

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Jomplins, Abram Senator _____

Represented Iowa County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 23 Sept 1911 Squaresbury, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place

Mary Ann Eaton 20 Nov 1833 Tecumseh, Lenawee County, Michigan

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 8th General Assembly 1860

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 8 Nov 1886 Other Creek Township, Iowa County, Iowa; buried Hayes County, Iowa

8. Children Sumner; Gertrude (died in Civil War); Benjamin; Catherine (Mrs. Marri

Kennesser); Sophronia (Mrs. Luther Meeker); Matilda (Mrs. W. P. Seth); Albert E.
Zelpha E. (Mrs. E. W. Richards); Almira (Mrs. Samuel Meeker)

9. Names of parents Cornelius and Catherine (Brown) Jomplins

10. Education Attended common schools from age 5-12

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- His family was very poor so he left home at age 12 to learn his own way.
- In 1831 he went to Michigan where he enlisted in the Black Hawk War
- Military service - Black Hawk Indians War - served until 1833
- In Nov 1853 he and his family moved to Jones County, Iowa being the second settlers in Otter Creek Township
- His wife, Mary Ann, died 25 Jul 1893

The official returns of Tama county, made by the supervisors this week, did not change the figures as given by us last week to any extent. The returns as printed in the table were practically correct. The full count will be given next week in the regular proceedings of the board.

Hanging is coming into vogue again. Henry Schmidt, who murdered an old man in Fayette county, shot his wife and wounded also a man stopping at the house, has been found guilty, and the jury voted to hang him. It was a most atrocious crime, and the penalty should be speedily executed.

Benjamin Moore, who died in Berlin recently, left by will a reward of \$1 for every policeman reporting a case of cruelty to animals. "As men have no hearts," he wrote in his will, "I leave my money to the brutes." And he did, enriching the Berlin Society for the Protection of Animals by nearly \$100,000. It would be a God send to the poor persecuted beasts of this county if a part of this sum had been sent over to the feeble societies for the protection of animals in this country.

Within the last six years the population of the southern half of the State of California has doubled, owing to the success which has there been attained in the culture of the vine and of various fruits. It is stated that the net profit of a vineyard in full bearing is not less than \$100 per acre, while raisins give \$300 per acre, strawberries from \$300 to \$350, other fruits \$200 to \$300. Immigration is fostered by a liberal policy, which puts land on the market in small lots, thus enabling thrifty people to buy and cultivate farms of from five to fifty acres.

Don't catch cold. Catching cold is more preventable than is generally supposed. A person in good physical condition is not liable to colds, and will not fall a victim to them unless he is grossly careless. Keep the feet warm

defeated. Moreover in spite of the fact that some sixty foreigners were naturalized this year, Tama county Republicans make a gain of some forty over last years majority. In the face of all this the *Democrat* comes out with three or four columns of hallooing choruses warbled by ancient roosters. One of two things is evident: that sheet must be very hard up for something to fill up with, or it does not take much to set it off.

The demise of **Abram Thompkins**, of Otter Creek township, who died last week, takes from the Republican party of Tama county one of its earliest, most earnest and efficient workers. Mr. Thompkins has taken an active interest in every campaign since the county was organized. His death is a sad reminder that the old wheel-horses of the party—the grand men who fought for it in early days, and to whom so much credit is due, is fast passing away. In a very few years the pioneer Republicans who first cared for the political interests of Tama county will all have left us. The ideas they taught and the principles they instilled into the minds of their children will not die if the sons of Tama county do their duty. The duties which the old fathers drop when touched by the finger of God fall upon the children, and unworthy are they who do not take them up. We have been pleased at the interest the young men of Tama county are taking in politics. We hope to see their zeal increased and their intelligence still broadened. The great ship of state is now coming to us for guidance. Let us be qualified for the great work and worthy of the high trust.

THE JUDGESHIP.

The board of supervisors of Tama and Benton counties made the official count of the votes of the late election, and found a gain of one vote in this county for L. G. Kline for district Judge and a loss of one in Benton for Gilchrist. Thus according to official counting Kline has a majority of eight votes in the district. The natural con-

foot spans of each, and p their numbers on this m old resolution orders th ditor to purchase a s wherein to place the bridge is erected or rebu number and the name of or, and such other facts board may think should It will require a good de prepare such a record at hence \$25 more compen annually allowed him. suits that are certain to against the county this be valuable.

