

YOUTZ, REUBEN JOSEPH

Birth

November 23, 1834 in Stark Co.,
Ohio



Death

November 26, 1918 at Indianola,
Warren Co., Iowa



Cause of Death

Cemetery Lot

Buried on Lot 55
Lot was sold to R. J. Youtz on
June 16, 1880



Father

Joshua Youtz born in Pennsylvania

Mother

Esther Bosler born in Pennsylvania

Marriage

Reuben J. Youtz married 1st Harriet M. Miller,
September 9, 1860
Ref: History of The Walker and Miller's of Stark Co.,
Ohio by Morton L. Mitchell

Marriage

Harriet M. Miller to Reuben J. Youtz on September 9, 1860 at Osnaburg, Ohio

Marriage Record

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State of Ohio, Stark County, 1858 - 1868

Personally came Reuben J. Youtz applying for License to be married to Harriet Miller who being sworn, says that he is over the age of twenty-one years, and is unmarried, that the said Harriet

Miller is over the age of eighteen years, and is unmarried, resides in Stark County, and that he knows of no legal impediment to said marriage.

R. J. Youtz

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 31st day of August A.D. 1860.

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District Clerk, Probate County

State of Ohio, Stark County

I Certify, that on the 9th day of September A.D. 1860 Reuben J. Youtz and Harriet Miller were legally joined in marriage by me, a Minister of the Gospel

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He married 2nd Martha A. (Hewitt) Badley, April 3, 1889

Ref: Warren Co., Iowa, 1880 – 1899 marriage records on file at IGS Library

Return of marriage for the county of Warren for the year ending October 1, 1889

91-1262

Reuben J. Youtz

Residence: Polk Co., Iowa

Occupation: Farmer

Age next birthday: 55

Place of birth: Stark Co., Ohio

2nd marriage

Father: Joshua Youtz

Mother: Hattie Bosler

Married

April 3, 1889

Wick, Warren Co., Iowa

Martha A. Hewitt

Residence: Indianola, Iowa

Age next birthday: 35

Maiden Name: Hewitt

Married Name: Badley

Widow

2nd marriage

Place of birth: Shelby Co., Indiana

Father: Moses H. Hewitt

Mother: Sarah M. Whitney

Witnesses: W. W. Busselle & L. A. Hewitt

Minister: E. M. Holmes

Census

1840 –

1850 – Osnaburgh Twp., Stark Co., OH; Dist. #139; Page 345B; August 31, 1850
Dwelling 248; Family 254

Youtz, Joshua	48	farmer	PA
		Real estate, \$2100	
Esther	40		PA
Josiah	21	mason	PA
Hiram	20	farmer	PA
John	17	farmer	OH
Reuben	15	farmer	OH
Simeon	09		OH
Malinda	06		OH
Addison	02		OH

1860 – Osnaburg Twp., Stark Co., Ohio; Page 206; August 21, 1860; Post Office, Mapelton
Dwelling 1173; Family 1173

Youtz, Joshua	56	Farmer	PA
		Real Estate, \$7600	
Hester	49		PA
Reuben	25	Teacher	OH
Simon	19		OH
Malinda	16		OH
Addison	11		OH
Ellen	03		OH
Freedman, Nicholas	19		OH
Youtz, Elizabeth	83		PA

In researching for Youtz, the 1860 census came up with the last name of Tonty. The transcriber could obviously not read the writing.

1870 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; Page 105B; August 25, 1870; Post Office, Altoona, Iowa
Dwelling 165; Family 162

Youtz, R. J.	35	farmer	OH
		Real estate, \$2500; Personal, \$600	
Harriet	32		OH
Minnie	09		OH
Louis	06		OH
Ella	4/12		IA

1880 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED 167; Page 448A; July 12, 1880
Dwelling 182; Family 182

Youtz, Reuben J.	45	farmer	OH	PA	PA
Harriet	42		OH	PA	PA

Minnie	18		OH	OH	OH
Lewis	16		OH	OH	OH
Ellen E.	10		IA	OH	OH
Arthur W.	07		IA	OH	OH
Homer F.	05		IA	OH	OH
Miller, David E.	13	nephew-farm work	OH	OH	OH

1885 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; Page 109
 Dwelling 167; Family 170

Youtz, Reuben J.	50	farmer	OH		
Harriett M.	47		OH		
Louis A.	20		OH		
Ellen E.	15		Polk Co., IA		
Arthur W.	12		Polk Co., IA		
Homer F.	09		Polk Co., IA		
Chauncy R.	03		Polk Co., IA		
Nelson, August	21		Sweden		

1895 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; Page 74
 Dwelling 47; Family 51

