

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Riggs, Samuel Marvin Senator _____
Reprinted David Apperson, and Stephen Collins, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 30 Apr 1806 Iron City, Kentucky

2. Marriage (s) date place
① Rhoda Belser 23 Aug 1825 Howards County, Missouri
② Margaret Pease 1836 Kentucky

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Baptist

5. Sessions served 3rd General Assembly 1850

6. Public Offices

A. Local David County sheriff; deputy sheriff

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 27 Jul 1895 Marshall County, Kansas; buried Hillcrest Cemetery, Florence, Kansas

8. Children By 1st wife - James D.; Eli D.; Nancy (Mrs. Samuel Riggs); Isabel Peter;
By 2nd wife - Mary Josephine (Mrs. Dockins; later Mrs. Agnes Lambert); Samuel D. (died in Civil War); Joseph;
Rebecca (Mrs. James Bryan; Franklin Top); Daniel Lambert

9. Names of parents Samuel and Nancy Riggs

Riggs, Samuel Marion

10. Education He was self-educated except for 3 months in a
log school.

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information Democrat, later Populist

- In 1817 he moved with his parents to Sheridan County, Missouri where
he opened a farm.
- He then moved to Howard County, Missouri living there for 7 years
putting 100 acres of timber into cultivation.
- He moved to Boone County, Missouri for 3 years, made settlements in Monroe
and Scotland, then returned to Graves County, Kentucky.
- Samuel moved to Iowa in 1840 settling in Davis County, Iowa.
- In 1854 he moved to Union County, Iowa.
- His first wife died in 1836 in childbirth.
- He died at the home of his son, James D. in Alton, Kansas. He had
moved there from Canton, several years before his death.
- One article mentions a 3rd and 4th wife, but their names are not
located.

Riggs, Samuel Marion

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Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
-			Family group sheet compiled by Everett Stanley, 7 Jul 1997
-			ancestry.com (accessed 4/22/2007)
-			Obituary - The Globe Bulletin, Globe, Kansas Fri. Aug. 2, 1895, p. 3, col. 5
-			Obituary - The Marion Record, Marion, Kansas Fri. Aug. 2, 1895, p. 5, col. 1
-			Obituary - The Afton Enterprise, Afton, Iowa Thurs. Aug. 8, 1895, p. 4, col. 6
-			Obituary - The Creston Advertiser, Creston, Iowa Thurs. Aug. 9, 1895, p. 7, col. 1, 2
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-			Biographical and Historical Record of Ringgold and Union Counties, Iowa 1887, p. 649
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in case they do not forthwith comply with such request that you notify me of any violations on their part.

Very truly yours,
C. M. CLARK, Co. Atty.

Uncle Samuel Riggs died in Florence last Saturday, and was buried Sunday. He was ninety-odd years of age, and was, until a few days before his death, in pretty vigorous health. His mind was wonderfully clear for one of his age. Some weeks ago we referred to an article he had recently written on the financial question for an eastern paper, which we had read, which was exceedingly well written. The old gentleman was an old-time Democrat, took great interest in public affairs, was well posted in history, and was altogether a strong character. Eld. Hendrix, of Wichita, preached the funeral sermon from a text selected by the deceased himself a few days before his death. The text was Ephesians, second chapter, eighth verse, which reads as follows: "For by grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God."

A great funeral cortege passing through our streets, Monday afternoon, was the first information many of our people had of the death of grandma Burkert, of Wilson township, which sad event occurred Sunday evening about eight o'clock. The deceased was a highly esteemed lady, and died at the residence of her respected son, Mr. Theodore Burkert, with whom she had found a delightful home for twenty-three years, and was lovingly ministered to all those years not only by her devoted son, but also by her equally devoted daughter-in-law. The good old

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Tom Bell, of clarendon, Texas, is Geo. Shepherd and family this

Carter, of Marion, is in the city her daughters, Mesdames C. M. and M. E. Davis.

nkie Hawk, who has been visit- cousin, Mrs. Tomlinson, at returned home last Saturday.

Loman returned from McPher- sday and will play ball with the e team the rest of the season.

C. Warren and wife, of Leon, ar- town Tuesday for a few days' d are the guests of Jere Kunkle ail

and Mrs. Samuel Leusing start- Emporia Monday for Michigan, hey will make their home. Mrs. g was Hattie Pulliam.

s. Torrey and daughter, Miss of Wichita, have been in town days visiting the former's pa- lev. Hartman and wife.

s. Wood, adopted mother of the s. Hanson Walters, returned to ne in Kansas City, Kan., after spent two or three days in Flor-

ian Williams, who has been em- on the Council Grove Republi- s in town last Friday, en route to ke City to accept a position as r.

mary Lambert of Oklahoma, Mrs. a George of monte Vista, Col., R of Greeley, col., and Dan- s o. Kent, Iowa, were here to at- e funeral of their father, Samuel

J. Price of Ottumwa and Iowa, Legator- over Sunday, the guest of Har- ber and wife. He started home

Samuel Riggs died at the home of his son, J. D. Riggs, about one and a half miles north of Florence, Saturday, July 27th, at 5 o'clock p. m., and was buried in the Florence cemetery Sunday afternoon, Dr. Hendryx conducting the ser- vices. The funeral was attended by a large number of relatives and friends. The deceased had been troubled with chronic diarrhoea for several years but was seriously sick only eleven days be- fore his death.

The deceased was born April 30, 1806, in Todd county, Ky. While yet a small boy he moved with his family to Sheri- dan county, Mo. He was married in Missouri to Rhoda Belcher, who died about nine years afterwards, and who gave birth to four children, three of whom are still living. He then married Marinda Piper. Five children were born of this union. This wife also died, and the deceased afterwards married a third and fourth wife. The last wife survives him. He moved to Davis coun- ty, Iowa, in 1840, and was elected sher- iff three terms, and a member of the legislature one term. He then moved to Union county, where he served as county commissioner, and held several minor positions of trust. He had been making his home with J. D. Riggs about five years before his death. Several years ago he was a member of the Pre- destinarian Baptist church and always held to that faith. He died in this belief, and last spring selected a text for the sermon to be delivered at his funeral. The pall-bearers were his grandsons, all of whom were sons of J. D. Riggs, and they are all middle aged men, one being 46 years old.

The deceased was a man of unblem- ished honor and sturdy character, and his life, though marked with reverses, was a successful one. His influence was felt in the different communities where he resided, and it was for the improve- ment of his fellowmen.

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PASSED AWAY.

Mrs. Elizabeth Wakefield Crosses the Silent River of Death.

