

Old Cemeteries of Marshall County

under the auspices of the Marshall County Historical Society

THE ROWE AND NOCK FARM CEMETERIES

The two little farm burial plots, which hardly even merit the name of "cemeteries," are being considered together, in spite of the fact that they are about two miles apart, and in different townships, because they have quite a little in common. Buried in them are men who rate as "genuine pioneers" of the Henry area, all coming to Henry in 1834, and among perhaps the first dozen or so of the people to make homes here.

Henry's First Business House

Two of the three were brothers, William A. Rowe, Sr., and his younger brother Sampson Rowe (Sr.); the third was Charles Nock. After two men both married sisters, daughters of Major Elias Thompson, who was perhaps among the first half-dozen of Henry's permanent settlers, published histories say he came here in 1833, and with his son David, opened the first two-story brick building in Henry township, a part of the land now owned by the Rohm chemical company.

Six Generations of Rowes

The following year marks the advent of the first of a family which now can boast of six consecutive generations in Henry township, all highly-valued and industrious citizens, mostly farmers, the very influential Rowe family. Sampson Rowe, Sr., born about 1810 or 1815, made his way to the Henry area, liked its possibilities, and determined to settle here.

Come to County in 1834

Young Nock—though we have no idea when he was born; only that he was unmarried when he and the Rowe brothers came to Marshall county in 1834—shortly afterward married Eliza Ann Thompson, one of at least two daughters of Major Elias Thompson, born near as can be determined from her obituary, about 1818. So far as we know, they had no children, or at least any who grew to maturity, as none are mentioned in his wife's obituary upon her death, May 5, 1874.

The Sampson Rowe Family

Although younger than his brother William A. Sr., by some six years, or so, we shall try to trace the remainder of the life history of young Sampson Rowe, who was not quite so agriculturally minded as the other two men.

Married Sister-in-law

Several years after his first wife's death, sometime between 1868 and 1872, as near as Marshall County Recorder's office records can tell; Sampson Rowe was married a second time, to his own previously married sister-in-law, Eliza Ann (Thompson) Nock. They were permitted to live together only a few years—her death took place on Feb. 5, 1874, and she was buried also in the little Nock Farm burial plot, described earlier.

(1823-1875, a Civil War veteran), was one, only by her first marriage. (We have never learned for sure if he was a son of Major Elias Thompson, though the presumption is rather strong—the latter left Henry in the 1840's to farm in Whitefield, though somewhat south of the actual Sugar Grove area, farming land in (probably) the south-east quarter of Section 15, or perhaps the adjoining southwest quarter of Section 14 to the east, now owned by Martin Bush.)

Sampson Rowe departed this life Dec. 14, 1878, and at his request, was also buried, with his second wife, Eliza Ann (Thompson) Nock Rowe, in the little Nock farm burial plot. (The third Mrs. Rowe, Martha Jane (Agnew) Thompson Rowe, survived until June 13, 1901, and was buried with her first husband, in Sugar Grove cemetery.)

The William A. Rowe Family

Sampson Rowe's next elder brother, William Abel Rowe, Sr., lost no time getting down to his business of farming, following his arrival in Marshall county in 1834. He selected a tract of government land in Section 13, Whitefield township, but found it not yet available for sale. Meanwhile, for a short time, he took up temporary quarters on a claim nearer the city. When the land he wanted was opened up for sale, he immediately claimed it, and commenced farming in dead earnest.

Burt's volume states that at the time of his death, he was the owner of 1,045 acres of rich Whitefield farm and timber land, mostly in Sections 13, 14, 23, and 24, much of the same land still being held in the Rowe name or by Rowe descendants.

The Ten Children

- (1) Caroline, born March 10, 1836, married William Payne, went to Chariton, Iowa, where she died Feb. 26, 1900, and her husband on June 22, 1911. Three of their several children who grew to maturity were: Harriet (Kilgner), Lillian (Brown), and Joseph. Several others died in infancy or childhood. None were ever known in this area, and all have departed this life some years ago. The father, William Payne, was a member of the Payne-Wikoff brick manufacturing concern in Section 13 of Whitefield, before leaving for Iowa.

- (2) Sampson Taylor Rowe, born April 15, 1837, amid the snow-storm mentioned earlier; married Ellen Sarah Tidmarsh (born in England in 1848), farmed successfully a goodly part of the family's farm land holdings, and died May 4, 1920; his wife had passed away just under two years previous, in July, 1918. Their seven children are all well known locally, having lived practically all their several lives in this area: William A. II (deceased); Edward Marshall (deceased); Ann Elizabeth (Mrs. Jacob) Kocher (deceased); Henry Sampson (deceased); Charles Garfield of Hannibal, Mo.; the only one to leave Marshall county permanently; Francis Taylor of Henry; and Eugene Lloyd, also of Henry.

