

## CLARK, AUSTIN

### Birth

October 16, 1839 in  
Oneida Co., New York

### Death

December 27, 1924  
Orillia, Bloomfield Twp.,  
Polk Co., Iowa



### Standard Certificate of Death

77-750

Registered #6029

Austin Clark

Date of Birth: October 16, 1839 in New York

Date of Death: December 27, 1924 in Orillia, Bloomfield Two., Polk Co., Iowa at 4:00 a.m.

Age: 85yr 2mo 11da

Cause of Death: Diabetes mellitus, diabetic coma

Occupation: Retired farmer

Father: Ezekiel Clark, born in New York

Mother: Mary Edick, born in New York

Informer: Mary Clark, Route 6, Des Moines, Iowa

Burial Place: Orilla Cemetery on December 29, 1924

Undertaker: McLaren's, 1025 High Street

Physician: John E. Kelly

### Cause of Death

Diabetes mellitus, diabetic coma

### Cemetery Lot

Buried on Lot 59

Lot was purchased by Criswell and Clark

### Father

Ezekiel Clark

### Mother

Maria Susan "Mary" Edick

## Marriage

1<sup>st</sup> – Austin Clark to Sylpha Harris on June 21, 1866

Ref: Book 1, page 250 of Polk Co. 6/11/1846 to 12/31/1866

2<sup>nd</sup> – License applied for by Austin Clark to Jennie S. Goodhue on January 18, 1873 in Polk Co., Iowa.

Ref: Book 1, page 42 of Polk Co. 1871-1880

Marriage occurred on January 22, 1873

Ref: History of Polk Co., IA – 1890

## Census

1840 – Western, Oneida Co., New York

Clark, Ezekiel

2 males under 2

1 males 20 thru 29

1 female 15 thru 19

1 female 20 thru 29

1850 – Town of Western, Oneida Co., NY; Page 320B; September 26, 1850

Dwelling 393; Family 415

Clark, Ezekiel	35	farmer	NY
		Real estate \$25,000	
Mary	29		NY
Lester	13		NY
Austin	11		NY
Francillo	10		NY
Mary	08		NY
Weltha	04		NY

1855 – Western, Oneida Co., New York; State census; June 25, 1855

Dwelling 254; Sheet 31; Line 41

Clark, Ezekiel	39	farmer	NY
Mary	44		NY
Lester	18	farmer	NY
Austin	15	farmer	NY
Francillo	14		NY
Mary	12		NY
Wealthy	09		NY
Welcom	08		NY
Esther	04		NY
Clark, Betsy	73	mother	CT
Fitch, Permelia	20	servant	NY
Mullen, James	36	servant	Canada

King, John	35	servant	Switzerland
Reefe, John	27	servant	Switzerland

1860 – Grand River Twp., Adair Co., IA; Page 22; Post Office, Greenfield, IA; July 24, 1860  
Dwelling 164; Family 169

Clark, Ezekiel	44	farmer	NY
Mary	50		NY
Lester	23		NY
Austin	21		NY
Francillo	19		NY
Mary	17		NY
Wealthy	15		NY
Welcome	13		NY
Esther	10		NY
Blasier, Alfred	24	farmer	NY

1870 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; Page 105A; August 24, 1870; Post Office, Altoona  
Dwelling 160; Family 157

Clark, E.	54	farmer	NY
		Real estate \$15,000, personal property \$3100	
Mary	49		NY
Lester	33	farmer	NY
Austin	30	farmer	NY
F.	28	farmer	NY
Welcome	23	farmer	NY
Ester	19		NY
Emma	22		NY
Frank	03		NY

1880 – Des Moines Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED165; Page 390A; June 15, 1880  
2<sup>nd</sup> St., Des Moines, IA; 6<sup>th</sup> Ward, East Des Moines, IA  
Dwelling 48; Family 48

Clark, Austin	40	livery stable	NY	NY	NY
Jeney	37		NH	NY	NY
Alice	06		IA	NY	NH
Hallett	04		IA	NY	NH
Mable	01		IA	NY	NH

1885 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA  
184/188

Clark, Austin	45	farmer	NY
Jennie	42		NH
Alice J.	11		Polk Co., IA
Hallett A.	09		Polk Co., IA
Mary O.	03		Polk Co., IA
Warren E.	01		Polk Co., IA

1895 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; Page 72

Dwelling 37; Family 41

Clark, Austin	55	farmer	NY
Jennie	52		NH
Alice	21		Polk Co., IA
Hallet	19		Polk Co., IA
Mary	12		Polk Co., IA
Warren	11		Polk Co., IA

1900 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED160; Page 10; June 14, 1900

Dwelling 134; Family 135

Clark, Austin	60		NY	NY	NY
Lucy Jane	57	5 children, 4 living	NH	NH	NH
Hallie A.	26		IA	NY	NH
Mary O.	18		IA	NY	NH
Warren L.	16		IA	NY	NH

1905 – Polk Co., Iowa; State census;

Clark, Austin	65	Married	NY	NY	NY
Parents born in Columbia, New York					

1910 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED64; Page 20A; April 20, 1910

Dwelling 44; Family 44

Clark, Austin	70	farmer	NY	NY	NY
Lucy	67	5 children, 3 living	NH	NH	NH
Mary	28		IA	NY	NH
Warren	26		IA	NY	NH

1915 – Valley Junction, Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA;

Card #65

Clark, Austin	74	farmer	NY	NY	NY
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1920 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED 233; Page 1B; January 2, 1920