At 5:30 o'clock Thursday just as the summer sun was rising in the eastern horizon Elizabeth Wakefield, wife of John Wakefield, quietly and peacefully closed seventy years of life on earth and crossed over the silent river of death to join loved ones on the golden shores. Death came not unexpectedly to this aged mother who for several weeks has been on the very brink of the silent river. She was prepared for the end and some days ago expressed a willingness to go. She passed away peacefully, her couch being surrounded by friends and loved ones when the death angel came.

Mrs. Wakefield had been sick many long weeks; in fact she has not enjoyed good health for some years, but she was able to be about her home until six or eight weeks ago when she was taken sick and compelled to remain in her room. The best medical skill and loving children and a devoted husband ministered to her wants, doing all in their power to alleviate her suffering and restore the afflicted woman to health, but their efforts proved of no avail for she failed rapidly, and was never able to leave her bed. A few days ago she became partially paralyzed and it was then that her friends realized that there was no hope for her recovery. The aged mother bore all her sufferings with christian fortitude, never murmuring or making complaint but seemingly resigned and ready to go to another world. The end came peacefully, the years of useful life closing as calmly as the setting of the sun at eventide, the weary soul going home to its maker.

Elizabeth Ann McCune was born at Armali, Pennsylvania, June 6, 1825, and died August 1st, 1872. She was married to John Wakefield at Saltsburg, Pennsylvania, February 29, 1848. She lived in Pennsylvania until 1880, when the family moved to Creston. Eleven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wakefield, nine of them surviving the mother—Mrs. Katherine Post, Salem, Ohio, Thos. Wake-

died at a ripe o'd age, after almost a century of honest toil.

SUDDEN DEATH.

An Old Creston Citizen of Platte Township Found Dead Thursday.

Henry Bruning, an old and highly respected citizen of Platte township, was found dead in his bed about 7 o'clock a.m. Thursday. Mr. Bruning was about his home and the farm Wednesday as usual, ate supper that evening with his wife and retired at his accustomed time apparently in fairly good health. Next morning Mrs. Bruning arose as usual and, after preparing breakfast, went to her husband's room to call him. She received no response and on touching her husband found that he was dead. Neighbors were summoned but nothing could be done, as life was extinct when Mrs. Bruning entered the room. Mr. Bruning has not been in good health for some time, having suffered from paralysis, and it is supposed that a second stroke of paralysis killed him.

The deceased was an old resident of Platte, having settled in that township in 1855, when Union county had but few citizens. He was about sixty five years of age, and appeared to be quite strong and robust until recently. He leaves an aged wife but no children. Mr. Bruning was one of Platte's staunchest men, always reliable and trustworthy, and very popular with his neighbors. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon and the remains were laid to rest in a cemetery near the old homestead.

DIVORCES WANTED.

Abused Wives Ask the Courts to Grant Them Legal Separation.

That the September divorce mill will evidently have quite a grist to grind out is evident by the fact that two petitions for legal separations have already been filed with the district court clerk by wives who allege that they have been shamefully abused, by the men, who, at marriage altars promised to love cherish and protect them through life. These petitions were filed Thursday by Copan-heller & Allen, attorneys for the plaintiffs, Raffielissia Scullen and Eva E. Lath-

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Heart Disease 30 Yrs! Short Breath, Palpitation.

Mr. G. W. McKinsey, postmaster of Kokomo, Ind., and a brave ex-soldier, says: "I had been severely troubled with heart disease ever since leaving the army at the close of the late war. I was troubled with palpitation and shortness of breath. I could not sleep on my left side, and had pain around my heart. I became so ill that I was much alarmed, and fortunately my attention was called to

Dr. Miles' Heart Cure

I decided to try it. The first bottle made a decided improvement in my condition, and five bottles have completely cured me."

G. W. MCKINSEY, P. M., Kokomo, Ind. Dr. Miles Heart Cure is sold on a positive guarantee that the first bottle will benefit. All druggists sell it at \$1.60 bottles for \$3, or it will be sent, prepaid, on receipt of price by the Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

The patrons of the diamond witnessed a good game of ball on Tuesday between two nines, one composed of single men and the other of married ones. The contest was viewed by a large number of spectators who keenly enjoyed the entertainment. The single men, being of course unencumbered, won the victory. The score by innings was as follows:

Table with 10 columns (1-10) and 2 rows (Single, Married) showing scores.

The teams lined up as follows:

Table with 2 columns (SINGLE, MARRIED) and 10 rows listing players and their positions.

Don't Stop Tobacco.

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Samuel Riggs.

The many friends of Uncle Sammy Riggs will regret to learn that he died on Saturday July 27th at the home of his son J. D. Riggs at Florence, Kansas.

Samuel Riggs was a native of Todd county, Kentucky, and was born April 30, 1806. He came to Davis county, Iowa, in 1842 and in 1845 was elected sheriff of that county. In 1849 he was elected as a member of the legislature from that county on the democratic ticket. In 1854 he moved to this county, then a practical wilderness and settled at what has ever since borne the name of Riggs' grove some six miles southwest of Creston. His first wife died in 1836 and he afterwards married Miss Marina Piper, of Todd county, Kentucky. He was the father of nine children all but one whom are living and attended the funeral. His sons Jasper and Daniel Riggs are well known by the people of Union county and Samuel Riggs, Jr., enlisted in the 29th Iowa, from this county and died while in the service.

"Uncle Sammy" Riggs as he was familiarly known was a remarkable man. His well known radical democratic proclivities during the war made him somewhat unpopular, but everybody had implicit confidence in his integrity and honesty of purpose, and for many years he was a member of the board of supervisors of this county and several times was elected justice of the peace.

Mr. Riggs was a democrat of the Jackson-Jefferson order of democracy. He was thoroughly conversant with the political and official history of these great founders of that party and enjoyed recounting their devotion to the people and their opposition to anything plutocratic or aristocratic.

In 1876 after the nomination of Samuel J. Tilden, he became very much dissatisfied with the course then being pursued by that party. He was a radical anti-bank man, having instilled his intense opposition to bank notes from the teachings of Jefferson and Jackson, and when the democratic party became the apologist and defender of the national banks, a gold standard and government bonds, Mr. Riggs transferred his allegiance to the populist party, and for the past fifteen years his voice, his pen and great logical mind have been given to the reform cause. He was a firm, steadfast and devoted friend of the American and its editor, and has contributed many articles to the columns of this paper every one of which has been sound, logical and poignant, and has always been read with great interest.

He was a great commoner, and his noble works will live after him. The principles he so nobly advocated are stronger because of his advocacy and his co-workers, while lamenting the loss of such a grand man, will push on with renewed courage. He died as he lived, the warm, untiring friend of the common people.—Morning American.

The Rev. Mr. Bellville will preach at the Presbyterian church, next Sunday, August 11, morning and evening.

