

*sometimes spelled  
Morehead*

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Morehead, Matthew, Jr. Senator

Represented Washington County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 1809 Butler County, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Elijah Snodgrass 6 Feb 1834 Sangamon County, Illinois

3. Significant events for example:

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

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

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 8<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1860

6. Public Offices

A. Local Served territorial justice in Washington County

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

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

7. Death 4 Dec 1873 Crawford Township, Washington County, Iowa; buried Ashbury County, Iowa

8. Children William R.; Mary A. (Mrs. Hayden); Joseph A.; Sarah J. (Mrs. Young); Laura; Lydia A. Thomas; three additional children

9. Names of parents Matthew and Lydia (David) Morehead, Sr.

*Haynes Sup. King  
County  
Iowa*

10. Education

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- He came to Iowa in 1837 or 1838 meaning he was one of the earliest settlers purchasing his first claim in 1837
- He entered land and lived on it until his death.
- He was the first election judge appointed in Washington County in Apr. 1843 to serve from Crawfordville, Iowa.
- He was a member of the first court called in Washington County which convened on 17 June 1839
- He learned the cabinet trade in Scipio, Ohio
- He came to Illinois and engaged in cabinet making until moving to Iowa in 1837
- After marriage, Matthew and Eliza lived at Salceburg, Illinois where the two oldest children were born until 27 Jul 1837 when they settled in Washington County, Iowa.
- Their home was called "Traveler's Inn" and was a well known hostelry
- Their home was used for many years by the Methodist Episcopal Church for public worship.
- His wife, Eliza died 24 Jan 1899. She is also buried in Asbury Cemetery, Mayne Township, Henry County, Iowa



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show that there is a mania even in this city for fishing excursions. We now catch only bull-pouts, little shiners, red-bellied horned ace, and the like in our larger distant streams. But if they could be stocked with shad, cod, dolphin, porpoise, shark, sperm whale, &c., there would be no end to the fun enjoyed by our sports of both sexes!

The City Council might consider the feasibility of stocking our public wells and the puddles in the city (in wet seasons) with fish! If our gamins could fish in these places, it might keep them from breaking off young trees in the square. Then there is that loud-smelling slough that meanders through the eastern and southern parts of the city, which might be stocked with some able-bodied fish. A school of pouts, suckers and gudgeons in that slough of despond could be made to act as a sub-sanitary committee, and do good service in tackling the dead cats, old boots, and garbage that navigate that noble stream.

**RELIGIOUS.**—Rev. Dr. Wheeler, President of the Mt. Pleasant Wesleyan University, will preach in the M. E. church here next Sunday, morning and evening.

Rev. E. P. Smith, of Danville, will preach morning and evening in the Congregational church on Sunday, Dec. 28.

**Township News.**

**A Lady Gives a Brighton Blood a Whipping in Public.**

**EDITOR PRESS:** The dull monotony of social life in Brighton was suddenly broken by a lively scene which occurred at the Postoffice on Wednesday last, which developed about the following facts:—

A lady from Minnesota, who had been visiting her parents in Nebraska—her father being a Methodist minister of the Nebraska Conference—stopped here to spend a few weeks with her uncle and aunt. Upon her first arrival she went to Black's gallery and had several sittings for a picture, one of which she purchased; the others not giving satisfaction were left in the gallery. Whereupon one of the "fine haired" young men of our city, being over-anxious to bring himself into notice, by some unfair means obtained possession of one of the rejected pictures, and, imagining that "luck was better than brains," he made no delay in showing it to "the boys"—as he thought—accompanying it with the statement that "she gave it to him in Fairfield," and connecting it with personal associations upon his part involving the virtue and character of the lady, etc. All of which soon came to the ears of the lady. Satisfying herself of the facts and circumstances, and with two reliable witnesses, she secured a good stout whip, and accompanied with

ly worth our while to say that there is a sorry indifference on the part of patrons in regard to schools. They show no interest by visiting them. Too many parents seem to act upon the idea that when they have provided children food and clothing, and see them started, then responsibility is at an end.

For the last two weeks our streets have been crowded with hogs and buyers. \$3.75 was the highest market price. Corn sold from 25 to 30c; potatoes and apples are not in the market, and a car load of each could be readily sold. Business in general is so good we have lost sight of the much-talked-of panic.

