

THOMPSON, JOHN

Birth

November 2, 1832 in Cambridge, Ross Co., Ohio

Death

June 29, 1896 at the age of 63yr 8mo
Ref: History of Warren Co., Iowa – 1879
Book 1, Register of death & stillbirth, 7/1880 - 2/1897
At the home of his son-in-law, Cumming, Iowa

Cause of Death

Fatty degeneration of heart with complications of gastritis

Cemetery Lot

Buried in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery. Burial lot unknown

Father

Alexander Thompson

Mother

Hannah Crozer

Marriage

John Thompson married 1st to Patience C. Breedlove on August 30, 1854 in Ohio
Patience died July 6, 1857
Ref: History of Warren Co., Iowa – 1879

The State of Ross County Ohio

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John Thompson
To
Patience C. Breedlove
August 21, 1854

I do certify that on the 31st day of August A.D. 1854, John Thompson and Patience C. Breedlove were legally joined in marriage by me.

D. C. Howard, M. G.

It gives a date of August 21 and August 31 so I don't know which is correct.

Ohio, County Marriage Records, 1774-1993

Ross County, 1853-1866

Another record: The State of Ohio, Ross County

This 26th day of August 1854, personally came John Thompson and made oath, that he is twenty one years of age, and that Patience C. Breedlove is a resident of this county, that both said last named persons are unmarried, and are not nearer of kin than first cousins.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and year aforesaid

Sam F. McCoy, Probate Judge

Written consent of her father

Another from Ross Co., Ohio gives a date of August 26

Warren Co., history gives a date of August 30

He married 2nd Marion A. Crane on December 30, 1858

Ref: Book 1, page 196 of Polk Co., Iowa marriage records from 6/11/1846 to 12/3/1866 on file at IGS Library

Iowa, Select Marriages Index, 1758-1996

John Thompson

To

Marion A. Crane

Marriage date: December 30, 1858

Marriage Place: Polk Co., Iowa

Census

1840 –

1850 –

1856 – Des Moines, Polk Co., Iowa; Page 88

Dwelling 209; Family 221

Thompson, John	23	Merchant	OH
Patience C.	18		OH
Eliza	01		IA

1860 – Des Moines, Polk Co., Iowa; Page 16; Post Office, Des Moines, Iowa; June 4, 1860

Dwelling 122; Family 107

Thompson, John	27	Merchant – Clerk Real estate, \$2000 Personal, \$500	OH
Marian A.	21		KY

Emma C.

6/12

IA

1870 – Lynn Twp., Warren Co., IA; Page 376; Post Office, Norwalk, Iowa; August 13, 1870
Dwelling 81; Family 82

Thompson, John	37	farmer	OH
		Real estate, \$6400	
		Personal estate, \$1700	
Marion	31		KY
Emma C.	10		IA
John E.	08		IA
Charles	06		IA
Edwin E.	04		IA
Minnie	02		IA
James	3/12		IA
Tilten, Jasper	22	carpenter	VA
Gillfillen, Alie	18		OH

1880 – Linn Twp., Warren Co., IA; ED228; Page 296A; July 20, 1880
Dwelling 337; Family 347

Thompson, John	47	farmer	OH	VA	PA
Marion A.	41		KY	NJ	PA
Emma C.	20		IA	OH	KY
John E.	18		IA	OH	KY
Charles A.	16		IA	OH	KY
Edwin E.	14		IA	OH	KY
Minnie M.	12		IA	OH	KY
James E.	10		IA	OH	KY
Frank	08		IA	OH	KY
Ida B.	04		IA	OH	KY
Nellie	01		IA	OH	KY

1885 –

1895 –

Military

US Civil War Draft Registration

Subject to do military duty in the fifth Congressional District, consisting of the State of Iowa enumerated during the month of June 1863, under direction of S. C. Brownell, Provost Marshal.
3rd Ward, Des Moines

John Thompson, age 30, occupation, Clerk, married, born in Ohio

Will and Probate Record

Probate date: July 25, 1896

Probate place: Polk Co., Iowa

Case No. 3278

Case files: 3260-3283
Estate – guardianship

On January 20, 1897 land was sold by John E. Thompson, son and executor of the estate of John Thompson to John R. Rollins.

