

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Perrory Alfred Ramsey Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Represented Mitchell County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 13 April 1841 Overmington, Dorset, England

2. Marriage (s) date place  
① Lydia White 21 Aug 1866  
② Barbara Barnes 13 Sept 1914 Yakima, Washington

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

C. Profession Merchant

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 24<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1892

6. Public Offices

A. Local \_\_\_\_\_

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 14 May 1923 Yakima, Washington; buried Johnson Cemetery, Yakima, Washington

8. Children Grace (Mrs. Durant); Vieta (Mrs. Allen, died 1919); Jessie (Mrs. Schronover);

David (died in infancy); Mabel (Mrs. Ford); Blanche (died in infancy); Estelle (died in infancy); Alfred E.;

Ralph E. (died 1940); Abner (Mrs. Cotton)  
9. Names of parents William and Elizabeth (Garland) Ramsey

Pemney, Alfred Pemney

10. Education

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

- Republican
- His father, William Pemney moved from England to Kentucky then in 1845 and in spring 1856 the family moved near Staceyville, Iowa in Mitchell County. Here they lived until 24 Mar 1876 when they moved into Staceyville.
  - Military service - Civil War - Company K, 21<sup>st</sup> Iowa Volunteer Infantry.
  - He was a merchant in Staceyville Iowa until some time between 1900 and 1910 he moved to Yakima, Washington.

Penny, Alfred Penny

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- <u>Mitchell County History</u>		1989, p. 391-392	
- <u>History of Mitchell and North Counties, Iowa</u>		1884, p. 511	
- <u>GAR Record</u>			
- <u>ancestry.com</u>		(accessed 11 Dec 2010, and 31 May 2011)	
- <u>Obituary - The Yakima Daily Republican</u>		Yakima, Washington	
		June, May 15, 1923, p. 6, col. 5, 6	
- <u>Obituary - The Yakima Morning Herald</u>		Yakima, Washington	
		June, May 15, 1923, p. 6, col. 2	



Webster in Spokane. Judge Jeremiah Neterer made a similar order recently. These two orders follow inspection of conditions made recently at McNeill Island by Heber H. Votaw, superintendent of federal prisons.

### Park Supervision Volunteered

The Epworth league has volunteered to take over the supervision of the municipal playground at North Fourth and D streets which will be opened soon with a complete program planned for June, July and August to be announced later. At the regular meeting of the park board May 29, definite plans for the dedication of the park and the supervision will be taken up. The park will be dedicated June 1.

### Divorce Money Refused

A decision that a wife does not have to furnish divorce suit money to her husband was handed down by Judge Harold B. Gilbert in superior court yesterday. Judge Gilbert decided that the state law has no provision requiring the wife to pay suit money although it does require the husband to furnish the wife funds. The point came up in the divorce suit of W. E. Bailey, Naches rancher, against his wife, Florence Bailey.

### Smoker to be Staged

A smoker given by the Knights of Columbus will be put on May 21, it was announced yesterday. The place for the smoker has not been decided upon but the object is to raise funds for a new clubhouse. Paul J. LaBissoniere has charge of the program. Medals will be awarded for winners in each weight in the contests. The schedule is open for amateur boxers and any volunteers who care to participate may notify the chairman.

### Club Will Improve Playground

The West Side Improvement club voted last night to undertake the needed improvements at Owhi park and will proceed to put in the pipe wanted to irrigate the trees and grounds, to put up swings and other playground apparatus. With the meeting last night the club suspended its weekly dinner conferences until some time next fall. State Senator Phillips of Jefferson county was a guest at the dinner last night and gave a short talk on legislative matters.

### Two Robberies Reported

Two robberies with an approximate loss of \$300 were reported to the police department Sunday. Sometime between 7 and 9 o'clock Sunday night while the family was in church, the home of W. L. Earl, 412 South Naches, was entered through a window on the south side and numerous articles of jewelry and clothing taken estimated to be worth \$300. The same evening, W. W. Plum, 169 South

state courts, blocked an effort of the company to obtain an increase in rates through the federal courts after the state department of public works had refused it, said that he supposed the city council would demand the dismissal of all litigation by the company seeking increased receipts.

## CIVIL WAR VETERAN DIES

### Alfred Penney Owned Land in Valley Now Known as Community of Naches City

An 82-year old civil war veteran and old-time resident of the valley, Alfred Penney, died in St. Elizabeth's hospital last night at 9:25 o'clock. He was a member of the G. A. R. and belonged to company K of the twenty-seventh Iowa infantry regiment. Penney moved to the valley in 1901 and bought the farm where Naches City is now. He is survived by six children: Mrs. T. J. Durant of Sumner, Iowa; Jessie Schoonover of Guler, Wash.; Mrs. J. Lenox Ward, Mrs. Florence Cotton of Naches; Alfred E. Penney of Naches, and Dr. R. E. Penney of Rosemary, Alberta, formerly of Yakima. Mr. Penney has been making his home with his daughter, Mrs. J. Lenox Ward at 620 Queen avenue.

### Pilot Never Misses Trip SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, May 14.

John L. Eaton, who pilots a United States aerial mail plane between Elko and Reno, Nev., has not missed a scheduled trip for more than a year, according to announcement at western division headquarters here, which is believed to have set a record.

