

## Woodlawn Cemetery, Toledo, Iowa's 2026 Self-Guided Tour



**Woodlawn Cemetery's main west center gate  
circa Memorial Day 2012**

**This tour is presented by the Tama County  
Historical & Genealogical Society.**

### **Regarding the tour and the program handout:**

For the tour, there are small numbered pink flags placed throughout the cemetery with numbers that correspond to this handout's subjects. The subjects are placed somewhat in a numerical order as you might drive through the cemetery. The hand out includes a map on the next page with each grave marked with the corresponding number. We also placed pictures to help you confirm you are in the right area. Then there is a short history of the cemetery followed by biographies of our subjects.

**The numbered flags will be in place  
between July 1, 2026 and July 19, 2026  
then taken down.**

If you cannot find the grave and have a smart phone or device, you can download the findagrave app free. Once installed, you must set up a user account which is also free. Once done, look for cemeteries and a map will come up, click on the Woodlawn's

dot and it will bring up that cemetery where you can search the name you are looking for. We have set GPS coordinates for each of the tour subjects and if you click on the GPS coordinate for that person in the app on findagrave, it will show where you are in relationship to grave.

There is also an index in the back referencing the names used for this program and the page they are on.

We thank the City of Toledo for allowing the Tama County Historical Society to do this and hope you enjoy it as much as we did organizing this year's cemetery tour.

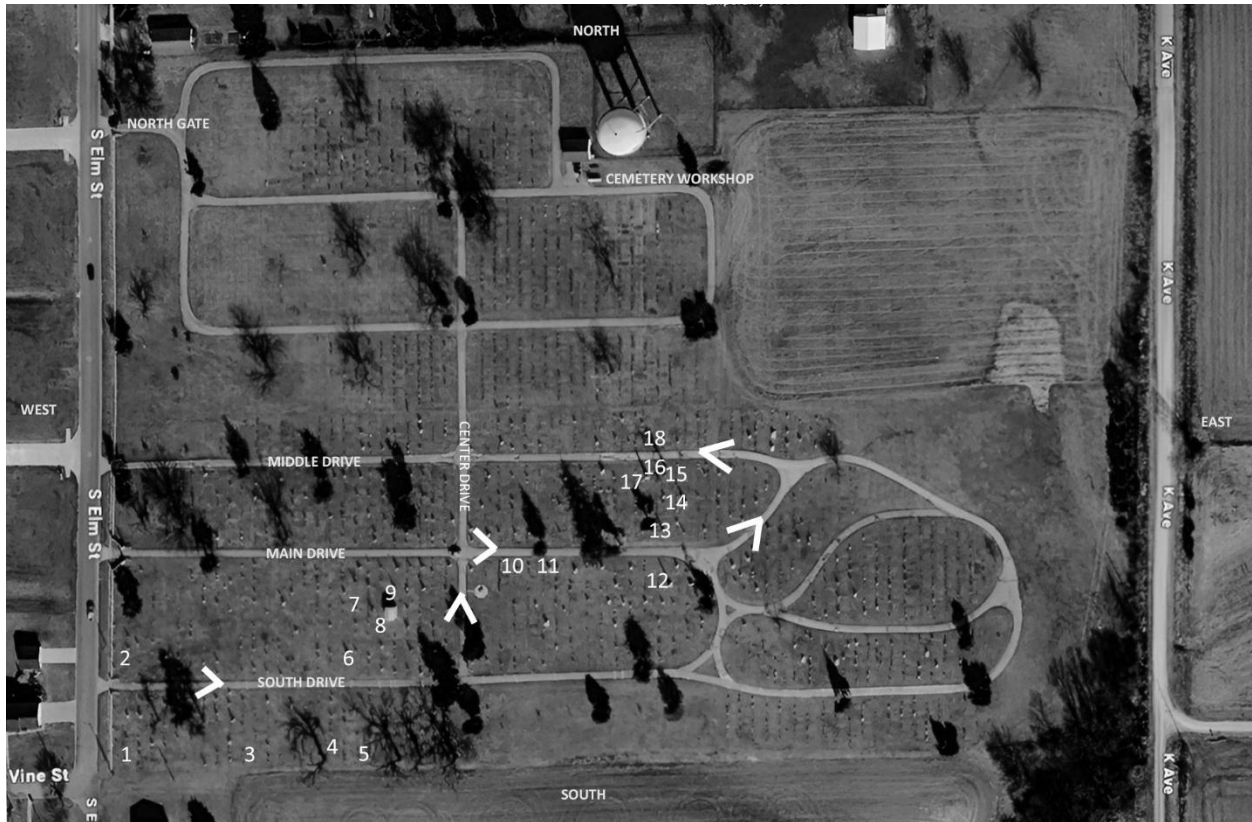
I would also like to thank Amy Doyle. She has answered many questions relating to Woodlawn Cemetery over the years and does quite a bit trying to clean up some of the really old stones as well as many other things.

And also, thanks again to the City of Toledo and all the people involved with the cemetery's maintenance throughout the years. They too constantly put up with me nosing through plot books or helping me find a grave. Woodlawn Cemetery looks amazing thanks to their efforts.

Information was compiled and written by Joan Hayward Helm with assistance of Jean Bolen, Diane Caloud, and Marcia Lenhart, all volunteers at the Tama County Historical Society.

The information was taken from records & family files at the Tama County Historical Society Museum's library, the subject's obituaries, Tama County Histories, local newspaper articles as well as some families online family trees that reflected accurate information.