- (3) Mary Ann Rowe, born July 21, 1838, married William Manchester, and went to Arlington, Iowa, where she died March 30, 1911. Their five children, none ever having lived in this area, were: William Manchester Jr., Harriet (Talcott), Ellsworth R., Mary Ella (Chapman) and Charles.

- (4) Roger Taylor Rowe, born July 11, 1840, married Mary Augusta Blossom, daughter of the Hiram Blossoms, others of Whitefield's earliest settlers, (born Feb. 2, 1849), and also were highly successful farmers, giving the Rowe Hill road its long-standing name. He died Oct. 16, 1913; she on March 31, 1925. Of their ten children only five grew to maturity, the other five dying in childhood. They were: Mary Odell (usually known as Della), first wife of Dr. Homer Swift; William W., who died in March, 1882; Elzy D., died in 1899; Grace U., died in 1883; Ida May, died in 1900; Jeanie Blossom, died in 1881; Dr. Bert Roger Rowe, died in 1915, Freddie Orin, died in 1888; Ivan J., died in 1890; and Velma L. (Mrs. Charles) Bourdette, of Henry, the only survivor of the entire ten.

- (5) William Arthur Rowe, born Jan. 19, 1842 and died July 2, 1928; his wife, Adda J. Holcomb, died May 7, 1920. They had no children.

- (6) Emmeline Harriet Rowe, born Nov. 11, 1843, married George Harvey Harris, (born Sept. 27, 1844); both are buried in Whitefield Center cemetery. She died May 21, 1881, he on Nov. 22, 1903. Their children were: William Harvey Harris, James A., Adelaide (Deitchman), Charles Edgar, and Edith (Strawn). Several of these eventually found their way to Oklahoma.

- (7) John Peter Rowe, born April 19, 1844, married Maggie E. Gordon of Sugar Grove, and left here for Sharon, Kansas, where he died April 19, 1921, his 77th birthday. Of their two children, Albert W. and Neva (Starkey), only the latter survives, in Salem, Oregon.

- (8) Ellen Maria Rowe, born Feb. 17, 1847, married Robinson M. Ward, and went to Lamont, Iowa, where she died March 9, 1909. Three of their children who grew to maturity were: Luella (Tromble), Arthur, and Grace (Williams). None were ever known here.

- (9) Elizabeth Rebecca Rowe, born Jan. 12, 1849, married Jabez Manchester, and lived in the vicinity of Clifton, Iowa. (We do not have dates of death of either.) They have one surviving son, Ellsworth H. Manchester, and had lost a child in infancy.

- (10) Joseph Henry Rowe, born Nov. 19, 1850 and died at the age of 9, in December, 1859. He was buried near the top of the bluff on his father's farm, where the latter was also buried at his death, about four years later, Aug. 19, 1853. These are the only two burials in the "Rowe Farm" burial plot. (William A.'s wife, Harriet, died in 1885 (according to Burt's volume—1886, according to family Bible records in Mrs. Bourdette's possession), but was buried where she passed away, at Chariton, Iowa, where she had lived with her daughter Mrs. Payne, after Mr. Rowe's death.)

Acknowledgements
We have to thank sincerely, several sources for the information in this story. As noted, we have quoted frequently from both Ellsworth's and Burt's volumes, but much of the William A. Rowe genealogical material comes from the old Roger Rowe family Bible, now in Mrs. Bourdette's possession, most of the entries in the mother's fine Spencian hand, a most interesting and complete record.

Other material, also furnished us by Mrs. Bourdette during a most pleasant evening's visit recently, came from her second-cousin Ormand Rowe, who in turn secured much of it direct from England. Still other information, particularly as regards the Sampson Rowe (Sr.) family, came from old newspaper files in Henry, and the records of the office of Marshall County Recorder Fred G. Garrold, of Lacon.

(Author's Note)
The absence of this feature from this newspaper for the past two weeks, was due to circumstances "beyond our control," which was somewhat promised when this series of articles first appeared about six weeks ago. Also, the order of appearance has been necessarily changed slightly, as we have yet to contact several persons who will be able to give us a great deal of needed information on the **Mardin-Wels-Apfel** cemetery, which we hope to present in the next installment.

