

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Although listed as Barby in book on Iowa legislators, he is Darby on Census and Methodist Church records.

Converted and united with Church in 1831, licensed to exhort in 1834 at a Michigan conference and to preach in 1837. Ordained deacon at Ashland, Ohio, 1848, and as Elder at Winterset 1863. He and family had moved to Madison Co. in 1855 and he and a daughter taught at an unfinished school there. Had home in Winterset area for a time, then established permanent home in Penn township. First home was station on underground railroad. Said always to have lantern burning in window at night to give guidance and succor to westward travelers needing welcome, room, food and water.

Two sons in Civil War, Elias died shortly after returning home from exposure and marching barefoot on frozen ground; Daniel in Cavalry died within 20 miles of reaching home. Both had been on Sherman's march to sea.

In 1864 and 1865 he supplied Adair charge of church; received by conference on trial 1866, served charge at Adel two years, then admitted to full membership in conference, and served De Soto charge two years. At that time put on superannuated status and he retired to home farm. But in 1871 supplied Stuart charge.

± Devoted to temperance work.

Family history suggests his first wife came with him to Iowa, but Methodist Conference Memorial indicates it was second wife. Family history lists four children of first marriage, Memorial says six, three living in 1890. Also survived by second wife and the two children of second marriage.



Peter Cunningham Family, 1927

WILLIAM BERRY DANIEL

William Berry Daniel, son of Presley Daniel and Phebe Gearhart and Alley Elvira Farr, daughter of Charles and Usley Gregg Farr, were united in marriage in Parke county, Indiana June 19, 1859. To this union 12 children were born:



William Berry and Alley Elvira Farr Daniel, 1913 or 1914

1 — Rhoda Elizabeth "Sis", 1860, (married Theo. Nelson Watt, one daughter, Emily Ellen "Emma", born Parke County, Indiana 1880); 2 — Phebe Usley, 1862 to 1863, (buried Daniel Cemetery, Parke Co., Ind.); 3 — Mary Catherine, 1864, (married Oscar Shepard); 4 — Sarah Frances, 1866, (married Frank Cooper); 5 — Charles Presley, 1868, (married 1 — Mary Ryan and Rosetta Archer); 6 — Benjamin Franklin, 1870 (married 1 — Ada Ellsworth, 2 — Ida Holder and 3 — Eva Finney); 7 — Eliza Ann, 1872, (married George Calvin Diggs); 8 — William Anderson, 1874, (married Daisy Miller); 9 — Joseph Marion, 1876, (married 1 — Julia Hoyt, 2 — Carrie Jackson); 10 — Merritt Frederick, 1878, (married Julia Ward); 11 — Manorvey de Idamir "Ida", 1881, (married George Mitchell). The above all born Parke County, Indiana. 12 — Thomas Elmer, born Madison County, Iowa, 1885, (married Sarah Anna Belle Hoyt).

About May 8, 1881 the Daniel and Watt families, and possibly others, left their homes in Indiana by covered wagon and ox cart and headed West. After a while the Watts came ahead to Madison County, Iowa where they prepared a two room cabin in time for the birth of their second child, a son. The Daniel family joined them in October and spent the first winter with them. Some of the older children worked for their care and keep with folks in the same area.

The older children started their education in Indiana and finished in Iowa with Ida and Elmer.

In their adult years some married and moved away. The Watts to Minnesota, the Shepards to Missouri and later Arkansas, Benjamin to Minnesota and on into Michigan. Marion went to northern Iowa while Fred moved his family to Missouri, George and Ida Mitchell have lived in Madison, Clay, Clarke and Polk counties. Elmer and "Annie" moved north also to Clay and eventually down into Polk County where they spent their last years.

The children returned often for visits and later reunions and their descendants still do.

Wm. Berry and Alley E. Farr Daniel and many of their family are buried in Union Chapel Cemetery in South Township where William Berry helped to build the church many years ago. As long as any of the family lived near and there were enough to support the church services they attended the old church faithfully. Both of my Grandparents funeral services were held in the old church and the sermon was by a trusted friend, Homer Caskey, Grandfathers in 1914 and Grandmothers in 1925 and they are near where the front door was.

