

JOHN MORRIS NELSON

John Morris Nelson was born in Mason County, West Va. September 26, 1834 and died at his farm home in Clay Twp. Wayne Co. Ia., July 2, 1901. In 1834 he moved with his parents William Arbuckle and Jane Nelson, to Madison County Indiana where they lived until the families came to Washington Township, Wayne County, Iowa in 1854. On August 2nd he and Sarah McCutchan were married, by Rev. Wm. Barnett, at the home of Sarah's parents. She was the daughter of Wm. E. McCutchan, born December 24, 1792 and Elizabeth Galloway McCutchan, born August 17, 1817 in Kentucky. The McCutchans were married April 2, 1836 and were the parents of five children, he had six children by a previous marriage. Their farm home was located in Washington Twp. where Kirby Cemetery is, the house setting just a little south of the cemetery. Mr. McCutchan was the second postmaster of Cambria. The first grave in the cemetery was their son James Fulton, born May 15, 1852, died February 27, 1854. The McCutchans moved from Indiana to Iowa in early year of 1850 and all moved on to Oregon over the old Oregon trail in 1865, with the exception of, Sarah Jane Nelson and her half sister Mrs. Cyrus Bell. The Galloway family also lived in Washington Twp. and had previously gone to Oregon.

John Morris and Sarah Jane lived near Cambria. Mr. Nelson had a vigorous intellect and his education was above the average of his day, having attending old Chicago University. He taught school for some time, and being possessed of excellent musical talent, he taught singing school. On October 31st, 1863, the Cambria Baptist Church granted him a license to preach and on May 6, 1865 he was set apart by ordination to full work of the gospel ministry. He served the Cambria church as pastor for 14 years. Later farmed in Clay Twp. but also continued preaching at various churches giving of his time for little or no pay. He with his wife Sarah, who died March 28, 1894, are buried in Kirby Cemetery. They were the parents of nine children.

1. Elizabeth Jane, born August 7, 1856 who married Dr. J.N. Dicks, April 4, 1879. They were the parents of two children. Dr. Dicks had a daughter by a previous marriage, see Dr. J.N. Dick's sketch.

2. William Arbuckle II, born February 23, 1859, married May 5, 1892 to Laura Hammer of Illinois. He was a Baptist minister serving in Illinois and Iowa. They had an adopted daughter Edith. She married Ralph Poorbaugh and they have a son Wm. H. Poorbaugh and daughter Lois Edna Wood. There are eight grandchildren. He and his wife are buried in Corydon, Ia. Cemetery.

3. Frances Anne, born August 30, 1861, married

February 1, 1888 to John T. Hickman, born March 15, 1865 in Decatur Co. Iowa, died February 22, 1940. They were the parents of four children. 1. Walter, born November 28, 1888, married January 21, 1914 to Estella G. Surbaugh, they had one son Gerald, born December 6, 1915, married to Ellen Holder, born June 7, 1919, on December 5, 1943, they have five daughters, Barbara, Patricia, who married LeRoy Perkins, they have two children, Bradley Scott and Jennifer; Eleanor, Virginia and Marilyn.

2. Elma, born Feb. 11, 1896 married January 24, 1915 to Henry Breuer, born Sept. 1, 1880. They adopted two children, Marvin, he married Norma McLin and they have three children Jerry Breuer, Dixie Pickering, she has a son Michael Pickering and Diana. Maxine married to Dail Whiteley, they have five children, Gary, Ronald, Donna, Cindy and Randy, there are 5 grandchildren.

4. French, born February 14, 1865 died April 17, 1865.

5. Hester, born March 11, 1866, married November 30, 1887 to James P. Donahue born Nov. 6, 1865. They had three children, Don, Lucille and Fern. No grandchildren, all are deceased.

6. Leonard Nelson, born February 21, 1868, died October 13, 1875.

7. Julius Nelson, born March 2, 1871, married January 26, 1898 to Stella Rush, born Nov. 20, 1876. They had three children, Phyllis and Clare and an infant who died at birth. They had four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

8. Isaac, born January 16, 1876 married October 5, 1898 to Myrtle E. Guinn, born June 1, 1879 the daughter of Robert E. Guinn and Mary Alice Surbaugh. They had five children. Morris Robert, born January 20, 1901, he married Lucille Flannery, born Sept. 2, 1905, they were married April 10, 1928 and have two children, Robert, who married first Barbara ----, they have a son Robert M. III, and twin girls Lynne and Lisa. He married Margurethe Wastensen and they have two children Stephani and Jennifer. A daughter Anne who is married to Ralph Haymaker, their two children are Kristi and Tommy. Morris is a retired Air Force Maj. General. They live in Falls Church, Va.