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HISTORY

OF

TAMA COUNTY,

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ITS CITIES, TOWNS AND VILLAGES

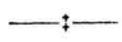
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EARLY REMINISCENCES, PERSONAL INCIDENTS AND ANECDOTES,

AND A COMPLETE

BUSINESS DIRECTORY OF THE COUNTY.

BY SAMUEL D. CHAPMAN.



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of Russell's Great Prolific, Wilson's Albany and many other kind of strawberries, all kinds of grapes, raspberries, etc, and is successfully raising the hucklebury which is a very rare fruit in this County. Mr. Mason is what we may call a "willow man" believing that they are the only successful hedge to be used in this country. His entire farm together with the edges of sloughs are surrounded by the white willow which besides making a splendid fence, beautifies the place and gives it a neat appearance, while for about twenty or thirty feet upon the inside he has tame grass and clover sown making it very convenient in cultivating the field.

In 1850 when but twenty one years of age he led to the hymenial alter Miss Mary Ann Thompson. Today he has a family of nine children, two boys and seven girls. His oldest son Albert Mason, is married, and besides carrying on his own farm assists in carrying on that of his fathers.

ABRAM TOMPKINS.

The subject of this sketch is a native of New York, having been born in that State September 23rd, 1811. His praents K. and Catherine (Brown) Tompkins were also of the same State. and in very limited circumstances, so poor, in fact, that their son was only permitted to attend the common subscription schools, from the time he was five years of age until he was old enough to do for himself.

The father of Abram Tompkins was a God fearing man, and an earnest christian, one who endeavored to bring up his children in the "fear and admonition of the Lord," and when his son was yet an infant he carried him in his arms to the Sabbath School. Here and at the family alter, was sown the "good seed of the word" which in after years bore fruit, and we trust will continue to bear by the hundred fold.

After living at home until he was twelve years of age Abram decided on leaving home to seek his own fortune. He did not leave the vicinity of his old home immediately, however, but

hired to the neighboring farmers, earning enough to supply his wants and save a little for a rainy day.

In 1831 he left the State of New York and went to Michigan where he enlisted in the Black Hawk war as a private and after receiving his discharge returned and was united in marriage November 20th, 1833, to Miss Mary A. Eatin, by whom he had ten children: G. W., born in 1835 and died at St. Louis in 1862; C. M., now living in Kansas, born January 14th 1838; B. T., now living in Iowa County, this State, was born January 2nd 1840; Catherine J., born January 22nd, 1842; S. M., born March 16th, 1844; A. E., born June 30th, 1846; M. T., born October 18th, 1848; Z. A. E., born December 19th, 1850; Summer, born March 26th, 1855; Z. E., born July 12th, 1857.

Shortly after marriage Mr. and Mrs. Tompkins wisely came to the conclusion that the advantages enjoyed in that State was not such as they desired and therefore determined to seek a home and fortune in a better country where the advantages would be greater. They came to this County in the year 1853, when all was a blank wilderness and have lived to see it "blossom as a rose".

Abram Tompkins is a large man of splendid appearance, pleasant and agreeable in his intercourse with friends and neighbors. In the family circle, he is kind to his children, strict in discipline and teaches each member to know that his yea means yea, and his nay means nay, from which can be no appeal. In business with the world his word can always be relied upon, his promises always being held sacred, and invariably carried out to the letter. He is a good friend and neighbor, living at peace with all men and a hard working farmer.

In 1859 Mr. Tompkins received the nomination for Representative in the Iowa Legislature and was triumphant. In this capacity he served his constituents in a faithful manner, attending closely to the business for which he was elected and afterwards retired from office bearing the laurels that none but the faithful can bear. Taking all in all Mr. Tompkins is a man possessing

such qualifications as to place him high in the niches of the history of Tama County.

