margaret and Ebenezer's second son, John Wyant, was born September 22 in Grant County, Indiana.
- 1840 - The U.S. Population Census of Grant County, Indiana, listed the Badger family as: 2 males under 5yrs (Ephraim, John), 2 males 20-30 yrs (Ebenezer, ????) and 1 female 20-30 yrs (Margaret).  
- Margaret and Ebenezer's third child, Mary, was born September 2 in Grant County, Indiana.
- 1842 - Margaret and Ebenezer's fourth child, Samuel W., was born December 25 in Grant County, Indiana.
- 1844 - Margaret and Ebenezer's fifth child, Edward Tucker, was born April 18 in Huntington County, Indiana.
- 1847 - Margaret and Ebenezer's sixth child, Francis Marion, was born October 14 in Indiana.
- 1849 - Margaret and Ebenezer's seventh child, Martha Jane, was born December 22 in Washington County, Indiana.
- 1850 - Margaret's Mother, Magdalena Wyant, and brother, Jacob Wyant, moved to Lincoln Township, Lucas County, Iowa, in the spring.



- 1850 - The U.S. Population Census of Wabash County, Indiana, on September 21 listed Ebenezer Badger, 37, farmer with \$2000 in real estate in Waltz Township. His family included Margaret, 32; Ephraim, 14; John, 12; Mary, 10; Samuel, 8; Edward, 6; Francis, 4; Martha, 2.  
 - Margaret and Ebenezer Badger moved to Lincoln Township, Lucas County, Iowa, in the fall of 1850 and purchased 320 acres from the estate of a Mr. Howard. A two-room house with a mud-brick chimney, two windows and clapboard doors was located on the farm. The family were obliged to go to Eddyville (50 miles) for flour.
- 1852 - The first trial jury drawn in Lucas County was summoned for the second term of the District Court May 2 included Eben Badger.
- 1853 - Margaret and Ebenezer's eighth child, Isaac Newton, was born December 23 in Lucas County, Iowa.
- 1856 - The Iowa Census of Lucas County listed E. Badger, 41, farmer; Margaret, 38, Ephraim, 19; John, 17; Mary, 14; Samuel, 12; Edward, 10; Francis, 8; Martha J., 6; and I. N., 2.  
 - Margaret and Ebenezer's ninth child, William Austin, was born January 30 in Lucas County, Iowa.
- 1859 - Margaret and Ebenezer's tenth child, Margaret Ann, was born May 25 in Lucas County, Iowa.  
 - Daughter, Mary, married F. G. Holmes on June 30 in Lucas County.  
 - Son, Ephraim, married Margaret Ann Holmes on December 27 in Chariton.
- 1860 - The U.S. Population Census of Lucas County, Iowa listed the Badger family in Chariton Township. It included: Ebenezer, 47, farmer, \$4400 real estate, \$800 personal; Margaret, 41; John W, 23, farmer, \$200 real estate; Samuel, 17, farmer; Edward, 15, farmer, in school; Francis, 14, in school; Martha J., 11, in school; Isaac, 7; William, 4.
- 1862 --Son, John Wyant, enlisted in Company I of the 8th Iowa Infantry and was killed in the Civil War Battle of Shiloh on April 6.  
 -Sons, Ephraim and Samuel, enlisted in August. They were in Co. A, 34th Regiment of the Iowa Infantry.  
 - Margaret and Ebenezer's eleventh child, Phoebe, was born December 8 in Lucas County, Iowa.

- 1865 - Sons, Ephraim and Samuel, mustered out of the U.S. Army on August 15 in Houston, Texas.
- 1866 - Son, Samuel, married Ellen Berry on December 25 in Chariton.
- 1868 - Daughter, Martha Jane, married James D. Moore on August 27 in Lucas County.
- 1869 - Son, Edward Tucker, married Dianna Jane Moore on October 14 in Chariton.
- 1870 - Son, Francis Marion, married Cecilia Clark.  
 - The U.S. Population Census of Chariton Township, Lucas County, Iowa, listed Ebenezer Badger, 56, farmer, \$1000 real estate, \$2500 personal; Margaret, 54, keeping house; William, 9, in school; Mary, 7, in school; and Phoebe, 5.
- 1877 - An Agreement & Quit Claim stated: That we, Ebenezer Badger and Margaret Badger, husband and wife, of Lucas County, Iowa, in contemplation of a separation on account of incompatibility and for the purpose of making a full and complete division of our property ----- this 13th day of November.  
 - Ebenezer Badger prepared a Last Will and Testament on November 22.  
 Heirs listed: Ephraim Badger, Mary Bowins wife of Geo. Bowins, Samuel W. Badger, Edward T. Badger, Martha Jane More wife of John More, Francis Marion Badger, Margaret A. Wilson wife of William L. Wilson, Phoebe Badger and William Badger. Isaac Newton Badger to receive no share. Separated from wife Margaret.
- 1880 - Ebenezer Badger died February 24 in Chariton. He was buried in the Chariton Cemetery.  
 -The U.S. Population Census of Lucas County, Iowa, listed Margaret Badger, 62, widow; Isaac N., 26; William A., 23; and Phoebe, 17.
- 1895 - The Iowa Census of Lincoln Township in Lucas County listed Margaret Badger, 76, widow and Isaac N., 41, single.
- 1896 - Margaret Badger, 79, died at her home in Lincoln Township on Monday evening July 20.