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**Woodlawn Cemetery 2026 Tour Map**

**Enter in southwest gate and follow arrows. Numbers are approximate locations of burial biographies in the program. Below are the families and their corresponding number on the map and in the program. You can also find more information about these burials at [findagrave.com](http://findagrave.com)'s for Woodlawn Cemetery.**

- #1 Adam Hypes & Jonas Meyer
- #2 Woodward Family
- #3 Waller & Cheney
- #4 Green Family
- #5 Lewis & Price
- #6 Andrew Jackson Free
- #7 Thomas S Free
- #8 Uriah & Mary Johnston
- #9 William F. Johnston (mausoleum)
- #10 Andrew & Sarah Hanna

- #11 Vincil & Anne Drahos
- #12 Corydon & Elizabeth Whitten
- #13 Leander & Maria Clark & Lupton family
- #14 Leonard & Caroline Blinn
- #15 Horace & Carrie Stiger & Carl & Mary Stiger
- #16 Isaac & Catherine Stoner
- #17 Stephen & Abigail Stiger
- #18 Leonard "King" Cole

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## Woodlawn Cemetery – Toledo



**Main Gate in 2012**

Woodlawn Cemetery is located in west center of Section 23 of Toledo Township. In Toledo, turn north off what is now Business 30 onto Church Street. Take an immediate right (east) onto Vine Street and drive east to the T intersection with S. Elm Street. The cemetery is on the east side of S. Elm Street. It is known both as Toledo Cemetery and Woodlawn Cemetery in local histories, newspaper articles and obituaries.

There is another cemetery in Toledo. It is St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery on S Church Street on the Toledo and Tama line.

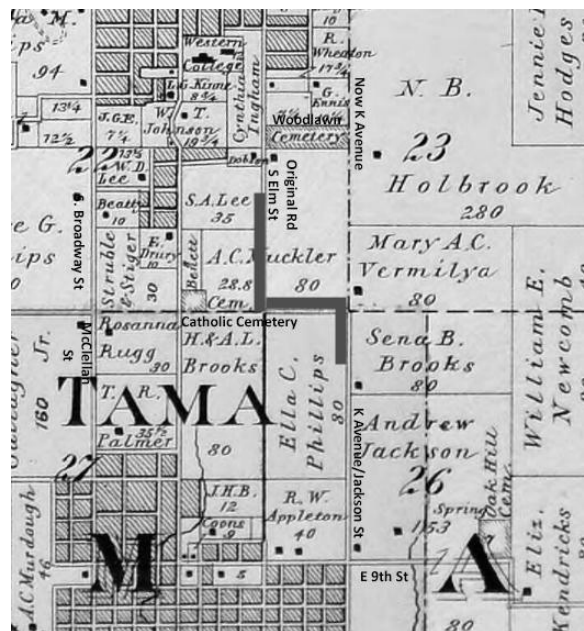


**West side of cemetery looking south from Elm Street in 2012.**

South Elm Street is one of the original roads in early days of Toledo Township. It ran

further south about ½ mile then turned east for about maybe a quarter mile. At that corner you would turn right or south on what is now K Avenue which turned into Jackson Street in Tama, Iowa. At 9<sup>th</sup> Street, you would turn east to go to Oak Hill Cemetery in Tama. Today, most of that part of Elm Street to K Avenue no longer exists. Below is an 1892 map with a heavy black line showing that original road that no longer exists.

The original part of the cemetery was in the southwest part of today's cemetery. Back in the day, it was probably a rural cemetery. Toledo was platted in 1853 with it becoming the Tama County seat in the fall of 1853. The City of Toledo was incorporated in 1866. In 1853, this area was then part of Howard Township, later becoming Toledo Township.



**The heavy blacked out line is the original road that ran along what is now S. Elm St in Toledo to K Avenue (Jackson St in Tama). Woodlawn Cemetery is in upper middle, St. Patrick's in middle left, and Oak Hill Cemetery is lower right of this map.**

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According to Woodlawn Cemetery records, the cemetery started in 1853 but the earliest deed found relating to it was from 03 Feb 1869 noting William & Mary Hillman selling around two acres of their land to the City of Toledo. There were several additions to the cemeteries over the years and now it is a large cemetery mostly on flat and gently rolling ground.

As for the cemetery itself, there used to be a nice variety of beautiful trees throughout the cemetery. After, the derecho in August 2020, many of the trees were destroyed. Slowly as finances allow, they are planting trees. Additionally, many stones were broken in the high winds. You will see them leaning up against trees and other stones. Those too need repairing as finances and donations allow.



**In back center looking south.**

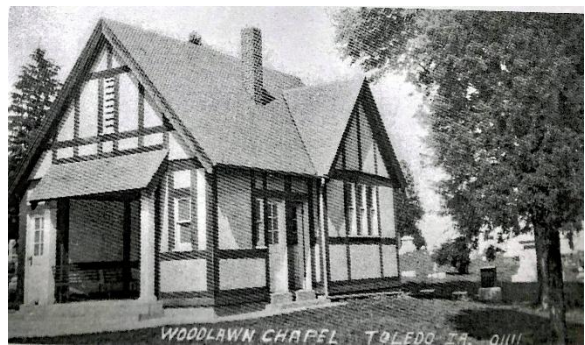
Over the years there were many improvements and projects including landscaping, new entrances, and fences. The Ladies Cemetery Association was started in 1885 and played an active part in the upkeep & design of the cemetery as well as involving themselves with other community projects such as the placement of the Civil War Soldier Monument on the Tama County Courthouse Square.



**At back center looking northeast.**

During a 27 Nov 1924 Ladies Cemetery Association meeting, they decided to build a new building to replace the one that was in "very decrepit condition." Plans were for it to be in the English style, with stucco and beams. It would contain a tool house and receiving vaults.

The old building was torn down in June 1926 and a contractor named Parks from Belle Plaine started the new chapel afterwards. Expected cost was \$2,596.00. It was completed at the end of July 1926 but not dedicated until 18 Sep 1927. The building no longer exists.



The City of Toledo now maintains the burial records of Woodlawn Cemetery.

There was also a gazebo built in 1992 and it too is no longer standing. It was where the picnic bench is now sitting in the south half center area north of the mausoleum.

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In 1978, a large and beautiful sculpture of praying hands was installed in Woodlawn. It is made of Italian Carrara marble and set on a granite base.



**At back center of cemetery looking northeast.**

As for the records, the City of Toledo, Iowa now maintains the records. However, as in many early cemetery records, you will find burials that are not recorded. Obituaries, funeral homes, and death records can help to determine burial location in some cases. However, death records were not required by Iowa law until 1880 and not strictly enforced till about 1906.

