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and Ralph Pickering Heads the Fourth District Welfare Office

R. M. Pickering, for the past und two years statistician in the Decatur county welfare office has been transferred with an advancement to the position of director of finance and statistics for the fourth district in Iowa. The fourth art iteddistrict includes twenty-four counties south of Polk county.

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The office is located on the sixth floor of the Royal Union Life Insurance building.

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## Resigned Position at the United Market

Cecil Perkins, who has been manager of the most department at the United Food Market for the past two years, resigned that position last week to accept a road position with a manufacturing concern. His place at the United store has been taken by Wendell Flemming, who comes here from the l'olted store at Lenox. The many Klends of Mr. and Mrs. Perkins bust that they will con-Unite to be reddents of Leon.

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Missouri, since 1868.

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nesday evening of last week to ex-30, 1935, and the body was laid to rest in the Hamilton cemetery. The large congregation that attended, the funeral spoke of the high esteem in which he was held.

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His record in public, office stands as one of exceptional honesty and sincerity of purbose.

He was united in marriage to Mary M. Gillham on May 6, 1866. To this union were born 10 children. His wife, Mary, and six of his children preceded him in death. He is survived by three daughters, Kate Smith of Lamoni, Iowa: Lois Lea of Nampa. Idaho; Cleora Sankey of Los Angeles, California, and one son Carl Sankey of Davis City, Iowa, and ten grandchildren; and six greatgrandchildren .--

He was a great patriot and his active years were spent in service of his country and of his fellow men. He was always a stuout an authority on many jects and to the last took an interest in all current affairs.

Funeral services were held at the Stewart Funeral Home on Wednesday, Oct. 2 at 3 o'clock, interment in the Leon cemetery. Rev. C. B. Rayhill pastor of the M. E. church officiated.

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us this week.
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We have a pumpkin decoration across the top of our front black-

Our twins, Farrell and Freda Eastin had a hirthday Thursday. They were ten years old, Happy birthday to you.

Charles Marvin started to school was always active in the affairs Monday. He didn't get started with the rest of us on account of having scarlet fever. We are glad to have him with us again.

Primary Room, Pauline Smith, Beverly Marvin enrollfeacher ed in the 1st grade Monday morning. She was unable to enter at the first of the term because of scarlet fever.

Harold and Darold Smith were our visitors both Monday and also Tuesday, We enjoyed having them with us, and we think they enjoyed being here. They left with their parents Wednesday morning for California.

Our room was made more attractive this week by a large houquet of dahllas brought by Ruth Hope Tellier.

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Gordon Stout, Roberta McClaran, Marie Kelley and Billy Carroll each have a star given in reading for having mastered all the words thus far presented,

The 1st graders have begun the study of phonics and enjoy the little stories connected with the pre-

# **HISTORY**

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career and he is now widely recognized as one of the enterprising and prosperous farmers of Garden Grove township.

In 1892 Mr. Gaunt was united in marriage to Miss Grace McNeil, her father being S. P. McNeil, a highly respected pioneer of Decatur county. He is an agriculturist by occupation and has reared a family of nine children. To Mr. and Mrs. Gaunt have been born three children, namely: Joseph, Arnold and John.

Mr. Gaunt gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and since 1912 has served as president of the school board of Garden Grove township, being a stanch champion of the cause of education and lending his support to every movement and measure instituted to promote the general welfare. Wherever known he is highly esteemed and respected by reason of his genuine personal worth and excellent qualities of character.

