

CRISWELL, JOHN HARRISON

Birth

May 30, 1864 in Stark Co., Ohio

Death

March 20, 1943 at Mercy Hospital,
Des Moines, Polk Co., Iowa



Cause of Death

Cemetery Lot

Buried on Lot 59
Lot was purchased by Criswell and Clark

Father

Harrison Criswell, born Feb 22, 1841 in Mapleton, Stark Co., Ohio; Died Sep 13, 1910 at Louisville, Stark Co., Ohio and buried in Union Cemetery.

Mother

Mary Sarah "Polly" Shearer born Sep 9, 1844 in Stark Co., Ohio; died Jun 12, 1918 in Stark Co., Ohio and was buried in Union Cemetery.

Marriage

John Harrison Criswell to Alice Jerusa Clark on December 18, 1895 in Polk Co., Iowa
Ref: Book 7, page 53, Polk Co., records on file at IGS Library

Iowa Select Marriages

John H. Criswell

Marriage Date: December 18, 1896
Marriage Place: Orilla, Polk Co., Iowa

Father: Harrison Criswell
Mother: Polly Shearer

Spouse: Alice J. Clark

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John H. Criswell

Age: 46

Place of birth: Ohio

Residence: Valley Junction, Iowa

Occupation: Farmer

2nd marriage

Father: Harrison Criswell

Mother: Polly Shearer

Married

December 29, 1909 in Cass Co., Iowa

Harriet Edyth Oatrie

Age: 23

Place of birth: Jasper co., Iowa

Residence: Prairie City, Iowa

1st marriage

Father: Paul James Patrie

Mother: Isabel Smith

Witnesses: Mrs. E. A. Griffith and Grace L. Throlmorton

Minister: Amos E. Griffith

Census

1870 – Osnaburg Twp., Stark Co., Ohio; Page 480B; June 28, 1870; Post Office, Mapleton
Dwelling 354; Family 305

Criswell, Harrison	29	Farmer	OH
		Real estate, \$1500; Personal, \$600	
Mary	26	Keeping house	OH
George	09		OH
John	07		OH
Tishe	05		OH
Iva	02		OH
William	00 8/12		

1880 – Osnaburg Twp., Stark Co., Ohio; ED151; Page 284C; June 28, 1880
Dwelling 285; Family 294

Creswell, Harrison	39	Farmer	OH	PA	PA
Polly	38	keeping house	OH	OH	OH
George	18	Farmer	OH	OH	OH
John	16		OH	OH	OH
Luttitia	14		OH	OH	OH

Ivey D.	12		OH	OH	OH
Wm. J.	10		OH	OH	OH
Harey D.	08		OH	OH	OH
Oliver	05		OH	OH	OH
Cora	01				

1885 –

1895 – State census

Criswell, John H.	30	residence, Amity, Page	OH		
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1900 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED61; Page 12; June 16, 1900
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Criswell, J. H.	36	farmer	OH	OH	OH
		Married 4 years			
		Born May 1864			
Alice J.	25	2 children; 2 living	IA	NY	MA
		Born December 1874			
Hershel C.	03	Born March 1897	IA	OH	IA
Hazel T.	01	Born August 1898	IA	OH	IA

1905 –

1910 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED64; Page 20A; April 20, 1910
Dwelling 43; Family 43

Criswell, John	46		OH	OH	OH
Harriet E.	33		IA	IA	IA
Hershel C.	13		IA	OH	IA
Hazel T.	11		IA	OH	IA

1915 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; Post Office, Valley Junction, Iowa
Card #35

Criswell, John	50	27 yrs. in IA	OH	OH	OH
		Earnings in 1914, \$600			

1920 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED 233; Page 13B; February 6, 1920
Dwelling 322; Family 335

Criswell, John H.	55	WD	farmer	OH	OH	OH
Herschell	22		farm laborer	IA	OH	IA
Hazel F.	21			IA	OH	IA

1925 –

1930 –

B. F. Galloway Burial Records

John Harrison Criswell was born May 30, 1864 in Stark Co., Ohio; died March 20, 1943 at 1308 Capitol Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa; age 78yr 9mo 20da; widow; farmer; burial in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Orillia, Linn Twp., Warren Co., Iowa; father was Harrison Criswell, born in Stark Co., Ohio; mother was Polly Shearer, born in Stark Co., Ohio; wife was Alice Criswell.