Youtz, Ruben J.	60	farmer	OH		
		Captain in Co. I, 79th OH Inf.			
Martha	41		IN		
Arthur	22		Polk Co., IA		
Chauncy	13		Polk Co., IA		
Harry	05		Polk Co., IA		
Fletcher	03		Polk Co., IA		
Grim, Walter	22	laborer	MO		

1900 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED61; Page 11B; June 15, 1900
 Dwelling 147; Family 148

Youtz, R. J.	65	farmer	OH	PA	PA
		Married 12 years			
Martha	47	5 children, 3 living	IN	OH	IN
Chauncey	17		IA	OH	OH
Harvey	10		IA	OH	IN
Fletcher	07		IA	OH	IN
Harrett	02		IA	OH	IN

1905 –

1910 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED64; Page 24A; May 4, 1910
 Dwelling 87; Family 87

Youtz, Ruben	75		OH	PA	PA
Martha	57		IN	IN	IN
Harry	20		IA	OH	IN

Fletcher	18	IA	OH	IN
Harriett	12	IA	OH	IN

1915 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., Iowa; Post Office, Valley Junction, Iowa
 Card #351A

Youtz, R. J.	80	Widowed	OH	PA	PA
		53 years in Iowa			

Funeral Home

Obituary

[Indianola Advocate-Tribune, Thursday, December 5, 1918, Page 2, Column 2]

In the passing of Reuben J. Youtz goes one of the pioneer settlers of Iowa and WarrenCounty. After the close of the civil war, in which he had served as a captain he came to Iowa and settled on a farm in the vicinity of what is now Orillia and lived continuously in that community for over half a century. He had been a teacher and on coming to this new country he was intimately connected with the beginnings of both school and church, being one of the founders of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Orillia and a member of it at the time of his death. He did what he could in his modest and unassuming way during his long life to build up the things of righteousness.

He was the son of Joshua and Esther Youtz and was born in Stark County, Ohio, November 23rd, 1834, and died November 26, 1918, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. D. R. Mitchell, in Indianola, Iowa, where he had made his home for the past year and one previous winter.

In 1869 he was united in marriage with Miss Harriet Miller and to them were born six children: Minnie, Lewis, Ella, Arthur, Homer and Chauncey. Homer passed on at the age of thirteen years. November 22, 1886, his wife died and in 1889 he was united in marriage with Mrs. Mattie Hewitt Badley, who died August 1914, leaving three children, Harry, Fletcher, and Harriett. The latter a sweet young girl of eighteen passed into the great beyond two years ago.

The last few years became more and more a burden as physical infirmities increased until the Heavenly Father was fit to take him to that land where there will be no more pain or suffering.

The funeral services were held from the church in Orillia Friday, November 29, at 1:30 p.m., conducted by Dr. Fred N. Willis, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Military

Reuben J. Youtz – born November 23, 1834 in Stark Co., Ohio; died 1918; He served in the Army during the Civil War; Entered 1862 at Camp Mansfield, Ohio; was a Captain in Co. I, 19thOhio Infantry. He served in Louisville and Bowling Green, KY., Nashville, Tenn: did scouting and garrison duty and guarded the rear of the Army and the provisions and ammunition; in 1863 was Captain of volunteer militia company; in 1864 reported to duty at Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio joining the Army of the Tenn; Discharged at Camp in Covington, Kentucky in September 1864; father was Joshua Youtz; mother was Esther Bosler; wife was Harriet Miller;

children were Minnie Mitchell, Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., Iowa, Lewis A., Ella E., Arthur W., Homer F., Chauncey A.; buried in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Orilla, Linn Twp., Warren Co., Iowa.

History of Polk County, Iowa – 1890

Portrait and Biographical Album; page 257

REUBEN J. YOUTZ. In looking abroad over the home of our subject, who is a prominent farmer of Bloomfield Township, residing on section 26, we everywhere see evidence of thrift and enterprise, which are marked characteristics of the owner. His possessions consist of two hundred acres of farmable land, a commodious and substantial residence, one of the best barns in the county, and an excellent grade of stock of all kinds. Indeed it is a model farm. The land has been divided into fields which are well tilled, the latest machinery has been procured to aid in the labor of its cultivation, and every necessary improvement is there found.

Mr. Youtz was born in Stark County, Ohio, on the 23rd of November, 1834, and traces his ancestry back to Switzerland. His father, Joshua Youtz, was born in Pennsylvania, but in the early days of Ohio became a resident of the Buckeye State, where he carried on shoemaking and farming for many years. He wedded Miss Esther Bosler, also a native of Pennsylvania, and unto them were born nine children, seven of whom are yet living, Josiah S., Hiram L., John B., Reuben J., Simon E., Melinda E. and Addison H. The mother of this family was called to her final rest in 1867, at the age of fifty-seven years, dying a number of years previous to the death of her husband, which occurred in 1884, at the age of eighty-two years.