Dwelling 20; Family 20

Clark, Austin	80	Wd, farming	NY	NY	NY
Mary	37	Daughter	IA	NY	NH

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Military

New York Civil War Muster Roll

1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of Sharpshooters

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Austin J. Clark

Age: 24

Birth Place: Clifton Park, New York

Occupation: News dealer  
Eyes: Black  
Hair: Dark  
Complexion: Light  
Height: 5' 8 ½"  
Enlistment year: Oct 24, 1862  
Wounded: May 5, 1864  
Absent: Sick Oct 31, 1864  
Muster in Year: Jan 22, 1863  
Separation Details; Transferred  
To Veteran Reserve Corps

History of Polk Co., Iowa – 1880; page 786

Clark, Austin – Proprietor of livery stable. Was born in Oneida County, New York, October 16, 1839, and in 1859 came to this state, settling in Adair County, where he resided for two years, and then moved on the farm known as the Frank Allen farm, where he remained for seven years. After that he removed upon the land lying near the South 'Coon river; has been engaged in the livery business since April, 1877; owns a farm of 96 acres. He was married in Polk County to Miss Jennie Goodhue, a native of Massachusetts. They have one son and two daughters: Alice, Hallett and Mabel.

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History of Polk Co., Iowa – 1890

Portrait and Biographical Album; page 287

Austin Clark is a representative of one of the pioneer families of Polk County. He is now engaged in farming and stock raising on section 35, Bloomfield Township, and ranks among the respected citizens of the community. He first opened his eyes to the light of day in Oneida County, N. Y., October 16, 1839, and is a son of Ezekiel and Mary (Edick) Clark. His father was a New York farmer, and carried on operations in that line in the Empire State until 1859, when he emigrated with his family to this county. The first winter was spent in Des Moines, after which he removed to Adair County, where in connection with farming he engaged quite extensively in the manufacture of cheese and butter. A year later he went to the mines of Colorado, and during his five months' residence in that State was quite successful in his search for the golden ore. He returned home in October of the same year, and the next spring embarked in the dairy business, keeping about thirty cows for that purpose. The butter and cheese which he made were of such an excellent quality that he found a ready sale for his products, and engaged in their manufacture on an extensive scale. In the spring of 1862 we again find him a resident of Polk County, where he carried on the same line of business near the site now occupied by the State House. After continuing operations on that farm for about seven years, he purchased four hundred acres of land in Bloomfield Township, which was still in its primitive condition, not a furrow having been turned or an improvement made. He removed his family

into a little schoolhouse and then built a barn, in which they resided until the fall of the same year, during which time he erected a commodious and substantial brick residence, which is still one of the best homes in the township, the house and barn costing between \$8,000 and \$10,000. The barn is eighty feet in length by thirty-six feet in width, and is therefore one of the largest as well as one of the best in the county. Mr. Clark still continued to engage in the manufacture of cheese and butter in connection with the cultivation of his land until he acquired a handsome property. He was always watchful for the interests of the family, and was not satisfied until he had provided them with a handsome home, the exterior of which is not only pleasing, but it is adorned within by many works of art, and beautiful and tasty furniture.

Mr. Clark had a wide acquaintance in Polk County, and by all was held in high regard as a worthy, upright citizen. He held a number of local offices and in politics was a staunch supporter of the Democratic Party. Socially, he was a member of the Masonic fraternity during his residence in the Empire State, and in religious faith was a Methodist. Although he gave liberally to all public enterprises, the church had the firmest hold on his sympathies, and he never wearied in his efforts to advance its interests. He brought happiness to himself in making others happy, and his memory will long be enshrined in the hearts of many on account of his deeds of charity, acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy. Consumption at last fastened itself upon Mr. Clark, and on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April, 1885, at the age of sixty-nine years, he dropped peacefully asleep. His remains were interred in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, of Warren County. Mrs. Clark, who is a most estimable lady, survives her husband and is still living on the old homestead, where she expects to spend the remainder of her days. There many happy years of her married life were passed, and the associations which cluster about it make it very dear to her.

A family of seven children was born unto this worthy couple- Lester, the eldest, is now a resident of Bloomfield Township; Austin is the second in order of birth; Francillo is also living in Bloomfield Township; Mary is now deceased; Weltha is the wife of Nat McClelland, of Polk County; Welcome is living on the old homestead; and Esther, the youngest, has passed away.

Our subject remained at home until his marriage, and like a dutiful son assisted his father in the cultivation of the home farm. Having arrived at years of maturity, he led to the marriage alter Miss Lucy J. Goodhue, the wedding being celebrated January 22, 1873. The parents of Mrs. Clark, Joseph W. and Mary (Ordway) Goodhue, were both natives of New Hampshire, and resided in that State until life was ended. The mother died in 1846, but her husband survived until 1859. Unto them were born four children – Franklin, Mary A., Lucy J. and Martha A. The parents of this family led earnest Christian lives, and in the community where they made their home were held in high regard.

After his marriage Mr. Clark took possession of his portion of the property, consisting of eighty acres of land on Section 35, Bloomfield Township, and forty acres in Dallas County. He also owned twenty head of cattle, thirty head of hogs and a span of good horses. With this beginning he started in life under favorable circumstances, and having been reared to agricultural pursuits, his efforts in that direction have been quite successful. In 1877, however, he rented his farm and removed with his family to Des Moines, where for five and a half years he engaged in the livery business. At the expiration of that time he returned to his home in Bloomfield Township, and purchasing eighty acres of land adjoining his original farm, has there resided continuously since. He has engaged in stock-raising to a considerable extent, and makes a specialty of Durham cattle. He entertains practical and progressive ideas, and by the citizens of the community is regarded as one of the enterprising and worthy young farmers of the township.

In politics, he is a Democrat. On all matters of public interest he kept himself well informed, and can therefore converse intelligently on almost any subject.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark have an interesting family of four children – Alice J., Hallett A., Mary O. and Warren E. They have also lost one child – Mabel E.