### May Seek New Trial

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 14.—George E. Whitfield, recently convicted of the murder of Anna Nosko, 11, of Battle Ground, today was granted until Wednesday to make his motion for a new trial. The motion originally was set for today.

### Pullman Coach is Ill

PULLMAN, May 14. Physical Director Dr. J. Fred Bohler of Washington State college, was reported tonight as "doing nicely" after an operation for acute appendicitis here last night.

### Sugar Drops in Canada

WINNIPEG, May 14.—The wholesale price of sugar dropped 40 cents a hundred pounds today, due to tariff reduction, agents of Canadian refineries announced. Today's price was \$11.80 as against \$12.20 on Saturday.

W. H. White, man Bros. & Crum, left Spokane for a conference manager of the will convey the new the Yakima valley wi er crop this year an facilities will be tax tonnage.

M. R. Jones retu from a trip to Snoqua he went to get so knowledge of the e pass. He says ther left Sunday afternoo a half of snow to be was three and a hal the shovels had th ahead of them.

Mrs. Kate H. Cla N. Y., will arrive in ternoon from Tacoma guest for several day C. Smith at her hom nut street. Mrs. S Clark's niece. Mrs. an extended visit in t been with relatives Montana, Canada an before coming to Yak

Farwell Morris, fr Grandview, who spok service in charge of at the Presbyterian evening, returned to terday afternoon. H crop prospects are Grandview and said t the probability of fro now on, although h fruit crop damaged by conditions combined last of May.

Central Iowa is e of the latest springs The middle west, acco port that C. H. Alle returning from a trip. Ordinarily farmers h planted by May 5, there is no corn plan tion. There were he in April this year. tions during the past good in Iowa, but t the coming year is ve Mr. Allen returned Su

## WHITE FRON



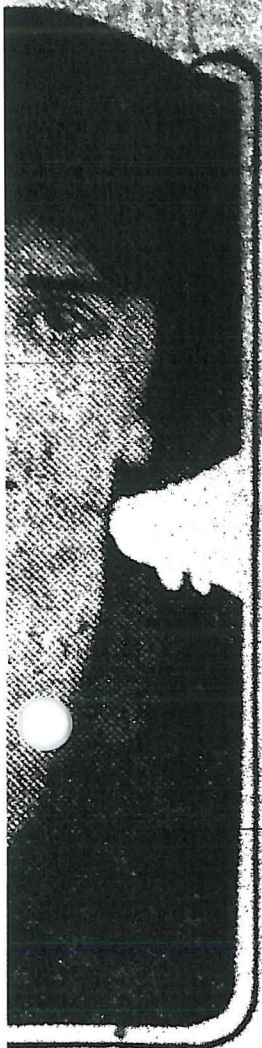
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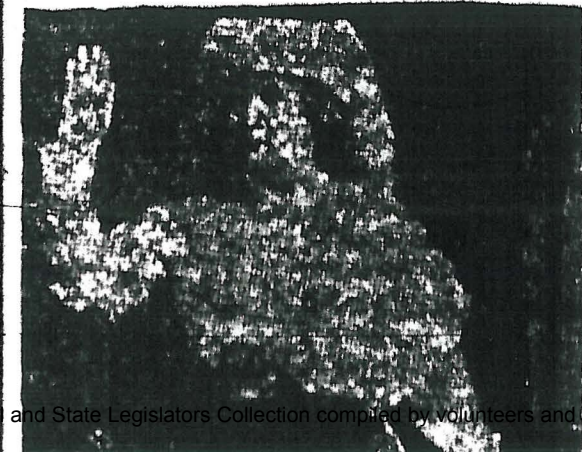
**TAPS ARE SOUNDED FOR 2  
VETERANS OF CIVIL WAR**

**William A. Linse and Alfred Penney,  
Both of Meade Post, Answer  
Final Summons.**

Two veterans of the Civil war, both members of Meade post G. A. R., and residents of Yakima for a long time, died last night. They are William A. Linse and Alfred Penney.

Mr. Linse was 79 years. He was a native of Germany but came to this country when 4. He served 3 years in the Civil war as a member of company G, 25th infantry, Wisconsin. He was with Sherman in his famous march to the sea. Linse was a charter member of the Nob Hill Evangelical church. He is survived by four children, William G. and Henry R. Linse, Mrs. Emma E. Smith and Mrs. Louise A. Parker, all of Yakima. He also leaves 14 grandchildren, three great grandchildren; two brothers, Fred of Yakima and Ed of Bellingham; four sisters, Mrs. J. B. Simon of Yakima, Mrs. Sarah Wescot of Tacoma, Mrs. Amelia Raitz of Wisconsin and Mrs. A. Chryst of Minnesota. The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Nob Hill Evangelical church. Rev. E. Helmer will officiate.

Alfred Penny, 82-year-old Civil war veteran, passed away last evening at St. Elizabeth's hospital. He was a member of the G. A. R. and belonged to Company K of the 27th Iowa infantry regiment. He came to Yakima in 1901 and bought a farm where Naches city now stands. He is survived by six children: Mrs. T. J. Durant of Sumner, Ia; Mrs. Jessie



Schoonover of Guler; Mrs. J. Lanox Ward of Yakima; Mrs. Florence Cotton, Alfred E. Penney of Naches; Dr. R. E. Penney of Rosemary, Alta. Mr. Penney made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Ward, 626 Queen avenue.