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The little cups you see whirling around on the depot roof, somewhat resembling a toy windmill, are connected by an iron rod to a disc which is revolved by cog; at every revolution there is a peg on the disc which trips a dog and closes an electric circuit. In this circuit is a magnet with an iron bar lever swinging close to it, having on the end a pen filled with indelible ink; when the circuit is closed the iron bar is attracted toward the magnet and this causes the pen to make a mark about an eighth of an inch long. This pen rests on a piece of paper which is fastened on a cylinder with rubber bands. This cylinder revolves by clock work, and is also a clock which keeps correct time. This paper or chart, is divided in five minute lines, and, by multiplying the numbers of pen marks by twelve, the velocity of wind is quickly known. This chart is removed at noon, daily, and forwarded to Washington. There are other pieces of mechanism in an anemometer not particularly interesting, which need not be referred to here to make its action understood. During three years that Creston has had an anemometer there has not been a wind storm of more than forty-eight miles an hour velocity, and this was only for a short time, the average being thirty-six miles an hour. With thirty-six mile wind blowing it is difficult to walk without inclining the body and pushing against the wind with nearly all your strength. The heaviest wind storm Creston has known of late years occurred April 18, 1892. A great many chimneys suffered, also small buildings and shade trees. This storm was probably traveling fifty or fifty five miles an hour. If the wind ever reaches a speed of sixty miles an hour in Creston, a great many farm buildings will be wrecked, while an eighty mile an hour wind would wreck the town and cause great loss of life.

Death of a Former Union County Man.

The many Union county friends of Uncle Sammy Riggs, will be pained to learn that his death occurred Saturday, July 27th, at the home of his son, J. D.

night.

Henry Bruning was about 70 years of age, and was very popular in his township, where he has lived for many years. He has been a successful farmer the greater portion of his life, and by his integrity and honesty has accumulated quite a comfortable fortune. He was a Christian gentleman and respected in the community in which he lived, and by all who were acquainted with him. He was a good man, and his death is deplored.

Funeral services occurred at 2 o'clock.

H. Miller is Was

O. W. W. Dew, of Minn., has addressed a circular to brother sheriffs and police:

"I want a man going by the name of H. Miller; representing a German doctor, attached to the World's Dispensary, of Buffalo, N. Y. that he was sent out by the president. Cures all diseases with medicines direct from Buffalo. The World's Dispensary has no agents.

He is working among the people, taking their notes and descriptions. He is described as follows: height about 5 ft. 6 in.; age about 40; dark hair, but bald in front of head; a little gray. Dark mustache, had no beard now; dark complexion, Jewish features; nose slightly hooked. He weighs about 160 pounds; talks brazenly and claims he cannot write. English and German victims do the writing. He wears a brownish Derby hat, dark vest, laced shoes. He hires a driver and has driver with him. Had three grips with him. He has operated in southern Minnesota, about June 6, 7, 8, 9, 1895. Seen at depot at Littleton, June 8, 1895.

—Mrs. Edna Loughery, mother of Mrs. W. H. Devol, died last Thursday. She was a good woman and well respected.

WHEELMEN'S WHIZZ

They Hold an Interesting
Tournament at Lenox
Thursday Afternoon.

Some Exciting Sport is Furnished
for the Twelve Hundred Peo-
ple in Attendance.

Something About the Velocity of the
Wind as Recorded by a Anemome-
ter—Other Items of Interest.

SPORT AT LENOX.

A Bicycle Tournament at Lenox.

The following dispatch was sent out
from Lenox regarding the bicycle tour-
nament held at that place Thursday:

This was a glad day in Lenox. The
occasion was the first annual tournament
given by the Lenox Cycling Club. A
number of additional attractions were
given in connection with a fine program
of races. A ball game between a couple
of pickup nines entertained the crowd at
the fair grounds during the forenoon.
At 2:30 in the afternoon the Lenox first
nine and the colored nine of Bedford
crossed bats. The blacks were badly
beaten, the score being 5 to 30. The
ignominious defeat of the Bedford boys
was due to the absence of their regular
pitcher, who was detained at home on
account of the sickness of his mother.

Following the ball game was an elo-
quent address by Dick Estel, who eulo-
gized the athletic sports of to-day in com-
parison with those of the past, laying
great stress on the humanity that charac-
terizes them.

The one mile bicycle race, purse \$10,
was won by Howard McKenzie, of Lenox,
in 2:46 $\frac{3}{4}$; Huyck, of Clearfield, sec-

ond. The three mile race was won by
Chas. Anderson, who, after colliding
with another rider, gathered himself up
and overtook the bunch a quarter of a
mile in advance. Riders came in in the
order of Devol, of Creston, third. Devol
led in the home stretch until within

Riggs, at Florence, Kansas. Mr. Riggs
was well known here and had many
warm friends. To know him was to
love and respect him. He was friendly
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of making friends and retaining them.
Following is a brief biographical sketch
of deceased:

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Death of Mrs. John Wakefield.

Mrs. John Wakefield, who has been
critically ill at her home, 801 east How-
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She has been ill for sometime, but a few
days ago her condition was more favor-
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tained hopes of her recovery. Wednes-
day she grew worse and Thursday she
was relieved from all earthly pain, her
spirit taking its flight to the mansions
above.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ann (McCune) Wake-
field was born June 6, 1825 at Armoh,
Penn., and died August 1, 1895 at 9:35.
She was married to John Wakefield Feb.
29, 1840, at Saltsburg, Penn., and moved
from that state to Creston in 1880.
Eleven children were born to them, nine
of whom are still left to mourn the loss
of a loving mother. They are: Mrs.
Katherine Pout, Salem, Ohio; Mrs.
Wakefield, Beverly, Kan.; Miss Eliza
Wakefield, Creston, Ia.; Mrs. Sarah

IOWA INFORMATION

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Clinton Since the Pol
Force Reduction.

The Mayor Compelled to In
the Force to Protect Citi
from Villainous Thugs

Harrison County Democrats Take
able Action on the Free Coina
Silver—Other State News.

STATE NEWS.

Clinton Infested with Tramps
CLINTON, Ia. Aug. 2.—Fifty tra
more are camped on the island
front of the city, and are drinkin
making daily raids into town.
night burglaries occurred in
places. The toll gate of the high
was entered and robbed while the
was away. The home of Mrs. El
Gede, in the center of the city, w
sacked throughout and a sleepin
at one hotel was robbed. The
recently discharged a few of the
and it is thought the tramps c
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Harrison For 16 to 1.