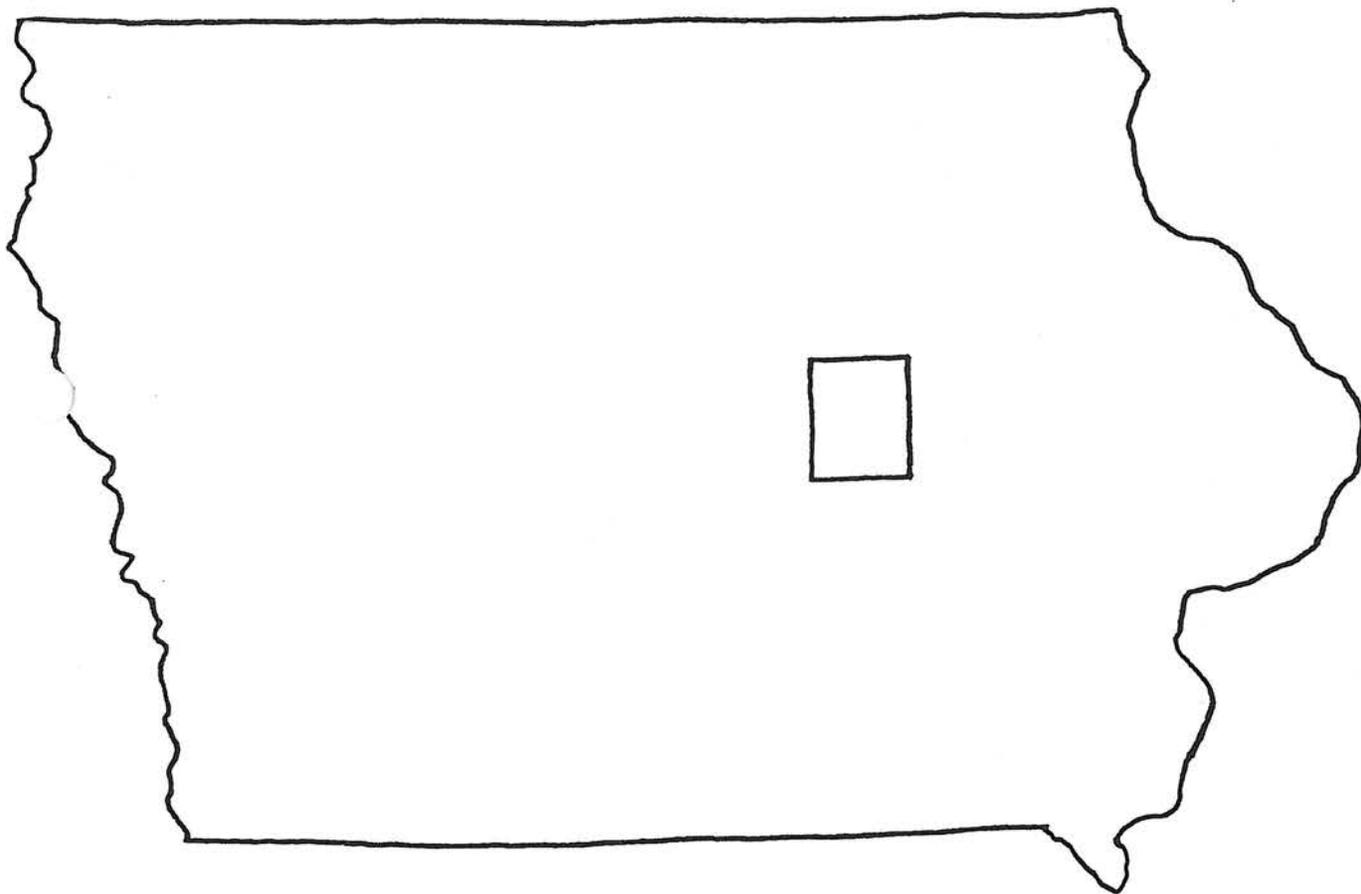
WEST WILSON.

Among the early pioneer settlers, and one who has watched the growth of this populous County from a mere wilderness of but few inhabitants to its present proportions, and has seen it take its place among the most important of Iowa's Counties is the person which heads this sketch. Mr. Wilson is a leading farmer and stock raiser of Crystal township. He was born in Ayrshire, Scotland in the year 1820. His parents were James and Jane (Lusk) Wilson, who were both natives of that country. He had very little opportunity for education in his early youth but acquired a fair education at the common schools being at the same time engaged in aiding his father to carry on the farm. Leaving Scotland Mr. Wilson emigrated to Connecticut where he remained until the year 1856, when he came to this State and settled in Crystal township, Tama County, on section 13. He has a beautiful farm consisting of six hundred and sixty-six acres, the most of which is under cultivation and pasture. Of late years Mr. Wilson has been paying considerable attention to the raising of fine stock and now he has a large number of the best blooded cattle. Mr. Wilson, besides carrying on this immense farms, is engaged in the grain business at Traer, where he handles thousands of bushels annually through his elevator and warehouses. He is also interested in a lumber yard at Morrison Grundy County. In all the various changes of an active life Mr. Wilson has gained the respect of a large circle of friends and the confidence of the community.