**TREASURER IS SANTA CLAUS**

**\$13,075 is Distributed to 12 Incorporated Towns in Valley.**

A total of \$13,075 was sent out to the 12 incorporated towns in the county today as their share of the April taxes, announces Mrs. Lillian Busch, county treasurer.

Yakima comes first with \$9,353, Toppenish second with \$1120, and Sunnyside third with \$812. Other towns and their shares of the April taxes are: Union Gap, \$58; Wapato, \$416; Mabton, \$234; Granger, \$114; Grandview, \$396; Zillah, \$266; Selah, \$209; Naches, \$62 and Moxee, \$35. The state will receive \$15,889 as its share of the county taxes for April, states Mrs. Busch. In addition to funds mailed out to the cities and state, \$30,750 was sent to New York in payment of principal and interest on Donahue road bonds. Of the sum \$19,000 went toward the retirement of bonds.

Hear Mrs. Florence Patsch in concert Friday night. Tickets at Talcott's. 15tl

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TOGETHER WITH SKETCHES OF THEIR TOWNS, VILLAGES AND TOWNSHIPS, EDUCATIONAL,  
CIVIL, MILITARY AND POLITICAL HISTORY; PORTRAITS OF PROM-  
INENT PERSONS, AND BIOGRAPHS OF  
REPRESENTATIVE CITIZENS.

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HISTORY OF IOWA,  
EMBRACING ACCOUNTS OF THE PRE-HISTORIC RACES, AND A BRIEF REVIEW  
OF ITS CIVIL AND MILITARY HISTORY.

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April 13, 1878. Mr. and Mrs. Decker belong to the Congregational Church.

Alfred Penney, merchant, has been engaged in his present business since 1876, when he and his brother embarked in trade under the style of J. & A. Penney. Their co-partnership ended in 1880 since which date Alfred has been sole proprietor. Mr. Penney was born in England, April 13, 1841. In 1845 his parents came to America, landing at Quebec, going thence to Kingston. After a brief stay there they went to Salem, Kenosha Co., Wis., where Mr. Penney lived until 1856, in which year he came to Mitchell county and located in Liberty township. There he resided until March 24, 1876, when he came to Stacyville. Mr. Penney enlisted in company K, 27th Iowa Volunteers, Aug. 13, 1862, and was a sergeant in the company. The regiment went into the camp of instruction at Dubuque, Iowa, and from thence to the Indian war in Minnesota. Late in the fall it was ordered to Memphis, Tenn., and became a part of the 16th army corps. In the fall of 1864, a part of the corps was sent to St. Louis, Mo., to assist in repelling the Rebel force under Price. In a few days his command was sent down toward Pilot Knob, Mo., to assist Gen. Ewing in that quarter, but the railroad being torn up could not get there in time, and while stopping at Mineral Point, Mo., Mr. Penney had a hand to hand encounter with a guerilla in which he was badly wounded, having been severely stabbed in the throat, which came near proving fatal. He kept up the fight until relief came, and the foe was secured and buried the next day at De Soto, Mo. Mr.

Penney was married to Lydia White, Aug. 21, 1866. She was born in Erie Co., Penn., Aug. 21, 1844. The family includes six children—Grace, Viette, Jessie, Mabel, Alfred E., and an infant. Mr. and Mrs. Penney are members of the M. E. Church.

Dexter Kelley, proprietor of the Commercial Hotel in Stacyville, came to Mitchell Co., Iowa, in 1856, locating on section 26, in what is now Union township, where he lived until 1875. He then moved to Stacyville and bought the hotel formerly owned by B. P. Tyler, which he has been conducting ever since. Mr. Dexter was one of the first constables of the township, also one of the first road supervisors. He was born in Ashfield, Mass., Jan. 23, 1825. He was married April 5, 1860, to Elizabeth Thommason, who is a native of Cheshire, England, born April 6, 1832. She came to America in 1854. Mr. and Mrs. Kelley have two children—William A., born in Mitchell county, Feb. 24, 1861, and John F., born Aug. 8, 1867. William A. was married to Libbie Robertson, April 17, 1883. She was born in Mitchell county Aug. 26, 1862. They are now living on a farm six miles north of Osage.

Charles Scheu, druggist and apothecary, has been engaged in selling drugs and general merchandise at Stacyville the past fourteen years. He came to Mitchell county in 1858, when he located in Stacyville township. Mr. Scheu was born in the city of New York, Jan. 1, 1847. His parents removed to Wisconsin when he was three weeks old, where he was a resident of Washington county until he was twenty-two years of age. He spent

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compass on their ship broke and they lost their way. Upon meeting another ship they found themselves in the latitude of New Orleans. They had planned to be four weeks on the trip but were eight weeks. Their supplies ran low and had to be rationed.

Emily was born in 1841 in England. She married John Penney in Stacyville. They had five children — Olive (born in 1862) married David Mc Dougal. Roy (born Mar. 15, 1870) married Susie Strong and died Nov. 8, 1936 in Minneapolis. Mary Maretta (born Sept. 2, 1872 in Stacyville) always went by Retta and never married. She died in California Nov. 4, 1957. Bessie died in 1889 at the age of 12. Lena Dell was born in 1879 and died Dec. 12, 1881 at the age of 2.