Infant stillborn Dec. 16, 1902.

Lloyd I. Nelson, born September 19, 1904, married to Blanche Farnsworth, on June 14, 1931. She was born August 1, 1906. They have two children, Arthur who married June Bridges, They have four children, Julie, Lisa, David and Mark. Frances who married Clark Christensen, they have two children Susan and Andrew. Lloyd is retired from the Corydon State Bank but is still president of the Board of Directors.

Rex Kenneth, born July 31, 1907, he married Lorraine McKenzie. They have one son Kenneth,

he and his wife Jane have a daughter Julia. Rex is a lawyer in Washington, D.C. and lives in Alexandria, Va.

Carroll Guinn born July 8, 1910, he married Doris Parrott in 1928. They are the parents of two children, Betty Lou, who married Horace Johnson. They have three sons, Tom, Don and Robert. Joe Dean Nelson and wife have two children, Linda and Michael. Carroll died Feb. 24, 1975.

9. Vesta, born July 25, 1878, died July 6, 1889. Vesta, French and Leonard are buried in Kirby Cemetery beside their parents.

The Nelsons were a very closely knit family and held reunions, at which they visited, sang and enjoyed real fellowship.

WILLIAM ARBUCKLE NELSON

William Arbuckle Nelson, born September 13, 1807, died August 4, 1876, was the son of John Griffith Nelson, born January 18, 1777, died March 4, 1847 and Mary D. Arbuckle Nelson, born April 4, 1784, died September 23, 1847. Mary was the daughter of William Arbuckle, born March 17, 1752 at Balcony Falls, Va., died March 21, 1836 in Mason County West Va. and Catherine Madison Arbuckle who died July 18, 1818, both are buried in Craig Cemetery on land owned by Arbuckle in Mason County near Arbuckle, West Va. He fought at the Battle of Point Pleasant West Va. and his name appears on the monument there in what is now Tu-Endie-Wei State Park, where old Fort Randolph was located. He also went on two expeditions with Lewis & Clark. The Arbuckle name originated in Scotland when King Malcom the Grim, hero of North Britain, gave the name Ar-Buckle to his son James the Grim, in recognition of his knightly accomplishments and because he could buckle on his armor quicker than any of the King's knights. Buckle with the Pictish prefix of nobility, Ar, gives us Arbuckle. He lived at Fort Randolph fifteen years, five of his nine children were born there, including Mary D. Arbuckle the mother of the subject of this sketch.

John G. Nelson and Mary D. Arbuckle were married May 22, 1806 in Mason County, West Va. They were the parents of 14 children, William Arbuckle Nelson being the eldest. In 1834 they moved to Madison County Indiana near Pendleton. John G. and Mary are both buried in Gillmore Cemetery in Madison County. A marker was placed on Mary's grave as the only Daughter of American Revolution buried in Madison County. Wm. Arbuckle Nelson and Nancy Jane Greenlee born November 20, 1811, died July 2, 1890, were married in Mason County West Va. July 22, 1830. Their first three children were born there. They moved to Indiana in 1834 and then in 1854 to Washington Township, Wayne

County, Iowa. He laid out the plat of old Cambria at the crossroads east of the present site in 1855. Nancy Nelson was a sister of Rev. L.L. Greenlee 1st pastor of the Cambria Baptist Church and nine of the charter members were from these related families. Arbuckle, a layman, preached occasionally at this church. He and his wife deeded a plot of ground on April 3, 1876 for use as a burial ground, which is now a part of Cambria Cemetery. He was the third postmaster of Cambria, serving about six months. He was called for miles around to aid in treating people stricken with diphtheria. The prescription he used has been preserved in his own handwriting. He served as coroner from 1872 to 1875. They were the parents of 12 children.

1. Martha, born March 16, 1830, married Wm. White lived in Flora, Ill. had four children. Died in 1916 both buried in Flora Cemetery.

