

**PERKINS, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN**

Birth

October 6, 1850 in Quincy, Illinois

Death

July 8, 1923; at his home, Norwalk,  
Warren Co., Iowa at age 72yr 9mo 12da



Standard Certificate of Death  
Warren Co. Iowa



Benjamin Franklin Perkins  
Residence: Linn Twp., Norwalk, Warren Co., Iowa  
Farmer  
Date of birth: October 6, 1850  
Place of birth: Quincy, Illinois  
Date of death: July 18, 1923  
Place of death: Linn Twp., Norwalk, Warren Co., Iowa  
Age: 72yr 9mo 12da  
Cause of death: Apoplexy and senility  
Father: Israel R. Perkins  
Mother: Buffington, born in Ohio  
Informer: Mrs. B. F. Perkins, Norwalk, Iowa  
Place of burial: Orilla, Iowa  
Undertaker: Dunn's, Des Moines, Iowa  
Physician: C. A. Willett, Norwalk, Iowa

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Cause of Death

Apoplexy

Cemetery Lot

Buried on Lot 63  
Lot was bought by B. F. Perkins

Father

Israel R. Perkins

Mother

Amelia Ann Buffington

Marriage

B. F. Perkins to Anna M. Corbit on December 1, 1881  
Ref: Warren Co., IA, 1880 – 1899 records on file at IGS Library

Return of marriage for the county of Warren for the year ending October 1, 1882  
91-1134  
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B.F. Perkins  
Residence: Warren Co., Iowa  
Occupation: Farmer  
Age next birthday: 32  
1st marriage  
Place of birth: Adams Co., Illinois  
Father: I. R. Perkins  
Mother: A. A, Buffington

Married  
December 1, 1881  
Linn Twp., Warren Co., Iowa

Anna M. Corbit  
Residence: Warren Co., Iowa  
Place of birth: Morgantown, Pennsylvania  
1st marriage  
Age next birthday: 27  
Father: William Corbit  
Mother: E. Beam  
Witnesses: Mrs. W. J. Stuart and D. Prutzenear  
Minister: C. W. Stuart

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Census

1856 – West Liberty Twp., Mills Co., Iowa; State census; Page 375  
Dwelling 146; Family 168

Perkins, I. R.	28	Carpenter	IL
A. A.	24		OH
<b>B. F.</b>	<b>05</b>		<b>IL</b>
Solomon H.	03		IL

1860 – Oak Twp., Mills Co., Iowa; Page 28; Post Office, Glenwood, Iowa; July 25, 1860  
Dwelling 256; Family 207

Perkins, I. R.	33	Farmer	IL
		Real Estate, \$2000; Personal, \$800	

Mille A.	29		OH
<b>B. F.</b>	<b>08</b>		<b>IL</b>
Solomon H.	06		IL
Clarrissa	01		IA

1870 – Greenfield Twp., Warren Co., IA; Page 328; Post Office, Fort Plain, IA; August 9, 1870  
Dwelling 138; Family 138

Perkins, Israel	45	farmer	IL
		Real Estate, \$2500; Personal, \$1300	
Amelia	39		OH
<b>Benjamin</b>	<b>19</b>		<b>IL</b>
Solomon	16		IL
Clara	11		IA
Lilly M.	02		IA
Cowen, Nancy	32	teacher	TN

1880 – Greenfield Twp., Warren Co., IA; ED228; Page 289D; July 10, 1880  
Dwelling 220; Family 223

Perkins, I. R.	53	farmer	IL	KY	IL
Amelia A.	49		OH	OH	OH
<b>B. F.</b>	<b>29</b>		<b>IL</b>	<b>IL</b>	<b>OH</b>
Solomon H.	26		IL	IL	OH
Clara M.	21		IA	IL	OH
Lilly M.	12		IA	IL	OH
Johnson, Frank	20		IA	PA	OH

1885 – There was no census for Linn Twp., Warren Co., IA in 1885

1895 – Linn Twp., Warren Co., IA; Page 33  
Dwelling 16; Family 16

<b>Perkins, Ben F.</b>	<b>44</b>		<b>IL</b>
Annie M.	40		PA
James M.	10		Warren Co., IA
Bertha G.	06		Warren Co., IA
Ben H.	01		Warren Co., IA

1900 – Linn Twp., Warren Co., IA; ED138; Page 5; June 8, 1900  
Dwelling 109; Family 109

<b>Perkins, Benjamin F.</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>farmer - married 18 years</b>	<b>IL</b>	<b>IL</b>	<b>OH</b>
		<b>Born October 1850</b>			
Annie M.	45	5 children; 5 living	PA	PA	PA
		Born January 1855			
James M.	15	Born November 1884	IA	IL	PA
Bertha J.	11	Born July 1888	IA	IL	PA
Benjamin H.	07	Born Mar 1893	IA	IL	PA
Chester R.	05	Born August 1894	IA	IL	PA

Clara E. 01 Born November 1898 IA IL PA

1905 – Warren Co., Iowa; Post Office, Orilla, Iowa  
Card #65

Perkins, B. F. 54 farmer IL IL OH  
In Iowa 50 years

1910 – Linn Twp., Warren Co., IA; ED212; Page 6A; April 22, 1910  
Dwelling 56; Family 57