There are conflicting reports of who was the first burial in Woodlawn Cemetery. One is given as a brother of Noah Myers reported as the first death in Toledo Township occurring in the spring of 1853. He is said to be buried in the Toledo Cemetery and considered the first burial. In a Myers family tree, it notes Jonas Valentine Myers died 17 Oct 1852 in Toledo, Iowa. His burial location is unknown in the City of Toledo's Woodlawn Cemetery book but probably somewhere along the front west line in the southwest part of the cemetery.

Another source says the first burial was an Adam Hypes whose casket Charles T. Stewart helped to make. This is from Charles

Stewart's obituary. Then in *A History of Tama County, Iowa, Vol. 1*, by J.R. Caldwell is written "Mr. Adam Hypes, a brother of Mrs. P.B. Hill, taught the school at Toledo, at \$8 per month, in a log house owned by John Zehring, in the spring or summer of 1854, and died in December, 1854, being buried in the southwest corner of the old cemetery, on land now in the road." In the cemetery records, his name is written as Adam Hipes. There is no visible tombstone.

Another early burial would be a Rev. Addison A. Sawin. He died 18 May 1864 of small pox and also buried in Toledo. Then during 1868, a gun accidentally discharged and wounding Philip Clement who then died a few days later. He too is buried at Woodlawn.

There used to be an iron fence on the west front. Now there is the white vinyl fencing along the west front.

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## Going Big When Going Home & Surprising Stories Woodlawn Cemetery 2026

Our theme and title for this program are "Going Big When Going Home & Surprising Stories." I reached out to friends and museum visitors asking what they would most like to know about who is buried in Woodlawn. The most consistent answer is who built the mausoleum and who is buried in it. Also, many remark that there are several very large monuments as well as some smaller striking monuments. So, they too will be our focus. Another big interest regarding Toledo are the beautiful older homes and their history and where applicable, some will also be a part of this theme. Then I came across a couple of surprising yet very interesting people buried here. Hence the title.

Many of those earlier people buried in Woodlawn Cemetery had several things in common; commitment to the community as well as attending or supporting Toledo's Western College that later became Leander Clark College.

We hope you enjoy what follows. Thank you for your support and participating in the Tama County Historical Society's programs.



**Start here at south drive gate.**

## # 1 – Adam Hypes/Hypes & Jonas Valentine Myers



**Far southwest corner where Adam Hypes &  
Jonas Valentine Myers are probably  
buried.**

We will start on the far south drive coming in from the west since this is where most of the earliest burials are located. Many of these graves are now unmarked due to storms and other circumstances. The City of Toledo does have a plot book as well as a map with many graves identified but not always the case. Many early cemetery records can at times be scarce.

On the right is an area at the extreme southwest corner that does not have a stone but is believed to be one of the first burials that we talked about earlier, Adam Hypes.

Also considered a first burial is Jonas Valentine Myers but there is no record of him in the City of Toledo records other than what early Tama County Histories note. He would probably be buried along the front west line of the cemetery, maybe the same area.

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### Woodward Families

#### #2 Rev. James Woodward & Rev. George Woodward



Facing north right inside the south drive is the Woodward family plot.



Another view of the Woodward family plot looking west, northwest.

On the left are two brothers; Rev. James Wheelock Woodward and Rev. George Henry Woodward along with some of George's family. They were the sons of Bezaleel & Lucy (Farrar) Woodward. They both graduated from Dartmouth College, James in 1826 and George in 1831. Their great grandfather Eleazar Wheelock was the founder of Dartmouth College and their grandfather Bezaleel Woodward (assuming Sr) was a professor there.

Interestingly enough, Dartmouth's original purpose included educating Native Americans, alongside English youth, to "Christianize and civilize" them and to spread Christianity to Native Americans. Wonder if they moved to Toledo due to the Meskwaki settlement. Eleazar Wheelock secured a charter from King George III 13 Dec 1769. The college is located in Hanover, New Hampshire.

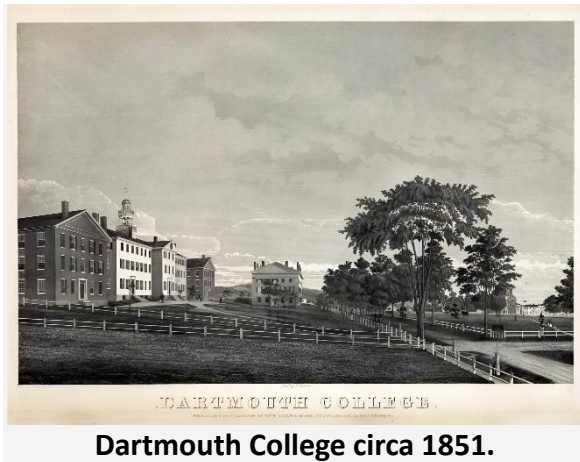


Rev. Eleazar Wheelock, founder of Dartmouth College circa 1794. From Hood Museum of Art.

Rev. George Henry and wife Annette (Lemon) Woodward and their family moved to Toledo about 1855. They are in the 1856 State of Iowa Census as living in Toledo, Iowa. Rev. James Wheelock Woodward was living in Tolland, CT in 1850 with his wife Jane (Brook) Woodward. She died 06 Dec 1857, probably in Connecticut. According to James biography in Dartmouth Alumni directory published in 1867, he became ill with cancer and finally came west to live with his brother George and his family. In 1860 James was

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then living with them. Both men gave their occupation as Congregational Clergyman.



**Dartmouth College circa 1851.**

James died in 1864 and George in 1877. I could not find mention of heirs of James and Jane but George and his wife Annette (Lemon) Farrar, had children; George Beza, James H., Sarah Annette, Ellen Wheelock, and William P. Woodward. Both brothers along with George's wife Annette and son William are buried in this plot as well as Raymond a son of James H. Woodward.