LOGAN, Aug 2.—The democ
Harrison county met in conventio
court house here yesterday, an
structed the delegation from H
county for free silver at the old
16 to 1. It was one of the liveli
ventions ever held in the county.
Tison county democracy is alive
arms, and armed for battle. G. E.
uson, editor of the *Nucleus*, was re
ed county chairman by acclamation
Iowa State Society, Des Moines, Iowa.
COUNCIL BLUFFS, Aug. 2.—Th
port of W. W. Loomis

Family Group Record - 31

Husband		See "Other Marriages" <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Samuel RIGGS-140			
Born	30 Apr 1806	Place	, Todd County, Kentucky
Christened		Place	
Died	27 Jul 1895	Place	Marshall County, Kansas
Buried		Place	
Married	1836	Place	, , Missouri
Husband's father	Daniel RIGGS-189	MRIN: 37	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deceased
Husband's mother	Riggs -190		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deceased
Wife		See "Other Marriages" <input type="checkbox"/>	
Marianna PIPER-146			
Born	1807	Place	, , Tennessee
Christened	<i>MARINA died 2</i>	Place	<i>Grove chapel. Kent. PLATTI Twp. Section 23</i>
Died	<i>8-30-1884</i> Aft 1846	Place	<i>Iowa, Union County Grove Chapel Cem Add 5 Block 12</i>
Buried		Place	<i>Scipio Lot grave 1 Near Kent Wife of Samuel</i>
Wife's father	Given name(s)	Last name	<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased
Wife's mother	Given name(s)	Maiden name	<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased
Children List each child in order of birth.			
1 Sex F		See "Other Marriages" <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Mary Josephine RIGGS-147			
Born	1837	Place	, , Missouri
Christened		Place	
Died	1907	Place	Oklahoma
Buried		Place	
Spouse	DONAHUE-1864	MRIN: 580	
Married		Place	
2 Sex M		See "Other Marriages" <input type="checkbox"/>	
Samuel M. RIGGS-148			
Born	4 Apr 1840	Place	, , Missouri
Christened		Place	
Died		Place	
Buried		Place	
Spouse			
Married		Place	
3 Sex F		See "Other Marriages" <input type="checkbox"/>	
Rebecca RIGGS-149			
Born	1841	Place	, , Kentucky
Christened		Place	
Died	9 Feb 1930	Place	
Buried		Place	
Spouse	James Benjamin Franklin GEORGE-668	MRIN: 176	
Married		Place	
Prepared by	Everett Stanley	Address	846 San Luis Rd.
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Husband **Samuel RIGGS-140**

Wife **Marianna PIPER-146**

Children List each child in order of birth.

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Married		Place																			

Other marriages

HUSBAND - Samuel RIGGS-140
Rhoda BELCHER-141 MRIN: 30

CHILD 1 - Mary Josephine RIGGS-147
LAMBERT-662 MRIN: 175
LAMBERT-2054 MRIN: 628

Sources of information

HUSBAND - Samuel RIGGS-140
BIOGRAPHY: The history of Samuel Riggs is given in The Map and Directory of Union County, Iowa published by C.J. Colby, Creston Iowa.

"Samuel Riggs, a native of Todd County, Kentucky, born April 30, 1806. He was entirely self-educated having only attended school during a period of three months in a log school house. In 1817 his father removed to Chariton County, Missouri and opened up a farm. He then came to Howard County, Missouri and remained there seven years during which time young Riggs and his father put into cultivation 100 acres of timber land.

Mr. Riggs then moved to Boone County, Missouri and remained there three years, then made settlements in Monrow and Scotland and also found their way back to Kentucky where he lived in Graves County. He first moved to Iowa in the fall of 1842, making Davis County his home in which county he served as sheriff for a considerable time, being elected in 1845."

In 1849 Mr. Riggs was elected to the Legislature of Iowa being successful principally by the Mormon vote whose presiding Elder received a Revelation the evening before election to the effect that the Mormons must vote a Democratic ticket whose candidate Mr. Riggs was, which accordingly they did and the election resulted in a rousing majority for "Uncle Sammy Riggs".

In 1854 Mr. Riggs settled in Union County and enjoyed the honor of being one of the first to make the west part of the country his home. He has been County Surveyor and has besides filled may offices of trust in the township and enjoys in no small degree the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens.

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Husband **Samuel RIGGS-140**

Wife **Marianna PIPER-146**

Sources of information

HUSBAND - Samuel RIGGS-140 (Continued)

Mr. Riggs married twice, first to Miss Rhoda Belcher of Howard County, Missouri, who died in 1836 and married the second time in the same year, Miss Marianna Piper of Todd County, Missouri. He has several children. Jasper and Daniel Riggs being well known all over Union County as straight dealing business men and good citizens.

His son Samuel enlisted in the 29th Iowa Infantry and died at St. Louis during the Civil War in 1863.

In The History of Douglas Township Chapter IX written by Samuel Riggs we learn other interesting incidents of his life; "On October 12, 1853 we commenced a cabin of the Tippecanoe type on Section 30-72-31 where we have continued to live until the present time, H.Pitman, John Snow, Rheuben and Mahlon Riggs came with us and took claims. Returning to Davis County we remained until February following.....

"Early in March 1854 Rheubin Riggs and Rhuebin Madden moved into the County (here he explains the surveys, etc.). On April 18, 1854, I moved my family into our log cabin. About eight families lived in Platte Township but had no organization. In June 1854 we carried a petition to Judge Nun asking for township organization and it was granted and the township named Platte"

In 1860 reorganization resulted in the organization of Douglas township and the petition was carried by Samuel Riggs and he was given the honor of christening it. He unhesitatingly named it Douglas in honor of Stephen A. Douglas of Illinois. He was among the seven voters in the township. A post office was established in 1854 and S. M. Riggs was appointed postmaster. He carried the mail weekly from Afton, Platte, Sciota, White Cloud, Indian Creek and Glenwood and Pisgah, the Mormon settlement. He was the first Justice of the Peace in the western part of the county being commissioned in 1854. (The map shows the location of his 240 acres of land.)

Page 301. Samuel Riggs died July 27, 1895. He was an early settler of the county settling in what is now Douglas township in 1854.

From the Lue R. Spencer genealogy; "Samuel Riggs moved to Kent in 1890 and in 1892 to Marshall County Kansas where he died in 1895."

CHAPTER XXIV of the same publication entitled DOUGLAS TOWNSHIP - CROMWELL. by Charles H. Thomas. is as follows:

"On the 25th day of June 1860, a petition signed by Samuel Riggs and others was filed in the court by Judge James W. McDill at Afton, asking for the establishment of a civil township embracing townships 72 and 73, range 31.

A few years later (1870) township 73 was set off and organized as Spaulding township. Prior to 1860, a part of the above territory was embraced in Platte township which originally included all the southwest one-fourth of the county.

The prayer of the petitioners was granted and as no name was designated, the honor of naming it was conferred by the judge upon the pioneer citizen of the township. "Uncle Sammy Riggs. He promptly named it "Douglas," in honor of his political idol Stephen A. Douglas of Illinois, who at that time was next to Abraham Lincoln, the leading character before the footlights of the nation.

