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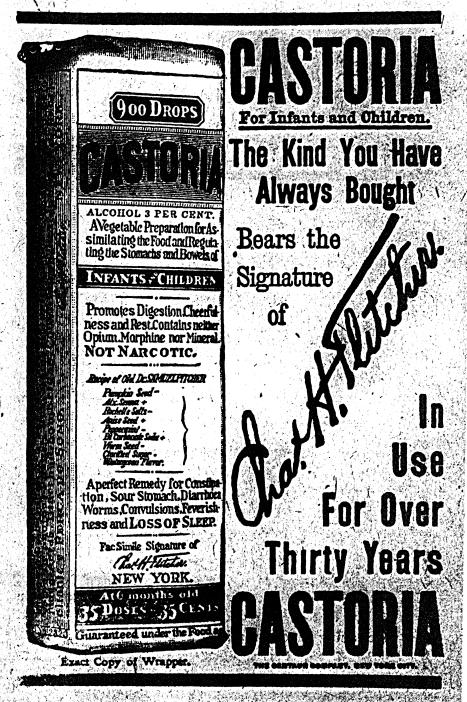
### John Stephenson.

Muray News:-The old and the young of our vicinity were grieved Monday to hear of the sudden death of uncle John Stephenson, who passed away suddenly Monday morning. Owing to his advanced age uncle John had not been in good health for many months, but his condition was not unusual the day of his death and his death came as a great surprise and a source of grief. A short time before his death he was out in the yard chopping wood, and coming into the house told his aged companion that he was not feeling well and that he had a terrible pain in his chest and a few moments later he passed

Funeral services were held in the in doing so. Murray Christian church, at 11 o'clock Wednesday, conducted by A. of kerosene J. Carrick. The church was filled by sympathizing friends who gathered to pay a tribute of respect to the memory of a departed friend-for truly in his life he was a friend to

> Burial was made in the Murray cemetery.

John Stephenson was born in Kentucky, June 18th, 1825, departed this life Nov. 9th, 1914, aged 89 years, 4 months and 21 days. With his parents he moved to Rush county. Indiana, about two years of age, where he lived until about eighteen or twenty years of age, when he came to Monroe county, Iowa, near Albia. While living here, he was united in marriage to Miss Martha Gibson, May 11th., 1851. In 1853 he came to Clarke county, which has been his home county till his death. Mr. Stephenson was a highly respected citizen, loved and honored by all who knew him. He apent several years of his life in public service, filling with marked ability various offices, for two terms, that of Representative. He was one of Iowa's earliest settlers. Through the toil and life of such citizens as he, Iowa owes her present greatness. He and his aged companion have left a rich heritage to the present generation. These heroic characters who have braved the hardships of pioneer life are fast stepping out of the great procession. Soon we shall see their bright beaming countenances no more They will all be gone from us forever, The great burden of their heritage MUST TANK THE PORT OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROP



present generation.

To Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson were born seven children: Mary Cone, of Murray; James L., of Newton, Is.; John S., of Murray, Ia.; Emma Huffman, deceased; An infant son; H. Walter, of Hopeville, Ia.; and Jessie Ries, of Osceola, Ia., all of whom, except the one deceased daughter and son, with the aged companion, are here present today. These with many other relatives are left to mourn his departure.

Bro. Stephenson, beesing a member contined by discontinuous interesting the longer than the continuous and the continuous a

years since. All these years he has lived and strived to honor his Master's name. Though the weight, of years was pressing heavily upon him. he was always cheerful and hopeful never despondent. It was a pleasure to meet these aged ones in their humble home. Heaven's benediction ever seemed to rest upon them. He was the last survivor of his father's family. We all shall miss him. nether the constitution.

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head of cattle. He first located in Madison Township, the country being at that time in a wild state. There were but twenty-six voters in Madison Township when he settled there. All the hardships incident to life on the frontier were endured by him, but he has lived to see the once wild country scattered over with thriving towns and well-cultivated farms. His wife died November 8, 1858, and he was again united in marriage to Miss Eliza J. Mendenhall, daughter of Joseph Mendenhall, January 23, 1859. By his second marriage he had six children, one of whom is deceased. Those living are—Clarissa C., Dosha M., Frank W., Charles L. and Howard B. In 1881 Mr. Carder removed to Murray, and in 1883 settled on the farm where he has since made his home. He has held several of the township offices since. becoming a resident of Clarke County, being justice of the peace twelve years, and serving as township clerk, assessor and county supervisor, each several years.