While a lad our subject was permitted to attend the public schools of his native State during the winter months, but as his services were needed upon the farm during the summer season, his educational advantages were necessarily somewhat limited. Not content with the knowledge he had acquired, however, after attaining to mature years he attended high grades of schools, and has also greatly supplemented his early education by subsequent reading and observation. On leaving home, at the age of twenty-one years, he began teaching school, which profession he followed during the winter for a number of years, and in the summer engaged in farm work. In 1861 he determined to devote his energies to some other pursuit, and embarked in the furniture business, but the war breaking out about that time he concluded he could not make a success in that line and so resumed teaching. In the spring of 1862 he rented a farm, but in the fall of the same year became a member of Company I, Nineteenth Ohio Infantry. The recruits were ordered to report at Camp Mansfield, Ohio, where they were equipped for duty and sent to Louisville, Ky., whence they proceeded to Bowling Green, where they remained in camp for about six weeks. They then marched to Nashville, and later joined the Army of the Cumberland at Murfreesboro, where they remained in camp for about six months, during which time they did scouting and garrison duty, and guarded the rear of the army and the provisions and ammunition. Their time having expired on their arrival at Tullahoma, Mr. Youtz received his discharge, and returned home to once more resume the daily toils of life.

On account of ill health, the result of exposure and privations in the army, our subject was unable to engage in teaching the following winter, but in the following spring resumed work upon his farm. In the winter of 1863 a volunteer militia company was formed near his home, of which Mr. Youtz was elected Captain, and in the spring of 1864, word was received from Uncle Sam to report at Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio, where they were mustered into service, joining

the Army of the Tennessee. About this time Gen. Price was making his raid through Kentucky, and a force, of which the company commanded by our subject was a part, was ordered to arrest his progress, which they did, after which they went into camp at Covington, Ky., doing garrison duty until September, 1864, when they were again discharged from the service.

Capt. Youtz continued to make his home in Ohio until the spring of 1865, when following the course of human emigration which was steadily drifting Westward, he landed in Des Moines, where he spent the following summer. He then purchased eighty acres in Bloomfield Township, cultivating it until 1873, when he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of wild land, constituting a part of his present fine farm. To this he has added by subsequent purchase, until, as before stated, two hundred acres pay tribute to his care and cultivation. He began life a poor man, but is now ranked among the well-to-do citizens of the county. He certainly deserves great credit for his success, which is the result of his own efforts, aided only by those of the loved wife who has now passed away. Though the greater part of his attention has been devoted to his business interests, he has yet found time to serve the public in divers ways, including the discharge of various official duties as a township officer. He is a firm adherent of the principles of the Republican Party, which he has supported with his ballot since its organization, and keeps himself well informed on all the leading issues of the day.

In 1860 Mr. Youtz led to the marriage altar Miss Harriet Miller, and their union was blessed with children; Minnie, who is now the wife of William Mitchell, a resident of Bloomfield Township; Lewis A., Ella E., Arthur W., Homer F. and Chauncey A., who are still with their father, Mr. Youtz has ever been a warm friend of education, and intends that his children shall have the best advantages in that direction. Two of them are now attending college, the daughter pursuing a musical course, and the son a scientific course, which he will complete in 1890. L. A. is also a graduate of the elocutionary department. On the 22nd of November, 1886, Mrs. Youtz departed this life. She was a kind friend and neighbor, a loving and faithful wife and mother, and a sincere Christian woman. Her beauty of character and many excellences won the love of all, and her loss was deeply regretted by many warm friends, as well as her immediate family. Mr. Youtz was again married, in April, 1889, to Mrs. Martha A. Badley and estimable lady, who for some time has been a resident of this country. They have one child, an infant. The Youtz household is noted for its hospitality, and our subject and his wife holds a high position in the social world.

History of Des Moines and Polk Co., Iowa – 1911; Page 982

A well developed and highly improved farm in Bloomfield Township is the property of Reuben J. Youtz, who has spent much of his live in this section of Polk County. He was born in Stark County, Ohio, November 23, 1834, a son of Joshua and Esther (Bosler) Youtz, both natives of Pennsylvania. The father was a shoemaker by trade, following that pursuit for about thirty-five years in the Keystone state and Ohio. On removing to Ohio, he purchased a well improved farm of one hundred and fifty acres and continued its further development and improvement throughout his remaining years. He became a successful man and also took an active part in the public life of the community in which he lived. For a quarter of a century he filled the office of justice of the peace and throughout his career of continued and far-reaching usefulness his duties were performed with the greatest care and his business interests were so managed as to win for

him the confidence of the public and the prosperity which ever attends honorable effort. He passed away in the spring of 1884, having for many years survived his wife, whose death occurred in 1867.