Motion for re-hearing on Court's order to file amended report;

Comes now John E. Thompson, Executor and one of the children and devisees of John Thompson, deceased, and states to the Court, that he answers the motion for order to amend his report and the Court's order requiring said amendment as follows:

First: That he cannot accurately make an accounting showing the collections of the assets of the said estate and the distribution thereof separate and apart from any property or monies of any kind connected with the estate or property of Marion A. Thompson, the widow of the said John Thompson, which the said Marion A. Thompson owned in her own right apart from the estate of her husband, for the following reasons, to-wit:

That the estate of John Thompson at the time of his decease was heavily involved in debt, having liabilities amounting to something over \$14000. That to avoid the sacrifice of the property of said estate, the proceeds of life insurance belonging to Marion A. Thompson amounting to \$995.75, money to the amount of \$4000 borrowed on the real estate of Marion A. Thompson, and also monies derived from the rents and profits of the real estate of the said Marion A. Thompson, were used, by the advice and with the knowledge and consent of Emma C. Miles and her husband W. A. Miles, and also with the knowledge and consent of Marion A. Thompson and all of the heirs of said John Thompson, deceased, to liquidate debts of said estate.

This Executor further states that the net assets or value of the estate of John Thompson, deceased, at the time of his death can easily be determined by the Court from this Executor's report on file in the Court, and that from the net assets or value of said estate it is easy to figure exactly what the share of Emma C. Miles in said estate of John Thompson, deceased, is, and that said estate will make good to the said Emma C. Miles whatever her share of said estate is according to the provisions of the Will of said deceased as may be determined by the Court.

Second: That he cannot accurately account for the collection and distribution of the proceeds of the principal of the estate separate from the income or rents and profits thereof, because of the fact that the principal of said estate and the income or rents and profits were all mixed in one fund; and that this was done with the knowledge and consent, and approval, of Emma C. Miles and her husband W. A. Miles, and that Emma C. Miles and W. A. Miles her husband were parties to the mixing of the principal of said estate with the income or rents and profits of said estate, in-as-much as Emma C. Miles and W. A. Miles her husband cribbed the corn arising from the rents and profits of said estate in cribs along with corn that belonged to said estate prior to the decease of said John Thompson, which corn was a part of the principal of said estate; and that this mixing of principal and income or rents and profits was not only done with the full approval of Emma C. Miles and W. A. Miles her husband, but was done at their suggestion, and upon Mr. Miles' statement to this Executor that he did not consider it necessary or desirable to keep the corn that was in the cribs separate from that that he and other renters of the estate put into said cribs.

Third: That this Executor cannot well make an accounting for the collection and distribution of the income or rents and profits of said estate separate from the principal of said estate, because of the fact that these were not kept separate, but, with the knowledge and consent of the widow and all of the heirs of said estate, were kept as one fund; and that the mixing of the income or rents and profits with the principal of said estate was done at the express desire of Emma C. Miles and her husband W. A. Miles, and that Emma C Miles and her husband W. A. Miles took such a positive position on this question that W. A. Miles, while acting as agent of this Executor, in violation of the instructions given to him, deposited the proceeds of money arising from the sale of corn which was principal belonging to said estate, in his own name in the Valley National Bank, Des Moines, Iowa, and wrote a letter to this Executor stating that he, the said W, A. Miles had deposited said money in the Valley National Bank in his (Miles') name, and that Marion A. Thompson, the widow of deceased, wanted said money deposited in her name so that she could draw on it as might be necessary for her needs; and that Marion A. Thompson also write this Executor making the same demands; and that in order to preserve peace and harmony this Executor permitted said money to be deposited by W. A. Miles in the account of Marion A. Thompson; and by this, as well as other acts which were fully approved by Emma C. Miles and her husband W. A. Miles, the income as rents and profits of said estate were mixed with the principal of said estate, so that this Executor does not see how it can be possible to separate them. That copies of said letters of W. A. Miles and Marion A. Thompson are hereto attached and marked Exhibits "A" and "B".