Sarah was born May 25, 1848, married Charles Norton Mar. 27, 1881 in Stacyville. She died Oct. 9, 1906. They farmed north of Little Cedar. They had four girls, the youngest, Olive, died in infancy. Alice never married. She died in the mental institution in Independence, Iowa. Mary (Molly) (born Feb. 25, 1883) married Ray Danforth and had one son. Lena Dell was born Apr. 8, 1887 at Little Cedar, Iowa and married Calvin Cumin Oct. 10, 1911 at Rapelje, Mont. She died Apr. 18, 1978 in Rapelje, Mont. They had two sons — Loren and Kenneth (KC).

Fred, the only son, was born in 1852. He married Lucy Dyer. They moved to Sioux Falls, S. Dak. They had one child, Jessie, who married John Haggardt. They had three children — Eugene, Hazel, and Joel.

Mary Jane, the youngest of the family, was the only one born in America, Feb. 25, 1856 in Lake County, Ill. At the age of three she came to Iowa in a covered wagon drawn by oxen. As a girl she drove oxen for her mother to Stacyville. She married George Penney. They farmed northwest of Little Cedar after having farmed east of Stacyville for several years. She died Mar. 29, 1924. They had five children: Spencer, Herbert, Sydney, Clinton, and Mary.

Spencer, born July 30, 1880, never married. He went to Rapelje, Mont. in 1910, homesteaded and lived there until 1940 when he moved back to Little Cedar where he died Feb. 5, 1942.

Herbert, born Sept. 8, 1884, married Gladys Makepeace. They had 5 children. The first 2 died when but a few days old, Howard (born Feb. 20, 1914), Dorothy (born Sept. 22, 1917), and Stuart (born July 18, 1921). Herbert died June 27, 1954 from ruptured appendix.

Sydney (Jig), born Sept. 12, 1888, married Helen Fairbanks Jan. 1, 1917. They had five children — Doris (born Dec. 7, 1918), Vinus (Bill) (born Mar. 31, 1921), Mildred (born Nov. 8, 1922), and twins — Earle and Merle (born Feb. 19, 1929). Jig died July 28, 1962.

Clinton (Joe), born Mar. 26, 1890, married Thelma McPhail Apr. 25, 1917. They had four children — Maxine (born Oct. 4, 1918), Dean (born Nov. 10, 1920), Ruth (born June 18, 1926), and Rex (born Aug. 21, 1928). Joe died Nov. 30, 1945.

Mary (born Apr. 22, 1893) married W. Clyde Elliott Mar. 4, 1913. Their children — Ivan (born Aug. 21, 1914 and died Oct. 4, 1987), Frances (born Jan. 19, 1921) and Beda (born Apr. 26, 1923). Mary died June 20, 1942.

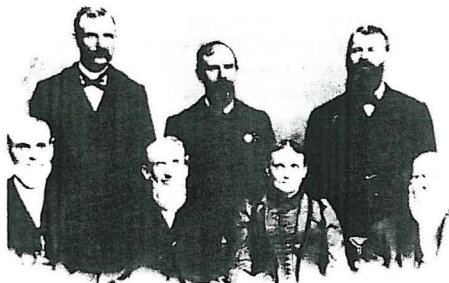
When John and Mary Pearce arrived in Stacyville the nearest mill to have wheat ground was at McGregor, Iowa. It took eight

days to make the round trip by oxen. John, being a very religious man, wouldn't travel on Sunday. He laid under his wagon and let the oxen graze. He was so happy when he could afford a team of horses so he could make the round trip in six days.

by Frances Morse

## PENNEY FAMILY

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Children of William and Elizabeth Penney; Front, L-R: Frank, Charles, Susan, and Arthur. Back, L-R: William, John, and Henry.

The first Penney of whom we have any knowledge came from Owermoine, in Dorsetshire, England, a servant in a Frenchman's family by the name of Wild, who was a refugee from France.

The father, William Penney, was born July 4, 1793 at Owermoine, in Dorsetshire, England, where he lived on a dairy farm until 1845. A part of his father's business was to supply the King's household with milk and butter while at his summer castle. William was often sent with these articles, so he saw King George, the oppressor of America many times.

At the age of 22 he married Elizabeth Garland. To this union 12 boys and 2 girls were born. Robert, George, Arthur, Susan, Charles, Frank, William, John, Alfred and Henry were ten of the children.

In 1845 they moved to Kenosha, Wisconsin, near their two sons Robert and Arthur who had come the year before.

In 1855 Charles visited Iowa and selected 1000 acres of rich farming land on the banks of the Little Cedar near Stacyville, Iowa and entered it at the land office then located in Dubuque. In the spring of 1856 the rest of the family came to Iowa. Railroads were not yet built in this section, so they moved their families and household effects in wagons. On the way out of Moscow, Wisc. James, second son of Charles, was born June 4. On June twentieth the family landed at their destination. For seven weeks they lived in their covered wagons, so busy were they in breaking ground for the next year's crop. On June 23, three days after their arrival, they held their first religious service from their covered wagon on the river road south of Stacyville. Rev. Daniel Wallace preached to about twenty five persons. It is believed to be the first Methodist sermon preached in Mitchell County. In England Rev. Wallace and Arthur Penney had worked six days a week, then walked 30 miles to conduct three church services. Rev. Wallace would preach and Arthur would assist with the singing of the

gospel. At first the services were attended by all the settlers, but later the Penney's being Armenian in their belief, did much toward organizing the Methodist church in Stacyville.