The Grange element or society, since the election, is apparently dead, owing to the fact that their most prominent leaders have left for parts unknown. Mr. L. B. Snow taking the lead, moved others.

The one interesting topic for talk among the young folks is the prospective weddings. The happy ones have our premature congratulations.

UNICUS.

Dec. 6, 1873.

**DEATH OF HON. MATTHEW MOREHEAD.**—This well known old citizen of the county died at his home in Crawford Tp. on Dec. 4, 1873, aged 71 or 72 years. He was one of the earliest settlers, coming in 1837 or '38, before much of the land hereabouts had been transferred by the Indians. He then entered the land on which he had lived ever since. In 1800 he was elected to the lower branch of the legislature, and served faithfully during the regular and special sessions of the Eighth General Assembly. He was an excellent citizen and neighbor, and was a signal peace-maker in the community, arbitrating and settling many claims, and restoring kindly feelings between neighbors estranged. People had the utmost confidence in his judgment and integrity, and the highest respect for his character. For the last 5 or 6 years he was quite feeble, but his constitution, though inured to hard work and the privations of early life and toil in a new country, had been preserved by good habits, and gave way slowly even under the wasting pulmonary disease which at last proved fatal. He was a consistent Christian, having long been a member of the Methodist church,

From Seventy-Six.

**DEDICATION.**—Mr. Martin Cochran gives notice of the dedication of the new United Brethren church of the Keota Circuit, East Des Moines Conference, 4 1/2 miles northeast from Keota, and 13 miles northwest from Washington, on January 4, 1874. Rev. R. Thrasher is preacher in charge. Rev. E. B. Kephart will officiate. The Brethren give a general invitation to preachers and people to attend. The people in that section are hospitable. Do and see.

Dec. 13, 1873.

**KEOTA DEDICATION.**—The fine new M. E. church in Keota was dedicated on Sunday, Bishop Andrews giving the discourse. A very large crowd attended, and contributed \$600, which puts the society out of debt. The church cost \$2,000. About 40 from this place went up on an excursion train.

**SPECIAL ITEMS.**

NOTICE.—All accounts unsettled by Jan. 1, 1874, will be left in the hands

plete and varied an assortment as can be found in the county. They also do undertaking, having a new hearse about ready for use. Call and see them in the new quarters.

**LADIES.**—For late styles and superior work go to Mrs. Murray, fashionable dress-maker, one block west of Emerson's Hall. Cutting and fitting a specialty. n15m3.

Fresh Oysters; first of the season at Morton's west side restaurant.

For Heavy Winter Clothing, Mitts, Gloves, &c., call on Mayer & Rich.

**YEARICK, the crack Merchant Tailor,** has in a very full and excellent stock of Cloths, for Business and Dress suits, ranging in price from \$30 up to the height of one's loftiest desires for fine work. The assortment embraces the best domestic and foreign made fabrics. Yearick has no successful rival as a fitter, cutter and maker of garments. Go and select your goods.

**TEACHERS AND PARENTS,** read and profit. All School Books at Parker's Store will be sold at cost, to close them out. Cash takes them.

W. A. GUSEMAN, Assignee.

**BOOKS, STATIONERY, &c.**—The stock of goods assigned to me must be closed out, and extra inducements are given to customers. The goods embrace full lines, are in good condition, and will be sold cheap. I desire to close them out speedily.

W. A. GUSEMAN, Assignee.

Cushing's Manual for sale at Richards' Book Store, west side of the square.

Velveteen in any color, 75c per yard, at the Ten Cent Store.

Fresh Oysters; first of the season at Morton's west side restaurant.

**McCaughy's Meat Market.**

At this popular old pioneer stand, on the south side, may always be found an assortment of the best, juiciest, tenderest meats in the city. Next to no fine beefs are shipped now, and the best stock is thus kept at home, bought by McCaughy, and served up to his customers. The large number of choice beefs that he disposes of every week attests the prime quality of his meats and the popularity of his prices.

For Overcoats call on Mayer & Rich.

