

LASH, LEWIS F.

Birth

February 24, 1865 in
Davenport, Scott Co.,
Iowa



Death

January 3, 1947

Cause of Death

Coronary Occlusion, Arteriosclerosis

Cemetery Lot

Buried on Lot 64
Lot was sold to Lou Lash

Father

Lewis Frederick Lash born in Mecklenburg, Germany

Mother

Dorothy "Dora" Hyden born in Mecklenburg, Germany

Marriage

Lewis F. Lash to Lottie Sholz on September 3, 1895
Ref: Book 7, page 166, Polk Co., IA

Census

1870 – 7th Ward, East Des Moines, Polk Co., IA; Page 287
Dwelling 146; Family 144

Lash, L.	40	farmer	Germany
Dora	41		Germany
Lou	05		IA
Dora	01		IA

1880 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED167; Page 449D; July 14, 1880
Dwelling 209; Family 209

Lash, Louis	52	farmer	Mecklenburg
Dora	52		Mecklenburg
Dora	11		IA

Louis 15 IA

1885 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA
Dwelling 110; Family 113

Lash, Lewis	55	farmer	Germany
Dora	55		Germany
Dora	15		IA
Lewis	20		IA

1895 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., Iowa

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1900 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED61; Page 13; June 19, 1900
Dwelling 172; Family 173

Lash, Louis	33	farmer – married 5 years Born February 1867	IA	GER	GER
Lottie	27	2 children; 2 living Born September 1872	GER	GER	GER
Carl	03	Born September 1896	IA	IA	GER
Gertrude	02	Born December 1897	IA	IA	GER
Louis	72	father – Born March 1828 Married 55 years	GER	GER	GER
Dora	71	mother - 1 child; 1 living Born June 1828	GER	GER	GER

1905 –

1910 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED64; Page 25A; May 6, 1910
Dwelling 103; Family 103

Lash, Louis	45		IA	GER	GER
Lottie	38		GER	GER	GER
Carl	13		IA	IA	GER
Gertrude	12		IA	IA	GER
Bernice	08		IA	IA	GER
Herman	06		IA	IA	GER
Earnest	03		IA	IA	GER
Louise	01		IA	IA	GER

1915 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., Iowa; State census; Post Office, Orillia, Iowa
Card #232A

Lash, Lewis	49	Lutheran Earnings in 1914, \$600 Value of farm, \$7600	IA	GER	GER
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1920 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., Iowa; ED233; Page 14B; February 10, 1920
Dwelling 339; Family 341

Lash, Louis	55		IA	GER	GER
Lottie	47	Immigration year 1893	GER	GER	GER
Gertrude	22		IA	IA	GER
Bernice	17		IA	IA	GER
Herman	16		IA	IA	GER
Earnest	12		IA	IA	GER
Louise	11		IA	IA	GER

1925 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; Book 48

Lash, Lewis	59		IA		
		Father, Lewis Lash, born in Germany			
		Mother, Dortha Hiden, born in Germany			
Lottie	52		IA		
		Father, Fred Schultz, born in Germany			
		Mother, Lena Hammel, born in Germany			
Herman	21		IA		
		Father, Lewis Lash, born in Iowa			
		Mother, Lottie Schultz, born in Germany			
Earnest	17		IA		
		Father, Lewis Lash, born in Iowa			
		Mother, Lottie Schultz, born in Germany			
Louise	16		IA		
		Father, Lewis Lash, born in Iowa			
		Mother, Lottie Schultz, born in Germany			

1930 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED 77-95; Page 1A; April 2, 1930
Dwelling 5; Family 5

Lash, Louis F.	65	Farmer	IA	GER	GER
Charlot N.	57		GER	GER	GER
Harman L.	24		IA	IA	GER
Ernest E.	22		IA	IA	GER
Louisea C.	21		IA	IA	GER

1940 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED 77-9; Page 1B; April 4,5,6, 1940
#15 – Address, Cumming, Iowa

Lash, Ernest E.	33	Farmer -Same house as 1935	IA		
Lewis F.	75	father	IA		
Lottie	67	mother	GER		

History of Des Moines and Polk County Iowa – 1911; Page 107

Although Scott county, Iowa, numbers Lewis F. Lash among her native sons, almost his entire life has been spent within the borders of Polk County, where for many years he has been successfully engaged in the operation of the old homestead farm. He was born in Davenport on the 24th of February, 1865, a son of Lewis and Dora (Hyden) Lash, natives of Germany. The

parents came to America in 1858, locating at Davenport, where the father was employed in a warehouse for ten years. He then removed with his family to Des Moines, where he remained two and a half years, when he purchased eighty acres of land in Bloomfield Township, upon which he took up his abode, and to the improvement and development of which he at once turned his attention. He cleared the land, broke the sod and soon had his fields under a good state of cultivation, engaging in general farming on that place until 1907, when he sold it to his son, Lewis F. Lash, and retired from active business life. He continued, however, to make his home with our subject until about three years ago, when he took up his residence in Commerce, Iowa, where he is now living, having reached the age of eighty-two years. His wife also survives and she, too, is in her eighty-second year.

Lewis F. Lash was a little lad of about five years of age when the family home was established in Polk County, and it was therefore in the district schools of Bloomfield Township that he acquired his education. The wholesome life of the country, too, was conducive to healthy physical growth and when not engaged with his studies he assisted his father in the work of the farm, early becoming familiar with the duties that fall to the lot of the country lad. He continued to live with his parents until the father's retirement from active life and subsequent removal from the farm, after which he carried on its operation as a renter, remaining in that capacity for about seventeen years, when he purchased the place and is now directing his efforts toward its further development. Its highly improved condition today is largely the result of his labors, for he is progressive in his ideas, has employed practical methods, and has at all time been actuated by a spirit of enterprise and determination. He owns five head of horses and also keeps upon his place a fine heard of twenty cattle.

In September, 1895, Mr. Lash was united in marriage to Miss Lottie Sholz, a daughter of Fred and Lena Sholz, natives of Germany. The mother passed away in that country in 1878, but the father is yet living in the fatherland, where his entire life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Lash were born six children; Karl F., who was born September 22, 1896, and whose death occurred December 9, 1910; Gertrude, age thirteen years; Bernice L., aged nine years; Herman L., aged seven years; Ernest E., age five years; and Louise, two years of age.

The parents hold membership in the German Lutheran church, in the work of which they are greatly interested, while fraternally Mr. Lash belongs to the Maccabees and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a stalwart republican in politics, deeming that the principles of that party are most conducive to good government. On that ticket he was elected to the office of trustee of Bloomfield Township, which position he has filled for two years, while for nine years he has acted as school director and for seventeen years as secretary of the school board. The cause of education has ever found in him a stalwart champion who strongly advocates progress along intellectual lines, and in fact he supports all measures which have for their object progression along the lines which bear upon the political, material and moral life of the community as well as the ideals which govern his public and private relations speaking for honorable and desirable citizenship.