Following the latter, a final article on the **Hoyt, Old Henry, and Webster** graveyards, will conclude this writer's assignment in the Marshall County Historical Society's program. (If enough information is secured from certain sources we are attempting to contact, for information on the Hoyt cemetery, we may divide the material into two further articles, instead of one).

No articles will appear during the balance of December, but the series will be resumed in probably mid-January by other members of the society who have been preparing material on cemeteries of other townships in the county; probably Miss Eleanor Russell, the society's secretary, of the Lacon Home Journal staff, will handle the next assignment, with articles on old cemeteries in Steuben township, to be followed by still others as the series runs on.

WILL PUBLISHED SERIES
Meanwhile, readers of this series will be offered, about mid-January if present plans materialize, a chance to secure the entire copy of the series as so far published, in booklet form, for a nominal price to be announced later. The material will be carefully re-edited, and a sizeable number of errors, both typographical and copy (many of which have been called to our attention by readers), corrected. For these last, and also the very gratifying response of our readers as evidenced by numerous letters, phone calls, and personal conversations, we are more than grateful.

Although entailing a great amount of research, and also time, it has been a pleasure to be writing this material, and in so doing, we have enjoyed the meeting of and willing cooperation given by, a great many very fine people, worthy descendants of a worthy stock of pioneers who developed this land well over a century ago. We thank them all most sincerely for everything.

Book News Of The Henry Public Library

By Jean Hunter Selby
If the book news column appears less frequently or there seems to be fewer books reviewed, it isn't because the library has cut down on the number of books it is buying, in fact with the increase in circulation the opposite is true; but now all new books or their covers are on display in the library windows.

There are so many kinds of shoes—
It's hard to know
Which ones to choose.
Boy or girl, you'll find your shoes inside this book, and all in two—

—which seems an appropriate way to say that "All My Shoes Come in Twos," by the Hobermans, is but one of the delightful new children's books just acquired. For the curious child, and what one isn't, there is "Some Day," by Grace Paul. For just entertaining reading is "Archangel," or "The Cat Who Couldn't Run."

For the older child, there is "Zoo Doctor" with the problems presented by animal patients, and "Katie Kittenheart," the adventures of a little girl.

We are on the threshold of space, in fact we seem to have jumped in with both feet, so "Rockets through Space," "Rocket to Limbo" and even "The Amateur Astronomer" should be of interest to many.

"The Best Plays of 1956-57" with Hirschfeld drawings gives all of us armchair theatre goers a wonderfully inexpensive evening.

An incredible study in human gullibility is "The Tichborne Imposter" by MacGregor. In 1885 an improbable imposter named Arthur Orton visited a lawyer in the equally improbable frontier town of Wagga Wagga, Australia, setting in motion one of the most preposterous impersonations in history.

"The Small Woman" by Alan Burgess is the true story of an extraordinary woman, Gladys Ayler Orton, who, a missionary work in "war-torn China" made her a legend in her own lifetime.

The library now has the new Peoria telephone directory.

HENNEPIN

HENNEPIN SCHOOL NEWS

The first edition of the school paper came out on Wednesday, Nov. 27, published by the members of the freshman and sophomore classes, assisted by Miss Lyons and Mr. Leeson. The paper is called "The Quack," a take-off on the name of our athletic team, the Mallards.

Leonard Trovora, sports editor, reported the Mallards were overcome by the strength of Bureau Township Tuesday night, losing their second game 67-42. Jim Young was high point man for Hennepin with 11 points. Lorenzen, Bureau Township forward, was high point man of the game with 23 points. The Frosh-Soph also lost to Bureau Township 42-29. The senior class gave away a cake which was won by Mrs. Spratt.

The Hennepin FFA boys picked their five acres of corn near the school house on Monday, Nov. 25. The corn was picked by Dominic Binigi and shelled by Walter Boussein. George Bruer donated the use of his tractor to pull the wagons.

A five dollar prize was awarded to Dick Greenwood as a first prize in the recent FFA rat bait selling contest in which he sold 80 pounds. The boys competed in the sales in which the other high salesman was Emil Capitani, who sold 65 pounds. The total sales were \$74.75.

Vicki Zananglia, freshman; Jim Young, sophomore; Ann Blagi, junior; and Lyla Morine, senior, constitute a committee of students to frame a constitution for the school's student council. Information has been received from other schools concerning student council.

The honor roll for the second six weeks was announced by the principal, Thomas Leeson. They are Vicki Zananglia 4.75, Lana Larson and Russ Tomarelli 4.60, Lyla Morine and Lyla Colby 4.25, Ann Blagi and Jim McQuikkin 4.20, and Betty and Bonnie Gallier 4.00.