### HON. EZEKIEL J. SANKEY.

Hon. Ezekiel J. Sankey, of Leon, has taken a very important part in local public affairs and for three terms represented his district in the lower house of the state legislature. He was for many years a farmer and stock-raiser in Decatur county but is now engaged in the real-estate and farm-loan business. His birth occurred on the 2d of August, 1843, at Potters Mills, Center county, Pennsylvania, and he is a son of Ezekiel and Elizabeth (Brown) Sankey. The Brown family is of English descent and was early established in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where representatives of the name gained prominence as cloth manufacturers. The paternal grandfather, Ezekiel Sankey, who with two brothers emigrated to America from Scotland before the Revolution and located in Pennsylvania, enlisted in the Pennsylvania line for service in the war for independence and participated in the battle of Long Island, where he was wounded and captured by the British. He was held on the British prison ship in Wallabout bay, Brooklyn, New York, and suffered the cruelties then inflicted on prisoners by the enemy. At length he was exchanged and as soon as he had sufficiently recovered from the effects of his wounds he reentered the service and was at the front until the close of the war, being with the colors in all for five years and nine months. After the close of hostilities he was married and settled in York county, Pennsylvania. He was the father of three children, Sarah, Thomas and Ezekiel.

Ezekiel Sankey, the father of our subject, was born in York county, Pennsylvania, and is a second cousin of the late Ira D. Sankey, the noted evangelist, who worked for many years with Dwight L. Moody. Ezekiel Sankey was a minister of the gospel and a colaborer of John Winebrenner, one of the founders of the church of that name. Mr. Sankey preached in Pennsylvania but in 1849 came west to Burlington, Iowa, intending to locate upon a farm and devote his time to agricultural pursuits. On the 26th of April of that year he arrived in Burlington with his family and ten hours later his son Thomas died of cholera, while two hours after the demise of the son the father died of the same dread disease, which was then epidemic. The mother of our subject was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and was married in 1839. There were but two children in the family: Ezekiel J., of this review; and Thomas D., who was born on the 4th of July, 1845. Following the sudden demise of the latter and of the father Mrs. Sankey and our subject were left alone among strangers two thousand miles from home and with but limited means. The mother would have returned to Pennsylvania but was forbidden to do so by the health authorities. In the fall of 1849 some Pennsylvanians of her acquaintance came west and she joined them, settling in Concord township, Louisa county, Iowa. Subsequently she married Samuel Fittro, a native of Pennsylvania, and they resided twelve miles southwest of Muscatine until the demise of Mr. Fittro in 1854. In 1856 she removed to Decatur county, where she resided until 1901, dying at the age of eighty years, in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which she belonged. All of the children of the second marriage are deceased and our subject has practically no relatives living save his immediate family.

Ezekiel J. Sankey attended a subscription school from 1850 to 1851 and later the public schools. In 1856 he removed with his mother to this county, locating four miles north and a half mile east of Leon, where he resided until August 15, 1861, when he enlisted in Company L, Third Iowa Volunteer Cavalry. In January, 1864, he reenlisted for three years as a veteran, and on the 11th of June of that year was wounded at the battle of Guntown. He was sent back to Memphis and then returned home on furlough but as soon as possible rejoined the army although the wound in his leg was not yet healed. He was honorably discharged on the 26th of February, 1865, on account of wounds, after serving for almost four years. He was with the Army of the Tennessee and participated in the campaigns in Tennessee and Mississippi. His regiment was a part of Wilson's Cavalry Corps, which was under the command of General Wilson.

Mr. Sankey is one of the leaders in democratic circles in this part of the state and has done much to secure the success of the party at the polls. He at one time belonged to the Masonic order but is not now affiliated with that organization and has also allowed his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic to lapse although he helped to organize the local post. He is in sympathy with the beliefs of the Protestant churches and his life has conformed to high moral principles, but he is not a member of any church. He gives the credit for whatever success in life he has achieved to his mother, whose energy, ability and unswerving integrity have been an inspiration to him to perform every duty to the best of his ability. When the railroads were first being built in this part of the state, in 1872, he did much to secure rail connection with the outside world for Decatur county and throughout the more than half century that he has resided in this county he has at all times sought to further its advancement. There are few if any better known men in the county and none are held in greater respect and esteem than he.