**Earlier Congregational Church at what is now 106 N East Street, Toledo, Iowa. This location later became the home of Dr. Charles Maplethorpe.**

**Former Slaves Who Called Toledo, Iowa Home and are buried in Woodlawn;**

**No. 3 Anthony Waller family & Mason & Caroline Cheney, No. 4 John Green family, and No. 5 Rev. Hiram Lewis and Joe & Malina (Wilson) Price**



**Waller & Cheney; lower right. Then a few rows back are the Green family and Lewis & Price after that. All along south side of original section. Looking SE from south lane.**



**Waller & Cheney Lot**

# 3 - Lot 12 is recorded as being owned by a Waller & Chaney (Cheney) with Leleo (Lelia) Waller, an infant dying in 1872 & Caroline Chaney (Cheney) who died in 1884 being buried there. Probably buried there are Anthony and Maria Waller that we included more information on farther down. Also probably buried here is Caroline Cheney's husband Mason who died in 1887

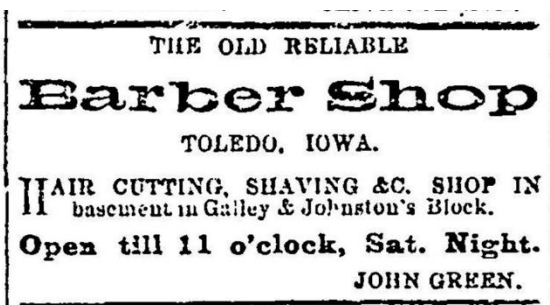
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all of which are noted to be buried in Woodlawn through obituaries, death records, & cemetery records.



**John & Malinda Green lot**

# 4 – Malinda Green owned Lot 36 which is located east of the Cheney & Waller lot. There are stones, some illegible. Jonathan Green is in Grave 4, Jessie Green in Grave 6, Charles Green in Grave 6, Mary Green Grave 7 and either Nancy Franken or Frankie Green or both. John Green was first married to Mary Waller who died in 1862 in Tama County, Iowa. They had two children Thomas and Emma Green. Then John married Mary's sister Malinda Waller. It appears they had 13 children.



**One of John Green's ads from Toledo - Chronicle, Toledo, Iowa.**

John was a barber in Toledo as well as his son Thomas Green later on. Another of John

& Malinda's sons Lewis Earl graduated from Western College in Toledo and was a professor at Oberlin College in Ohio & Tuskegee College in Alabama. He later became a dentist living in Detroit, MI.

There are still people who remember Thomas or of him. Thomas' wife Viola is buried in Woodlawn and Thomas is buried in St. Louis, MO.



**Thomas Anthony & Viola May (Smith) Green**



**Interior of Thomas Green barbershop located in basement of corner of E High & N Broadway Streets.**

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**Joe & Malina Price lot with Rev. Hiram Lewis**

# 5 – Joe Price owned Lot 21 with noted burials; Joe Price in Grave 2, Malina Price in Grave 4 and Rev. Hiram Lewis in Grave 2 but the plot map shows a Grave 3.

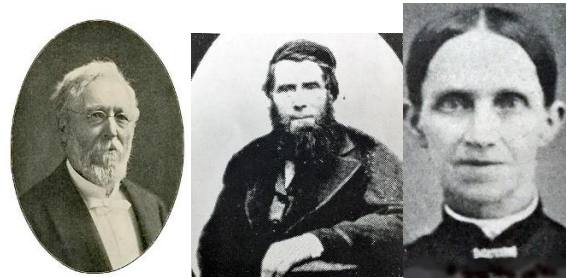
Joe Price along with John Green, and Thomas Marshall (buried in east back center) all served with different branches of the Union Army during the Civil War and are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery. Thomas Marshall, married to Eliza Lewis (daughter of Rev. Hiram Lewis) was also a barber in Belle Plaine.

### **Waller Family**

As for the former slaves buried here, there were about 75 who migrated to Tama County as well as surrounding areas in 1862 with many eventually living in Toledo, Belle Plaine, and some in southern Iowa. Following is an outline on about Anthony Waller and his wife Maria and related family members.

While writing up a history of Salt Creek Township's schools, including the Wilkinson School that used to be located in the southeast area of the intersection of T Avenue & 380<sup>th</sup> Street south of Chelsea, Iowa, I came across an article about a Tama

County Civil War reunion. It featured a speech by John Scott, a veteran who owned land in Salt Creek Township who was Iowa's Lt. Governor from 1868-1870. He served as a Colonel in the 32<sup>nd</sup> Iowa Volunteer Infantry Regiment. John talked about how he and others, including Anthony Wilkinson, another veteran and friend, were part of helping a group of about 75 slaves living primarily on two plantations in the Cape Girardeau, Missouri area. Several of the slaves approached their units wanting help to find new lives. This took place in 1862 and well before Emancipation Proclamation.



**L to R; John Scott, Anthony & Sarah Wilkinson**

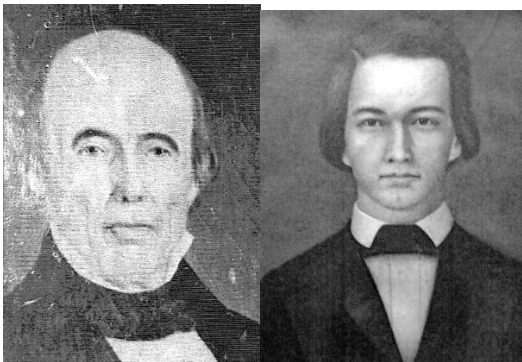
Basically, what the Union Army did was confiscate the group of 75 slaves comprised of grandparents, parents, children, and friends to transport them to central Iowa. Tama County was where John Scott owned land as well as Anthony Wilkinson and some other men who had left their farms to serve in the Union Army.

This was in the winter and they traveled mainly by rail and were met by several local abolitionist supporters from Tama County as well as Benton County and other nearby areas. The Western College in Toledo and the Irving School on the Benton County side were founded by many people who were abolitionists.

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They found places for them to live and part of the agreement was they could work on the farms and there would be food and their children would all attend school. The slaves were not used to the cold and heavy snows and one of them died after arrival. This was Mary (Waller) Green and she is buried somewhere in Tama County, maybe in Salt Creek, maybe in Woodlawn. We talked about her and husband John Green previously in this program.