**STOVE CHEAP.**—J. W. Morton has a good second-hand heating stove that he will sell cheap.

These northern blasts should recall to all the fact that Mayer & Rich, of the Old Bank Store,

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Northern State, he was, by education and birth a Democrat, and aided by his vote to return Andrew Jackson to the Presidency. After he came North his sentiments changed, and even before the war he began the espousal of the principles of the Republican party, and is as firm in the faith as any member of the party.



**MRS. ELIZA MOORHEAD.** The distinction of being the oldest living settler of this county attaches to this lady, who with her husband, Matthew Moorhead, came to the county when the State was yet a Territory, and purchased a claim from Adam Ritchie, who had preceded them. The location of Mr. and Mrs. Moorhead was made on their present farm, July 1837. Her husband was a son of Matthew and Lydia (David) Moorhead, both natives of Westmoreland County, Pa., who afterward settled in Butler County, Ohio, in which county Matthew Moorhead was born. His mother's children consisted of two sons and three daughters—Robert, Matthew, Ann, Jane and Mary—Matthew being the only one who came to this State. After the death of their mother, his father was married to Mrs. Hester Blackburn, the mother of James, Mary and another son by her first husband. The couple remained in Butler County, Ohio, during their lifetime, and were buried in her sacred soil.

Matthew Moorhead, Jr., was born in 1809, and his wife, Eliza Snodgrass, whom he married in 1834, in Sangamon County, Ill., was born in 1815. She was a daughter of William and Mary (Vance) Snodgrass. William was a son of Robert and Sarah (Taylor) Snodgrass, and his birthplace was upon the ocean, as the parents were emigrating from Ireland to America. They were natives of Scotland, but had removed to Ireland, being heirs of an estate to which they were entitled. Robert and Sarah Snodgrass were the parents of William, James, Agnes, Sarah, Samuel, Robert and John. The family settled near Pittsburgh, Pa., and later moved to Greene County, Ohio, where the parents remained during their lives. Both were members

of the Seceder Church and life-long Christians. William Snodgrass was for almost half a century a minister in the Free-Will Baptist Church, near Athens, Sangamon Co., Ill., to which State he with his family removed in 1822, and later of Dubuque County, Iowa. He served as a private during the War of 1812, and the widow of Samuel Snodgrass still preserves his old knapsack as a relic of that war. He was in his seventy-third, and his wife in her seventy-second year when their deaths occurred at Dubuque, Iowa, to which place they removed in the spring of 1836. Matthew Moorhead, the husband of our subject, learned the cabinet trade in Scipio, Ohio, and after coming to Illinois engaged in that business until his emigration to this State. In Sangamon County, Ill., he met, loved, and won the heart and hand of our subject, then a young lady aged nineteen years. The marriage ceremony was performed at her father's residence, Feb. 6, 1834, by Rev. Peter Cartwright, the best-known Methodist minister of his day. Under the Rev. Cartwright's preaching she was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, being received into full membership at the home of Bazilla Clark, of Sangamon County. The young couple for some time made their home at Salisbury, Ill., where their two eldest children were born—William R. and Mary A. Both are deceased, the latter at date of death being the wife of Rev. John Haynes, Presiding Elder of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the Burlington District.

July 27, 1837, Matthew Moorhead, wife and two small children, headed a train of ox-teams which conveyed their goods from Illinois to this county. The hot sun poured its fiercest rays upon the emigrants, and they suffered for water while crossing the wide prairie between Burlington and their new home, which was a log house standing opposite Mrs. Brown's residence. Their nearest neighbor on the west was Thomas Caldwell, and on the east Abraham Hulick, while neither on the north nor south had a settler entered a claim. One of the earliest, if not the first marriage in the county, was at the new home, two weeks after the Moorheads came, the contracting parties being John Hulick and Nancy Goble, who with three other couples came on horseback to see Esquire Adam Ritchie

tie the knot. This was the first marriage he was ever called upon to solemnize, and not a word of any kind of ceremony did he know, but through the aid of a Methodist Episcopal discipline owned by Mrs. Moorehead, it was satisfactorily performed. Ritchie was the first, and Matthew Moorhead the second Territorial Justice in this county. After the latter received his commission he achieved quite a well-earned reputation as Justice, and his acknowledged ability made him the choice of the Republican party, and in 1859 he was elected as the representative of that party to the State Legislature, in which body he both made himself felt and heard, and as a member, when the extra session was called in 1861 by Gov. Kirkwood, to make provisions for raising both troops and money to assist in putting down the Rebellion.