Fourth: That this Executor consulted with one of the judges of this Court about paying claims of said estate, and said judge advised this Executor that if he knew claims to be right and just for him to proceed and pay the same and file his report and vouchers showing the payment of the same. That this Executor did not pay any claim against said estate which he did not personally know to be a valid and correct claim, and that vouchers for the claims against said estate which have been paid are on file with this Court. That the facts herein set forth can be established to the satisfaction of this Court by the depositions of the widow and heirs of said John Thompson, deceased.

Wherefore, The said John E. Thompson hereby moves the Court to set aside its order, dated April 27th, 1901, to amend said report, and asks for a full and complete hearing on said motion to ament report.

Signed by John E. Thompson, Executor

Inventory

Of property of Estate of John Thompson, Deceased of Polk County, Iowa, belonging to said Estate at time of Decease.

Real Estate

East ½ of the NE ¼ of Section 17, Township 77, Range 25, West of 5 P.M.

South ½ of the SE ¼ of Section 8, Township 77, Range 25, West of 5 P.M.

West ½ of the SW ¼ of Section 9, Township 77, Range 25, West of 5 P.M. All in Warren County, Iowa

Personal Property

About 22500 bushels of corn
About 1000 bushels of oats
Small scale House and Scales at Cumming, Iowa
1 Corn Crib at Cumming, Iowa
A small amount, probably 60 bushels, of Wheat
A small amount of Hay

Accounts and Notes

Cash rent not due at time of decease	\$205.00
One-half of balance due on book accounts of firm of Thompson and Thompson, Independence, Iowa, excluding accounts of James I. Thompson and Frank M. Thompson, value estimated at	\$75.00
One-half of account due from James I. Thompson on books of Thompson and Thompson, Independence, Iowa amounting to about	\$150.00
One-half of account of F. M. Thompson due the firm of Thompson and Thompson, Independence, Iowa, amounting to about	\$250.00
Note not due given by James I. Thompson to deceased, amounting to	\$600.00
Cash deposited in Valley National Bank, Des Moines, Iowa	\$ 23.30
Total value, estimated	\$1303.30

The above is a full, true and correct statement of the property belonging to said estate at the time of the decease of said John Thompson, according to the best knowledge and belief of this Executor.

John E. Thompson

Dated at Brooklyn, N.Y. this 27th day of June, 1901

In the Matters of estate of John Thompson comes Emma C. Miles one of the children and devises of John Thompson and moves the Court to enter an order, requiring the executive of said estate to amend his report filed on April 20th, 1901.

Henderson & Berry, Attorneys for Emma C. Miles

E. E. Thompson and Dora Thompson, his wife of Maine

Minnie M, Thompson of Pennsylvania

Nellie Kiefer and Earle A. Kiefer, her husband

James I. Thompson and Jessie E. Thompson his wife

Charles A. Thompson and Lizzie Thompson, his wife

All signed to the above as being a true statement to settle the estate of John Thompson

State of Minnesota

County of Blue Earth

Marion A. Thompson, widow acknowledged her signature to foregoing instrument to settle the estate of John Thompson on September 2, 1901

On July 17, 1902 Emma C. Miles and W. A. Miles, her husband signed the instrument as grantors and acknowledged the same to be their voluntary act and deed for the purposes therein expressed, except at the time of the signing of said instrument they protested against the recitation in the contract as found in the second paragraph thereof reading as follows, beginning after the word estate in the third line, "And that in as much as the net income from the estate of the said John Thompson deceased and from the property of the said Marion A. Thompson was not and is not sufficient to support the said Marion A. Thompson", They signed said agreement with the understanding that they do not consent or agree to the above quoted statement but in all other respects their signature is their voluntary act and deed.

That the share of Emma C. Miles in the estate of her father, John Thompson, Deceased, is fixed upon and agreed by all the parties hereto to be the sum of \$550.

There is more to this probate. It can be seen at Polk Co., Iowa under Probate No 3278.

Funeral Home

Book 1 – Register of Deaths and Stillbirth, July 1880 – February 1897

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

John Thompson; died June 29, 1896 at Pleasant Ridge; was 63yr 8mo; born in Ohio; retired; died of fatty degeneration of heart with complications of gastritis. Buried July 2, 1896 in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Orillia, Linn Twp., Warren Co., IA; married; physician was J. J. Kessing of Cumming, IA.