JOHN E. DARBY

John E. Darby was born at Catskill, New York in 1815 and died in Madison County in 1890. He married Lucy Tuttle, born at Rochester, New York. They came overland to Winterset in 1855 from Ohio where he was principal of schools at Merlin. He and a daughter both began teaching in an unfinished school here. Later he purchased land in Penn Twp. and established his permanent home. He was an ardent abolitionist and his home was a station on the underground railroad for runaway slaves. It was known as the "Grout" house due to the material from which it was constructed. It was said that they always left a lighted lantern burning in an upstairs window at night to guide westward travelers to welcome, shelter, food and water. Mr. Darby was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, became a Minister and rode the circuit when Adair County was a Mission District. Later he was a Minister at both Adel and DeSoto, but continued to live on the farm in Penn Twp. He served in the State Legislature in 1864.

By his first marriage there were four children; Almira, Laura, Daniel and Elias. Both sons served in the Civil War with Sherman on his March To The Sea. Elias died shortly after returning home, from the effects of exposure and marching barefooted on the frozen ground. Daniel was in the Cavalry but died within twenty miles of reaching home. By his second wife there were two children, Milfin and Bessie.

KEITH AND LINDA DATWYLER

Keith Wilson Datwyler was born December 15, 1938 in Winterset. He is the only child of Wilson John and Marjorie (See) Datwyler. Keith and his parents moved to Scott Township in 1940. He attended country school through the 8th grade and graduated from Winterset High School in 1956. As a youth he was active in 4-H and Boy Scouts. He distinguished himself in high school as a member of the track team. He served as co-captain of the team and was a distance runner. Keith attended Iowa State University from 1957-58.

On December 5, 1958 Keith and Linda Jo Wilson of Indianola were married in the Indianola Methodist Church. Linda was born August 24, 1941, is the eldest child of Claren James and Geneva Caroline (Felck) Wilson. Linda was active in 4-H, Rainbow Girls and Church youth.

Keith and Linda are the parents of two children. Marjorie Lyn was born July 31, 1959. Kirk Wilson was born September 9, 1963. Both children were born in Winterset.

Keith and Linda farmed in both Madison and Warren County. They were dairymen most of their farming career and Keith was recognized as Outstanding Young Dairyman by Mid-America Dairy in 1972. They left the farm in 1978 returning to a small acreage in Scott Township. Keith began a new career of running heavy equipment on soil conservation projects. Keith loved to rodeo as a young man and continues to compete as a roper in the Heading & Heeling competition.

Linda's primary occupation was one of homemaker. However, she worked outside the home as a secretary, bank teller, office manager and optician. Her hobbies include gardening, flowers and sewing.

Marji attended Winterset Schools and graduated from Indianola High School in 1977. She attended Simpson College for two years and was graduated from Iowa State University in 1982 with a double major in Speech Pathology and Psychology. She is currently employed by the University of Missouri at Columbia and studying for her Masters degree in Counseling Psychology.

Kirk attended Indianola schools and graduated from Winterset High School in 1982. He will graduate in May 1984 from Southwestern Community College in Creston with an Assoc. degree in Electronics.

Appaloosa horses have been an important part of the family's life. All four ride and enjoy trail riding and primitive camping.

Keith and Linda served as leaders of several youth organizations while raising their family, such as 4-H, Boy and Girl Scouts, Rainbow Girls and Indian Guides. Keith served the Masonic Order as Master of Hazel Lodge #573 of Peru in 1964. He served the Order of Eastern Star as Worthy patron of Indianola Chapter #338 in 1970 and 1975. Linda served as Worthy Matron of Indianola Chapter in 1973. She was appointed Grand Representative to the State of Illinois by the grand Chapter of Iowa from 1973 to 1976. She was elected Secretary/Treasurer of the state organization of Grand Representatives, Hawkeye Links in 1975-1976. Linda, also, helped organize and charter the Seven Bridges Chapter of the American Business Women Association in Madison County.

FAMILY OF BENJAMIN (BEN) AND MILLIE DAVIS

Benjamin Burchman Davis, Sr., son of Rev. Levi and Catherine Henning Davis, was born February 29, 1884, in Winterset, Iowa. His father was a United Brethren minister and served as a chaplain in the Civil War. His sword and metals are displayed in the home of his great-grandson, Robert R. Stessman of North Liberty, Iowa. Ben had two brothers, Henry L. and George and three sisters, Mahitable Ann, Mary E. and Kathryn.

was appointed to Osage. The year following he served Belle Plain. He was then assigned the superintendency of the State by the American Bible Society, a position for which he possessed great adaptability, and in which he remained until the fall of 1873, when he returned to the pastorate, and was stationed at Mason City, there he remained two years.