One of the early landmarks in this county was the swinging sign, "Traveler's Inn," standing in front of Matthew Moorhead's house, which was a well-known hostelry, and a favorite lodging place for the hungry and tired traveler. Matthew was an entertaining host, and his young wife was an excellent cook. All the goods for Washington and the settlers along English River, were carted from Burlington, and the teamsters as well as the parties looking for lands, were made welcome. The first Methodist Episcopal class in the county was organized at their house in 1838, by Rev. West, consisting of five members—Matthew and Eliza Moorhead, Benjamin and Susan Sigafoose, and Nelson Ball, of which class Matthew was Class-Leader. Their house was for many years used by the Methodist Episcopal members for public worship, and from the society a large membership has grown.

After a long lifetime characterized by thrift and industry, Matthew Moorhead was gathered to his fathers, his death occurring in 1873. He was the father of ten children, four living, and all attained maturity: Joseph A., the youngest son, remains on the home farm with his mother; he resembles his father greatly in spirit and actions, and has had a thorough business experience, not only in this State but in Colorado, where for several years he was engaged in the stock trade. Sarah J., the oldest daughter living, and many claim for her the honor of being the first white child born in the

county yet living, was born Nov. 22, 1838, and was reared and married in Crawford Township; her husband is Robert A. Young, a prosperous farmer of Henry County, whose farm lies partly in this county. Nine children have graced their union—Eliza J., David M., John W., Laura M., Olive F., Lula J., Mary E., Ada R. and Robert C. Eliza is the wife of Walker W. Hough, of this county, and the mother of one daughter, Edna F., the only great-grandchild of Mrs. Moorhead. John Wesley married Mrs. Hattie Thomas, and resides in Paola, Miami Co., Kan.; Matthew D., a resident of Denver, married Melati Kitchen.

At the age of seventy-two, our subject appears active and fully possessed of every faculty. She manages her own house, which is cheerful, bright and roomy, and presents the appearance of comfort. As a family, the Moorheads have no superiors in the county, for honor and the esteem of their neighbors and acquaintances. The data forming this sketch was furnished by Mrs. Moorhead, and may be considered correct.



**W** T. STEVENSON resides on section 9, Dutch Creek Township, where he is engaged in farming and stock-raising. He was born July 6, 1846, in Carroll County, Ohio, and is the son of William and Isabel (Tonnet) Stevenson, the former a native of Ohio, and the latter of Maryland. They were the parents of six children, the subject of this sketch being the oldest; David is deceased; John C. is a farmer residing in Rush County, Kan.; Mary and Matilda are deceased; Isabel, wife of George Mitchell, a farmer residing in Mahaska County, Iowa. In the spring of 1852 the family came to Washington County, this State, where the father entered 240 acres of land in Franklin Township, where the family resided until 1857, when Mr. Stevenson purchased 280 acres of land on Skunk River, and erected the Black Hawk Mills, which he ran for about one year, when he was accidentally killed in the mill. The early life of the subject of this sketch was spent on the farm and attending the district school. On the 22d day of January, 1867, our subject was

IN THE BEGINNING THERE WAS LAND

# A History of Washington County, Iowa

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the road up to grade," and destroyed many plants; no effort was made to gravel the road or stabilize the soil, and within a year it was eroding badly. The prairie plants began to make a comeback, however, and would have eventually recovered and stabilized the soil — but now a farmer has plowed that small tract and planted a few rows of corn, and the plants are gone forever. A short ways east on that same road there was a wet prairie area, where Culver's-root, Shooting-stars, Turk's-cap Lilies, and Dense Blazing-star grew; about the same time the other prairie tract was destroyed, this one was also bulldozed and became a dumping ground for junk cars.