Obituary

[The Indianola _____, Wednesday, March 24, 1943, Page 1, Column 1]

Funeral services for John H. Criswell, 78, who died at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines after a very short illness, will be held Wednesday, March 24, at 2:30 p.m., at the Galloway Funeral Home in Norwalk. Services will be in charge of the Rev. Dean Chapman of Des Moines. Burial will be at Orillia.

Mr. Criswell is survived by one daughter, Mrs. D. R. Lang of Spokane, Washington, who is returning for the funeral, one son H. C. Criswell of Indianola, and a grandson, Myron Criswell, also of Indianola.

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H. C. Criswell, owner and operator of the Criswell Feed and Seed store, Indianola, was born in Polk county, Iowa, March 21, 1897, the son of John Harrison and Alice Jerusha (Clark) Criswell. July 28, 1920, he married Olive Bell Ogan, daughter of Ulysses Homer and Alice S. (Reeves) Ogan, who was born in Warren County January 30, 1897.

Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Criswell: Myron Ogan, April 30, 1921; Ronald J., July 2, 1930, who died a few months later, January 9, 1931.

H. C. Criswell was raised on a farm four miles northwest of Norwalk. He served in the navy during World War I. He farmed west of Norwalk in 1920 and moved to Indianola in 1921. In 1923 he was city clerk for the town of Indianola. He lived in Martensdale and Norwalk during the years 1924-1929, then returned to Indianola.

The maternal great-grandparents of Mr. Criswell, Mr. and Mrs. Ezekiel Clark, came from New York State by covered wagon in 1859. They settled on a farm between Des Moines and Orilla and are buried in the Orilla cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Austin Clark, maternal grandparents, and Mr. Criswell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Criswell, are also buried in the Orilla cemetery. John Criswell came to this part of Iowa about 1890 from near Canton, Ohio.

Olive Ogan Criswell taught school for five years in Warren and Story counties before her marriage. Her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Reeves, came from Ohio in a covered wagon in 1857 and settled near Sandyville. Mr. Reeves was one of the early surveyors in Warren County. Mr. and Mrs. Reeves are both buried in the Sandyville cemetery. Mrs. Criswell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Ogan, are still living in Indianola.

H. C. Criswell belongs to the American Legion, is a 32nd degree Mason and a Shriner. The Criswells are Republican in politics, and are affiliated with the Baptist church. Address: 127 ½ West Salem Avenue, Indianola.

The above history was included here because it mentioned Mr. and Mrs. Ezekiel Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Clark and Mr. and Mrs. John H. Criswell.

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The following is a portion of the Criswell History:

The Criswell clan in Warren County began with John Harrison Criswell, who was born May 30, 1864 in Stark Co., Ohio. He came to Polk County, Iowa, in 1889 and was married to Alice Jerusha Clark December 18, 1895. To that union three children were born; Herschel Clark, Hazel Teresa (Lang) and Alice J. The daughter, Alice J. and her mother, Alice Jerusa, died in 1907.

Following their deaths, the father, John, and the two remaining children, Herschel C. and Hazel, lived in Polk Co. and later moved to the northwest section of Warren Co., Iowa. John was a farmer but in later years lived with his daughter, Hazel Lang, in Spokane, Washington and with his son, Herschel C. in Indianola. He died March 20, 1943 and is buried beside his wife, Alice Jerusa in Orilla, Iowa. – by Myron Criswell.