JASPER H. SCOTT.

This gentleman is a native of Ohio having been born in Highland County of that State, in the year 1820, and when but two years of age came with his parents to Columbus O. where they settled upon a small farm. His mother died when he was small leaving a family of six children. Jasper being the youngest, was

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she was divorced from Edward Tellier, and then married to Orion Tomlinson. Children are Mrs. Jerry (Martha Metcalf) McAdoo born June 27, 1942; Mrs. Marvin (Pearl Harbor Metcalf) Shanda born December 7, 1943; David (Tellier) Tomlinson born August 31, 1945; Mrs. Larry (Wanda) Enderes born January 23, 1947; Bruce Tomlinson born August 15, 1949; Mrs. Rick (Dorothy Mae) Mull born August 20, 1950. She has nineteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Lola attended Tama and Belle Plaine schools. Her education: Four years MCC College in Business Management, GED, Varsity at Des Moines, Offset Printing at Guernsey, IRS and Nutrition. She worked in several restaurants, J.H. Neil Poultry, Pioneer, Watkins, Toy Parade and Cards Dealer, Sunny Hill, Carver Home, Avon, RSVP Coordinator, Transportation and Meals Coordinator for HVAA, Manpower in BIPTCAP, also Outreach in Iowa, Poweshiek, Tama, Marshall and Story Counties and Tama County Coordinator Office in Tama. She is a member of Eagles Auxiliary, Gold Star member of American Legion Auxiliary and Gospel Center Church since 1950. The church was founded by her sister, Rev. Maxine Plowman. Lola was active as Sunday School teacher to teens, teen leader, Secretary and Board Member. Rev. Jerry and Martha McAdoo are now pastors. Lola's pastimes are knitting, Avon and visiting.

by Lola Delight Tomlinson

TOMLINSON, ORION

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Orion Eli Tomlinson was born in Tama July 17, 1913. His parents were Arthur (1881-1938) and Nellie (Fowler) (1879-1945) Tomlinson. Grandparents were Fred (1856-1916) and Mary (Higgins) (1860-1943) and Eli and Margaret (Brown) Fowler. Brothers and sisters are Margaret John 1909, Fred Tomlinson 1911, Marie Damisch 1916, and Muriel (Tody) Dudek 1918.

Orion was self-employed most of his life with short time hauling, mail route, junk dealing and garbage route. He also worked in Tama at Mills Laundry and his last ten years at the State Juvenile Home in Toledo before retiring in 1975. Orion served his country in the Armed Services from December 1942 to October 1945 with eighteen months served in Anchorage, Alaska. Orion was raised in Tama and attended the Tama school to the 10th grade. He was married three times and from his first marriage he had two daughters, Mary Jo 1935 and Oralyn Rae 1937. He has three children with his present wife: Wanda Enderes 1947, Bruce 1949, and Dorothy Mull 1950, all of Tama. Orion married Lola Armstrong in 1947 and they bought their home at 707 Seymour Street, Tama, from James and Adie Dolash. They still reside there.

Since his retirement in 1975, Orion has kept busy with his trucks, his domestic pigeons and coon hunting.

by Lola Tomlinson

TOMPKINS - HENNESY FAMILY

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Abram Tompkins was born September 23, 1811 in New York state, the son of Cornelius and Catherine Brown Tompkins. The family was very poor and he left home at the age of 12 to earn his own way; in 1831 he went to Michigan and enlisted in the Black Hawk Indian War. He served until 1833 in the company commanded by Captain Drown of the Michigan Volunteers under Colonel Joe Brown.

November 20, 1833, in Lewanee County, Michigan, he married Mary Ann Eaton, who was born March 2, 1813 in Canandaigua, New York. In November 1853 they came to Tama County, being the 2nd settlers in Otter Creek Township and settling on the NE quarter of Section 29, some of which is the present Gerald Carson farm. The first winter was spent in a crude log cabin on the banks of Otter Creek, this site was in later years under as much as three feet of water.