Who were the first settlers in the county? Many names simply aren't known, and it's difficult to fix dates, but the following partial listing gives an idea of who some of them were; the subject is covered in greater detail in earlier county histories:

1835. — Adam Ritchey and John Black started on foot from Monmouth, Illinois, crossed the Mississippi in a skiff, and began "exploring" parts of Cedar, Johnson and Washington counties. They were especially impressed with the land around Crooked Creek in the southern part of Crawford township, but had to return to Illinois because this part of Iowa wasn't yet open to settlement. Tommy Tucker may also have been exploring the southern part of the county; he became one of the county's earliest millers. Josiah Smart was probably already operating his trading post in Marion township; he left in '37.

1836. — Adam Ritchey returned to Crawford township with his son Matthew, 15, and daughter Sarah, 13; he built a cabin, planted some corn, then returned to Illinois for the rest of the family. He's been called the first permanent settler of Washington county.\* In 1837 Ritchey sold his claim, moved across the line into Henry county, and built a mill on Skunk River in '39. He and his brother were killed in an accident in 1848, while hauling barrels from Brighton. Matthew Moorhead came to look over the country. Michael Augustine and son Godfrey settled in Dutch Creek, where Indians were their only neighbors. It's possible that the Augustines arrived a little earlier than Ritchey — family tradition says they did. Richard Moore, sons Amos and Thaddeus, and son-in-law John C. Maulsby came to Washington township, but were driven out by the Indians in '37; they returned in '39. (More about that later.) Thomas Baker settled near the Moores; he also was driven out by the Indians, and later returned. He became the first Clerk of Court for the county, was the first U.S. District Attorney of Iowa Territory, was elected to the first legislature of the new state — he split 1,000 fence rails to earn enough money to buy a new pair of

\*Moorhead family tradition says that Matthew Moorhead came to Crawford in 1836, liked the Ritchey cabin and land, and a "relinquishment of claim" was made; Ritchey moved to Henry county and Moorhead returned to Illinois for his family. When he returned to take over the claim on July 22, 1837, Ritchey was already gone. The Moorheads claim — as do the Ritchey and Augustine descendants — to be the first permanent settlers of the county. It's impossible at this time to prove or disprove the claims of any of these three families.



Matthew and Eliza Moorhead

trousers to wear to the "city" — and was chosen president of the Senate (in effect, was the first lieutenant governor of the state). In 1850 he went to California, was elected to the legislature, undertook a huge swamp reclamation project, and welcomed immigrants and their stock to his lush hay fields — the beginnings of Bakersfield, California. David Goble, Sr., with sons David, George and Simpson and daughter Nancy,\* arrived in Oregon township August 1. The first court in the county was held at their cabin. Oliver Sweet, later a county sheriff, came with the Gobles. Isaac Pence settled in Crawford township, as did John Drake. Milo Holcomb and John B. Bullock arrived in Marion township and built a mill in Sec. 31. Bullock died soon afterward. Holcomb was the first county sheriff, but died in 1840.

1837. — Silas Washburn and Morgan Hart reached Brighton township; Washburn's first claim included the mill site. Matthew Moorhead arrived on Adam Ritchey's claim in Crawford. John and Thomas Caldwell arrived about the same time, as did Joseph, Thomas and John Walker Neal and John Maley. Henry Osborne, William Huston, James McElroy, William Wooley, William Kinnear, David Sykes, Nathan Griffith, and William Kinsley also settled in Crawford; Kinsley started a nursery in '37 or '38. Joseph Edelstein, a Swiss, took a claim near what is now Riverside; the first cabin burned, and the family lived in a cave for awhile. James, Thomas and Samuel Watters and Joseph, Hiram, Benjamin and Robert Wasson staked out a mill site in Lime Creek, and a few weeks later Nicholas W. and Daniel McFarland tried to claim the same site — but were persuaded to accept another location. Others who arrived during the year, or earlier, were Berry

\*The first marriage in the county was that of Nancy Goble to John Hulock in August 1837; the couple were married by Adam Ritchey, J.P. The bride wore a pink and white striped gingham dress, white apron, and straw bonnet.



