# Old Cemeteries of Marshall County

sices of the Marshall County Ristorical Society

### The ROWE and NOCK FARM CEMETERIES

two little farm burial plots, which hardly even merit the of "cemeteries," are being considered together, in spite of the that they are about two miles apart, and in different townshins. that they have quite a little in common. Buried in them are they have as "genuine ploneers" of the Henry area, all to Henry in 1834, and among perhaps the first dozen or so he people to make homes here.

### Menry's First Business House

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

they also opened up Henry's first business house, a hotel, which between the present lock pond and what is still often called ers park," and which also doubled as a church occasionally, as son Sr. himself was a preacher (although unordained) of some as well as being a wild bee hunter, trapper, and a man skilled reral other trades, all of value to his status as a "real pioneer." Mer operating the hotel for some years, and also a part of his farm as a "truck patch," raising vegetables for use in his hotel ing room, he sold out, and eventually went to California, where

#### Six Generations of Rower

the following year marks the advent of the first of a family the now can boast of six consecutive generations in Henry townall highly-valued and industrious citizens, mostly farmers, the and influential Rowe family. Sampson Rowe, Sr., born about in the county of Cornwall, England, as a young, adventuresome of only 18 or so, made his way to the Henry area, liked its possiles, and determined to settle here.

Published histories are not quite clear as to the events concernthe Rowe families actually, the Rowe brothers, Sampson, Sr., william A., Sr.—as to exactly when, and how, both landed in Henry settlement; but by comparing notes in Ellsworth's "Records the Olden Time" account, with those given by J. Spencer Burt in biographical sketch of Sampson T. Rowe (eldest son of William owe, Sr., and nephew of his namesake, Sampson, Sr.), published 1907 ("Past and Present of Marshall and Putnam Counties," p. n, it appears that William A. Rowe, Sr., (born in Cornwall, England, me) and his bride of April, 1834, Harriet Peters, also a native of awall, came to the States on a one-way honeymoon, proceeding s to Cincinnati, Ohlo, and arriving there in the probably the late per of that same year.

There they were met by William's younger brother Sampson, sing from his brief sojourn of that spring to Henry, the latter ing the former, as Burt puts it, "not to tarry in Ohlo but to prodirectly to the Prairie State."

They did so, meeting en route, also bound for Marshall county. Charles Nock; the three men, plus William Rowe's bride Harriet. gyed together the remainder of the distance to Marshall county, was probably just before cold weather set in.

### Nock Dies Young

thatles Nock entered a claim to government land near the south d what later became Henry township, described legally as the (40 acres) of the NE% of Section 30, which some years later plit into triangular halves by the construction of the Peoria Bureau Valley railroad (1854).

its north boundary lay a mere rod or two south of the present Hill road (although for many years, up until about 13 or 14 ago, the former course of State Rte. 29); its south boundary hly approximated the creek which forms the outlet for the old tt slough." (This land was for many years owned by the late thand Merdian, and is presently farmed by his son William B. dan, who lives in the brick home in the angle formed by the mads mentioned.)

### Came to County in 1834

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

Apparently Nock himself died at a fairly early age, though at what age, we have never learned. Undoubtedly, it was prior to beginnings of the files of the Henry News-Republican, which go t only to Oct., 1, 1865 (though published for perhaps 13 years to that time, with apparently no files kept of its earliest ti); we have throughly perused the earliest years of these files, carefully noted all their death announcements and obituaries, none for Charles Nock appears.

But according to a custom somewhat in vogue in those days, he buried in a pasture lot on his home farm, which, although all of tones appear to be missing today, lay along the east line of the buty, about the middle of its 80-rod length, marked today by two dired cedars. This is the "Nock Farm Cemetery."

### The Sampson Rows Family

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

It is reported that he built one of the first half-dozen frame lings in the present business district of Henry, where later stood loon," probably in what is now the 400 block on Edward street. Trate, it soon became the seat of Henry's first post office, and Rowe is believed to have been Henry's first postmaster.