In 1854 a house was erected further from the creek and 100 acres was sowed to wheat which was exchanged for flour, two pounds of wheat to one pound of flour, at the mill in Marshall county and sold in Toledo for \$4.00 per 100 lbs.

They were the parents of the first child born in Otter Creek, Sumner, on March 26, 1855. Abram was elected the first representative to the Iowa Legislature from Otter Creek in 1859. He died November 8, 1886 and his wife died July 25, 1893; both are buried in Hayes Cemetery.

They were the parents of 10 children: George (who died in St. Louis in the Civil War), Benjamin, Catherine (Mrs. Morris Hennesy), Sophronia (Mrs. Lathrop Meeker), Almira (Mrs. Samuel Meeker), Matilda (Mrs. W.P. Soth), Albert, Sumner, and Zelpha (Mrs. E.W. Richards).

Catherine Tompkins was born in Michigan in 1842 and married Morris Hennesey March 14, 1861.

Morris Hennesey was born in Ireland in 1834; he and two brothers were sent to the United States when they were orphaned in an Irish uprising and may have been adopted. One brother, taken by a cruel baker in Chicago, ran away to the gold rush and was killed by Indians. Morris was raised in the Toledo-Garwin area and in 1860 was working for the J. Staley family in Otter Creek. His wife dropped an "e" and "s" from the name to become Hennesy, some of the family have since added them back.

They were the parents of seven children: Elmer, Mary, William, Frank, Susan, Ollie and Nellie. In 1885 they were farming in Section 15 of Howard township, along present day Highway 63.

Henry William (Will) Hennesy was born in 1866 near Toledo and was married to Maria Elizabeth Kienzle (Lizzie) February 6, 1896. They farmed in the Garwin area and owned a farm in Section 9 of Howard township when Will died in June 1927; Lizzie then moved into Garwin where she died April 13, 1954, at age 82, having been born February 11, 1872.

They were the parents of five children: a daughter who died in infancy, Beryl (Mrs.

Wayne Hollenbeck), Nola (Mrs. Joe Logan), Leola (Mrs. Bill Catlin), and Willard.

by Carolee Doyle and Collene Taylor

TOWNSEND, JOHN S. AND SUSANA (DICKEY)

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John S. Townsend, 1822-1908.



Four Generations: John S. Townsend, 1822-1908; Mary (Townsend) Cowan 1849-1943; Shields Townsend, 1871-1954; John Townsend Cowan, 1898-1982.

HAYES CEMETERY

T45

Many families settled in Otter Creek Township, Tama County, in the 1850's. Amos B. Hancock came in the spring of 1853. On November 14 a caravan of six wagons pulled by two teams of horses and four yoke of "cattle" stopped at his home. In the party were the **Abram Tompkins** family with eight children, John Bishop with wife and daughter, LeRoy Olney and wife, and Alexander La Dow with his wife and seven children. They, too, decided to settle in the township. Soon others came. Among them were J.M. and C.E. Hayes, brothers, and A.L. Russell, Calvin Powell, Hiram Riddle and Robert Carter. It began to be well populated.

In those early times, illness was common and deaths even more so. February 1, 1859, D.A. and Mary Stevens lost a baby and a tiny grave was made in the southwest corner of Section 22. Two-year old Azro G. Wells died September 2, 1859 and W.H. and G. Kollman lost a day-old baby September 25. Nelson S. Mitchell died December 18, 185-, age not known. These burials were made in the same area on land that belonged to Normand Lewis and his wife, Elizabeth L.

On April 30, 1861, Lewis and his wife sold for \$30 to the Otter Creek Cemetery Association a plot of ground "commencing at the southwest corner of Section 22, running thence north 20 rods, thence east 12 rods, then south 20 rods, then west 12 rods to place of beginning". The stipulation continued, "Subject to the roads now running on the south and west sides of same and occupying a part thereof for the purpose of a cemetery, so long and no longer than said association shall keep and maintain on the four sides of said land a fence sufficient to turn all kinds of stock and of lawful height. But said Otter Creek Cemetery Association shall have 60 days in which to build such fence, and in case such fence shall not be kept up for any whole week at one time the above land shall revert to said Grantors as fully as though these presents had not been executed".