Obituary

[The Saturday Review, July 4, 1896, Page 15]

Thompson – At Cummings, June 29, 1896 John Thompson aged 63 years.

Mr. Thompson was a pioneer resident of Des Moines, coming here in 1842 and continuing to reside in the city for twenty five years. He had since then, up to about a year ago, made his home at Cumming, but for the last year had again resided in Des Moines. He was visiting a son-in-law at the time of his death. Mr. Thompson was a prominent Mason and a citizen as respected as he was well known. He had been prominent in politics and served several years as treasurer of Warren County. He was born in Ross County, Ohio, in 1833. He is survived by his wife, and by several children, namely Mrs. Fred Meeker, of Illinois, Mrs. W. A. Miles, of Cumming, John E. Thompson, of Griswold, Chas. A. Thompson, Van Meter, C. E. Thompson, Brooklyn, N. Y., Misses Minnie, Ida and Nellie Thompson of this city, Jas. I. Thompson, of Indianola, and Frank M. Thompson, of Neola.

[The Record, July 4, 1896]

At the residence of his son-in-law, at Cumming, on Monday, June 29th, occurred the death of Mr. John Thompson. Deceased was one of the earliest settlers in Des Moines, coming here about forty years ago.

He had been in fairly good health recently, and was visiting his daughter when he was taken ill. Mr. Thompson leaves a wife and nine children. Of these the mother and two daughters, Ida and Nell, live in Des Moines. John Thompson, Jr., is an attorney at Griswold; Charles Thompson lives at Van Meter; Mrs. W. A. Miles of Cumming, is a daughter, and James Thompson, a son, lives at Indianola, Frank Thompson lives at Neola, and Edward Thompson is now a resident of New York. Miss Minnie Thompson lives in Des Moines.

Mr. Thompson was a native of Cambridge, Ohio, and came to Iowa when the state was new. He was in the mercantile business with Harry Stephenson for a number of years here, and at Cumming he was engaged in the grain trade.

The funeral took place at Cumming on Wednesday.

[Indianola Times, Thursday, July 9, 1896]

Norwalk News Items

Several from here attended the funeral of Mr. Thompson at Cumming last Wednesday.

[The Indianola Herald, Thursday, July 9, 1896, Page 3, Column 3]

Ex-County Treasurer John Thompson was laid to rest last Wednesday in the Orillia cemetery. Several times during life he made the expression to some of his neighbors that when his time came to die he wished it might be at his old home on the farm. This wish was granted though he had not lived on his farm for a number of years and was only visiting with his daughter who lives at the old home. There are strong attachments to the old home, we are bound to it by strong ties that are not easily severed. John Thompson settled on this farm at an early day. It was here he spent the strength of his manhood. It was here he reared his family. It was here he accumulated the means to make him comfortable in his declining years. And no doubt it was here at the old home he spent the most happy days of his life. To depart under such surroundings, at the old home, in the old house he had labored hard to erect, surrounded by the wife of his youth together with his children, and what is better than all, having a hope of a better life in the great beyond. These things take the sting of death away and enables the dying Christian to exclaim as the poet did.

I am glad that I am born to die.

From grief and woe my soul shall fly.

History of Warren Co., Iowa – 1879; Linn Twp., Page 742

Thompson, John, farmer, Sec. 9; P. O. Norwalk, a native of Ross County, Ohio; born November 2, 1832, and was raised there; came to Des Moines November 2, 1854, and shortly after he engaged in the mercantile business, and continued in it till July 1866, when, on account of poor health, he was compelled to give it up, and through advice of his physicians he returned to his old home in Ohio, to attend the Sulphur Springs, and after six months he came back to Des Moines, February 20, 1867, and in May, the same year, he came to his present home, in Linn

Township, and since that time has followed farming, very successfully; he was first married in Ohio, August 30, 1854, to Miss Patience C. Breedlove, who died July 6, 1857, in Ross County, and left one daughter, Patience E. A.; he was married to his present wife, whose maiden name was Marian A., daughter of James Crane, of Polk County, December 30, 1858; they have a family of five sons and four daughters, living: Emma C., John E., Charles A., Edward E., Minnie M., James, Frank M., Ida B., Nellie, and one deceased; he has held the office of justice of the peace for six years.