The name of the township should be spelled with only one letter instead of two, as so Frequently occurs in a number of places in the earlier maps and histories of the county.

The township lines were first surveyed by Andrew Leach in 1848, and the subdivisions by William Leffler in November, 1849.

The township is mostly rolling prairie land, rivaling in fertility and varied productiveness any township in Union county. The west branch of Platte river crosses it diagonally from northeast to southwest, but the stream is dotted with but a small amount of timber as it traverses the township, Lytle's and Riggs' groves being the more pretentious of these bodies.

Husband Samuel RIGGS-140

Wife Marianna PIPER-146

Sources of information

HUSBAND - Samuel RIGGS-140 (Continued)

The first permanent settlement made in Douglas township as now bounded was made at Rigg's grove by Samuel Riggs who arrived in the fall of 1853 and laid the "corner stone" of his Tippecanoe log cabin on section 30, 72,31, which he improved and where he continued to reside with his family for upwards of a quarter of a century.

The readers of this volume and the student of local history will be interested in more than a passing notice of this First Citizen in Douglas, who preceded only by Gurning and Ames in South Platte, and that by just a few months in the same year, was the third settler in the west half of the county and prominent in its early history and development. Born in Kentucky in 1806, he removed with his parents to Chariton county, Missouri, in 1817. After twenty-five years residence there, the family moved across the line to Davis county, Iowa, in 1842, where the subject of this brief sketch was elected sheriff in 1845. There was a large Mormon vote in Davis county at that time and Mr. Riggs' successful candidacy for the legislature in 1849 was largely credited to the vote of the sect, whose presiding elder made the startling announcement that he had received a "divine revelation" that they should vote the democratic ticket, and they did, electing Riggs by a rousing majority.

1840 and 1850 were stirring times along the border, the dispute between the states of Iowa and Missouri as to the exact boundary line resulting in confusion, conflict of authority and much bitterness between the settlers which at one time strongly threatened the civil conflict. In an interesting little volume entitled "The Making of Iowa" by Henry Sabin, this is referred to as the Border War, and from page two hundred and five in it we copy the following: "The land claimed by both Iowa and Missouri was for the most part heavily wooded and rich in bee trees. On this account the quarrel has been termed the "Honey War," and was full of amusing incidents arising from the confusion. Among the settlers of the strip were Samuel Riggs and Jonathan Riggs. They were cousins. Samuel was sheriff of Davis County, Iowa, and Jonathan was sheriff of Schuyler County, Missouri. Both counties claimed the land. Jonathan arrested Samuel for infringing on the laws of Missouri, and thereupon Samuel arrested Johnathan for holding office in Missouri while living in Iowa. Samuel was so angry that he confined his cousin in jail for two months." coming to Union county in 1853, Mr. Riggs was accompanied by H. Pitman, John Snow, Ruben and Malon Riggs, each of whom took a claim and returned to Davis county for the winter. The events immediately following are best told in the signed article written by Mr. Riggs himself for "Colby's Atlas," a history of Union county published about 1876, and from it we copy the following extract:

"Frank Bruning and Asa Ames came to Union county at the same time. May, 1853. In September I was at their shanty, Sec. 34. Platte township. On the 12th day of October, 1853, we commenced work on a cabin of the Tippecanoe style on Sec. 30, 72,31 (Douglas Township) where we have continued to reside to the present time (1876).

Returning to Davis county, we remained until February following, when I returned and found many others had taken claims; among them were Henry Cline, Jonathan Coons and James Howard. Early in March, 1854, Ruben Riggs and Ruben Madden moved into the county, and Madden bought Ames' claim, being the property where the Widow Madden now lives. When we were here in November, we staked out a road leaving the Mormon trace where Afton now stands. Soon after our return, two surveyors from Glenwood came along surveying the state road from Glenwood to Chariton. At that time there was not even an Indian trail leading east and west; but there were several running northwest and southeast.

They intended to mark out the road so that it could be followed. A few days afterward, four travelers undertook to follow the trace, going west past our camp at three o'clock P.M.; it soon became very foggy, and they lost their way and wandered around until two o'clock in the morning, when they got back to Platte, a mile below our camp; there one of the party, an old man, seventy-two years old, gave out and said he must rest before going further; he was as comfortably cared for and bedded as saddle and blankets would allow, and then two of the party started to find our camp, while one remained with the old man and the horses. The two came in sight of our campfire and commenced halloing.

We answered them that they had passed our camp the evening before. They at once started back for their horses and companions. On returning they found that their halloing had frightened their horses, who had broken loose and run

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Sources of information

HUSBAND - Samuel RIGGS-140 (Continued)

off, and they were left to foot it back to our camp, hungry and very much fatigued. We at once commenced preparing breakfast. We had plenty of corn meal and coffee, but fried all our bacon. After breakfast, the proposition was made to get us and our two horses and one of their number to hunt their horses. The morning was still foggy; on striking the trail they had started off at full speed; about ten o'clock the fog blew off and we came in sight of the runaways; they had crossed the trail several times, running in a circle; as soon as they discovered us, they were as wild as elks; they were between us and our camp and run in that direction; coming up to it, they became more tame and we caught them. The strangers now proposed to stay until the next morning, and assist us in raising our cabin. We showed them our stock of provisions. It was found we had plenty of corn meal and coffee, and some dried fruit, but if they would stay we would send down to neighbor Brunings, only eight miles distant, and get some meat. We accordingly started a boy off to Brunings on horseback, while we went to putting up house long. In due time the boy returned, bringing the word that neither Bruning nor Ames had either beef, pork or bacon, but that they had just finished dressing two fine coons, and they with pleasure sent us the best one. I mention this incident, more to show the fraternal spirit which governed the pioneers in their dealings, than for any other purpose. The hardships and privations endured by the first settlers were, in a great measure, modified by an open-hearted liberality, not found in more densely populated communities. On the 13th of April 1854, I moved my family into our log cabin. At that time there were about eight families in what is not Platte township, but there was no township organization.

The next accession to our settlement was William Moore, who settled on Sec.28,72,31; then came "Uncle" Jimmy Lytle, who located on Sec. 17 and the Myers family, on the same section, about July, 1854. In August.1854, Mr. Warren settled on Sec. 6,71, 31, and in the spring of 1855, sold to William H. Turpening. In 1860, Douglas township was organized. At the first election but seven votes were cast to-wit; J. S. Lytle, Robert Davis, D. M. and Samuel Riggs, William H. Terpinging, Thomas and William Morrow; and for Four years subsequently the vote did not exceed fourteen at any election. the first years we were here, we had either to go to the Compton's near Winterset, or to Hawleyville, Page county, to get milling done, except that a small mill at Petersville would crack corn for us. provided we had any to crack. Blacksmiths were scarce; Frank Bruning had a few tools, and with a black oak tree for a shop, and a rude forge, improvised for the occasion, he sharpened our plows and shod our horses for us, as necessity compelled us to patronize him.