The fence had not been in place long when the family of D.A. and Mary Stevens laid 8 month old Eddie beside the baby who had died in 1859. Eddie passed from this life October 1, 1861, and January 21, 1863, the family placed Clara there. She had only lived one month and three days. David Stevens (Father), probably grandfather to the three infants, died in 1863. The Stevens plot grew rapidly.

Among other early burials in the Otter Creek cemetery, also known as MapleWood, where George Sheldon, age 7 years, 3 months, 1 day, who died May 20, 1863; Alexander West's wife, Sarah C., September 14, 1863; Eddie Meeker, age 1 year, September 19, 1864; Casper Meisner's wife, Kunigunda, November 22, 1864.

Now known as Hayes Cemetery, the burial place is a spot of beauty. It probably became known by this name since the Hayes brothers were owners of great tracts of land in the vicinity. Chester E. Hayes had land across the road west of the cemetery and the Hays families remained in the area. It became quite natural to refer to the graveyard as "Hayes" since it was near their holdings. Chester E. Hayes died April 21, 1888 and is buried in the Hayes cemetery. His wife, Annette, lived

until March 24, 1901, and is buried beside him.

Norm and L. Lewis and his wife moved to the Tama-Toledo area where he was instrumental in establishing Baptist churches in both places. He served as a trustee in Tama and Toledo Townships after he had come to Otter Creek township "at an early day and taken up land." He served as Justice of Peace there at one time, as well as a county supervisor. He died December 1, 1891, and his wife, Elizabeth L., died March 26, 1894. They are buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Tama. Lewis died of paralysis and his funeral service was in the Tama Baptist church.

Frank Carson was once a conscientious caretaker of Hayes cemetery and took personal pride in its upkeep because of his family heritage. He died in 1964 and was buried at the memorial he had placed there before his death. Current sextons keep the grounds and fence in good order and also take pride in its neat appearance.

Five known Civil War veterans are buried in the Hayes Cemetery: George E. Tompkins, Edwin Bullard, Isaac Vohres, George L. Wilcox and William P. Soth.

I.O.O.F. CEMETERY

T46

We cannot realize some of the hardships of the early settlers of Tama county. When a village gained a foothold, one of the very first concerns had to be a burial ground. So it was in Chelsea which had been platted along the Chicago & NorthWestern railway in the valley of the Iowa river.

Mortality among infants seemed to be unusually high. Within the corporate limits of the town, at the north border of the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 8, Township 82, range 13 (Salt Creek Township) was a very high and beautiful spot that overlooked Chelsea. There it was so quiet and peaceful that when seven month old Sarah M. Smith died December 12, 1868, her sorrowing parents buried the little coffin on the hill.

Within a decade the spot virtually became a "Babyland". Ten month old Zoda Kreighbaum in 1871 and eleven month old Eliza Smith in 1873 were also buried there. Others who died in 1873 were Lulu Roach, 5 months, and a day old boy of the Loutzenheisers. The latter family lost a ten day old girl in 1874 and Wildex Rawson died January 29, 1875, the day he was born. The graves of Lillia M. White, 4, in 1876 and of Bessie Shaler, 2, in 1879, joined the others on the hill.

In the meantime, others may have perished but there are no present markers to indicate where they lie. The earliest inscription on an adult's gravestone seems to be Jacob Loutzenheiser's. He died April 3, 1872, almost 62 years of age.

The portion of land on which this burial ground was established belonged to Hiram and Sarah Cross. A prominent Chelsea resident, C.E. Covell, one of the directors of the First National Bank of Tama City, envisioned the tract as the appropriate site for a permanent public cemetery. On November 4, 1879, Covell purchased the plot of ground from the Crosses for \$100 with the specification on the land deed, "for cemetery use". Hiram Cross made his mark and Sarah

signed her name. The deed was recorded on July 13, 1880.

Hiram and Sarah Rittenhouse Cross first lived in Indiana and came to Iowa in 1860. When Hiram died of cancer in 1885, he, too, was laid to rest on the hill in ground that once was his. Sarah, their sons, Leman and William, and the latter's wife, Flora, continued to live at Chelsea and all are buried in the cemetery. What the cemetery was first named has not been discovered but now it is known as the I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

Chelsea Lodge No. 160, I.O.O.F., was chartered in the late nineteenth century. The group was active and built a brick building for its meeting place and for rental purposes. The building was completed in 1900 and it appears that in 1903, when burials were made in the cemetery, it was designated as the I.O.O.F. cemetery. It may be that C.E. Covell was an active member and named the graveyard to honor the fraternal order. He was also a deacon in the Baptist church.