In 1868 they started building a church. Most of the labor was donated. Arthur Penney donated the clock and William Penney gave the pulpit Bible.

During the early years Frank Penney was the chorister. At first he used the tuning fork and was supported by a few good voices. Later he had a well organized choir, with his daughter Mrs. Hattie Angell as organist. The instrument was a Piano cased melodeon which Mr. Penney brought with him to church each Sunday. Henry Penney sometimes led the singing with his "fiddle" as the violin was called in pioneer days. Some of the early choir members with Frank Penney as chorister were Irene Penney, Harry Penney, John Penney and Mary (Mrs. Charles) Penney.

Robert Penney the eldest of William and Elizabeth, never married. He was born in 1820 in England and died Aug. 1849 in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

George was born in 1821. He married Eliza Bascombe in 1844. He died July 19, 1857 in Keosha, Wisconsin leaving six children: Arthur born in 1844 and died in 1851; Mary born Oct. 17, 1845 died Jan. 22, 1911; Susan married W.H. Bascombe; Emily born Aug. 14, 1850 married Seth French; Matilda born July 1851; Elizabeth married Austin Graves; and George born January 12, 1856.

Arthur was born May 29, 1823. He married Harriette Wallace, in Kenosha, Wisc. Their children were: Albert, born July 8, 1852 and died on Mar. 26, 1936; Walter Frank born July 27, 1854, in Kenosha, Wisc; Alice, born Feb. 12, 1856 in Kenosha, died Apr. 9, 1934; Mary Ellen, born March 10, 1858, died Dec. 16, 1936; Samuel born Sept. 1860, died July 1947; Melvin born Sept. 13, 1863; Lydia, born in Stacyville, as were Melvin and Samuel; Clarence born Feb. 24, 1870. Arthur died Jan. 11, 1895. Melvin was crippled and was a dentist.

Susan was born June 3, 1831 in England, died Aug. 25, 1909. She married Cyrus Stover. Their children: Ella married D.C. Rogers; Roberta married E.B. Tyler; Alice married E.S. Fonda.

Charles, born Mar. 20, 1833 married Mary Wallace Oct. 7, 1853 in Kenosha, died Aug. 30, 1899 in Stacyville. Their children: Elbridge born in Kenosha; James born in Moscow, Wisc. on the way to Iowa, June 4, 1856; Edwin born Apr. 17, 1859; Elizabeth born Dec. 18, 1862; Ella Bertie born Aug. 21, 1865 married Charles French, died 1955; Charles born Oct. 7, 1871; Emma born June 6, 1873, died Sept. 9, 1903; George born Apr. 26, 1868, died May 10, 1868.

Frank, born June 2, 1835, married Caroline Barker Nov. 27, 1856, died June 30, 1915. Their children: Harriette, born Aug. 3, 1857 (the first child to be born in Liberty township, Mitchell County, Iowa); Ellen, born Dec. 8, 1859, died Jan. 1929; Frank Alonzo born Oct. 18, 1861, died Apr. 21, 1964; William, born Sept. 4, 1863, died July 8, 1884; Isabelle born Sept. 26, 1865, died Sept. 26, 1954; Edith born June 2, 1868; and Kenneth born May 15, 1877.

William born Apr. 27, 1837 married Hannah Halsey, their children were Susan, Harvey, Martha, Laura, Fannie, Rose, Mary,



Mina, Winifred, George, Edna, William, and Cubit.

John, born Apr. 20, 1839, married Emily Pearce. Their children were Olive, Roy, Mary, Bessie, and Lena Dell.

Alfred, born Apr. 13, 1841, married Lydia White and had seven children: Grace, Viette, Jessie, Mable, Alfred, Ralph, and Florence.

Henry, born June 20, 1843, married Martha Hall. Their children were: Annie, Frances, Abby, Nellie, Minnie, Amy, Oscar, Maude, Hattie and Paul.

by Frances Morse

## PENNEY, ALBERT

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Home for the James Ball family for a number of years was this house built by Albert Penney. He probably did much of the work himself. Albert and Etta (Parlin) Penney lived here when their four children were born. Etta died at a young age and Mr. Penney remarried. They moved from this house to his home place when his father died. This house was later moved north of Stacyville. (Photo sent by Mildred Larsen)

My mother and father, Albert and Belle Penney, were married May 7, 1896. She had been working as his housekeeper. I guess they liked the arrangement and decided to make it permanent. He was 44 and she was 23. He was a widower with four children, aged 11 to 18. (He was first married to Etta Parlin; their children included: Warren Bert, a doctor in Tucoma, WA who died in November, 1960; Raymond De Forrest, also settled in Tacoma, died Dec. 25, 1959; Walter Wallace, married Pearl Ball and lived in Hugo, OR; and Bertha who lived with her brother Warren and helped care for his two children.) (This information sent in from Mildred Larson, a relative of the Ball family.)

Belle was divorced with one daughter, Pansy. Pansy married Ray Bice and had three children. They lived in Mitchell County for a few years then moved to Pelican Rapids, MN and then to Huron, SD where he started working as brakeman on the railroad. Later they moved to Dent, MN. She died in a Minneapolis hospital following a operation for an extensive case of cancer.