Reuben J. Youtz was reared in the state of his nativity, and his early education, acquired in the district schools of the Buckeye state, was later supplemented by a course of study in Greensburg Seminary, at Greensburg, Ohio. After completing his education he engaged in teaching for a time, or until ill health forced him to abandon the profession. In the fall of 1862 he enlisted for service in the Civil war, becoming a member of Company I, Nineteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, but after a year spent at the front he returned home. In 1864 a company, known as the Home Guards, was formed and Mr. Youtz was chosen captain of the company, with which he served one year, when he received an honorable discharge.

Upon his return from the field of battle in 1864, Mr. Youtz took up his abode in Des Moines, there following the carpenter's trade for a time, while later he gave his attention to cabinet-making. However, believing that farm life would prove more congenial to him he purchased one hundred and ten acres of prairie land, situated in Bloomfield Township, Polk County, and, removing to this place, at once began to improve the property and prepare it for cultivation. He operated the same until 1870, when he disposed of it and purchased his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres. He began to develop and improve this tract and in course of time had his fields under a high state of cultivation. He also erected two sets of farm buildings and the place is now supplied with all equipment necessary for the successful conduct of the farm. He has been engaged in agricultural pursuits to the present time and although he is now in his seventy-seventh year he is still active in the management of his business affairs and is enjoying a gratifying measure of prosperity. He is a stockholder in the First Valley Junction Savings Bank and is now serving as its vice president.

Mr. Youtz has been married twice. In 1860 he wedded Miss Harriet Miller, a daughter of Emanuel and Elizabeth (Walker) Miller, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania and were farming people of that state. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Youtz were born six children: Minnie, the wife of W. H. Mitchell, of Polk County; Louis, who is a professor of chemistry in the University of Wisconsin; Ella E., the wife of W. J. Stratton, a minister of Indianola, Iowa; Arthur W., who follows farming in Bloomfield Township; Homer, who died in 1892; and Chauncey, who resides in Des Moines. The family were called upon to mourn the loss of the wife and mother on the 22nd of November, 1885, and Mr. Youtz was again married on the 3rd of April, 1889, his second union being with Mrs. Martha Badley, a daughter of Moses and Maria (Whitney) Hewitt, who were natives of Indiana. In an early day, however, they came to Iowa, the father entering one hundred and twenty acres of land in Warren County from the government. He continued to carry on general agricultural pursuits there until his death, which occurred in July, 1884. The mother survived him for many years and passed away in February, 1904. Of the second marriage of Mr. Youtz there are two sons and one daughter, namely: Harry B., who is in the employ of H. S. Chase & Company at Valley Junction; Horace Fletcher, who is a high school student at Valley Junction; and Harriet, who at the age of twelve years is with her parents.

While to a great degree Mr. Youtz advocates the principles and policy of the Republican party, yet in a measure he is independent in his political views, never voting a straight ticket but rather voting for the men whom he deems worthy of his support. He has always been very active in public affairs and has been called by his fellow townsmen to fill a number of local offices, having served as trustee of the school board for a long period, while for many years he has been assessor of Bloomfield Township and clerk of the township, being the incumbent in these

positions at the present time. He is accounted a man of influence in the community in which he has so long made his home and by those whose good fortune it is to know him intimately, his companionship, friendship and counsel are appreciated and helpful. He never turns aside from right and duty but his everyday life reflects the true Christian character, while in his relations with his fellowmen and in his treatment of his neighbor he has never lost sight of the principle of the Golden Rule.

[There is a picture of R. J. Youtz with this biography]

History of Warren Co., Iowa – 1987; Page 1060

[The following is a portion of Millard F. Youtz History]

The Youtz ancestors came to America from Germany and Switzerland in the early 1700's, settling in Pennsylvania in the Lebanon and Lancaster areas. Apparently they came to achieve religious and educational freedom. This is reflected even to the present by the large percentage of ministers and teachers in the family.

Joshua Youtz and family moved to Mapleton, Ohio, (now East Canton) in the early 1840's. (A great grandson still occupies the old farm). It is told that on the road to Ohio, the family camped on a rocky ledge. At night the barking of the dog waked them. They were surrounded by rattlesnakes, warmed by the cooking fire.

In the 1850's four sons of Joshua Youtz, Reuben, Hiram, Josiah, and John migrated to Iowa. They lived in various areas, including Warren Co. before three settled permanently in the Commerce-Valley Junction area-now West Des Moines. John settled near Panora. Reuben and Hiram served in the Civil War.