2. Marshall, born December 15, 1832, married Sarah A. Thompson, April 19, 1866. She was born January 28, 1843, died April 2, 1912. They were the parents of four children. Alvah, Mrs. Orah Milner, Edith Graf and Leland Nelson. They lived on the old Nelson place. He was the 6th postmaster of Cambria, serving from 1867 to 1875. He was also supervisor, Township System 1867 to 1870, chairman 1870 and in 1871 chairman under the present system. He served in Co. 'I' 4th Iowa Volunteer Infantry, during Civil War. He moved to Oklahoma about 1895. He died January 19, 1912 and with his wife is buried in Fairview Cemetery, in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Their descendants lived in Oklahoma.

3. John Morris, born September 26, 1834, he was married August 2, 1855 to Sarah Jane McCutchan, born April 2, 1837 in Floyd Co. Indiana. They were the parents of 9 children. More about this line in sketch about John Morris Nelson.

4. Nancy Jane, born May 20, 1837 died January 24, 1913, was married to Andrew Jackson Chapman April 5, 1855. They were the parents of 10 children. Andrew was born March 1, 1831 and died January 23, 1903, both are buried in Cambria Cemetery.

5. Mary Eliza, born May 15, 1838, married August 16, 1855 to Yates Chapman. They had three children. Yates Chapman died September 3, 1858. She married Joseph M. Miskimins Sept. 25, 1860. They had six children. She with some of her family are buried in Cambria Cemetery.

6. Clark G., twin to Mary Eliza, born May 15, 1838, married to Ella Taylor October 29, 1863. He served in the Civil War in Co. 'I' 4th Iowa Volunteer infantry, during his service he lost his left arm. Clark was County Recorder of Wayne County from 1873 to 78 and again from 1879 to 82. They made their home in Corydon and were the parents of 8 children. Emma, Elmer J., Lillie D., Nettie, LaVanche, Florence, Alta and Alma

twins. Of this family LaVanche married Lute Goodell and they with their two sons Gerald and Horace lived for a time on a farm near Cambria and the boys attended school there. All are deceased. Gerald had two boys, Jerry and James and a girl Diane, his wife Marjory lives in Colorado. Horace had two children, a boy and girl.

7. French L. born September 3, 1840, married his first cousin Mary E. Greenlee April 6, 1865. She was born June 4, 1846 at Leon, Mason County West Va., died October 14, 1890 at Allerton, Ia. During the Civil War he also served in Co. 'I' 4th Iowa Volunteer Infantry. French was a carpenter and cabinet maker, lived in Allerton. They were the parents of 8 children: Otis, George, John William, Amina, Edward E., Lewis Ott, Morgan and Clark Veron. French died July 26, 1917, both he and his wife were buried in Allerton, Ia. Cemetery. Son Edward also was a carpenter. He was born Dec. 23, 1869 and died November 1, 1962. He married Millie Jaquis and had two children, Lee and Leota. Leota married Gail Harnden and they now operated the Western Auto Store in Allerton and their two daughters are both married.

8. Elizabeth Ann, born February 18, 1842, married March 17, 1859 to Josiah McCutcheon. They had 10 children. She later married E.G. Evans. She died September 13, 1906 in Leon, Iowa. McCutcheon born October 27, 1833, died April 3, 1891. Both buried in Chastain Cemetery,

near Leon, Decatur County, Iowa.

9. Catherine born February 1, 1844, died October 16, 1845.

10. Frances born June 4, 1846, married first Newburn by whom she had three children, after his death, she married Chas. Sadoris. They are buried in DeWitt, Ia. Cemetery.

11. James Lewis, born February 13, 1848, married Harriet Agnes Clark, January 21, 1866. They had three daughters, Mittie, Esta and Onie. He was in the Insurance Business in Oskaloosa and they are buried in the cemetery there. James Lewis died March 12, 1907. Harriet born May 8, 1844, died February 24, 1906.

12. Admiral, born December 1849 lived about three hours.

Most of the Nelsons were active members in Baptist churches wherever they made their homes. They left a rich heritage, to those who follow them, of a deep spiritual relationship with God. It was a part of their daily lives and a joy to share with others. They thought of death as, 'Going Home,' and admonished those left behind, to meet them there.

NESSEN

Yeppa Peter Nessen was born September 6, 1842 in Scheleswig Holstein Denmark. At an early age he was left an orphan, his father having died when he was seven years old and his mother two years earlier. After the death of his father, an uncle by marriage took him into his



Picture of William Arbuckle Nelson and wife Nancy Jane Greenlee Nelson