### J. F. McMORRIS.

J. F. McMorris, a successful farmer and stock-raiser residing on section 9, Eden township, was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, on the 8th of February, 1853, a son of James and Jane (Gibson) McMorris. The father was born in Virginia of Irish ancestry but in 1828 removed to Ohio and there engaged in farming until his demise, which occurred before the birth of our subject. In 1880 J. F. McMorris came with his mother to Decatur county, Iowa, and settled upon the farm on section 9, Eden township, where he still resides. His mother purchased eighty acres of land and continued to make her home there until her demise in January, 1899.

J. F. McMorris taught school for seven years in Ohio and after coming to Iowa taught one term at Eden Center in this county. Subsequently he purchased an additional forty acres of land and gave his attention to the cultivation of his farm of one hundred and twenty acres. He still owns the place but leaves the greater part of the work of its operation to his son. At one time he raised thoroughbred Shropshire sheep and Hereford cattle, but subsequently gave up breeding pure blooded stock and now raises a good grade of cattle and hogs, selling to the local shippers.

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Committee, during his second term chairman of the Municipal Corporations Committee, and during his last term chairman of the Appropriations Committee. In 1934 he was a candidate for the Republican nomination for representative in Congress, but lost to C. C. Dowell, the then congressman. He was a past president of the East Des Moines Commercial Club, was a member of the Lutheran church, was formerly treasurer of the Lutheran Brotherhood of America, and served three years as a trustee of the Norwegian Lutheran Synod of America.

EZEKIEL J. SANKEY was born at Potters Mills, Center County, Pennsylvania, August 2, 1843, and died in Leon, Iowa, September 29, 1935. Burial was in the Leon Cemetery. His parents were Ezekiel and Elizabeth (Brown) Sankey. He was with his parents in their removal to near Burlington, Iowa, in 1849, and with his widowed mother late in 1849 to Louisa County, and in 1856 to Decatur County where they lived on a farm. He received his education in country public schools. He enlisted in Company L, Third Iowa Cavalry, August 15, 1861; re-enlisted February 2, 1864; was wounded severely June 11, 1864, when near Guntown, Mississippi; was returned home on furlough, but soon rejoined his regiment although the wound in his leg was not entirely healed; and was honorably discharged February 26, 1865. Twenty years later his leg was amputated between the knee and hip because of the wound. Returning from the war he bought a farm in Franklin Township, Decatur County, but the fall of 1869 was elected sheriff and was re-elected two years later, serving from January 1, 1870, to January 1, 1874. He then returned to farming and stock raising until the fall of 1877 when he was elected county treasurer and removed to Leon. He served as treasurer from January 1, 1878, to January 1, 1880. He later served as clerk of the District Court of Decatur County from January 1, 1885, to January 1, 1889. He was elected representative in 1903 and served in the Thirtieth and Thirty-first general assemblies. In 1908 he was again elected representative and served in the Thirty-third General Assembly. Politically he was a Democrat. During the latter part of his life he engaged in the real estate and loan business.

Francis Rhinehart Fry was born at New Haven, Mason County, West Virginia (then Virginia), December 28, 1852, and died in Corydon, Iowa, November 21, 1935. His parents, Samuel and Mary A. (Zercle) Fry removed their family to a farm in the northern part of Wayne County, Iowa, in 1857. He was educated in country schools and in Western College, at Western, Linn County, being graduated there in 1872, after which he taught school for three years. He then engaged in farming and stock raising in which he was very successful, being scientific and progressive in his methods. He held several township offices, was a member of the school board for twenty years when residing on his farm, and was also on the school board for several years after removing to Corydon. He was officially connected with three banks in Corydon, and from 1903 to 1934 was president of the Wayne County

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Christian Saltzmann was born in Alsace, France, April 25, 1855. He came to America in 1870 and located in Dubage county, Illinois, engaging in farming. He moved to Iowa in 1880 locating on a farm near Lawler, Chickasaw county. He remained in Chickasaw county, Iowa, until the time of his death, which occurred on October 31, 1935.

He was united in marriage on June 27, 1878, to Miss Magdelina Baker, who preceded him in death. There are five children, Sadie, Alma, Leo, Leander, and Ronald who mourn the death of their beloved father.