The First school house in this part of the county was erected in 1855, on Ruben Madden's land, and was build of logs. It was probably more highly appreciated than are the commodious and attractive school buildings of today.

The settlements during the years 1855-6 were quite rapid on Platte--Josephus Roberts, B.R. Baker, James Wisherd, the Blisses, E. Orr and others. The first post office in the west part of the county was established in 1854, S.M.Riggs, postmaster. A mail route was established from Pisgah to Glenwood the same year, and the writer was the contractor for the mail service on the route, which was carried weekly, and supplied the offices at Afton, Platte, Seioly, White Cloud, Indian creek and Glenwood, the distance being one hundred miles and not a bridge the entire distance, and very little road. the writer was the first Justice of the Peace in the west part of the county, being commissioned in 1854.

The first saw mill was a portable one located on Sec. 10,71,31, built by Turpening & Co. in the summer of 1855. They sawed some, quarreled more, and spent more money at law than they made at the saw.

Religious meetings were not of frequent occurrence at our first settlement, but only occasionally an itinerant preacher would call the few neighbors together an preach to them. The first sermon was preached in this township by Isaac Sidwell, at the house of the writer in 1855; the next by Moses Case in 1861 at the schoolhouse.

Mr. Riggs served as county supervisor, was a man of far more than ordinary ability and experience in public affairs and exceptionally well informed and of decided convictions. The writer (Mrs, Mary Riggs Donahue) had listened to many of his stirring addresses at Riggs' Grove and John A. Rogers implement ware room in Cromwell,1876-80, in

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Sources of information

HUSBAND - Samuel RIGGS-140 (Continued)

advocacy of the Grange and Greenback movements in which he was a prominent local leader. A native of Kentucky and thus a southern man by birth and education as well, he bitterly opposed the war, but his son, Samuel M. Riggs, enlisted in Company II. Twenty-ninth Iowa, a company organized August 9, 1862, and made up of one hundred and three Union county boys who went to the front to uphold the stars and stripes and preserve the union of states. He died in the service at St Louis, Missouri, February 15, 1863. This soldier was the first postmaster in the west end of the county, commissioned in 1854, and the log cabin home of his father erected the year before, was the post office where the settlers for many miles around came for their mail and the news of the settlement. This son also studied law and was the first law partner of Hon. James W. McDill. who later, was district judge, U. S. senator and member of the National Railway Commission. Mr. Samuel Riggs. Sr., moved to Kent in 1890 and in 1892 to Marshall county, Kansas, where he died in 1905, at the age of eighty-nine years. Peace to the ashes of this pioneer.

Two of his grandsons, Walter and Warren Riggs are Kent business men today.

His daughter, Mrs. Mary Donahue, taught the first school in Douglas township, the building being a frame, eighteen by twenty-six, constructed by the settlers of native lumber sawed at Sharp's mill in Ringgold county, about 1860. It was erected on the south side of Riggs grove, section 30 and about forty rods due west of the present schoolhouse site. Mrs. Donahue was a very patriot woman, teaching school while her husband was serving his country in the Union army and he gave his life in defense of the flag. She afterwards married "Squire" Lambert in Ringgold county and died in Oklahoma in 1907. She is highly spoken of by all who remember her and the portrait of Mary (Riggs) Donahue, the pioneer teacher and patriot woman should grace the walls of every schoolhouse in Douglas township. This honor is due her.

In this pioneer schoolhouse the early settlers gathered for all religious, political, patriotic and other public meetings.

Rev. Steve Emerson, a minister of the Christian denomination who resided near the center of the county, used to ride on horseback to preach there. Frank S. Lytle vouches to us for the statement that the reverend gentlemen would bring a sack full of traps which he would set along the little streams that he crossed on the way over, and on his way back he and his faithful horse would make his dinner on a mink carcass from which the minister had removed the hide. Rev. Emerson and Elder Fast, a Free Will Baptist minister engaged in a religious debate here and the three moderators were Samuel Riggs, James Lytle and Josiah Elliott, all avowed skeptics. History does not record which side prevailed before this unbiased jury.

The Riggs homestead was on a high promontory south of the grove, one of the most beautiful spots in the township, but the log cabin of the frontier settlement has given way to a handsome modern residence, the finest farm home in the west half of the county now gracing the spot, owned and occupied by the family of A. T. Worsley."

The children of Samuel Riggs by the first wife Rhoda Belcher were:

- Nancy who married Garrett Riggs and had 5 children
- James D. married Lucinda Barker and had 15 children
- Dock or Eli/Eligh b. 1833 in Missouri married Lucinda McGaha had 7 children
- Hasel Peter b. 1835 in Missouri married Emeline Williams and had 4 children his mother died at his birth.

The children of Samuel Riggs by the second wife Marianna Piper were:

- Mary who married Squires Lambert and had 5 children
- Samuel M. born Ap 4, 1840 and died in the Civil War
- Rebecca married J.B.F. George and had 7 children
- Jasper married Asenath Bliss and had 11 children

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Wife	Marianna PIPER-146

Sources of information

HUSBAND - Samuel RIGGS-140 (Continued)
 Daniel married Jennie Roberts and had 3 children

(Piper, slight)

At the time of the of the 1850 census he lived in Iowa, Davis county, Fox Township with his wife and seven children. By 1860 he had moved but still listed as a farmer who's estate was valued at \$4400. and personal property at \$1260. He was still living in Iowa but now in Union Co, Platte township. His eldest son Eli had married a girl by the name of Lucinda, born in Kentucky, and had three children, Joseph age 6, Jackson age 4, and Mary E. age 2. Eli lived next to his dad at that time and probably worked for him as he is listed as farm labor. Samuel was a farm owner.

Living with Samuel at the time of the 1860 census, were Rebecca and Jasper as well as his wife Marina spelt this time as Manervia. They ^{may} have been carrying for one of his wife's siblings, children because a Sarah Piper age 5 who was born in Illinois is listed as being there at the time of the 1860 census.