In the fall of 1875 he transferred to the Des Moines Conference, in which he served successively Villisca, Boone, Stuart, Avoca, Carrol, Perry, Boonesboro, Mt. Ayr, Colfax. In 1886 he was appointed Secretary of Des Moines Christian Alliance, but supplied Summer Charge, in Northwest Iowa Conference. In 1887, owing to failing health, he superannuated. But he could not remain idle. For the three years following he served as a supply in Garner, Iowa. Here, surrounded by the people with whom he had labored so faithfully, he passed away after four weeks of intense suffering.

Brother Chambers was a man of extraordinary mental endowments. His sermons were systematic, vigorous, and logical. He had a ready command of a wide vocabulary. His pulpit efforts were often impassioned and sublime. He had convictions, and dared to state them. He believed in instantaneous answers to prayer; that faith in God should be unwavering when seeking pardon, full salvation, or any soul supply. He loved his people, and was ever ready to visit the sick and dying, to relieve the poor and discouraged, and to look carefully after strangers. He had a happy faculty for leadership in class, prayer or praise meeting. He was the friend of all and the servant of all. His last hours were filled with holy triumph. His dying message to his brethren was: "I die at my post washed in the blood of the Lamb. It is all right." He was buried at Mason City, Ia., where his wife and daughter reside.

REV. JOHN E. DARBY.

John Elias Darby, son of John Elias and Ruhama Darby, died at his residence at Penn Center, Madison county, Iowa, October 17, 1890. He was born near Catskill, Greene county, New York, March, 3, 1815. Removed with his parents to Ohio in 1828. At sixteen years of age was converted, and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was licensed to exhort December 5, 1834, by the Quarterly Conference of Millersburg circuit, Michigan Conference. The same Quarterly Conference granted him license to preach February 4, 1837. He was ordained deacon at Ashland, Ohio, August 16, 1846, by Bishop Thomas A. Morris, and Elder at Winterset, Iowa, September 6, 1863, by Bishop Edward R. Ames. He supplied Adair charge in 1864 and 1865. He was received on trial in the Des Moines Conference at Boonesboro, Iowa, August 26, 1866, and appointed to Adel charge, which he served two years. He was received into full membership in this Conference at Council Bluffs, Iowa, August 28, 1868, and appointed to De Sota charge, where he remained two years. In September, 1870, he superannuated, and retired to his farm. In 1871 he supplied Stuart charge. His itinerant life of a few years, was characterized by the faithful discharge of duty and was owned of God in the salvation of precious souls.

He was twice married. October 8, 1837, to Miss Lucy A. Tuttle, who died May 15, 1849. Six children were born to them, of whom three are living. He was married August 3, 1850, to Miss Sarah Battershell, of Berlin, Holmes county, Ohio, by the late Rev. Charles B. Brandebury, of the Central Ohio Conference. She, with an adult son and daughter survive him.

He was a Representative in the State Legislature from Madison county, in 1863 and 1864. He was a strenuous advocate of the abolition of slavery, and a devoted temperance worker when it required more than

ordinary courage to maintain his position and convictions. Highly respected by all who knew him, and deeply beloved by all who knew him well. After years of suffering and growing infirmities, yet always sustained by the faith of the Gospel, he loved to preach. Surrounded by his aged companion and children, he passed on and up to God in full hope of a blessed reward at Jesus' feet.

" Beyond the toils, the burdens of the day,
Beyond the tempests and the storms of life,
Far from the tumult of the weary way,
Beyond the longing and the ceaseless strife;
Out of the darkness and the gloom of night,
Beyond the hills where shadows never fall,
And far beyond the range of mortal sight,
Rest cometh after all. "

MRS. ELIZABETH WOOD.

Elizabeth Holland was born June 28, 1812, near Mt. Sterling, Bath county, Kentucky. When she was twelve years of age she removed with her father's family to Putnam county, Indiana. In 1828 she was married to Richard VanDyke, who only lived a short time.