As noted earlier, Anthony Waller and his wife Maria (Nicholas or Dunklin) Waller might be considered the leaders of the group since it is noted he was one of the groups who first approached the local Union Army unit. Anthony was born in Kentucky in 1819 and was sold later to Robert Goah Watson, a judge & slave owner in New Madrid County, MO. Maria was born in 1822 in Bellevue, MO and owned by Jesse & Emeline (Dunklin) Sherwood. Even though Anthony & Maria lived at separate plantations, they were allowed to marry in 1841 but had to continue to live separately.



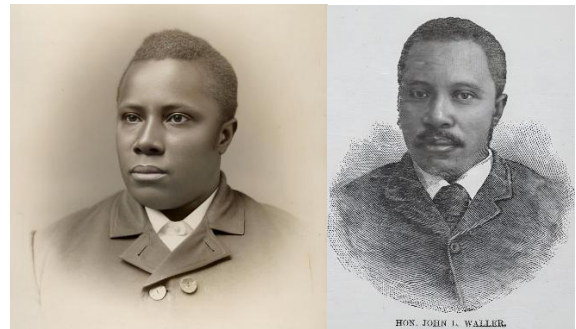
**Robert Goah Washington & Jesse Sherwood, Slave Owners in Missouri.**

Based on later interviews with Anthony, as well as available records and obituaries, it appears Anthony and Maria's had 9 children. Their known children were Mary "Mae",

Melinda (Malinda), Sarah, John Lewis, Virginia "Jennie" E., and Laura Waller. Anthony's will note a Charles, but cannot find any further mention of him.

Anthony spent the rest of his life doing farm work and other odd jobs. They moved to Toledo and lived there until they died. In his will, he wanted to have tombstone "suitable to our circumstances) be placed at the head of grave for myself and wife Maria. There is no headstone for either one. In the Woodlawn Cemetery plot book, Lot 12 is recorded as being owned by a Waller & Chaney (Cheney) with Leleo (Lelia) Waller an infant dying in 1872 & Caroline Chaney (Cheney) who died in 1884 being buried there. Probably Anthony and Maria are also buried in this lot as well as Caroline Cheney's husband Mason who died in 1887 all of which are noted to be buried in Woodlawn.

### John Lewis Waller



**Two early pictures of John Lewis Waller**

As for Anthony & Maria's children, one son was John Lewis Waller. John was born in 1850 in New Madrid Co., MO and was about 12 years old when he came to Tama County. John worked for William Wilkinson. Sarah Wilkinson, Anthony's wife, taught John to read & write according to an article by local historian Marie Vileta. Several stories note he went to school first at the Wilkinson School then in Toledo and was mentored by

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several people in Toledo due to his doing so well in school. He worked at the Toledo Chronicle too. He graduated from Toledo High School in 1870 and supported himself as a barber while attending Cornell College. He moved back to Toledo due to family illnesses but later with the support of Judge M.N. Hubbard of Cedar Rapids and the use of his law library, John passed the bar 15 Nov 1877 at Mount Vernon, Iowa.

John went on to accomplish many things including being the first Republican African-American to vote in the US Electoral College. Later, President Benjamin Harrison appointed John to be the first African-American Consul. It was to Madagascar.

John in the meantime was married twice, first to Amelia Lewis, daughter of Rev. Hiram Lewis. They had two daughters, Effie/Effa and Corda Waller. John & Amelia divorced with Amelia dying in 1882. There is a Lelia Waller 1871-1872 buried in the Waller & Cheney plot and this could be John & Amelia's daughter. John later married Susan (Boyd) Bray in 1879 in Kansas. They had a daughter Jennie Marie. Another source said there was a son John Waller Jr. but can find nothing more about him. Susan had children from an earlier marriage.

While John served in Madagascar, John & Susan's daughter Jennie married Henry Razafinkarefo, nephew to Queen Ranavalona III of Madagascar. Henri died during the French invasion of Madagascar leaving Jennie pregnant with their son Andriamanantena Paul Razafikarefo who was born in 1895 in Washington DC. Jennie & Henri's son later changed his name to Andy Razaf.

Andy became a famous and highly regarded song writer. He worked with Lous Armstrong, Cab Calloway, Ella Fitzgerald,

Benny Goodman, Billie Holiday, and Hank Williams Jr. One of his more famous songs he wrote the lyrics to was *Ain't Misbehaving* scored by Thomas "Fats" Waller (no known relationship) & Harry Brooks. Andy also wrote the lyrics to *Stompin' at the Savoy* and *In the Mood* and was later inducted into the Songwriter's Hall of Fame in 1972. There is a biography of him titled "*Black and Blue: The Life and Lyrics of Andy Razaf*" by Barry Singer.



**Andy Razaf early in his career and towards end of his life.**

As for John Lewis Waller, he was arrested during the French invasion of Madagascar and held in different prisons in France until he was finally released through world outcry & publicity including write-ups in the *Toledo Chronicle*. He eventually retired from public life, settling in New York City with his family. He died from pneumonia in 1907 in Yonkers, NY where he is buried.

All of this from a group of people who took a chance to live in Tama County as so many of our ancestors did resulting with two descendants who became well-known throughout the world. There are more stories of these former slaves, many who are buried here. You can find them in our museum files, local online digitized newspapers and on their memorials at findagrave.com.

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**# 6 & 7 Free Family & # 8 & 9 Johnston Family**  
**North side of south lane before middle drive.**



**This is the section to the north of the south drive and contains the mausoleum. Many of Toledo's early families are in this area and we are featuring the Free Family and the Johnston Family.**

### **Free Family**



**Andrew Jackson Free family monument to right. The empty area to the left of them is owned by Free family & probably where other Free family members are buried.**

In the area to the west of the Johnston mausoleum are some of the members of the Free family. There are three lots owned by them; Lot 142 with AJ Free & family, Lot 179 owned by A.T. & G.W. Free Jr. but there are no listed burials. However, believe this is

where G.W. Free Sr & wife are buried along with G.W. Free Jr. There are no visible headstones in this lot. Then Lot 193 is owned by Thomas S. Free with he and his family buried here.

The Free family also came early to Tama County, living first in the area of Monticello northwest of Toledo then in Toledo as well as the Helena area west of Chelsea. They had a general store there.

