

Family Sketch --- The NASH Family, Harrison County, Iowa

Martin E. NASH arrived in Harrison County Iowa around 1868. Martin NASH (1814 -1897) and his family left their second home, Bloomingdale, Du Page County, Illinois, after the Civil War. Originally from New York, sometime before 1850, Martin and his wife, Sally VAIL NASH (1819 - 1904), moved westward with their two small sons, Chandler DeWitt (known as DeWitt) and Sylvester Delos (known as Delos in his youth and Sylvester in his later years). Martin E. NASH was the son of Josiah NASH, Junior and Polly KNAPP NASH. Mrs. Sally NASH's parents were Harvey and Almira Mason VAIL. The NASH and VAIL families left England in the mid-1600's and settled in New Haven, Connecticut.

Mr. NASH purchased land in Harrison Township and built the family home there. In 1870, the Nash house was bustling with activity. Family members in Martin's home included his wife Sally, his older sister, Maria NASH, his oldest son, DeWitt, his daughter-in-law, Mary DeEtt CHAPMAN NASH, his grandson, Elmer NASH, and Mary's sister Effie CHAPMAN. Martin's son, Delos, and his family lived next door. By 1880 the Nash homestead was much quieter: Maria had passed away and was buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Dunlap, Harrison County, Iowa; Effie CHAPMAN married Frank SCHLENSIG; DeWitt had moved to Crawford County; and Delos lived in nearby Monona County, Iowa.

Around 1900 both sons returned, presumably to help their mother with the farm after their father's death in 1897. Mr. NASH lived 82 years and was laid to rest at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Dunlap, Iowa. Mrs. NASH lived another 7 years to the age of 85 when she joined her husband in their final resting place in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Dunlap, Iowa.

DeWitt NASH moved to Deloit, Crawford, Iowa in the spring of 1868. They moved to Harrison County Iowa before 1870. By 1880, DeWitt had returned to Crawford County, Iowa and did not return to Harrison County until 1900. While in Bloomingdale, Illinois, on December 25, 1867, DeWitt married Mary DeEtt CHAPMAN, daughter of Thomas and Mary Elizabeth ROGERS CHAPMAN from Sheridan, Chautauqua County, New York. Her father is buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Dunlap, Iowa.

Mrs. Nash's parents, Thomas and Mary Elizabeth ROGERS CHAPMAN, had six children: Thomas Edward (known as Edward), Mary DeEtt, Lorette Elfreda, Albert Samuel, Martha E., and Effie Ann. Thomas Edward was born New York; the rest of the children were born in Bloomingdale, Du Page County, Illinois. By 1880 Mary's parents were deceased and all of siblings were living in Iowa.

Edward CHAPMAN (1840 - 1864) was born in New York. On September 2, 1862, Edward enlisted in Company D, 105th Regiment of the Illinois Infantry Volunteers in Bloomingdale, Illinois. According to the Muster and Descriptive Roll, Edward was a 23 year-old, single farmer, six feet tall with blue eyes, blonde hair, and a light complexion. Edward CHAPMAN was killed in action on May 29th, 1864 in Dallas, Georgia.

Lorette Elfreda CHAPMAN (1850 - 1924) married Richard James BURWELL (1833 - 1904) in 1868, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. In 1880, they lived in Crawford County, Iowa. Known children of Richard James and Lorette Elfreda BURWELL were Ada Ella, John DeWitt, Albert Wesley, Clarence Richard, Hubert Raymond, Frank Harold and Nettie. Richard and Lorette BURWELL were buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Dunlap, Iowa. Richard died in 1904 and Lorette died twenty years later.

Albert Samuel CHAPMAN (1853 - 1933) married Martha Elen SAMPLE (1858 - 1927), daughter of Elon and Mariah ELEXANDER SAMPLE, March, 1876, in Dunlap, Harrison County, Iowa. Around 1902, they moved to Carroll County, Iowa where they raised twelve children who were all born in Dunlap, Iowa: Floy Jane, Henry Edward (Hank), Thomas Ealon, Leonard Elmer, Claudio Vern (Barnie), Amy Elizabeth, Rollan Adophues (Spike), Mary Elen (May), Albert Elsworth (Bert), Effie Myrtle, Leslie Raymond, and Bessie Edith. Although the children moved as far away as California, most of them are buried near their parents at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Dunlap, Iowa.

Martha E. CHAPMAN (1854 - 1924) married Joseph NELSON (1845 - 1919) and they lived in Dunlap, Iowa in 1880 along with their children -- Edwin, George, and Sarah. Joseph and Martha are buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Dunlap, Iowa.