An Eskimo will speak to the students on Thursday, Dec. 12. He is Silmeon Oliver, or Natchuk. He has also written two books, "Son of the Smokey Sea" and "Return to the Smokey Sea."

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RICHLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McKee spent from Wednesday to Friday of the Thanksgiving holiday week at the Bert McKee home. Patty McKee came home Wednesday and stayed until Monday.

Doris Stombaugh and children were Thursday and Friday visitors with her mother Mrs. Theodore Rinehart and brothers, Teddy and Harry.

The Pade Elliot and Jane Anderson families enjoyed a pot-luck turkey dinner at the Lloyd Smith home Thanksgiving day.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Smith and daughters were entertained Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Smith and Linda.

Mrs. Clarence Schumacher and Bobby visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Bacon, from Wednesday to Saturday, when Clarence and Gary drove up and brought them home.

All the sons and families of the G. E. Schumachers were Thanksgiving day supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Schumacher in La Rosa.

Fred Weber of Lacon has been assisting Teddy Rinehart in installing the new fence along the roadside of the farm. On Friday Ed Kleig came out and cut up a butchered hog for the Rinehart family. Dee Wright of Kasbeer helped butcher it earlier in the week when he and Doris Stombaugh and family were at Rinehart's farm.

Ruth Degen of Rock City came to attend the wedding Saturday of her cousin, Marjorie Horst, and Peter McAllister. Mrs. Rinehart and Doris Stombaugh also attended the wedding and Ruth came home with them and remained overnight, returning home Sunday forenoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Nurse were Peoria shoppers Tuesday meeting their daughter Mary there. Mrs. Gilbert Schumacher, Mrs. G. E. Schumacher and Mrs. Theodore Rinehart were in Peoria Tuesday, the former taking the two other ladies.

Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Palm and sons were Thanksgiving-day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Schlosser in Peoria. They also were Sunday evening guests there.

The young people of the church were entertained in the David Ulrich home on Thursday evening.

WIZARDRY
RISUM TENENTIS, AMICI
By the Wizard

FIFTY YEARS TOGETHER seems like a long time. But, Anna and Frank Kuhne have been together that long.

Uncommon news? — Perhaps not. It nevertheless strikes me as quite remarkable that two people can be celebrating fifty years of marital bliss, fifty years of giving and taking, of rubbing down the sharp edges of individuality that rebel at compromise; hours of exploring the other person's every facet, of finding what makes them tick, what makes them shine when things don't appear that way, of giving forth what is best in you to solicit what is best in them . . . half a century of continual learning that two people add a dimension to life unobtainable in the solitary existence, that human love, most sought after by man, grows through the sheer togetherness of marriage, the uncountable hours of two people in their quiet struggle to turn the scattered elements about them into a world of their own conception, from which they draw a mutual sustenance—the smiles, the appreciation, the anguish and travail—shared concerns experienced in a scope of warmth and love unknown to private self-interest.

All this and more comes to mind when I think of Anna and Frank Kuhne, together now fifty years. In the final analysis, there isn't much we can say about their marriage beyond the fact that it is good, it is enduring. To be together with one person for fifty years is to achieve something no young person can understand. They can know it, but not understand it. Knowing and loving these two people, there is a quality in their marriage transcending description, outstripping all congratulations. I suppose the only people who can really understand are they themselves . . . in a word—here or there, a momentary glance, a sign insignificant and almost unnoticeable that sums up this Golden Wedding Anniversary more than any celebration or any eulogy we might write.

(NEXT WEEK:
RUMBLINGS FROM THE THUNDER MUG)

Caroline Schwanke Will Tour East With Valparaiso Band
Caroline Schwanke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schwanke of Varna, Ill., is a member of the 60-piece Valparaiso university concert band which will make a six-day trip between semesters this year.

The band will be under the direction of Norman Hannevald, director of the bands in the department of music at the Lutheran university.

The program has not been selected, but will include "as in past years standard classical works for band, as well as marches and more popular selections designed to satisfy the musical tastes of the average audience.

The tour schedule is as follows:
Saturday, Jan. 25 - Cleveland, Ohio.
Sunday, Jan. 26 - Buffalo, N. Y.
Monday, Jan. 27 - Rochester, N.Y.
Tuesday, Jan. 28 - Springfield, N. Y.
Wednesday, Jan. 29 - Pittsburgh, Penn.
Thursday, Jan. 29 - South Bend, Ind.
Friday, Jan. 31 - Valparaiso, Ind.
Last year the band toured four Michigan cities.
Miss Schwanke plays in the cornet and trumpet section of the concert band.

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