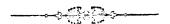
AMES STEPHENSON, one of the early settlers of Clarke County, and a successful agriculturist of Washington Township, was born in Kentucky, on the Ohio River, April 20, 1820, a son of John and Margaret (Lewis) Stephenson, who were born, reared and married in the State of Pennsylvania. James Stephenson was seventeen years old when he left his native State, where he received the most of his education. He was married in 1841, and immediately after his marriage started for Iowa, locating first at Keosauqua, Van Buren County, removing later to Monroe County, and in the fall of 1851 settled in Clarke County in Knox Township, where he remained two years. Mr. Stephenson then bought his present farm on section 33, Washington Township, on which he settled

and began making improvements in his pioneer home, where he experienced many of the hardships and privations incident to a life in a new country. His wife died February 4, 1879, leaving seven children— Margaret A., wife of E. Mitchell; John R.; Sarah J.; Mary, wife of Wilson Loomis; James, Jr.; Melissa E. and Dora. Stephenson is one of the self-made men of Clarke County, beginning life without means, he having come to Iowa with but \$1.75 in cash. But by his persevering energy and strict economy, combined with good business management, he has prospered even beyond his expectations, meeting with success both in his farming and stock-raising, in the latter business making a specialty of short-horn cattle. He at one time had 1,000 acres in Clarke County, part of which he has given to his children. He still owns 600 acres of choice land, and the small frame house in which he spent the first years of his residence in Clarke County has given place to his present commodious and comfortable dwelling. Stephenson is a Democrat of the Jefferson school of politics. Mr. Stephenson's parents settled in Kentucky after their marriage. They subsequently removed to Rush County, Indiana, remaining there till the fall of 1843, when they removed to Van Buren County, Iowa. From Van Buren County they went to Monroe County, Iowa, and in the fall of 1852 came with their family to Clarke County, entering a tract of sixteen acres from the Government on section 33, Washington Township, which the father improved and fenced, making that his home till his death in 1865, the mother surviving her husband till 1871. They had a family of seven children - William, deceased; James, our subject; Winthrop; Mary A. married William Buchannan, died in 1872; John; Lewis, living in Kansas, and Andrew. John Stephenson was one of the sturdy pioneers of Clarke County, possessing great

force of character and determination, which he showed in all his undertakings. He was a good neighbor and an enterprising citizen, always taking an active interest in all enterprises which he deemed for the good of his township. While living in Monroe County he served as trustee and justice of the peace.

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OSES R. LAMSON, deceased, was a highly-esteemed citizen of Osceola. He was born in Genesee County, New York, August 27, 1824, a son of Adna and Keturah Lamson. He came West with his parents, they locating first in Wisconsin, and from there he came to Iowa, living first in Lee County, and then came in the spring of 1852 to Clarke County. He was married in 1852 to Nancy Harrison, a native of Virginia, daughter of William and Matilda Harrison, who came to Iowa when she was a little girl. To them was born one daughter—Florence A., the first born in Osceola. Soon after locating in Clarke County, Mr. Lamson was elected clerk of the courts, a position he filled with great efficiency six years. He then engaged in the grocery business several years, and subsequently in the drug business, which he continued successfully until his death, May 1, 1874. He was a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, lodge and chapter.



OHN M. GATES, one of Clarke County's pioneers, settled with his family on section 28, Franklin Township, in October, 1853, on a tract of 160 acres of Government land he had entered the July previous. Mr. Gates was been in Morgan County, Ohio, September 6, 1817, a son of Stephen and Jane (M. S. Gates, pioneers of Morgan County. His sail or was born

September 2, 1792, and his mother February 15, 1792. His grandfathers, David Gates and John Mills, were both soldiers in the war of the Revolution. His father died in Lawrence County, Ohio, November 6, 1862, and his mother February 3, 1864. Of a family of twelve children, seven grew to maturity and three are now living. Stephen lives in Winfield, Kansas, and Samuel near Leon, Iowa. John M. lived in his native State until 1853, when he came to Iowa, and has here witnessed the marvelous changes since that date. He was married October 4, 1838, to Louisa M. Jeffers, a native of Athens County, Ohio, born December 14, 1820, daughter of George and Abigail (Miller) Jeffers. The father died in 1833, and the mother February 27,1864. Mr. and Mrs. Gates have one daughter—Eliza J., wife of Joseph N. Bay, of Wayne County, Iowa. · They have an adopted son-Ezra Fleming, now of Colorado. In politics Mr. Gates is a Greenbacker. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.



