

# MADISON COUNTY IOWA



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became a successful commercial artist and designer, working in Des Moines, Kansas City, Missouri, and Houston, Texas, before settling down to fine art. He now owns the farm of his parents and has a remodeled home on the property. He was married to Dorothy Lee Little, daughter of Luther M. and Sallie (Swilley) Little of Copian county, Mississippi, May 9, 1946. They are the parents of two sons and a daughter.

James Lee, born March 1, 1947, is married to Linda (Carrillo), daughter of Alexander and Lucia (Barcena) Carrillo of El Paso, Texas, and they are the parents of Michael Alexander, born October 8, 1981. They live in El Paso.

Marianne, born June 27, 1949, is married to John E. Fons, son of Lloyd and Venita (Hansen) Fons of Houston, Texas, and they live in the remodeled home where her father James was born. They have three daughters, Hannah Ruth, born October 6, 1975; Mary Katherine, born August 6, 1979; and Rebecca Lee, born July 18, 1982.

David Russell Graham, twin to Marianne, lives in Melbourne, Florida.

Evelyn Marie Graham, third child, second daughter of Zeller and Mary, is married to Joel Thorson, son of Weir and Maybelle (Nelson) Thorson of Story City, Iowa, and they live in Loveland, Colorado. They are the parents of a son, Scott, of Des Moines, born December 31, 1947, and Susan LeAnn, born August 5, 1955. Susan is married to Lloyd Brian, son of Wallace and Shirley (Raymond) Brian of Loveland. They live in Salt Lake City, Utah, and are the parents of Chad and Amanda.

## REV. JOHN GRAHAM

Rev. John Graham was born in 1793 in Montrose, Scotland and died April 22, 1870 being buried in the Winterset Cemetery. He was the son of John Graham and May Tate Graham, both buried in Scotland.

He was married June 25, 1834 at North Argyle, New York to Mary Small. She was born in 1815 in Ancrum Roxburghshire, Scotland, the daughter of William Small and Margaret Walker Small. She died September 28, 1903 and is buried in the Winterset Cemetery. They were the parents of ten children.

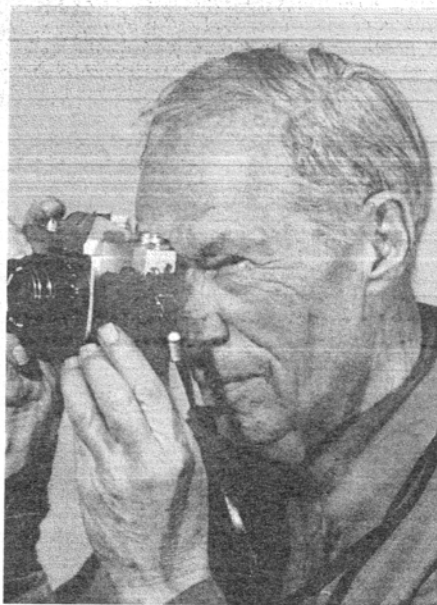
He preached throughout Scotland and north Ireland, sailing to America in 1831. His first appointment was to Bovina, New York. In 1856 he brought his family to Madison County, Iowa, becoming the first United Presbyterian minister of our county. He purchased 220 acres three miles east of Winterset for \$12.00 per acre.

In his autobiography he tells of being a shareholder and office holder of the Underground Railway, "which did a very extensive business; so much so additional 'night trains' had to be put on to accommodate the passengers. Now no wanderer... is seen crossing Middle River at some secret place after sundown... with all he possessed in a dirty clout; coming to our humble habitation and inquiring if "Oul Massa... lived in dis' house?"

He told of going to the polls — voting for the candidate for president opposing slavery — dropping the ballot in the box — the only person in the township who dared to do it. Three of his sons and a son-in-law left the harvest field to enlist in the First Iowa Cavalry taking their own horses with them — all returning from the Civil War unharmed.

Their children were all born in Bovina, New York and are as follows: John W. born 1835, died 1909 and married to Mary Ann Gould in 1868. William born 1834 and married Jennie Wood. Mary Scott was born in 1838, died 1900 and married Butler Bird in 1859. Adam married Mary J. Hoisington. Abel died at Marshalltown, Iowa and was unmarried. Margaret born 1845 and married to John Weir. Marjorie born 1845 and died 1898. Rev. James Douglas was born 1848, died 1910 and married Carrie Lee in 1876. Joseph married Mary Blount. Samuel died at Winterset and never married.