In politics Mr. Saltzmann was a democrat and served as representative from Chickasaw county in the Thirty-fifth General Assembly. He served on the board of supervisors of Chickasaw county for six years and was chairman of that board for five years.

He took an active part in common welfare acting from time to time on school boards and cooperative organizations, and has always stood high in the confidence and esteem of his associates. He was a member of the German Lutheran church of New Hampton.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That in the passing of the Honorable Christian Saltzmann, the state has lost a valuable and honored citizen, and the House would tender by this resolution, its sincere sympathy to the surviving members of his family in their sorrow, and

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk be instructed to send an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

> M. E. BENZ, Roy Sours, C. E. Lookingbill,

> > Committee.

Unanimously adopted, April 19, 1937.

#### HONORABLE E. J. SANKEY

Mr. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare a resolution commemorative of the life, character, and public service of the late Honorable E. J. Sankey of Decatur county, Iowa, former member of the Thirtieth, Thirty-first and Thirty-third General Assemblies of Iowa, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Honorable E. J. Sankey, Civil War veteran, former county and state official, and a resident of Decatur County, died at Leon, Iowa, on September 29, 1936, at the advanced age of ninety-two years. He was born on August 2, 1843, at Potters Mills, Center county, Pennsylvania.

In 1849 Mr. Sankey, with his parents, came west to Burlington Iowa. Soon after their arrival in Burlington this family suffered the loss of their father and one son, who died of cholera which was then epidemic. Following these deaths Mr. Sankey and his mother joined some Pennsylvanians of their acquaintance, and settled in Louisa county, Iowa. From 1850 to 1851 our subject attended a subscription school, and later the public schools. In 1856 he moved with his mother to Decatur county, locating four miles north and one half mile east of Leon, where he resided

until August 15, 1861, when he enlisted in Company "L", 3rd Volunteer Cavalry. In January, 1864, he re-enlisted for three years as a Veteran, and on the eleventh of June of that year was wounded at the battle of Guntown. He returned home on furlough, but as soon as possible, rejoined the army although the wound in his leg was not yet healed. He was honorably discharged on the 26th of February, 1865, on account of wounds after serving for almost four years. He was with the army of the Tennessee, and participated in the campaigns in Tennessee and Mississippi. Twenty years after the close of the war it was necessary to have his left leg amputated about eight inches from the thigh joint, as a result of the wound received at Guntown.

Upon return home from the front, Mr. Sankey purchased a farm in Franklin Township in Decatur county, and turned his attentions to the operation of his farm. In 1867 he was elected sheriff of Decatur county, and two years later was re-elected to that office, having proved able and fearless in the discharge of his duties. At the expiration of his second term he again resumed his farming operations until January 1, 1878, when he returned to Leon to take up his duties as County Treasurer. Since that time he resided in Leon, and contributed much to the development of that city. From 1885 until 1889 he was clerk of the district and circuit courts. In 1903 he was chosen to represent his district in the lower house of the State Legislature, and served throughout the Thirtieth and Thirty-first General Assemblies. In 1908 he was again elected as State Representative.

Mr. Sankey was married on the 6th of May 1866 to Miss Mary M. Gillham, who passed away in 1907, leaving eight children, of whom four are now living: namely, Kate, wife of T. J. Smith, of Lamoni, Iowa; Lois, who married James A. Lea, of Pocatello, Idaho; Cleora, a trained nurse now living in California; and Carlisle, a resident of Davis City, Iowa, who is married.

Honorable E. J. Sankey played a very important part in local and state affairs. He was a member of one of the pioneer families of this state, and his interest in the welfare of Iowa and her citizens continued throughout his long useful life. He gave the credit for whatever success in life he achieved to his mother whose energy, ability, and unswerving integrity were an inspiration to him to perform every duty to the best of his ability. He always held the confidence of his fellow citizens who repeatedly elected him to offices of trust and responsibility, and he at all times proved worthy of the honor. There were few, if any, better known men in Decatur county, and none were held in greater respect and esteem than he.

