

GRAVES, JOEL

Birth

October _____, 1814 in NC

Death

June 6, 1900

Cemetery Lot

Buried on Lot 91
Lot was purchased by Lewis
Graves on June 16, 1880



Father

Mother

Marriage

Joel Graves to Nancy Brookshire

Census

1820 –
1830 –
1840 –

1850 – Madison Co., IA; Page 151; October 11, 1850
Dwelling 872; Family 944

Graves, Joel	35	farmer	NC
Nancy	34		NC
Lewis	12		IN
Louiza	11		IN
Sally	09		MO
Jane	08		MO
Pauline	07		IL
Emily	05		MO
Bryant	04		MO
Margaret	01		IA
Hinkle, Emmanuel	28	farmer	VA

1856 – South Twp., Madison Co., IA; Page 202
Dwelling 105; Family 106

Graves, Joel	44	farmer	NC
Nancy	44		NC
Louis	17		IN
Louisa	16		IN
Sarah	15		MO
Jane	14		MO
Paulene	12		MO
Emily	11		MO
Briant	09		MO
Margaret	07		IA
Harvy	03		IA

1860 – Center Twp., Madison Co., IA; Page 705; July 15, 1860; Post Office, Winterset, Iowa
Dwelling 408; Family 408

Graves, Joel	49	farmer	NC
		Real Estate, \$5800; Personal, \$1000	
Nancy	49		NC
Lewis	22		IN
Louisa	20		IN
Sarah	19		MO
Jane	18		MO
Verlina	17		IN
Emily	16		MO
Bryant	12		MO
Margaret	10		IA
Harvey	07		IA

1870 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; Page 103; August 22, 1870; Post Office, Altoona, Iowa
Dwelling 144; Family 141

Graves, Joel	56	farmer	NC
		Real Estate, \$12,000; Personal, \$1000	
Nancy	53		NC
Louiza	30		IN
Brion	23	farm hand	IN
Margaret	18		IA
Harvey	18		IA

1880 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED167; Page 447D; July 2 – July 12, 1880
Dwelling 174; Family 174

Graves, Joel	66	farmer	NC	NC	NC
Nancy	66		NC	NC	MD
Harvey	27		IA	NC	NC
Mary	21		PA	NC	NC
Mary	4/12		IA	IA	PA

1885 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; Page 111

Dwelling 180; Family 184

Graves, Joel	70	farmer	NC
Nancy	71		NC
Harvey	32		Madison Co., IA
Mary	26		PA
Marion	05		Polk Co., IA
Lola	01		Polk Co., IA
Douglas, Thos.	18		IN
Graves, Margaret	34		Madison Co., IA

1895 – 1stWard; City of Des Moines, Polk Co., Iowa

Graves, Joel	80		NC
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1900 – Des Moines Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED 66; Page 5; line 96; June 1900

Dwelling 100; Family 109

Aylesworth, John W.	43	Born November 1856	IL	SCOT	NY
Magie	46	Born March 1854	IA	NC	NC
Graves, Joel	85	Wd father-in-law Born October 1814	NC	ENG	ENG

Des Moines Directory

1891 – Graves, Joel, Bloomfield Twp., Des Moines, Iowa

1899 – Graves, Joel, 3 mile SW of 18th St. Bridge, Des Moines, Iowa

History of Madison Co., Iowa – 1879

Scott Twp., page 472

One of the early settlers that settled in Scott Twp. Soon after 1847 was Joel Graves.

Misc.

Polk Co., Iowa; Probate #4138; It is in the archives at the Historical Library. It will be filmed and will be in the libraries for the use of the public.

Filing Date: July 25, 1900

Will

I Joel Graves of the city of Des Moines, Polk Co and State of Iowa; being of sound mind and memory do hereby make and constitute this paper as my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made

1st –

I give and bequeath to my daughter Louise Richard five dollars

To Maude Pines my granddaughter one thousand and seventy five dollars

To Sarah Emery one thousand and eighty dollars

To Jane Steel one thousand six hundred and eighty dollars

To Emily Neal one thousand two hundred and eighty dollars said sums to be set aside and paid to said persons as soon after my decease as may be convenient for my executor

2nd

I give and bequeath my household furniture and utensils to my daughters above named to be divided between them by my executor share and share alike.

3rd

I give and bequeath to my sons Lewis Graves and Harvey Graves all my farming implements to be divided between them by executor, share and share alike

4th

I give and bequeath all the residue of my estate both real and personal to Maud Pine, Sarrah Emery, Jane Steel, Emily Neal, Margaret Graves, Lewis Graves, Harvey Graves and Bryant Graves to be divided between them by my executor share and share alike

5th

I do hereby declare that to my knowledge there is no incumbrancer against my property or debts that can be brought against my estate of any kind or character.

In testimony I appoint as executor of this my last will and testament my son-in-law William Richards of Stuart, Iowa

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my name and signature and published this instrument consisting of three sheets of hand-written paper as my last will and testament in the presence of the witnesses named below this 31st day of December 1894.

The above instrument was at the date thereof signed by the said Joel Graves by his mark on the day and date above set forth and he at the same time declared this instrument to be his last will and testament that the same was by him signed in our presence and we each at his request signed the same as witnesses both in his presence and in the presence of each other

Joel his mark Graves

C. L. Miller, Valley Junction, Iowa

J. H. Pines, Stuart, Iowa

Joel Graves made a will on December 31, 1894 and appointed his son-in-law W. A. Richards to be the executor of the estate. The will was signed with his X with the witnesses being C. L. Miller and J. H. Pines. The son-in-law was married to his daughter, Louisa.

The will named the following people: Maude Pine a grand-daughter of Stewart, IA; Louisa Richards a daughter of Creston, IA; Harvey Graves a son of Des Moines, IA; Louis Graves a son of Valley Junction, IA; Jane Steele a daughter of St. Charles, IA; Emma Neal a daughter of Thayer, Union Co., IA; Margaret a daughter of Des Moines, IA; Bryant a son of Lennox, IA.

Joel's daughter, Margaret Aylesworth cared for Joel and asked for \$10.00 per week for 130 weeks and an interest rate of 6%. Richards made an order to remove Margaret from the farm and tried to settle with her without going to court. He said she should not get any pay for her father's care since she lived on the farm and got the crops and the use of the house and barn. Lewis Graves, Mamie Graves, Forey Graves, and Charlie Graves were ordered to appear to give evidence in the case between Margaret and W. A. Richards. The judge finally gave her \$5.00 a week for the care of her unsound father and ordered Richards to pay the costs.

There were several other claims that had to be settled. It also gave the description and location of the land that Joel had. It was quite a lengthy probate.

The whole will and probate consisted of about 230 pages. It appears that there was a lot of discontent between different members of the family and W. A. Richards who was the executor of the will.