You searched for **Matthew Morehead** in **Iowa**

### 1840 United States Federal Census

Name: **Matthew Morehead**  
**[Matthew Moorehead]**

County: **Washington**

State: **Iowa Territory**

Free White Persons - Males - Under 5: **1**

Free White Persons - Males - 30 thru 39: **1**

Free White Persons - Females - Under 5: **2**

Free White Persons - Females - 20 thru 29: **1**

Total - All Persons (Free White, Free Colored, Slaves): **5**

Persons Employed in Agriculture: **2**

Free White Persons - Under 20: **3**

Free White Persons - 20 thru 49: **2**

Total Free White Persons: **5**

Total All Persons - Free White, Free Colored, Slaves: **5**

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You searched for **Matthew Morehead** in **Iowa**

### 1860 United States Federal Census

Name: **Matthew D Morehead**  
 Age in 1860: **13**  
 Birth Year: **abt 1847**  
 Birthplace: **Iowa**  
 Home in 1860: **Crawford, Washington, Iowa**  
 Gender: **Male**  
 Post Office: **Crawfordsville**  
 Value of real estate: [View image](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	<a href="#">Mathew Morehead</a>	50
	<a href="#">Eliza Morehead</a>	41
	<a href="#">Wm R Morehead</a>	24
	<a href="#">Sarah J Morehead</a>	20
	<a href="#">Lydia A Morehead</a>	18
	<a href="#">John W Morehead</a>	15
	<a href="#">Matthew D Morehead</a>	13
	<a href="#">Thos L Morehead</a>	11
	<a href="#">Fletcher C Morehead</a>	7
	<a href="#">Laura E Morehead</a>	5
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**Name:** Matthew MOREHEAD  
**Sex:** M  
**Birth:** 1809  
**Burial:** Asbury Cemetery, Wayne, Henry Co., Iowa  
**Death:** 1873

**Marriage 1** [Eliza SNODGRASS](#) b: 1815  
**Married:** 1834 in Sangamon Co., Illinois  
**Children**

[Thomas L. MOREHEAD](#)

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 Death **3 Dec 1873**

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- 1809** [Birth](#) [6 source citations](#)  
 Butler County, Ohio
- 1834** [Marriage to Eliza SNODGRASS](#) [1 source citation](#)  
 6 Feb Sangamon County, Illinois  
 Age: 25
- 1835** [Birth of son William R. MOORHEAD](#)  
 Jun Salisbury, Sangamon County, Illinois  
 Age: 26 FindAGrave William R. MOORHEAD d. 21 Feb 1861 age 25 yrs 8 mos 16 dys
- 1836** [Birth of dau Mary Ann MOORHEAD](#)  
 abt Salisbury, Sangamon County, Illinois  
 Age: 27
- 1837** [Immigration](#) [2 source citations](#)  
 Age: 28 Washington County, Iowa
- 1838** [Birth of dau Sarah Jane MOORHEAD](#)  
 22 Nov Washington County, Illinois  
 Age: 29
- 1840** [Residence](#) [1 source citation](#)  
 Age: 31 Washington County, Iowa Territory  
 Matthew MOREHEAD 1 male 30-39
- 1841** [Birth of dau Lydia Ann MOORHEAD](#)  
 abt Iowa  
 Age: 32
- 1844** [Birth of son Dr. John Wesley MOORHEAD](#)  
 24 Jun Wayne, Henry County, Iowa  
 Age: 35
- 1846** [Birth of son Matthew David MOORHEAD](#)  
 abt Iowa  
 Age: 37
- 1849** [Birth of son Thomas L. MOORHEAD](#)  
 Feb Iowa  
 Age: 40
- 1849** [Residence](#) [1 source citation](#)  
 Age: 40 Washington County, Iowa  
 Mathew MOREHEAD 9 in household, 1 male over 21

**Family Members**

**Parents**

-  [Matthew MOORHEAD](#)  
1782 –
  -  [Lydia DAVID](#)
- [Show siblings](#)

**Spouse & Children**

-  [Eliza SNODGRASS](#)  
1815 – 1899
-  [William R. MOORHEAD](#)  
1835 – 1861
-  [Mary Ann MOORHEAD](#)  
1836 – 1864
-  [Sarah Jane MOORHEAD](#)  
1838 – 1915
-  [Lydia Ann MOORHEAD](#)  
1841 – 1865
-  [John Wesley MOORHEAD Dr.](#)  
1844 – 1913
-  [Matthew David MOORHEAD](#)  
1846 – 1925
-  [Thomas L. MOORHEAD](#)  
1849 – 1881
-  [Fletcher Clark MOORHEAD](#)  
1853 – 1875
-  [Laura E. MOORHEAD](#)  
1855 – 1873
-  [Joseph Asbury MOORHEAD](#)  
1857 – 1931