Effie Ann CHAPMAN (born in 1860) married Frank SCHLENSIG (1857 - 1905) in 1880 in Boyer, Crawford County, Iowa. Frank was born in Wisconsin and was the son of William and Elizabeth SCHLENSIG, who were both born in Germany. Frank and his parents are buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Dunlap, Iowa. Frank and Effie SCHLENSIG's children were Irvin F., Eva Helen, Ima E. (died young), and Paul. About 1920, Effie SCHLENSIG moved to Texas with her son Irvin and his family. Effie's second husband was W. H. Van Slike.

Thomas CHAPMAN and his son-in-law, DeWitt NASH, both served in Company D, Eighth Illinois Cavalry. According to the Muster Roll, at the time of his enlistment Thomas CHAPMAN was 45 years old and was 6 feet, 1-½ inches tall. He had gray hair, blue eyes, and a light complexion. He listed his occupation as a farmer. Mr. CHAPMAN was discharged in February 1862 from disabilities approximately three months after he mustered into service. The Muster and Descriptive Roll indicated that DeWitt NASH was a farmer. DeWitt was 5 feet, 5 inches tall with blue eyes and light hair and complexion. Mr. NASH was injured in battle at Stephens Mills near Culpepper, Virginia on October 11, 1863. DeWitt continued his enlistment and mustered out in Chicago, Illinois on September 28, 1864. He received a partial disability in 1864 as a result of his gunshot wounds. Although, Martin E. NASH's tombstone inscription indicated that he was a Civil War Veteran, no records of Martin E. NASH from Bloomingdale, Illinois have been located.

DeWitt (1840 - 1911) and Mary DeEtt (1846 - 1925) NASH had nine children who included: Elmer D., Jessie, May Idella, Elnora DeWitt, Effie Leona, Walter D., and Herman.

Elmer NASH was a doctor and his family moved to Helena, Montana around 1905. In 1920, Elmer and Esther had two children, Helen and Elmer L.

Jessie NASH married William H. BRUNT. Their known children were all girls: DeEtta, Alfaretta, Eva, and Wilke. In 1920, William was the proprietor of a restaurant in Dunlap, Iowa.

May Idella NASH married William Lawton REYNOLDS in 1890. They settled down and made their home in North Platte, Nebraska. May and William had four children: Beula, Guy, Meada, and Ada. Beula married Benjamin Clinton GOSNELL.

Elnora NASH, known as Nora, married William Sidney WALLACE and they had seven children: Gertrude Cevrene, Myrtle Irene, Orville LeRoy, Charles DeWitt, Pearl Edith,

Walter William, and Marjory Minnie. The WALLACEs moved to Douglas County, Wisconsin around 1904.

Effie Leona NASH married Gottfried (Gus) F. LANDIS. Gus was born in Switzerland and arrived in the United States in 1892. He owned a bakery in Dunlap, Iowa. In 1920, Gus and Effie had two children Elmer and Norma May. Gus died in 1929 and is buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Dunlap, Iowa. Effie LANDIS lived to be 91 years old and died in Breckenridge, Missouri. She is buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Dunlap, Iowa.

Walter D. NASH married Helen Maude Mize in 1905. They moved to Montana around 1908 and then moved to South Dakota in 1919. In 1920, Walter and Maude had the following children: Marcella, Heron, Jerayld, Dorothy, and Wilma.

Herman NASH died in 1902 at 17 years of age and is buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Dunlap, Iowa.

Mr. DeWitt NASH died in 1911 and his widow, Mary CHAPMAN NASH, moved in with Effie and Gus LANDIS, her daughter and son-in-law. Mrs. NASH was a charter member of the Dunlap circuit of the Free Methodist Church. Mary died in 1925, one month before her 79th birthday. Mary and DeWitt NASH are buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Dunlap, Iowa.

Delos NASH moved to Harrison County Iowa before 1870. He mustered in Company F, 105th Illinois Volunteer Infantry in September 1862 and was discharged for disability in January 1863. In 1864, he married Jane Sharp in Du Page County, Illinois. Delos and Jane NASH had two known children, Estella (Stella) and Nellie.

About 1886, Stella NASH married John Arthur DEDRICK, son of William and Mary WALKER DEDRICK. They had two children - Jennie and Hugh. After 1920, Stella and her family migrated to Sacramento, California.

In 1901 in Harrison County, Iowa, Nellie NASH married Arthur B. EVANS, a watchmaker from Minnesota. In the 1920 Federal census record, there were no children enumerated with Nellie and Arthur. Nellie may have died in Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California in August 1974 but this information has not been confirmed.

Delos and his family moved to Valley City, North Dakota between 1910 and 1920.

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