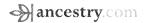
ENJAMIN M. ROBINS, physician and surgeon, residing in Osceola Township, on section 15, is a native of the State of New York, born in Jefferson County November 28, 1831, a son of James and Eliza (Mesick) Robins. He was reared on the home farm, his father being engaged in agricultural pursuits. His primary education was obtained in the common schools of his neighborhood, and later he attended the academy at Mexico, Oswego County, New York. He studied medicine under Drs. Chapin and Fenton, of Pulaski, Oswego County, and subsequently took a full course of lectures at the Ohio Medical College, of Cincinnati, graduating from that institution in the class of 1854. He then began the practice of his chosen profession in Batavia,



## Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	John Stephenson	
Birth Year:	abt 1827	
Birth Place:	Kentucky	
Gender:	Male	
Marital Status:	Married	
Census Date:	1856	
Residence State:	Iowa	
Residence County:	Clarke	
Locality:	Washington	
Roll:	IA_50	
Line:	7	
Family Number:	2	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household	Name	Age
Members:	John Stephenson	29
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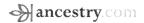
## 1900 United States Federal Census

Name:	John Stephenson	
Home in 1900:	Troy, Clarke, Iowa	
Age:	74	
Birth Date:	Jun 1825	
Birthplace:	Kentucky	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Relationship to Head of House:	Head	
Father's Birthplace:	Pennsylvania	
Mother's Birthplace:	Pennsylvania	
Spouse's name:	Martha	
Marriage Year:	1851	
Marital Status:	Married	
Years Married:	49	
Occupation:	View on Image	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household	Name	Age
Members:	John Stephenson	74
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Name:	John Stephenson			
Age in 1910:	88			
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Estimated birth				
year:	[abt 1827]			
Birthplace:	Kentucky			
Relation to Head	Father-in-law			
of House:				
Father's Birth	Pennsylvania			
Place:				
Mother's Birth	Pennsylvania			
Place:				
Spouse's name:	Martha			
Home in 1910:	Osceola Ward 2, Clarke, Iowa			
Marital Status:	Married			
Race:	White			
Gender:	Male			
Neighbors:	View others on page			
Household	Name	Age		
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**Husband's Name** 

John STEPHENSON (AFN:XG1Q-2D)

Pedigree

Born: 19 Jun 1825

Place: , , Pa

**Died:** 9 Nov 1914

Place: , Clarke, la

Father: Mother:

Wife's Name

Martha GIBSON (AFN:KQ5G-5D)

Pedigree

Born: 25 Jul 1833

Place: , , Kentucky

**Died:** 1 Aug 1928

Place: Murray, Clarke, Iowa

Father: Samuel GIBSON (AFN:KQ5G-KG)

Family

Mother: Lucinda BELL PETTITT (AFN:KQ5G-2V)

1. Sex Name

Children

M James L. STEPHENSON (AFN:XG1Q-4Q)

Pedigree

Born:

1857

Place: , Monroe, la

2. Sex Name

John S. STEPHENSON (AFN:XG1Q-5W)

Pedigree

Born:

1860

Place: , Clarke, la

3. Sex Name

Emma J. STEPHENSON (AFN:XG1Q-63)

Pedigree

Born:

1863

Place: , Clarke, la

4. Sex Name

M Henry W. STEPHENSON (AFN:XG1Q-78)

Pedigree

Born:

1871

Place: , Clarke, la

5. Sex Name

F Mary M. STEPHENSON (AFN:XG1Q-3K)

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Born:

1854

Place: , Monroe, la

6. Sex Name

F Jessie E. STEPHENSON (AFN:XG1Q-8F)

Pedigree

Born:

Feb 1880

Place: , Clarke, la

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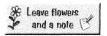






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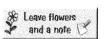




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