Perkins, Benjamin 59 farmer IL IL OH  
Married 28 years

Anna 55 5 children, 5 living PA PA PA  
James 24 farm labor IA IL PA  
Bertha 21 IA IL PA  
Benjamin 17 IA IL PA  
Charles 15 IA IL PA  
Clara 11 IA IL PA

1915 –Linn Twp., Warren Co., Iowa; Post Office, Orillia, Iowa  
Card #100

Perkins, B. F. 60 IL IL OH

1920 – Linn Twp., Warren Co., IA; ED 218; Page 1B; January 3, 1920  
Dwelling 21; Family 23

Perkins, Benjamin F. 69 IL IL OH  
Anna M. 64 PA PA PA

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Funeral Home

Dunn's Funeral Home

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Death Record; Book 4; 1921 – 1934

Clerk's Office, Indianola, Warren Co., IA

Perkins, Benjamin Franklin; born in Quincy, IL; died July 18, 1923 of apoplexy at Norwalk, IA; age 72yr 9mo 12da; married; father was Isreal R. Perkins; Dunn's was the funeral home; physician was C. A. Willett.

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Dunn's Funeral Home Records

Benjamin Franklin Perkins – residence, Norwalk, Iowa; born October 6, 1850 in Illinois; died July 18, 1923 at residence; age 72yr 9mo 12da; cause of death was apoplexy; married;

retired farmer; buried in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Orilla, Linn Twp., Warren Co., Iowa; father was Israel R. Perkins, born in Illinois; mother was Buffington, born in Ohio.

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Obituary

[Indianola Herald, Thursday, July 26, 1923]

Mr. Ben F. Perkins, who has been in poor health for several months, passed away at his home in Norwalk, Wednesday. The funeral services were held Friday afternoon, and the body was laid to rest in the Orilla Cemetery.

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History of Warren Co., Iowa – 1987; Page 524

The following is a portion of the Canine History:

B. F. Perkins, was the son of Israel and Amelia Ann Perkins who lived in the Norwalk area. B. F. (Benjamin Franklin) bought the farm just east of Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in 1878 and “batched” for several years before marrying Anna M. Corbit in 1881.

The Corbit family had traveled by horse and wagon to Iowa from Pennsylvania. They bought the farm known as the “Transfer” farm on county-line road east of Orilla. The Perkins are buried in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery.

B. F. and Anna Perkins were hard working farmers, tilling the land, canning quarts and quarts of food, baking bread, etc. yet always having time for guests. Sunday dinner with many friends and relatives stopping by was a common occasion. “Gram” Perkins was a super cook, and to eat at her house was a treat for everyone. However, those dinners were prepared before and after attending church, one-quarter mile south of Orilla. This was Pleasant Ridge Methodist Episcopal Church which burned in 1924.

The Perkins family retired from the farm and moved to Norwalk in 1917. Ben Perkins, a son, lived on the home place the remainder of his life. – by Marjorie E. Canine

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Will and Probate Record

Warren Co., Iowa

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I, Benjamin F. Perkins, of Orilla, in the County of Warren, and State of Iowa do hereby make, publish and declare this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following:

First: I direct that all of my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as conveniently can be done.

Second: I give and bequeath without reserve to my beloved wife Annamarie Perkins, should she survive me, my real estate in Grove County Kansas, described as follows:

All of the South-east Quarter (1/4) and the South-east Quarter (1/4) of the North-east Quarter (1/4) of Section Eleven (11) Township (12), South of Range Twenty-nine (29) West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Containing 200 acres more or less according to Government survey.

Third: I give and bequeath to my wife Annamarie Perkins the use of all my other property, both real, personal and mixed, to have and hold the same so long as she shall live.

Fourth: I give and bequeath all the residue of my property, both, real personal and mixed, to be divided share and share alike to my sons Benjamin H, Perkins and Chester R. Perkins and my daughters Bertha Courbet Haynes and Clara Elizabeth Perkins, to have and hold the same unto each of them forever.

Fifth: I nominate, constitute and appoint my sons Benjamin H. Perkins and Chester R. Perkins the survivors, or survivor of them Executors of this my last Will and Testament, and I further direct that none of the persons above named as Executors shall be required to give any bond or security for the proper discharge of their duties.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name at Norwalk, Iowa, this twenty first (21) day of July, 1917, in the presence of W. C. Rise and Bert Welty whom I have requested to become attesting witnesses to this, my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills made by me.

B. F. Perkins

The foregoing instrument was subscribed, published and declared by Benjamin F. Perkins and for his last will and Testament, in our presence and in the presence of each of us, and we, at the time, at his request in his presence, and in the presence of each other, hereto subscribe our names and residences as attesting witnesses this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 1917.

W. C. Ries

Bert Welty

I, A. R. Smith Clerk of the District Court, in and for said county and State, do hereby certify that on the 27 day of August 1923, the Will of B. F. Perkins, Dec'd. to which this certificate is annexed, which Will is dated July 21, 1917, was duly admitted to probate by said court as and for the last Will and testament of said decedent.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court this 27 day of August, 1923.

A. R. Smith, Clerk