In 1838, at Greencastle, Indiana, she was married to the Rev. Enoch Wood, a member of the Indiana Conference. Five children were born to them, three of whom are living. They removed from Indiana to Iowa in 1853. Her husband was an effective itinerant for 32 years in the Indiana Iowa, and Des Moines Conferences. He superannuated in 1864, and died very suddenly March 14, 1873, at Indianola, Iowa, one of the oldest ministers in our Conference. After his death, she made her home with her children. After a lingering illness of nearly six months, she died May 21, 1891, at Fontanelle, Iowa. Her mortal remains were laid to rest by the side of her husband in the beautiful God's Acre, where rest so many of our departed loved ones, at Indianola, Iowa.

Des Moines District Conference.

The Des Moines District Conference will convene in the M. E. Church at Winterset Tuesday evening, Oct. 28th, and continue until Thursday noon, the 30th.

The District conference is a body between the quarterly conference of each charge and the annual conference which ordains the preachers and embraces several districts. The licensing of local preachers and exhorters, the apportionment of benevolences to the various churches and plans for work over the district belong to this body. The public are invited to all the sessions of the conference, especially members of all the various churches in the city. The afternoon and evening sessions will be of special interest. The following is the program:

TUESDAY EVENING.

- 7:30 Song service, 15 minutes.
- 7:45 Devotional Service W. H. H. Smith.
- 8:00 Sermon, Fred Harris.
- Altar Service, W. H. W. Rees.

WEDNESDAY FORENOON.

- 8:30 Prayer Service, Dugald Thompson.
- 9:00 Disciplinary Business.
- 10:30 Pastoral Visiting. Its Necessity, B. A. Fassett.
- 11:00 How to Increase the Circulation of our Church Papers, A. H. Rusk.
- 11:30 Simpson College, Pres't M. E. Holmes.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

- 2:00 Prayer Service, C. C. Mabee.
- 2:30 Disciplinary Business.
- 3:00 Revivals—
- 1. The kind of Preaching Needed, M. Stahl.
- 2. How to utilize the Membership, J. H. Senseney.
- 3. When to hold Revival Meetings, H. P. Dudley.
- 4:50 Love Feast Meeting, P. V. D. Vedder.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

- 7:30 Song Service.
- 7:45 Devotional Service, W. W. Williams.
- 8:00 Sermon, A. H. Ames.
- Altar Service.

THURSDAY FORENOON.

- 8:00 Prayer Service, A. A. Thompson.
- 8:30 Disciplinary Business.
- 9:30 Benevolences—
- Freedman's Aid Southern Education, Geo. B. Lynch.
- 10:00 The Advantages of a Campaign for the Benevolences, B. F. W. Cozier.
- 10:30 Source: Iowa Territorial and State Legislators' Collection compiled by volunteers and staff at the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa.

Death of an Old Citizen.

On last Friday evening, October 17, occurred the death of Rev. John E. Darby, of Penn township. Mr. Darby was one of the early settlers of Madison county, coming here from Holmes county, Ohio. For most of his life he was a Methodist preacher, a part of the time in the traveling connection, but mostly sustaining either a local or a superannuate relation. He also taught school in Winterset and elsewhere in the county, but for thirty years or more his home has been on the farm where he died, in Penn township. In March 1856 he presided at the first meeting ever held in Madison county to organize the republican party in the county. In 1863 he was elected representative from Madison county to the state legislature.

Mr. Darby was a man of the most upright character, kind and charitable in all his ways, and always on the right side in every moral or public duty or patriotism, never swerving from his exalted idea of right and truth.

About eight years ago he was afflicted with a partial paralysis, since which time he was a constant sufferer till the day of his death. At his death he was advanced in years, we believe past eighty, though we are not informed exactly. He leaves an aged wife, several children, some of whom are already getting old, and several grand children.

Public Sales.

On Monday, Oct. 27th, J. T. Young and David Clearwater, will sell at the residence of the latter, three miles east of Winterset, horses, cattle, hogs, hay and corn. Free lunch given.

On Friday, October 24, W. M. Cook will sell at his residence, in Jackson township, high grade cattle, hogs and farm implements. Free lunch.

On Wednesday, Oct. 29, A. M. Miller, agent for Dr. A. Watkins, will sell at the McCaughan farm, in Walnut township, one and three-fourth miles northeast of Barney, cattle, hogs and corn.

On Friday, November 21, James Breckenridge, Adm'r, will sell at the residence of the late Frank Breckenridge, in Penn township, five miles southwest of Earl-

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