George Washington Free Sr. came to Tama County with his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Amanda (Roston) including their three children; Ella L., Eugene R. who was principal of Gilman schools, & Albert Tallman Free who became president of Yankton College in South Dakota. Also migrating to Iowa were some of George's children from his first marriage.

George Sr was first married to Catherine Lowe in 1830 in Washington DC. Their children were: George Washington Jr., Henry R., Martha A., Thomas S. Free, and Andrew Jackson "A.J" Free. It appears George Sr. & Catherine later divorced.

Both George Sr. and his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Amanda are buried at Woodlawn with no visible stones. George Sr.'s children that are buried in Woodlawn are George Washington Jr.; Henry R.; Martha A. & husband Peter Brush; Thomas S. & wife Emma S. (Hoffman) & two of their children Bessie & Murray; Andrew Jackson & wife Anna (Burge) & their daughter Sarah Belle; Ella L. & her son William C. Alden; and Eugene R. Free.

### **# 6 Andrew Jackson & Anna (Burge) Free**

Andrew was born in Columbus, Ohio and was educated in the schools in that area. His father moved to Tama County in 1853 and Andrew remained; he was adopted by an uncle. He attended school until he was 19

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years and after coming to Iowa, he attended Western College in Toledo. He then attended college in Iowa City until the Civil War started. He went to Memphis and was in the mercantile trade and came back to Toledo before the war ended to do the same. He moved to Traer and was in the drug business. He became ill and moved to Cedar Rapids and that is where he died. He was ill for a long time of his life but according to his obituary, always friendly and supportive of the areas he lived. He and his wife Anne Burge Free along with children Sarah Belle, Murray & Bessie are buried here.

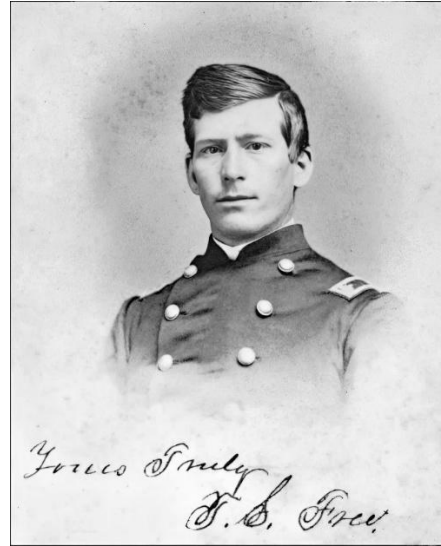
### #7 Thomas S. & Emma (Hoffman) Free



**Thomas S. Free monument to right.**

One of George & Catherine Free's son buried in Woodlawn is Thomas S. Free. Thomas was born in Columbus, Ohio in 1840. In 1857 he attended Western College that was first located in Linn County, Iowa then to State University at Iowa City, Iowa. He enlisted in the 10<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry Co C and which was the first company organized in Tama County. He was later discharged for disability from a gunshot wound near his spine. Later he was appointed Adjutant of 11<sup>th</sup> Louisiana 49<sup>th</sup> US Colored Infantry and

then promoted to Major. He served the rest of the war and afterwards became the Inspector General and Judge Advocate of Vicksburg, Mississippi assisting in the Reconstruction and Civil Rights measures.



**Thomas S. Free circa Civil War**

Thomas married Emma S. Hoffman in 1866 in Iowa City, Iowa. She was born in 1847 in Pennsylvania to Rev. Enoch & Elizabeth (Nace) Hoffman. He came back to Toledo in 1866 along with Emma and practiced law. His career included being a Tama County Judge, Tama County Auditor, and after moving to South Dakota, appointed Adjutant General of Dakota by Governors Ordway and Pierce until illness caused his retirement. His obituary notes he was "particularly noted for his untiring efforts in securing pensions for disabled soldiers, the widows & orphans of departed comrades."

Thomas & Emma children were Prentice S., Bessie Edith, Ella E., & Murray H. (died in infancy) Free. Only Ella went on to be married (Richard B. Berentsen) and appears to have two children; Thomas & Richard Berentsen.

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### Johnston & Affiliated Families



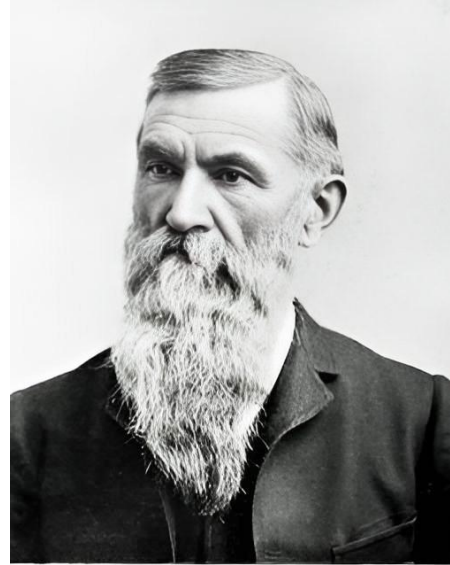
**Johnston and affiliated families; L-R; John & Mary (Johnston) Ebersole, W.F. Johnston Jr. (son of Wesley & Sophia (Porter) Johnston, Uriah & Mary (Keister) Johnston, Jacob & Lydia (Johnston) Yeiser, & W.F. Johnston mausoleum.**



**Left front monuments are the Wesley F. Johnston family with his brother's William F. Johnston's family mausoleum.**

The first of the Johnstons to come to Toledo were William F. and wife Mary Jane (Newcomer) Johnston. It is said he came with \$175 and ended up being one of the richest men in Tama County. He was a store owner, land speculator as well having other interests. He and his family (parents and siblings) were some of Toledo's biggest supporters. There are several descendants of William's parents Uriah Scott & Mary (Keister) Johnston still living in Tama County.

What I like about his story, is that he appears to have helped his parents as well as his many siblings as they also helped each other. They too all moved to this area. You can find their stories through their obituaries, other newspaper articles as well as histories of them in the books relating to Tama County History.