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**1840 United States Federal Census**

1 citation provides evidence for **Name, Residence**

**1850 United States Federal Census**

1 citation provides evidence for **Birth, Name, Residence**

**1860 United States Federal Census**

1 citation provides evidence for **Residence, Name, Birth**

**1870 United States Federal Census**

1 citation provides evidence for **Residence, Name, Birth**

- 1850** [Residence](#) [1 source citation](#)  
 Age: 41 [Division 20, Washington County, Iowa](#)  
 Matthew MOORHEAD 40 OH farmer
- 1853** [Birth of son Fletcher Clark MOORHEAD](#)  
 abt [Iowa](#)  
 Age: 44
- 1855** [Birth of dau Laura E. MOORHEAD](#)  
 abt [Iowa](#)  
 Age: 46
- 1856** [Residence](#) [1 source citation](#)  
 Age: 47 [Crawford, Washington County, Iowa](#)  
 Mathew MOOREHEAD 45 OH farmer, 18 yrs in state
- 1857** [Birth of son Joseph Asbury MOORHEAD](#)  
 Jul [Washington County, Iowa](#)  
 Age: 48
- 1860** [Residence](#) [1 source citation](#)  
 2 Aug [Crawford Twnshp. \(Crawfordville P.O.\), Washington County, Iowa](#)  
 Age: 51 Mathew MOREHEAD 50 OH farmer
- 1870** [Residence](#) [1 source citation](#)  
 5 Aug [Crawford Twnshp. \(Crawfordville P.O.\), Washington County, Iowa](#)  
 Age: 61 Mathew MOOREHEAD 61 OH farmer
- 1873** [Death](#) [2 source citations](#)  
 3 Dec  
 Age: 64
- [Burial](#) [1 source citation](#)  
[Henry County, Iowa](#)  
 Asbury Cemetery

[Iowa, State Census Collection, 1836-1925](#)  
 2 citations provide evidence for **Name, Birth, Residence, Immigration**

[Portrait and Biographical Album Washington County, Iowa](#)  
 1 citation provides evidence for **Death, Marriage, Immigration, Birth, Name**

[WPA 1930's Graves Registration Survey](#)  
 1 citation provides evidence for **Burial, Name, Birth, Death**

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Butler County  
Ohio, USA

Death: Dec. 3, 1873  
Iowa, USA

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## Family links:

Spouse:  
Eliza *Snodgrass* Moorhead (1815 - 1899)

## Children:

Mary Ann *Moorhead* Haynes (\_\_\_\_ - 1861)\*  
Thomas L Moorhead (\_\_\_\_ - 1881)\*  
Fletcher Clark Moorhead\*  
William R Moorhead (1835 - 1861)\*  
Sarah Jane *Moorhead* Young (1838 - 1915)\*  
John Wesley Moorhead (1844 - 1913)\*  
Lydia Ann Moorhead (1844 - 1865)\*  
Matthew David Moorhead (1846 - 1925)\*  
Laura E Moorhead (1854 - 1873)\*  
Joseph Asbury Moorhead (1857 - 1931)\*

\*Calculated relationship

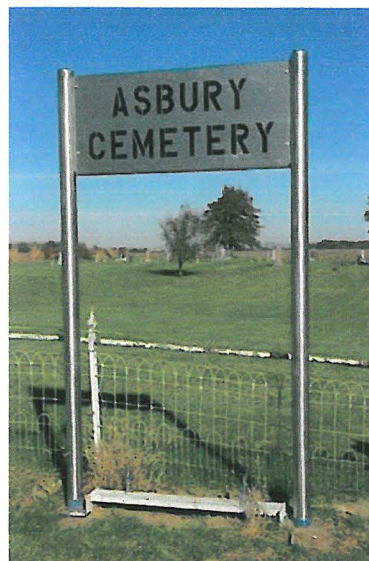
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