1896 - The Chariton Patriot reported:

Mrs. Margaret Badger, one of the oldest and most highly esteemed residents of this county, died at her home in Lincoln township on Monday evening, July 20, after an extended illness, at the age of seventy-eight years and two days.

She was one of the old pioneers of this county and during her long residence here has won the highest regard and warmest friendship of all with whom she came in contact. The life of this good woman is certainly worthy of emulation. Deceased was the daughter of Jacob and Magdalena Wyant and was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, July 18, 1818.

When about seventeen years of age she moved with her parents to Monroe county, this state, where on January 11, 1836, she was united in marriage to Ebenezer Badger. To them were born eleven children, nine of whom are living, and all with but one exception are residents of this county.

To them the deepest sympathy of many neighbors and friends is extended in their hour of sorrow. Funeral services, conducted by Rev. P. H. Green of Russell, were held at the residence Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock after which the remains were interred in the Chariton cemetery.



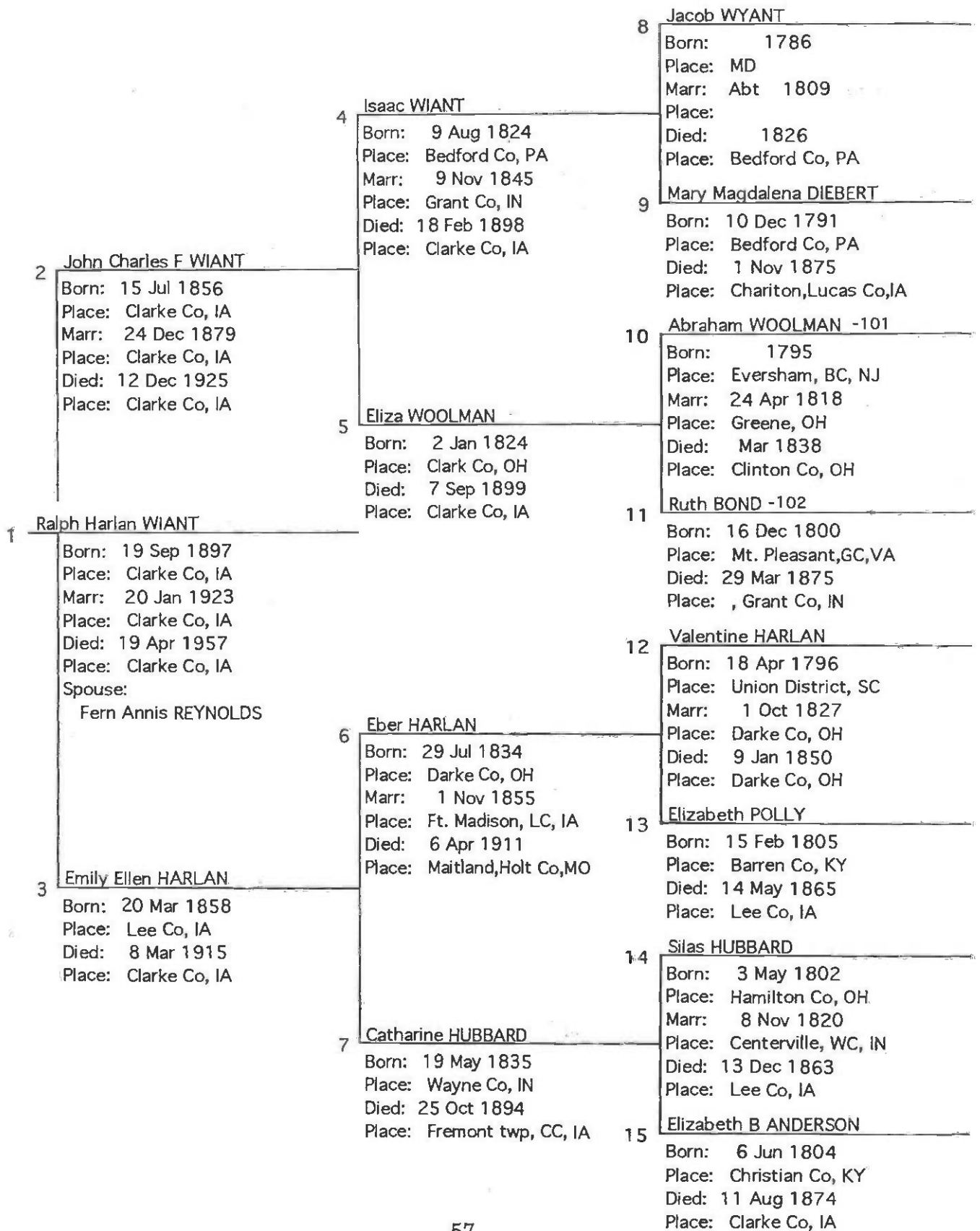
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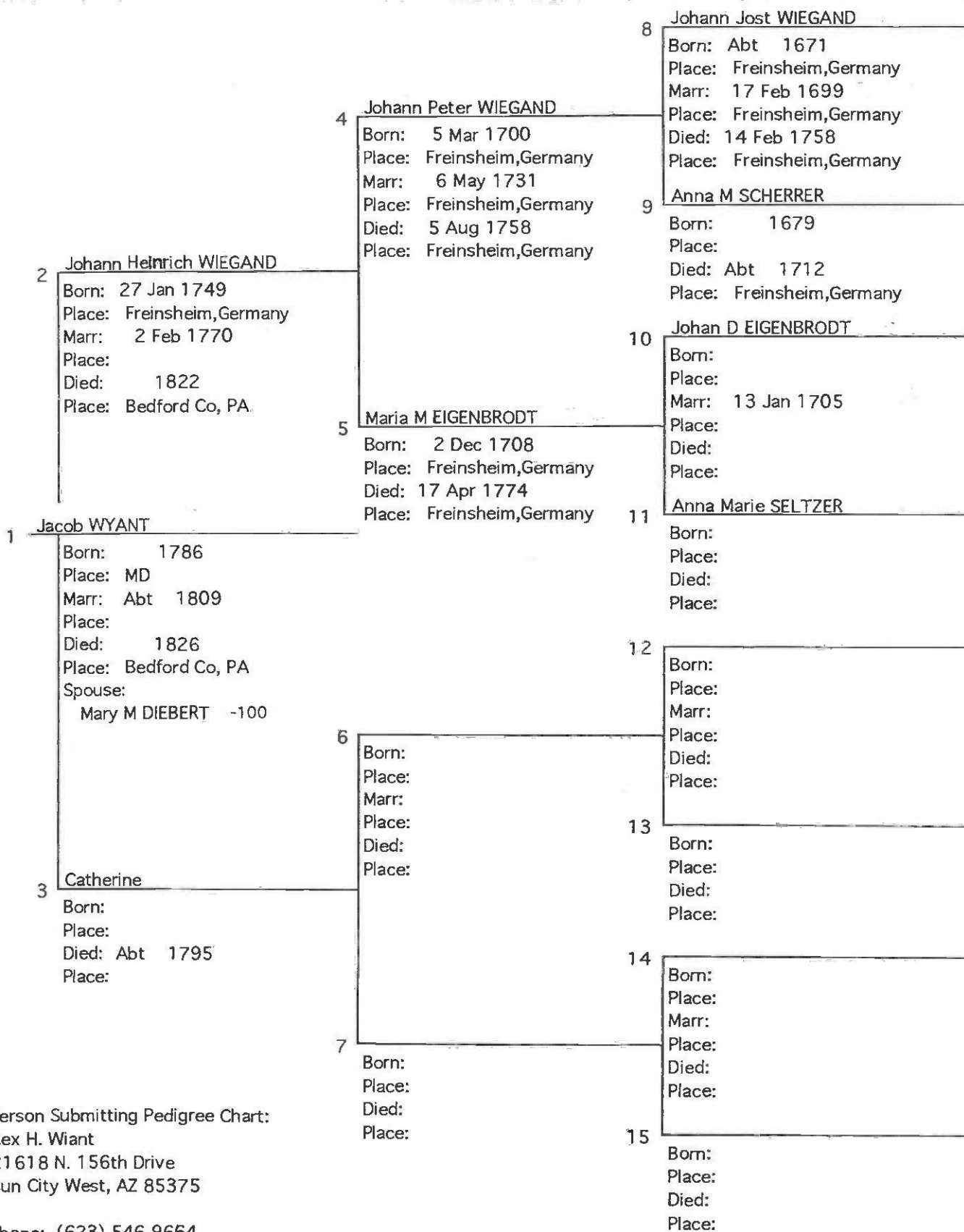
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# APPENDIX

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Person Number 1 on this chart is the same as no. 8 on chart no. 1.



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