MARRIAGE:

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CENSUS: 1860 U.S. Census for Iowa, Platte Township #138 Page 40 Dwelling 367 Family 304 Samuel Riggs age 53 male farmer value of Real Estate 4400 Value Personal Property 1260 Birthplace Kentucky Enumeration date June 29
 Manervia Riggs age 53 female birthplace Tennessee
 Raebecca Riggs age 20 female birthplace Kentucky attended school in Year Jasper Riggs age 18 male Farm labor birthplace Iowa attended school in Year Sarah Piper age 5 female birthplace Illinois

CENSUS: Also on page 40 Dwelling 368 Family 305 lists Eli H. Riggs age 28 male Farm Labor personal property 200 birthplace Missouri Lucinda Riggs age 25 female birthplace Kentucky
 Joseph Riggs age 6 male birthplace Iowa
 Jackson Riggs age 4 male birthplace Iowa
 Mary E. Riggs age 2 female birthplace Iowa

CENSUS: 1850 U.S. Census for Iowa, Davis County Fox Township #563 Page 281 line 42 (last on page) Dwelling 66 Family number 67 Samuel Riggs age 42 male Value Real Estate 1000 birthplace Kentucky Enumeration date Sept 26
 The following page number 282 (line one) = Marina age 43 female birthplace Tennessee
 Eli age 17 male farmer birthplace Missouri
 Hasel P. age 15 male farmer birthplace Missouri School within year Mary age 13 female birthplace Missouri School within year Samuel M. age 10 male birthplace Missouri School within year Rebecca age 9 female birthplace Kentucky School within year Jasper age 6 male birthplace Iowa School within year Daniel A. age 4. male birthplace Iowa

CENSUS: 1830 U.S. Census for Missouri Boone County Rockeyfork Township page 104 line7
 Samuel Riggs Free white males 1 under 5, 1 20-30 Free white females 1 20-30

CENSUS: 1810 U.S. Census for Kentucky, Christian County #469 page 99 line 6 Daniel Riggs Free white males 1 under 10, 1 age 10-16, 1 age 26-45 Free white females 3 under 10, 3 age 10-16, 1 age 16-26, 1 age 26-45

WIFE - Marianna PIPER-146

Marianna Piper was born in 1807 in Tennessee. Her name seems to have been difficult to spell. Maybe it was due to a southern accent. It is listed as Marina in the 1850 census and as Manervia in the 1860 one She married Samuel Riggs of Kentucky and began their family in 1836 in Missouri where four of her children were born. Then she was in Kentucky when the fifth was born in 1841. By 1843 they had moved to Iowa where the last two were born. Here is

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Husband	Samuel RIGGS-140
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Sources of information

WIFE - Marianna PIPER-146 (Continued)

where they finally settled. She was Samuel Riggs' second wife. The first being Rhoda Belcher who died in 1836, at child birth.

CHILD 1 - Mary Josephine RIGGS-147

BIOGRAPHY: From the Lou R. Spencer genealogy. "Samuel's daughter Mrs Mary Riggs Donahue, taught school in a school-house on the south side of Riggs' Grove while her husband was in the Union Army and died there. (Her picture is given on p. 157 of the History of Union County Iowa Douglas Township). Mary afterwards married Squires Lambert and had 5 children and died in Oklahoma in 1907."

CHILD 2 - Samuel M. RIGGS-148

Samuel M. Riggs was born 4 April 1840 and died in the Civil War.

BIOGRAPHY: Samuel's father "Samuel Riggs was a man of more than ordinary ability and experience in public affairs; exceptionally well-informed and a decided convictions. The writer (Mrs. Mary Riggs Donahue) has often listened to his stirring addresses at Riggs' Grove..... A native of Kentucky and a southern man by birth he bitterly opposed the war but his son Samuel M. enlisted in Company H January 29 Iowa and died in the service at St. Louis, Missouri February 15, 1863."

DEATH: Died of small pox during the Civil War.

CHILD 3 - Rebecca RIGGS-149

Rebecca Married J.B.F. George and had 7 Children

CHILD 4 - Jasper RIGGS-104

BIRTH: Jasper Riggs was born the son of Samuel Riggs and Marinna Piper, in Davis Co. Iowa. Jasper had a brother Dan and a sister Ophelia who lived east and south of Kent Iowa. He was a farmer and lived in the brick home where his grandson Albert Riggs eventually lived, near Lucerne, Colorado. Jasper was instrumental in laying out the water system that is used today to irrigate the area near his home.

Macys Funeral Home recorded the following information: Jasper Riggs Died January 4, 1929

Address 4 1/2 miles N.E. of Greeley, Colorado

Date of Birth April 15, 1843

Retired Farmer Birthplace Davis County, Iowa

Father Samuel Riggs Father's Birthplace Kentucky

Mother Merina Piper Mother's Birthplace Tennessee

Buried in Linn Grove Cemetery Greeley, Co.

Cause of Death Influenza

DEATH: The newspaper, The Greeley Daily Tribune, Tuesday, January 1, 1929 wrote the following; "JASPER RIGGS DEAD AT AGE OF 85 TUESDAY Jasper Riggs 86 years old, a resident of the Greeley district since he came here Feb. 4, 1888, died at his home east of Lucerne early Tuesday Morning. Mr Riggs had been ill with heart trouble for five days. His wife, Mrs. Asenath Bliss Riggs, died Aug.

21, 1928. Mr. Riggs was a native of Iowa. He married Asenath Bliss in Iowa, Nov. 12, 1868. Mr. Riggs came to Colorado and located on the farm where he died, which is one and one half miles east of Lucerne, in 1888. Mr. Riggs was very successful in farming, taking a prominent part in the development of the potato growing industry here.

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Husband	Samuel RIGGS-140
Wife	Marianna PIPER-146
Sources of information	
<p>CHILD 4 - Jasper RIGGS-104 (Continued)</p> <p>Mr. Riggs was a member of the Masons and Elks. He is survived by three daughters and seven sons: Mrs. Thomas Robinson and Mrs. T.W.New of Greeley, Mrs. S.B.Richardson of Greeley, Walter A. Riggs and Warren Riggs of Kent, Ia., Leonard M. Riggs of Alturas, Calif., Mildred D. Riggs, Ross A. Riggs, Roy Riggs and Oscar Riggs all of Greeley, One son, Alvin Riggs, died in 1892.</p> <p>A sister of Mr. Riggs, Mrs. Rebecca George, Lives at Monte Vista. Oscar Riggs is the son-in-law of David Kelly of Lucerne, whose funeral was held in Greeley Monday.</p> <p>Funeral services for Mr. Riggs will be announced later."</p> <p>Jasper Riggs</p> <p>b. Apr. 25, 1843 d. Jan. 1, 1929 m. Nov. 5, 1868</p> <p>BIOGRAPHY: Jasper Riggs was the son of Samuel Riggs and Marianna Piper, in Davis Co. Iowa. Jasper had a brother Dan and a sister Ophelia who lived east and south of Kent Iowa. He was a farmer and lived in the brick home where his grandson Albert Riggs eventually lived, near Lucerne, Co.. Jasper is buried. at Linn Grove Cemetery in Greeley Co.</p> <p>MARRIAGE: He married Asenath Bliss in Iowa, Nov. 12, 1868. Mr. Riggs came to Colorado and located on the farm where he died, which is one and one half miles east of Lucerne, in 1888. Mr. Riggs was very successful in farming, taking a prominent part in the development of the potato growing industry.</p> <p>Macys Funeral Home recorded the following information:</p> <p>Jasper Riggs Died January 4, 1929 Address 4 1/2 miles N.E. of Greeley, Colorado Date of Birth April 15, 1843 Retired Farmer Birthplace Davis County, Iowa Father Samuel Riggs Father's Birthplace Kentucky Mother Merina Piper Mother's Birthplace Tennessee Buried in Linn Grove Cemetery Greeley, CO Cause of Death Influenza</p> <p>BIRTH: The date of his birth April 25, 1844 is given in Maita M. Oliver's genealogy work.</p> <p>CHILD 5 - Daniel Abraham RIGGS-150</p> <p>BIOGRAPHY: From the Lue R. Spencer genealogy: Daniel married Jennie Roberts and had 3 children. They lived in Kent, Iowa at one time -- later going to Oklahoma.</p>	