Meanwhile, he had married a second daughter of Major Elias peon, Emmeline. As to just how many children they had, no since cords exist that have ever been found—his obituary (he Dec. 14, 1878) merely states that there were "several" We for sure of perhaps only two: a William T Rowe, probably in the early 1840's, because he married, on Oct. 8, 1865, Mathilda Elik; they had three children: Hattle (Mrs. George) Smith, Henry, and Anna (Ulch); the other was a John Bernard born about 1847, married to an Olivia Loring, died May 21, 1915, had Kansas, where they had resided probably most of their ried life; they had six children, only three living at the time of father's death: Charles Rowe, in Colorado. Ella Rowe Graham, unding, Kansas; and Margaret Rowe Young of Pittsburg, Kansas. Of the others of the "several" children of Sampson Rowe, we have

tound any other published information. Rowever, the family left Henry itself and farmed for about 20 in the Sugar Grove area in Whitefield, seiling their holdings re some years before the Civil War and leaving Marshall county disouri (exact location not given in Burt's volume, which we using as our source of information for these items), but returned mortly after the close of the war. Meanwhile, Emmeline (Thomp-Rowe had died, and was buried in Missouri-we guess, in the oseph area, because Lansing, Kansas, is just five miles south of Steph's nearby Kansas neighbor, Leavenworth.

### Married Sister-in-law

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

described earlier. About a year later, Sampson Rowe married a third time, and more, a Thompson (he must have liked the name!)—though she, the Ann (Agnew) Thompson, widow of William Henry Thompson

(1226; 1275, 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 southeast 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 web available for ale. 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

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 descendents.

Sempson and William were the only two members of their family who came to the States. Their eldest brother John remained in England; probably the fourth son did also; but three of the four daughters of the family also left England, one for India (then a British colony), and another for Australia. This information comes from records in the possession of Mrs. Velma Rowe Bourdette, only surviving child of William A. Rowe's son Roger T. Rowe. They came from the parish in Cornwall where the parents lived, and were secured by Ormand Rowe, a cousin of hers.)

All ten of the children of William Abel (Sr.) and Harriet (Peters) lowe were born on the family homestead in Whitefield township. Their first home was a log cabin, not quite completed when their eldest son was born, and it is said that a heavy snow almost halffilled the house on a very stormy day in April when the young man

#### The Ten Children

The William A. Rowe's ten children were:

(1) Caroline, born March 10, 1836, married William Payne, went Chariton, Iowa, where she died Feb 26, 1900, and her husband on June 22, 1911. Three of their several children who grew to maturity vere: Harriet (Klingner), Lillian (Browne), and Joseph. Several others died in infancy or childhood. None were ever known in this irea, 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 lowa.

(2) Sampson Taylor Rowe, born April 15, 1837, amid the snowtorm 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 loyd, 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), Elisworth 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, 1952: Elzy D., died in 1899: Grace U., died in 1883; Ida May, died in 1880; 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, 1926; his wife, Adda J. Holcomb, died May 7, 1920. They had no children.

### Younger Ones Leave Area

(6) Emmeline Harriet Rowe, born Nov 11, 1843, married George Harvey Harris, (born Sept. 27, 1844); both are burled in Whitefield Center cemetery She died May 21, 1881, he on Nov 22, 1903. Their children were: William Harvey Harris, James A. Adelaide (Deichman), 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 (Tromblee), Arthur, and Grace (Williams). None were ever known here

~(9)-Elizabeth Rebecca Rowe, born Jan. 12, 1849, married Jahez Manchester, and lived in the vicinity of Clinton, lowa: (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, 1803. These are the only two hurials 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 Elisworth'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 Spencerian 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 Garrels, of

### (Author's Note)

The absence of this feature from this newspaper for the past two weeks, was due to circumstances "heyond 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 Merdian-Weis-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 Bussell, 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 Publish 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 descendents 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 Joan Hunter Selby If the book news column appears less frequently or there seems to be fewer books reviewed, t isn't because the library-has cut-down on the number of books it s 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 li-

There are so many Kinds of shoes-It's hard to know

Which ones to choose. Boy or girl, you'll find your

Inside this book, and all in

dren's books just acquired. For the home, curious child, and what one isn't, All t Paull. For just entertaining reading, try "Archie Angel", or "The Cat Who Couldn't Purr."