My brother, Lynn, was always known as Pete to those outside the family. He was born June 30, 1897. When he was in the 11th grade

my father lost his hired man and couldn't find another so he, reluctantly, took Lynn out of school to help with the farm work. Lynn married Vera Torney an August 2, 1917 and they lived in three rooms of our house. They had ten children: Clair, Veralyn, Bette, Shirley, Keith, Patricia, Phyllis, Dorothy, Craig, and Lance. In the spring of 1919 Lynn went to Kansas City where he took a short course on auto mechanics. He then moved to Osage and worked for Bill Hagen. He also worked as a policeman and for the county road commission. He then left to work on the Alcan Highway in Alaska. Because of health reasons, he returned home and later worked for Art Tesch until retirement. He loved to fish and one day was found by his car near the river. As he was pulling off his wading boots he had suffered a heart attack and died (1969).

Sister, Bess, was born in 1900. She finished school in Stacyville then went to Osage for two years and finished high school. She went to Cedar Valley Seminary for one year, taught school in Union Twp. one year and in Winterset, IA one year, then started working for Central Life Insurance Co. in Des Moines where she worked until retirement. She is now 88 years old and nearly blind, but, she lives alone and gets around Des Moines by herself.

I was born in 1902. I never did anything very notable, but managed to keep busy. I graduated in 1921 from Osage High School. (After Lynn left we moved to Osage in 1919.) I tried teaching but because of a hearing problem I had trouble keeping order, so I quit. I did a lot of baby sitting, worked as a hired girl and took care of my father after he had a stroke. He was always easy to care for; he died in 1936. After that I remained in their home to care for mother. In 1945 my sister, Harriett, and her family moved in with us. This allowed her husband, Hollis Wright, to sell their house and purchase the Delta Co. and also provided more help with Mother. Mother died in a Mason City nursing home in 1952.

Harriet was born in 1904. She started working in the telephone office while in high school and continued working there until 1930 when her daughter, Muriel, was born. She had married Hollis Wright on May 6, 1927. Their son, Melvin (Butch) was born Aug. 29, 1939. Hollis died in 1952 from a heart attack which followed a stroke. Harriet started working in the hospital as a nurses aid after Melvin finished school. She had to retire when she reached 72 but she wasn't satisfied just staying home so she got a job at a nursing home and worked for several more years. She is still active in the Eastern Star.

Edna was born on March 16, 1910. She graduated from Osage High School and then attended Drake University where she majored in chemistry. She and Bess lived together in an apartment. She married another chemist, Robert Wright, in 1932. They had five children, but only the oldest lived. He was born Sept. 26, 1933. The next son lived three days, then a daughter was stillborn. Twin sons were born prematurely and stillborn, much to their parents disappointment.

John was born in 1913. He also studied chemistry at Drake and attended on a football scholarship. He married Ruth McDougall in 1935 and they lived in Blairsburg, IA, which was his second position as teacher and coach. From there they moved to

Van Meter where he was principal and coach. Bob Feller was a pupil. Next, he taught in Newton and then came to Mason City where he was the principal for a time. Since he preferred teaching, he resigned and became the chemistry teacher even though it meant less pay. John had his first heart attack shortly after he retired. In June of 1986 he had bypass surgery and seemed to be recovering. On Oct. 9, as they were preparing to visit their daughter in Rock Island, IL, he died.

by Mabel E. Penney

## PENNEY, CLINTON

(JOE)

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Joe and Thelma Penney family. Front, L-R: Thelma, Rex, and Joe. Back, L-R: Ruth, Dean, and Maxine Penney.

Clinton (Joe) Penney was born March 26, 1890, the fourth son of George Penney II and Mary Jane Pearce. He married Thelma McPhail April 25, 1917. They farmed near Little Cedar and Joe had the skimming routes. The skimmer really got up early in the morning to pick up many cans of cream before starting their farming chores. In the winter they had to go with team and sled. Thelma was secretary of the Little Cedar Creamery for many years. They had four children.

Maxine, born October 4, 1918, married Robert McSweeney Nov. 25, 1936. They farmed several years. Later Bob worked in a factory and Maxine worked at Friendship Haven in Ft. Dodge for 25 years. Bob served in the Air Force in World War II. They had one daughter, Kay, born July 16, 1937. She married Robert Higgins. They had one son, Michael, born November 30, 1958. They were later divorced. Kay is a school teacher in Waterloo, Iowa.

Dean, born October 8, 1920, married Margery Foote. Dean graduated from Luther college and was in World War II. He taught school and was superintendent for many years. They had three children: - Val, born Oct. 13, 1959, married Cindy Lou Vanderford June 4, 1983. They have two children: Joseph, born May 2, 1987, and Seth, born November 29, 1988. Dee Ann, born Aug. 17, 1960, married Steven Lundgren. And, Bret was born Jan. 13, 1962.

Ruth, born June 18, 1926, attended Luther College and married Darrel Arnold. She taught school several years. Later they were divorced. They had three children. Patricia,



Department of Iowa  
Grand Army of the Republic

Name Penney Alfred  
Residence Stacyville, Iowa

Born Apr 13, 1841 England

Died 1922 Yakima, Wash

Buried Yakima, Washington

War Record: Rank Company Regiment State  
Prvt K 27 Iowa Infantry

Roster Iowa: Penney, Alfred Age 21  
Enl Aug 12, 1862 as 5th Sergt  
Res. Stacyville, nat. England.  
Must Sept 9, 1862 From 4th  
Sergt Aug 11, 1864 Must out May 27,  
1865, St. Louis, Mo.