Therefore Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-seventh General Assembly of the state of Iowa, That in the passing of the Honorable E. J. Sankey, the state has lost a valued and honored citizen, and the House of Representatives of Iowa, by this resolution, tenders its sympathy to the surviving family.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread

upon the Journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

DAVID A. DANCER, ROY J. SOURS, G. T. KUESTER,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted, April 19, 1937.

#### HONORABLE SCOTT SKINNER

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare resolutions commemorative of the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Scott Skinner of Union County, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following report:

Scott Skinner was born February 29, 1852, and died December 2, 1936. He came with his parents to Union County in 1868, where he was reared on a farm and lived until the age of 19 when he moved to Creston, Iowa, where he became a call boy for the C. B. & Q. Railway Company.

A few years later he became fireman, then engineer, later retiring to engage in the real estate business in Creston. He also became interested in banking, being a stockholder and director in several banks in his community.

He served as mayor of Creston and later as postmaster during the Theordore Roosevelt administration.

In politics Mr. Skinner was a republican and served as representative from Union County in the Thirtieth and Thirty-first General Assemblies.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Emma Giffey of Creston and Mrs. Margaret Day of Afton, a step-son, Thomas L. Groves and three grandaughters.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-seventh General Assembly, That in the passing of the Honorable Scott Skinner, the state has lost a valuable and honored citizen, and the House would tender by this resolution, its sincere sympathy to the surviving members of his family in their sorrow, and

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk be instructed to send an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

> L. C. BOWERS, LEONARD L. MOORE, THOS. HENDRICKSON,

> > Committee.

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Hon. Ezekiel J. Sankey, of Leon, has taken a very important part in local public affairs and for three terms represented his district in the lower house of the state legislature. He was for many years a farmer and stock-raiser in Decatur county but is now engaged in the real-estate and farm-loan business. His birth occurred on the 2d of August, 1843, at Potters Mills, Center county, Pennsylvania, and he is a son of Ezekiel and Elizabeth (Brown) Sankey. The Brown family is of English descent and was early established in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where representatives of the name gained prominence as cloth manufacturers. The paternal grandfather, Ezekiel Sankey, who with two brothers emigrated to America from Scotland before the Revolution and located in Pennsylvania, enlisted in the Pennsylvania line for service in the war for independence and participated in the battle of Long Island, where he was wounded and captured by the British. He was held on the British prison ship in Wallabout bay, Brooklyn, New York, and suffered the cruelties then inflicted on prisoners by the enemy. At length he was exchanged and as soon as he had sufficiently recovered from the effects of his wounds he reentered the service and was at the front until the close of the war, being with the colors in all for five years and nine months. After the close of hostilities he was married and settled in York county, Pennsylvania. He was the father of three children, Sarah, Thomas and Ezekiel.

Ezekiel Sankey, the father of our subject, was born in York county, Pennsylvania, and is a second cousin of the late Ira D. Sankey, the noted evangelist, who worked for many years with Dwight L. Moody. Ezekiel Sankey was a minister of the gospel and a colaborer of John Winebrenner, one of the founders of the church of that name. Mr. Sankey preached in Pennsylvania but in 1849 came west to Burlington, Iowa, intending to locate upon a farm and devote his time to agricultural pursuits. On the 26th of April of that year he arrived in Burlington with his family and ten hours later the is son Thomas died of cholera, while two hours after the demise of the son the father died of the same dread disease, which was then epidemic. The mother of our subject was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania and was married in 1839. There were but two children in the family: Ezekiel J., of this review; and Thomas D., who was born on the 4th of July, 1845. Following the sudden demise of the latter and of the father Mrs. Sankey and our subject were left alone among strangers two thousand miles from home and with but limited means. The mother would have returned to Pennsylvania but was forbidden to do so by the health authorities. In the fall of 1849 some Pennsylvanians of her acquaintance came west and she joined the, settling in Concord township, Louisa county, Iowa. Subsequently she married Samuel Fittro, a native of Pennsylvania, and they resided twelve miles southwest of Muscatine until the dernise of Mr. Fittro in 1854. In 1856 she removed to Decatur county, where she resided until 1901, dying at the age of eighty years, in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which she belonged. All of the children of the second marriage are deceased and our subject has practically no relatives living save his immediate family.