His parents operated the Graham Photography Studio here for a number of years.



Joe Graham

Joe, as he was called, was a veteran, serving in the Army during World War II. After service duty, he started the Joe Graham Printing Shop. Joe was a printer and photographer by occupation, and spent most of his lifetime in this area. Many persons here now remember him flying the mail from Des Moines to Omaha, passing over Winterset.

Joe was active in a number of organizations, including the American Legion, V.F.W., Kiwanis and the Winterset Art Center, where he was a member of the board of directors, and also taught photography to adults, and also to 4-H clubs.

Joe entered the service in October 1942. He was a member of the Army Air Corp, and in the 42nd air depot. He was a military photographer in the Rhineland and in Central Europe. He received his discharge in March 1946.

Among the awards he received were the AAF Air crew Member Badge, Over Seas Service Bars, American Campaign Medal with 2 bronze stars, Good Conduct Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Joe died August 11, 1982 at the Winterset Care Center North after a long illness. Joe was 76 years old. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Fred and Harry. Survivors included a niece, Susan Graham of Minneapolis, a sister-in-law Edith Graham of Des Moines, and an aunt, Mable Percival Payton of Hollywood, Calif. A military graveside service was held at the burial site in Winterset. Submitted by Edna Dolson

## DR. JOHN C. GRANDFIELD

Dr. John C. Grandfield was born in Stolford, Sommersetshire, England, December 6, 1831. On April 4, 1854, he was married to Elizabeth Cross. They were married in Parish Church, in the Parish of Taunton St. Mary Magdalene in the County of Somerset, England. He and his bride sailed to America on their honeymoon to make their home. They crossed the Atlantic Ocean on a sailing vessel, which took forty-two days.

They settled on a farm in Knox County, Illinois, where their first son, Albert, was born January 15, 1855. This son lived only a few days passing away January 24, 1855.

In 1856 he and his wife moved to a farm Southeast of Macksburg in Madison County and later to a farm southwest of Macksburg. In 1867 a new house



Dr. John C. Grandfield and Family

was built to replace the log house in which they were living. This house still stands.

On March 19, 1861, he received his naturalization papers and became an American citizen.

He was a self-educated man, having never attended a public school. After coming to America, he became interested in medicine and for a time was associated with an Afton physician. He studied under this doctor and later started his own practice.

About 1890 he purchased a general merchandise store at Kasson, Iowa. In 1892 the merchandise was moved to Macksburg and in 1894, the store was destroyed by fire.

Dr. John and his wife, Elizabeth were the parents of nine children. They were: Albert born January 15, 1855 died January 24, 1855, Alice Emily born July 14, 1856 she married Franklin Sterns and died October 24, 1930, Rosa Matilda born October 11, 1858, she married Tom Porter and died November 25, 1907, Ada Lenore born January 24, 1861 married Christopher Columbus Logsdon and died April 9, 1934, Joseph Michael Alexander born March 28, 1863, married Elma Myrtle Logsdon and died September 3, 1947, John William born April 21, 1868 died June 29, 1924, Oscar Maurice born June 1, 1867 married Mary Elizabeth Wilson and died May 30, 1924, Oliver Austin born February 5, 1871 married Anna Audlehelm and died January 29, 1950 and Frederick Wood born November 29, 1872 married Clara Theresa Ford and died March 4, 1941.

Dr. John C. Grandfield died May 9, 1896. He and his wife, Elizabeth, son, Joseph and daughter, Rosa are buried in Moon cemetery near Macksburg. Submitted by Nina Thompson

## OLIVER GRANDFIELD

Oliver Austin Grandfield, son of Dr. John C. and Elizabeth (Cross) Grandfield was born February 5, 1871, and grew up on the family farm Southwest of Macksburg in Madison County.



Oliver Grandfield family

On March 6, 1895, he was married to Anna Audlehelm, who was born in Clark County and raised by John and Mary Grandfield of Lorimor. They farmed in Madison County for two years, where their first daughter, Veda Cleo was born February 28, 1897. They then moved to a farm in Dodge Township in Union County and spent 31 years there before moving to Creston. Six more children were born and raised on this farm. They were: Carl Henry born March 15, 1899 and died November 30, 1918, Grace Meryll born March 6,