Serial No.

Membership.

Post No.	Name	Location	Date Joined
	F. A. Brush	77 Osage	
	G. W. Young	512(6) Riceville	Apr 30, 1894
		Yakima, Wash	

Offices of Honor in G. A. R.

Went to Washington State in 1901

Sources:

Roster Iowa Soldiers: Penney/Post 77 Desc Bk  
Penny  
Mabel Penney Ward, dau letter Dec 7, 1949  
from Morgan Hill, Calif.

Personal History

Father William Penney, born England

Mother Elizabeth Garland, born England

Wife Lydia White, born Aug 21, 1843.

Erie, Penn

Married Aug 21, 1866, Stacyville, Iowa

Died January 1914

Children

Mrs. Grace Durant Summer, Iowa

Viette Allan Died 1919

Jessie Schoonover, Wapato, Wash

David died in infancy

Mabel Ward Morgan Hill, Calif

Blanche and Estelle died infancy

Alfred E. Penney Naches, Wash

Ralph E. Penney died 1940

Florence Cotton Tacoma, Wash.

Places of Residence and Occupation

Sources: Mrs. Mabel Penney Ward Dec 8, 1949 &  
Dec 27, 1949



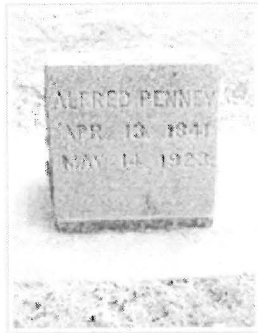
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## Alfred Ramsey Penney

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1856	<u>Residence</u> Burr Oak twp, Mitchell, Iowa, USA	<u>1 source citation</u>
Age: 15		
1860	<u>Residence</u> Wayne, Mitchell, Iowa, United States	<u>1 source citation</u>
Age: 19		
1862	<u>Residence</u> Stacyville, Mitchell, Iowa	<u>1 source citation</u>
Age: 21		
1867	<u>Marriage to Lydia White</u>	<u>1 source citation</u>
Age: 26		
1880	<u>Residence</u> Stacyville, Mitchell, Iowa, United States	<u>1 source citation</u>
Age: 39		
1885	<u>Residence</u> Stacyville, Mitchell, Iowa, USA	<u>1 source citation</u>
Age: 44		
1900	<u>Residence</u> Stacyville, Mitchell, Iowa	<u>1 source citation</u>
Age: 59		
1900	<u>Residence</u> Stacyville, Mitchell, Iowa	<u>1 source citation</u>
Age: 59		
1910	<u>Residence</u> Upper Naches, Yakima, Washington	<u>1 source citation</u>
Age: 69		
1914	<u>Marriage to Sarah J Barnes</u> , Yakima, Washington, USA	
13 Sep Age: 73		
1920	<u>Residence</u> Sumner, Bremer, Iowa	<u>1 source citation</u>
Age: 79		
1920	<u>Residence</u> Sumner, Bremer, Iowa	<u>1 source citation</u>
Age: 79		
1923	<u>Death</u> Yakima, Yakima, Washington, USA	
14 May Age: 82		

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1870 United States Federal Census

Name: **Alfred Penny**

Birth Year: **abt 1841**

Age in 1870: **29**

Birthplace: **England**

Home in 1870: **Liberty, Mitchell, Iowa**

Race: **White**

Gender: **Male**


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

Post Office: **Brownville**

Household	Name	Age
Members:	<a href="#">Alfred Penny</a>	29
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	<a href="#">Viette Penny</a>	11/12
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## Alfred R Penney Info

1923, Yakima, Yakima, Washington, USA

From History of Mitchell County, Iowa (1989), p. 198:

"The building in which Hatten & Sons is located on North Broad in Stacyville was built by Joe and Alfred Penney in 1876 and used for a general merchandise store. In 1880 Alfred Penney become sole owner. He sold it to Joseph Falk who operated a general merchandise store there for 45 years." The building was still in use as a Maytag and GE appliance store, with the owners offering plumbing, heating, air conditioning, etc., in 1989, 113 years later.

From: History of Mitchell and Worth Counties, Iowa, 1884, page 511 (Stacyville Township)

"Alfred Penney, merchant, has been engaged in his present business since 1876, when he and his brother embarked in trade under the style of J. & A. Penney. Their co-partnership ended in 1880 since which date Alfred has been sole proprietor. [The History of Staceyville, Iowa, 1856-2006, p. 13 states "In 1880 Alfred Penney became the sole owner of a general merchandise store which he and Joe Penney had built in 1876. In 2005 this building still stands on the northeast corner of Main and Broad Streets." p.21: "H.H. Stehn's store, which was opened in 1901 after Mr. Stehn bought out Alfred Penney, sold clothing, dry goods, groceries, notions and caps."] Mr. Penney was born in England, April 13, 1841. In 1845 his parents came to America, landing at Quebec, going thence to Kingston. After a brief stay there they went to Salem, Kenosha Co., Wis., where Mr. Penney lived until 1856, in which year he came to Mitchell county and located in Liberty township. There he resided until March 24, 1876, when he came to Stacyville.