Ezekiel J. Sankey attended a subscription school from 1850 to 1851 and later the public schools. In 1856 he removed with his mother to this county, locating four miles north and a half mile east of Leon, where he resided until August 15, 1861, when he enlisted in Company L, Third Iowa Volunteer Cavally. In January, 1864, he reenlisted for the years as a veteran, and on the 11th of June of that year was wounded at the battle of Guntown. He was sent back to Memphis and then returned home on furlough but as soon as possible rejoined the army although the wound in his leg was not yet healed. He was honorably discharged on the 26th of February, 1865, on account of wounds, after serving for almost four years. He was with the Army of Tennessee and participated in the campaigns in Tennessee and Mississippi. His regiment was part of Wilson's Cavalry Corps, which was under the command of General Wilson. Twenty years after the close of the war it was necessary to have his left leg amputated about eight inches from the thigh joint as a result of the wound received at Guntown.

Upon returning home from the front Mr. Sankey purchased one hundred and eighty-five acres of land in Franklin township, Decatur county, and turned his attention to the operation of his farm, while his mother kept house for him until his marriage. In 1867 he was elected sheriff of Decatur county and two years later was reelected to that office, having proved able and fearless in the discharge of his duties. At the expiration of his second term he purchased a farm on West Elk creek, in Grand River township, and operated it as a stock farm until January 1, 1878. He then removed to Leon, as he had been elected county treasurer. He has since resided in Leon and during the intervening thirty-seven years has contributed much to the development of the city. From 1885 until 1889, or for four terms, he was clerk of the district and circuit courts and since leaving that office has devoted the greater part of his time to the real-estate and farm-loan business in which he has met gratifying success. In 1900, however, he was the democratic candidate for clerk of the supreme court and received about one hundred and eighty-nine thousand votes cast for the republican candidate. In 1903 he was chosen to represent his district in the house of the state legislature and served throughout the thiritieth and thirty-first general assemblies. In 1908 he was again elected as state representative, defeating his republican opponent by a majority of two hundred and four although the district normally returns a three hundred and fifty republican majority. No better proof of the confidence in which he is held by his fellow ditzens could be found than in his repeated election to offices of trust and responsibility and he has at all times proved worthy of the honor.

Mr. Sankey was married in Center township on the 6th of May, 1866, to Miss Mary M. Gillham, who passed away in 1907, when fifty-nine years of age, leaving eighty children, namely: Eugenia, the wife of Fred Teal, cashier of the Farmers & Traders Bank of Leon; Moreau, of Des Moines, who is married and has three sons; Kate, the wife of T. J. Smith, of this country; Lois, who married James A. Lea, of Pocatello, Idaho; Newton, who is engaged in mining in southwestern Colorado; Cleora, a trained nurse now living in San Francisco; Warren, who is a traveling salesman with headquarters at Indianapolis and who is married, Carlisle, a resident of Iowa, who is married. Thomas and Bessie died at the ages of fifteen and six years respectively.

Mr. Sankey is one of the leaders in democratic circles in this part of the state and has done much to secure the success of the party at the polls. He at one time belonged to the Masonic order but is not now affiliated with that organization and has also allowed his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic to lapse, although he helped to organize the local post. He is in sympathy with the beliefs of the Protestant churches and his life has conformed to high moral principles, but he is not a member of any church. He gives the credit for whatever success in life he has achieved to his mother, whose energy, ability and unswerving integrity have been an inspiration to him to perform every duty to the best of his ability. When the railroads were first

being built in this part of the state, in 1872, he did much to secure rail connection with the outside world for Decatur county and throughout the mone than half century that he has resided in this county he has at all times sought to further its advancement. There are few if any better known men in the county and none are held in greater respect and esteem than he.