At the age of 76, Covell, a retired farmer according to his death certificate, died of dysentery and was buried in the cemetery September 16, 1886. Several members of his family are also interred there. Henry E. Covell was elected mayor of Chelsea on March 3, 1878. He, too, is buried on the hill.

Three Civil War veterans have grave markers there that show their involvement. Annis Almeron, George R. Hershey and Frederick Roach are designated as GAR. There are almost a hundred known burials in the I.O.O.F. cemetery and an indefinite number of unmarked ones.

At the present time, this hallowed bit of ground is in a sad state of neglect. The Chelsea I.O.O.F. lodge merged with Elberon in 1931, the brick building was sold in 1933, and any records concerning the cemetery were lost in the Elberon fire of July 22, 1974, when all of the lodge property burned.

The cemetery lies within the corporation of Chelsea and one of its early mayors is buried there. At least three war veterans lie there. Families involved in establishing the cemetery had faith in its future. They had not heard of neglect and vandalism.

LARCH HILL

T47

Often called tamarack in the Midwest, the unusual member of the pine family that sheds its needles in the fall is also known as the larch. Residents of Buckingham, Iowa can look to the southwest of their community and see what remains of the largest grove of larch trees that ever flourished in Tama county. Not a native to Iowa, the larches do grow in the North Temperate regions, even as far north as the Arctic Circle. In that area, Arctic winds may twist trees such as balsam firs and black spruces, but larches remain tall, straight and slender, somewhat cone-shaped.

The beautiful grove known as "The Larches" was set out in the 1870's by John T. Ames, owner of about 1200 acres of choice land in Buckingham Township. His son, Asa L. Ames, assisted him. At one time the man-made forest covered seventy acres, sixty in one tract and ten in another.

Mr. Ames had purchased two-year-old saplings from the Robert Douglass Nurseries,



Return to Abram Tompkins

Compare With People From Your Family Tree

<p>Children (0)</p> <p>George W Tompkins B: 1835</p> <p>Caius Marius Tompkins B: 1838</p> <p>Benjamin F Tompkins B: 1840</p> <p>Catherine J Tompkins B: 1842</p>	<p>Abram Tompkins</p> <p>B: 23 Sep 1811 in Duanesbury, Dutchess, New York, USA</p> <p>D: 8 Nov 1866 in Tama, Tama, Iowa, USA</p> <p>Mary Ann Eaton B: 2 Mar 1803 in Cananaghua, Ontario, New York, USA</p>	<p>Parents</p> <p>Cornelius Tomkins 1770-1861</p> <p>Catherine Brown 1770-1851</p>
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1860 United States Federal Census

Name: **A Tompkins**

Age in 1860: **48**

Birth Year: **abt 1812**

Birthplace: **New York**

Home in 1860: **Otter Creek, Tama, Iowa**

Gender: **Male**

Post Office: **Tamaville**

Value of real estate: [View image](#)

Household	Name	Age
Members:	M A Tompkins	46
	G W Tompkins	24
	B F Tompkins	20
	C J Tompkins	18
	A E Tompkins	12
	M M Tompkins	11
	A E Tompkins	9
	S H Tompkins	5
	S A Tompkins	2
	J H Richardson	28
	A Tompkins	48

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1870 United States Federal Census

Name: **Abram Tompkins**
 Birth Year: **abt 1812**
 Age in 1870: **58**
 Birthplace: **New York**
 Home in 1870: **Ottumwa, Coffey, Kansas**
 Race: **White**
 Gender: **Male**
 Value of real estate: [View image](#)
 Post Office: **Ottumwa**

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Abram Tompkins	58
	Mary Ann Tompkins	57
	Albert Tompkins	19
	Summer Tompkins	17
	Lilpha Tompkins	12

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Name:	Abram Tompkins	
Birth Year:	abt 1812	
Birth Place:	New York	
Gender:	Male	
Marital Status:	Married	
Census Date:	1885	
Residence State:	Iowa	
Residence County:	Tama	
Locality:	Otter Creek	
Roll:	IA1885_265	
Line:	11	
Family Number:	46	
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	Abram Tompkins	73
	Mary A Tompkins	71