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Kentucky
Death: 27 Jul 1895
Florence, Marion Co., Kansas
Burial: Jul 1895

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Marriage: aft 1840
Spouse: [Rhoda Belcher](#) Disc #62 Pin #926954
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where he lived two years, in the meantime improving his farm. He then went to Fremont, Nebraska, but subsequently returned to Iowa, and has since lived in Union County. He has by his industry and persevering energy succeeded in accumulating a good property, and by his upright and honorable dealing has gained the confidence and respect of the entire community. Before commencing life for himself his father gave him a small piece of land, and from this small beginning he has acquired a competency. He takes an active interest in the advancement of the cause of education, and since becoming a resident of Platte Township has filled various offices connected with the schools of the township. In politics Mr. Lotspeich affiliates with the Greenback party.

SAMUEL RIGGS, retired farmer, residing in Kent, Union County, was born in Dodd County, Kentucky, in 1806, and is a son of Daniel and Nancy Riggs. In 1817 the family settled in Missouri, remaining in that State twenty-five years. Samuel Riggs then lived in Davis County, Iowa, for thirteen years, when in 1853 he settled in what is known as Riggs' Grove, in Douglas Township, where he entered and bought 400 acres of land, and remained a resident there till 1876. He was the third settler in the western half of Union County, and experienced many of the hardships and privations of pioneer life. He was married in Howard County, Missouri, in 1825, to Rhoda Belch, by whom he had four children—James D., Eli H., Nancy and H. P. Mrs. Riggs died in 1836, and Mr. Riggs was again married the same year, in Kentucky, to Marinda Piper, who was born in Smith County, Tennessee, in 1806. To this union were born five children—Mary, S. M., Rebecca, Joseph and Daniel. Since his residence in Iowa, Mr. Riggs has represented the people of Davis

County in the State Legislature for one term. He was also sheriff four years, and held the office of deputy sheriff the same length of time. He has voted the Democratic ticket the past fifty years, missing but one election. He is classed among the influential citizens of Douglas Township, where he has made his home so many years.

JR. REESE, one of the old and honored pioneers who has assisted materially in developing the interests of Union County, is a native of Pennsylvania, born December 1, 1824, a son of Henry and Catherine (Beard) Reese, who were natives of the same State. J. R. was reared in Virginia, about fifteen miles from his birthplace. He followed agricultural pursuits till 1846, when he enlisted in the Mexican war. He was mustered into the service February 23, 1847, and participated in the battle of Buena Vista, and several others of minor importance. He was honorably discharged in 1848, when he returned to his home. The following July he engaged in the milling business, which he followed for several years. He subsequently went to Ohio, and was there married to Miss Roxanna Morman, a daughter of Thomas and Rebecca Morman, natives of Virginia, and to this union were born two children—Rebecca Catherine, born in 1855, and David H., born in 1875. Mr. Reese settled in Union County in 1857, buying his land second hand, on which he erected a rude log house, and many were the hardships and privations he endured in his pioneer home; but by industry and perseverance he has become one of the successful farmers of Platte Township, being the owner of his fine farm on sections 11 and 14, which contains 160 acres of well-cultivated land. He also owns fourteen acres on section 16, making in all 174 acres. Politically Mr. Reese is a Democrat. He takes an active interest in the cause of educa-



You searched for **Samuel Riggs** in **Iowa**

1850 United States Federal Census

Name: **Samuel Riggs**

Age: **42**

Estimated birth year: **abt 1808**

Birth Place: **Kentucky**

Gender: **Male**

Home in 1850 (City,County,State): **Fox, Davis, Iowa**

Family Number: **67**

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Samuel Riggs	42
	Marina Riggs	43
	Eli Riggs	17
	Hasel P Riggs	15
	Mary Riggs	13
	Samuel M Riggs	10
	Rebecca Riggs	9
	Jasper Riggs	6
	Daniel A Riggs	4

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Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name: **Samuel Riggs**
 Birth Year: **abt 1806**
 Birth Place: **KY**
 Gender: **Male**
 Marital Status: **Married**
 Census Date: **1856**
 Residence State: **Iowa**
 Residence County: **Union**
 Locality: **Platte**
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Household	Name	Age
Members:	Samuel Riggs	50

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1860 United States Federal Census

Name: **Samuel Riggs**

Age in 1860: **53**

Birth Year: **abt 1807**

Birthplace: **Kentucky**

Home in 1860: **Platte, Union, Iowa**

Gender: **Male**

Post Office: **Union**

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Household	Name	Age
Members:	Samuel Riggs	53
	Manerva Riggs	53
	Rebecca Riggs	20
	Jasper Riggs	18
	Sarah Piper	5

Source Citation: Year: 1860; Census Place: *Platte, Union, Iowa*; Roll *M653_342*; Page: *40*; Image: *140*; Family History Library Film: *803342*.

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1880 United States Federal Census

Name: **Samuel Riggs**

Home in 1880: **Platte, Union, Iowa**

Age: **74**

Estimated birth year: **abt 1806**

Birthplace: **Kentucky**

Relation to Head of Household: **Self (Head)**

Spouse's name: **Marilla Riggs**

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Marital Status: **Married**

Race: **White**

Gender: **Male**

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Household Members:	Name	Age
	Samuel Riggs	74
	Marilla Riggs	74

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- *Married:* 23 Aug 1825 in Howard Co. Missouri

Children

1. [James Daugherty Riggs](#) b: 12 Nov 1826 in Missouri
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3. [Nancy Jane Riggs](#) b: 12 Nov 1833 in Kentucky
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Marriage 2 Marianna Piper b: 1806 in Tennessee

- *Married:* 1836

Children

1. [Mary Riggs](#) b: 1837 in Kentucky
2. [Jasper Riggs](#) b: 1839 in Kentucky

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5. [Daniel Abraham Riggs](#) b: 1845 in Iowa

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