"Mr. Penney enlisted in company K, 27th Iowa Volunteers, Aug. 13, 1862, and was a sergeant in the company. The regiment went into the camp of instruction at Dubuque, Iowa, and from thence to the Indian war in Minnesota. Late in the fall it was ordered to Memphis, Tenn., and became a part of the 16th army corps. In the fall of 1864, a part of the corps was sent to St. Louis, Mo., to assist in repelling the Rebel force under Price. In a few days his command was sent down toward Pilot Knob, Mo., to assist Gen. Ewing in that quarter, but the railroad being torn up could not get there in time, and while stopping at Mineral Point, Mo., Mr. Penney had a hand to hand encounter with a guerilla. In which he was badly wounded, having been severely stabbed in the throat, which came near proving fatal. He kept up the fight until relief came, and the foe was secured and buried the next day at De Soto, Mo." [History of Mitchell and Worth Counties, Iowa, 1884. Pg. 511]

The Creamery business was located in Mona, Mitchell County, IA. It began as a partnership between brothers Alfred and Frank, but in 1880 Frank withdrew and Alfred remained sole proprietor. [History of Mitchell and Worth Counties, Iowa, 1884. pg. 511]

From the History of Stacyville, Iowa, 1856-2006, p. 17: "At 9 a.m. on April 2, 1900, a group of nine men met . . . to elect the first mayor and city council of the newly incorporated town called Stacyville. At that first city council meeting S. B. French, a notary public, administered the oaths of office to . . . councilmen. . . Alfred Penney. . . Fortyfive years had passed between the time the first European settlers arrived in the area known as Stacyville and the incorporation of the city government. The city fathers . . . got right to work. . . Alfred Penney made the motion that the town 'shall be known as Stacyville.' (Homer Stacy, remember, had named the town after himself, several decades before.)"



History of Stacyville, p. 20: " And on December 13, 1900 this accident was reported in the local newspaper: 'Pete Fuller's team took a merry little run with a wagon from Alfred Penney's barn down to Main Street in front of the M.E. Church last Monday. An effort to go on both sides of Dr. Brown's sign resulted disastrously to both wagon and the sign post.' "

#### 1900 United States Federal Census about Alfred Penney

Name: Alfred Penney

Home in 1900: Stacyville, Mitchell, Iowa

Age: 59

Estimated Birth Year: abt 1841

Birthplace: England

Relationship to head-of-house: Head

Spouse's Name: Lydia W

Race: White

Occupation: View Image

Immigration Year: 1845

Neighbors: View others on page

Household Members: Name Age

Alfred Penney 59

Lydia W Penney 56

Viette P Rolfe 30

Mabel Penney 24

Alfred E Penney 19

Ralph Penney 17

Florence C Penney 11

Source Citation: Year: 1900; Census Place: Stacyville, Mitchell, Iowa; Roll: T623 448; Page: 3A;

Enumeration District: 121

#### 1910 United States Federal Census about Alfred Penney

Name: Alfred Penney

Age in 1910: 69

Estimated Birth Year: abt 1841

Birthplace: England

Relation to Head of House: Head

Father's Birth Place: England

Mother's Birth Place: England

Spouse's Name: Lydia

Home in 1910: Upper Naches, Yakima, Washington

Marital Status: Married

Race: White

Gender: Male

Year of Immigration: 1845

Neighbors: View others on page

Household Members: Name Age

Alfred Penney 69

Lydia Penney 66

Florence Penney 21

Chas W S??Onover 36

Jessie S??Onover 38

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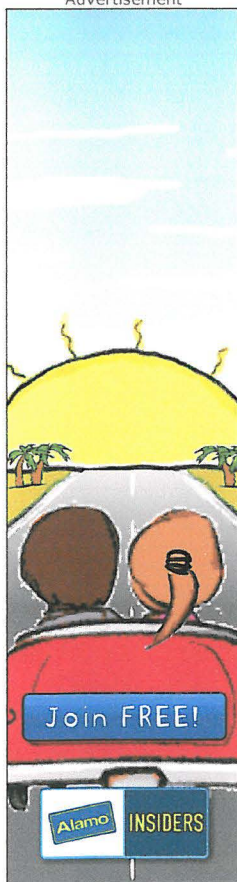
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**Death:** May 14, 1923  
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 Washington, USA

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 Elizabeth *Garland* Penney (1801 - 1878)

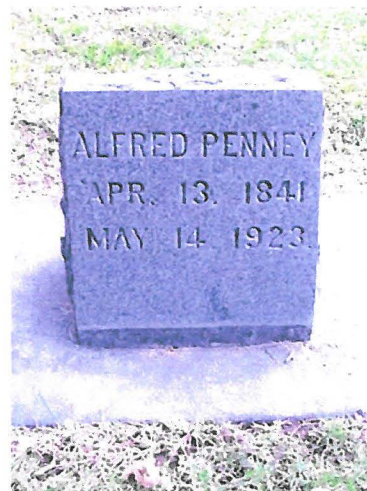
**Spouse:**

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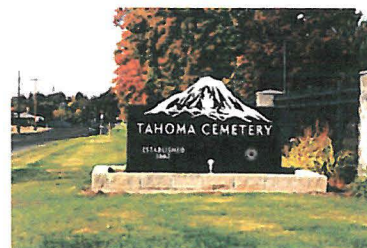
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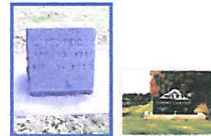
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