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1811
23 Sep Birth
Duanesbury, Dutchess, New York, USA
6 source citations

1833
20 Nov Marriage to Mary Ann Eaton
Tecumseh, Lenawee, Michigan, United States
Age: 22
2 source citations

1850
Age: 39 Residence
Girard, Branch, Michigan
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1860
Age: 49 Residence
Tamaville
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1866
8 Nov Death
Tama, Tama, Iowa, USA
Age: 55
Pvt. Blackhawk War
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1885 Residence
Otter Creek
1 source citation

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Family Members

Parents

Cornelius Tompkins
1776 – 1863

Catherine Brown
1776 – 1817

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Spouse & Children

Mary Ann Eaton
1813 – 1893

George W Tompkins
1835 – 1862

Caius Marius Tompkins
1838 – 1918

Benjamin F Tompkins
1840 – 1900

Catherine J Tompkins
1842 – 1914

Sophonra Marie Tompkins
1844 – 1900

Almira E Tompkins
1846 – 1933

Mary Matilda Tompkins
1848 – 1926

Albert E Tompkins
1850 – 1928

Henry Tompkins
1852 – 1853

Sumner M Tompkins
1855 - 1923

Zelpha I Tompkins
1857 - 1944

Family group sheet

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Abram Tompkins

Born: 23 Sep 1811
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Died: 8 Nov 1866
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Spouse

Mary Ann Eaton

Born: 3 Mar 1813 in Canandigua, Ontario, New York, USA

Died: 25 Jul 1893 in Otter Creek, Tama, Iowa, USA

Marriage: 20 Nov 1833 in Tecumseh, Lenawee, Michigan, USA

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Children

Sex Birth

Children	Sex	Birth
George W Tompkins	M	18 Nov 1835 in Raisan, [county], Michigan, USA
Caius Marius Tompkins	M	14 Jan 1838 in Girard, Branch, Michigan, USA
Benjamin F Tompkins	M	2 Jan 1840 in Girard, Branch, Michigan, USA
Catherine J Tompkins	F	22 Jan 1842 in Girard, Branch, Michigan, USA
Sophronia Marie Tompkins	F	16 Mar 1844 in Coldwater, Branch, Michigan, USA
Almira E Tompkins	F	30 Jun 1846 in Girard, Branch, Michigan, USA
Mary Matilda Tompkins	F	18 Oct 1848 in Girard, Branch, Michigan, USA
Albert E Tompkins	M	19 Dec 1850 in Girard, Branch, Michigan, USA
Sumner M Tompkins	M	26 Mar 1855 in Otter Creek, Tama, Iowa, USA
Zeipha I Tompkins	F	12 Jul 1857 in Otter Creek, Tama, Iowa, USA

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Abram Tompkins Compact Disc #138 Pin #4205242 Pedigree
Sex: M

Event(s)

Birth: 23 Sep 1811
Duanesbury, New York
Death: 8 Nov 1886
Tama County, Ia

Parents

Father: [Cornelius Tompkins](#) Disc #138 Pin #4205252
Mother: [Catherine Brown](#) Disc #138 Pin #4205268

Marriage(s)

Spouse: [Mary Anne Eaton](#) Disc #138 Pin #4205184
Marriage: 20 Nov 1833
Michigan

Notes and Sources

Notes: None
Sources: Available on CD-ROM Disc# 138

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Abram Tompkins

Pedigree

Male

Event(s):**Birth:** 23 SEP 1811 Duanebury, , , New York**Christening:****Death:** 08 NOV 1886 Tama Co, Otter Creek Twp, , , Iowa**Burial:****Parents:****Father:** [Cornelius Tompkins](#)

Family

Mother: [Catherine Brown](#)**Messages:**

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TOMPKINS, Abram

Born: 1811
Died: 08 NOV 1886
Cemetery: HAYES
Location: OTTER CREEK TWP.
County: TAMA CO. - IOWA
Record Notes: AGE 75... PVT. (BLACKHAWK WAR)

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TOMPKINS, Mary A.

Born: 1813
Died: 25 JUL 1893
Cemetery: HAYES
Location: OTTER CREEK TWP.
County: TAMA CO. - IOWA
Record Notes: AGE 80... W/O ABRAM TOMPKINS

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