Ezekiel died in 1935.

1880 United States Federal Census about Ezekiel J. Sankey Name: Ezekiel J. Sankey Home in 1880: Leon, Decatur, Iowa Age: 35 Estimated Birth Year: abt 1845 Birthplace: Pennsylvania Relation to Head of Household: Self (Head) Spouse's Name: Mary Father's birthplace: Pennsylvania Mother's Name: Elizabeth Mother's birthplace: Pennsylvania Occupation: Farmer Marital Status: Married Race: White Gender: Male Cannot read/write: x Household Members: Name Age Mary Sankey 35 [head]
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Iowa State Census 1885 about Ezekiel J. Sankey Name: Ezekiel J. Sankey Age: 41 Gender: M (Male) Birth State: PA Location: Finley's Addition Marital Status: M Subject to Military Duty: X Entitled to Vote: X Line Number: 27 Dwelling Number: 276 Fage Number: 182 State: IA County: Decatur Township Name: Leon Town: Leon Family History Film: 1021460 Volume: 174

Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925 about Ezekiel J Sankey
Name: Ezekiel J Sankey
Census Date: 1885
Residence County: Decatur
Residence State: Iowa
Locality: Leon
Birth Location: Pennsylvania
Family Number: 270
Marital Status: Married
Gender: Male
Birth Year: abt 1844
Line: 27
Roll: IA1885\_174
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Residence:	Leon, Iowa
Age at Enlistment:	18
Enlistment Date:	15 Aug 1861
Rank at enlistment:	Private
State Served:	Iowa
Was Wounded?:	Yes
Survived the War?:	Yes
Service Record:	Enlisted in Company L, Iowa 3rd Cavalry Regiment on 12 Sep 1861. Mustered out on 26 Feb 1865 at Jefferson Barracks, MO.
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Neighbors:	View others on page	
Occupation:	Farmer	
Marital Status:	Married	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Cannot read/write: Blind: Deaf and dumb: Otherwise disabled: Idiotic or insane:	View image	
Household	Name	Ag
Members:	Ezekiel J. Sankey	35
	Mary Sankey	32
	Eugenia Sankey	13
	Morrean Sankey	11
	Thomas Sankey	8
	Kate Sankey	7
	Lois Sankey	5
	Newton Sankey	3
	Cleora Sankey	61
	Elizabeth Miller	58



### You searched for Ezekiel J. Sankey in Iowa

### Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	Ezekiel J Sankey	
Birth Year:	abt 1844	
Birth Place:	Pennsylvania	
Gender:	Male	
Marital Status:	Married	
Census Date:	1885	
Residence State:	Iowa	
Residence County:	Decatur	
Locality:	Leon	
Roll:	IA1885_174	
Line:	27	
Family Number:	270	
Neighbors:		
Household	Name	Age
Members:	Ezekiel J Sankey	41
	Mary N Sankey	36
	Eugenia Sankey	17
	Morean Sankey	15
	Thomas Sankey	13
	Kate Sankey	11
	Louis Sankey	9
	Newton Sankey	7
	Cleora Sankey	5
	Warren Sankey	2
	Elizabeth Miller	64
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information requested of	on the census form. Some of the information contain age, gender, race, birthplace, marital status, and pla	ed in this database

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### 1920 United States Federal Census

Name:	Ezekial J Sankey
Home in 1920:	Leon, Decatur, Iowa
Age:	76 years
Estimated birth year:	abt 1844
Birthplace:	Pennsylvania
Relation to Head of House:	Head
Father's Birth Place:	Pennsylvania
Mother's Birth Place:	Pennsylvania
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Home owned:	Own
Able to read:	Yes
Able to Write:	Yes
Image:	769
Neighbors:	View others on page
Household	Name Ag
Members:	Ezekial J Sankey 76
Enumeration District: 5 Source Information: Ancestry.com. 1920 Um	
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