**William F. Johnston.**

Both William F and Mary were born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania and married there in 1858. They only had one child, a daughter Anna Belle Johnston born in 1859 in Toledo, Iowa.

William first started out as an apprentice for carpentry & joinery, then clerked in an uncle's store. He came west eventually to Iowa and started a mercantile business with Henry Galley who sold out to William. This business was then called Johnston Brothers then W.F. Johnston & Co. It was then sold to brother Winfield Johnston and J.A. Owen. He also helped organize the Toledo Savings bank and was on the board of directors at the First National Bank in Tama.

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He was a land speculator ending up owning land in several areas of the United States as well as in Cuba and Mexico including up to 7,000 acres in Tama County. He also president of the German-American Coffee Company.

He was a State Representative in the Iowa Legislature filling out the term of Leander Clark when Leander enlisted during the Civil War. He was also the first mayor of Toledo, Iowa and on the Tama County Board of Supervisors.

He and his wife were supporters of Cornell College in Marion, Iowa as well as Western College located just north of the home they built in 1882 on S. Church Street. The house was called "Oak Hill" and cost \$12,000. You can read an article about it in the 4 May 1882 *Toledo Chronicle*.



**Early picture circa 1910 of W.F. & Maria Johnston residence they built. Located at 907 S Church Street & still standing.**

They also donated to many organizations in the area and supported the Methodist

Church in Toledo where they were members. Their daughter Anna continued supporting the area as well as Cornell College where she graduated. Anna's obituary noted that Anna helped those in need as well as being generous with family, gifting them money the last few months of her life.



**907 S Church Street circa 2015.**

The house is still standing today but looks considerably different from when it was built and now owned by Ron & Susan Houghton. According to some, the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor was damaged from a storm and eventually removed. It stood empty for several years after their daughter's Anna's death. It was sold in a court sale in 1946 to Loren F. & Blanche (Bigelow) Rank. The sale included 15 acres, the house and other buildings. Loren & Blanche owned Twin City Hatchery, later known as Rank's Hatchery & Farm Supply. This would later become the L-Ranko motel and today are remodeled apartments on S. Broadway Street.

There is an ornate small barn on the site with the original home that is also still standing. The 1910 Tama County History has that they also had two other homes, one in Portland, Oregon and one in New York.

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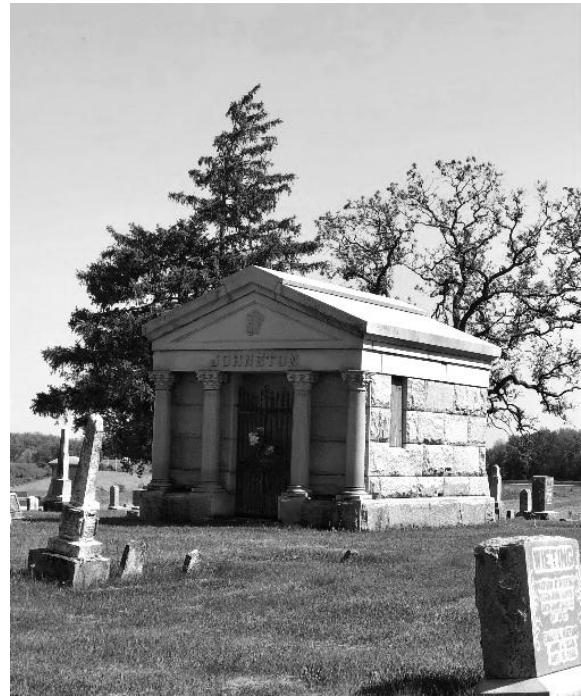
## # 8 Uriah & Mary Johnston

As for William's parents, Uriah Scott & Mary (Keister) Johnston, they too are buried in Woodlawn directly southwest of the mausoleum. Uriah was also a carpenter and cabinet maker. He was married to Mary Keister in 1832 and together they had 11 children, 2 dying young and probably buried in Pennsylvania. Their remaining children joined their parents in moving to Toledo, Iowa where William was already located.

Uriah & Mary's children were:

1. William F. m Mary J Johnston, both buried in mausoleum in Woodlawn, with daughter Anna Belle Johnston.
2. Wesley F., m 2x; Sophia Ann Porter & Emma F. Norton, Wesley & Emma buried directly NW of mausoleum; 12 children
3. Susan Ann (m William Wade), buried in Woodlawn had 11 children
4. Lovina S., m Isaac Stauffer, buried Badger Hill/Gladbrook; 9 children
5. Lydia Jane, m Jacob Yeiser Jr., buried directly SW of mausoleum; no children
6. Mary C "Katie", m John W. Ebersole, buried directly SW of mausoleum; 6 children
7. Sarah Keister, m George M. Berger, Section E Woodlawn; 6 children
8. Maria O., probably buried in PA
9. Emely Keister, probably buried in PA
10. Winfield Scott, m 2x; Mary Emma Frazee & Harriett Rogers, b SW in adjoining section to south across lane; 4 children
11. Amanda Ann, m William Henry Harrison, Jr. buried in Forest Lawn in LA; 7 children.

## #9 Johnston Mausoleum



Looking southeast to south side.

William F. Johnston had a mausoleum built for his family in 1907. It cost \$3,000 and described as having Grecian-Doric architecture, with Corinthian pillars at the entrance. It was built of granite and the interior was finished with white marble. It contains 6 catacombs. The entrance is on the north and has brass gates and then heavy granite doors. It was reported as completed in the 5 Dec 1907 *Toledo Chronicle*. That article says that Maria Johnston was placed in the center catacomb on the east side and sealed with marble with the inscription: "Mother, In Loving Memory, Maria J.N. Johnston, wife of W.F. Johnston, Sept. 27, 1839, Fayette County, Pa., Nov. 24, 1904, Toledo, Iowa"

Cemetery records, as well as obituaries, note the deceased that are interred in the mausoleum are in order of their death dates:

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Johnston, Maria J. N.	1839 – 1904
Johnston, William F.	1833 – 1914
Arnold, Elias Bevington	1851 – 1927
Johnston, Anna Belle	1859 – 1936
Olney, Minnie May	1858 – 1933
LeFevre, Alice M.	1886 – 1957

Elias Arnold was born in Ohio and came to Fairfax, Iowa with his parents. He attended Cornell College and was first a teacher. He then worked with railways coming to the C & NW office in Toledo in 1881 working there for many years. He worked with the Johnston estate since 1913.