For the older child, there is "Zoo Doctor" with the problems pre-sented by animal patients and "Katie Kittenheart", the adven-

We are on the threshold of pace, in fact we seem to have 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 wonder-

oster" by MacGregor. In 1865 an mprobable character named Arthur Orton visited a lawyer in the equally improbable frontier town Wagga, Australia, setting in motion one of the most preposterous impersonations in

The Small Woman" by Alan Burgess-is the true story of extraordinary woman, Gladys Aylward, whose missionary work in war-ravaged China made her a legend in her own lifetime.

The library now has the new Peoria telephone directory.

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 call-ed "The Quack," a take-off on the name of our athletic team, the

Leonard Trovero, sports editor. come 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. Loren-zen. 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.

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

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

Vicki Zanaglia, freshman; Jim Young, sophomore; Ann Biagl, 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 coun-

The honor roll for the second six weeks was announced by the prinvices was announced by the principal, Thomas Leeson. They are Vicki Zanaglia 4.75, Lana Larson and Russ Tonarelli 4.60, Lyla Morine and Lyle Colby 4.25, Ann Biagi and Jim McQuilkin 4.20, and Betty and Bonnie Galiher 4.00.

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

# Robert I. Thornton

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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 which seens an appropriate way to say that "All My Shoes tome in Twos," by the Hobermans, is but one of the delightful new chill-

there is "Some Day", by Grace Paull. For just entertaining reading, try "Archie Angel", or "The and Mrs. G. E. Schumacher in La All the sons and families of the

Fred Weber of Lacon has been assisting Teddy Rinehart install the new fence along the roadside of the farm, On Friday Ed Klein came out and cut up a butchered hog for the Rinehart family Dee Wright of Kasbeer helped butcher jumped in with both feet, so it earlier in the week when he and "Rockets through Space," "Rocket Doris Stombaugh and family were it earlier in the week when he and

at Rhinehart's iarm.
Ruth Degner of Rock City came her cousin, Marjorie Hofet, and Peter McAllister, Mrs. Rinehart and Doris Stombaugh also attended the wedding and Ruth came home An incredible study in human with them and remained over-guilibility is "The Tichborne Im-night, returning home Sunday fore-

> 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 Peorla 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 Toluca. They also were Sunday evenCaroline Schwanke Will Tour East With

celebration or any eulogy we might write.

WIZARDRY

By the Wizard

FIFTY YEARS TOGETHER ....

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 giv-

ing and taking, of rubbing down the sharp edges of in-

dividuality 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 con-

tinual 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 shear to-

getherness of marriage, the uncountable hours of two

people in their quiet struggle to turn the scattered ele-

ments 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 con-

cerns experienced in a scope of warmth and love unknown

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

. (NEXT WEEK:

RUMBLINGS FROM THE THUNDER MUG)

All this and more comes to mind when I think of

Kuhne have been together that long.

RISUM TENEATIS, AMICI

. seems like a long time. But, Anna and Frank?

Caroline Schwanke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schwanke of Varna, III, is a member of the 69plece Valparaiso university concert band which will make a six-day trip between semesters this year.

Valparaiso Band

to private self-interest.

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

The program has not been selecting guests there.

They also were sunday evening guests there.

The young people of the church tours standard classical works for were entertained in the David Ulband, as well as marches and more net and trumpet section of the popular selections designed to sa- | concert band. rich home on Thursday evening.

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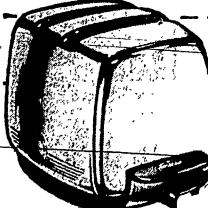
tisfy the musical tastes of the average audience. The tour schedule is as follows:

Saturday, Jan. 25 - Cleveland, Sunday, Jan. 26 - Buffalo, N. Y. Monday, Jan. 27 - Rochester, N.Y. Tuesday, Jan. 28 - Springville,

Wednesday, Jan. 29 - Pittsburgh, Thursday, Jan. 29 - South Bend,

Friday, Jan. 31 - Valparaiso, Ind. Last year the band toured four





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