Minnie May Olney, called May, was also born in Toledo. She lived with her mother Sarah (Smeaton) Olney along with her niece Alice LeFevre until 1913 when May's mother died. Then May and Alice lived together from then on and eventually moved in with Anna Belle Johnston, a close friend of Minnie.

Alice M. LeFevre's mother Sarah Olney LeFevre, sister to May Olney, died when Alice was 6 years old and as noted above, was raised by her grandmother Sarah & Aunt May. Alice became a teacher teaching in Toledo, the school for the Meskwaki, and later the Iowa State Juvenile Home. She and May lived for several years with Anna Belle Johnston caring for Anna. She also lived with Mr. and Mrs. Burton Whalen, east of Toledo for 20 some years. When Anna Belle Johnston died, Alice was named as one of the heirs and received a large amount of money. There was claim by a cousin of Anna, Uriah S. Johnston living in Tama, to set aside May's inheritance.

The museum as well, as the City of Toledo are often asked about the only mausoleum in Woodlawn. It is the only mausoleum in southern Tama County.



**Hanna Family, Drahos Family and Whitten Family from west to east along main entrance road.**

### **#10 Andrew & Sarah Jane (Bates) Hanna**



**Hanna Monument**

We included this family due to their unusual stone. It portrays a stack of wood with an orb on top. According to different sources about tombstones, it does not represent a specific group or fraternity but was considered an accomplishment in stonework.

Andrew Hanna was born in 1827 in Bailieborough, County Cavan, Ireland to Richard & Mary Hanna. When he was 9, the

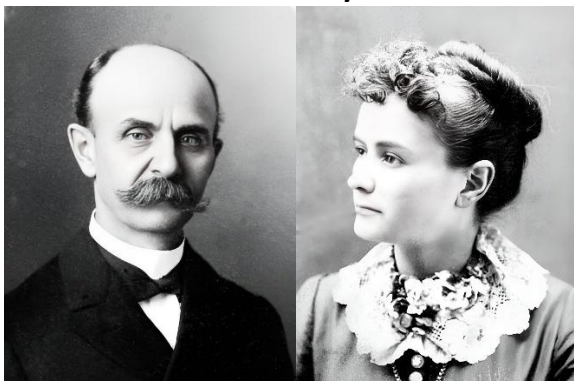
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family came to Pennsylvania/West Virginia. He came to Tama County as a young man and had a farm in the south part of Howard Township. He married Sarah Jane Bates in 1852. Sarah was born in 1839 in Oberlin Co., OH to Norton George & Jane (Cyrenius) Bates who are buried in Rose Hill Cemetery northwest of Toledo. After farming for almost 40 years, they retired and moved to Toledo. At one time, they did run a grocery store in Toledo. They had three children; James Gregg, Ella Rachel (married Hiram V. Griffin), and William B. Hanna. Andrew, Sarah, James, & William are all buried together at Woodlawn as well as James wife Lillian (Sunderland) Hanna.

### #11 Vincil & Anne Elizabeth (Hubel) Drahos



**Drahos Family Plot**



**Vincil & Anne Drahos**

Vincil was born in 1853 in Bohemia to John & Katie (Pesina) Drahos. He was a young boy when they came to the United

States. He started studying law at the University of Iowa in 1883. In September of 1885, there was a new law firm in Toledo, Iowa; Ebersole, Caldwell, & Drahos according to the *Dysart Reporter*.

Vincil married Anne Hubel in Sep 1884 in Toledo, Iowa. They had three children; Vlasta Hubel (married Frank Uzel Sr.), Annette Elizabeth 1890-1890, and Vincil Drahos Jr. 1893-1893.



**501 N Center Stret when the Drahos owned it. See Horace & Carrie Stiger who later bought the house.**

Vincil and Anne built a beautiful home at what is now 501 N Center Street in Toledo about 1887/1888. They lived there a few years and then moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa where he practiced law.



**Cedar Rapids Evening Gazette, 24 Jan 1905, page 9, column 6**

After a few years he developed an interest in magnetic healing which was what we would today call alternative medicine. It involved hypnotism & suggestion and at one time included the use of needles and magnets that were combined with

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electricity. The family moved to Miami, Florida about 1919 where he advertised himself as a magnetic healer. They are buried in Woodlawn with their children and Vincil's brother Edward Drahos.

386 R. L. POLK & CO.'S MIAMI DIRECTORY (1921)  
 Doyle John (Milly), eng F E C, h 418 18th N  
 Drahos Elizabeth, maid 119 Collins dr  
 Drahos Vincel (Anna), magnetic healer 430½ 12th,  
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### #12 Corydon C & Elizabeth (Stacey) Whitten



**Corydon & Elizabeth (Stacey) Whitten**

C.C. Whitten and his wife came to Tama County about 1868 and was one of the main supporters of expanding the railroad to Toledo and to Gladbrook area. He became the General Superintendent of the Toledo &

North Western RR Company that organized in 1870. He did much to help the railroads grow in northwest Tama County as well as into Hardin County. The town of Whitten in Hardin County is named for him. He invested in land not only in Iowa, but also in South Dakota and Minnesota.

C.C. was born in 1833 in Huron County, Ohio to Alvin & Loa (Snow) Whitten. He married Elizabeth Stacey in 1860 in Huron County. She was the daughter of John & Elizabeth (Leeden) Stacey. C.C. & Elizabeth had three children; Emma B. (married John W. Overholser), Minnie Rose (married Joseph H. Barnes), and Loa Ann (married Harry H. Humphrey) Whitten.

They also built a beautiful home in 1884 at 302 S Church Street that is still standing today.



**302 S Church Street circa 1904**



**302 S Church Street circa 2015**

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**Clark Family on right, Blinn & Stiger in middle and to left, Stoner, then Stephen Stiger plot on left. Leonard Cole is north of Stoner plot.**

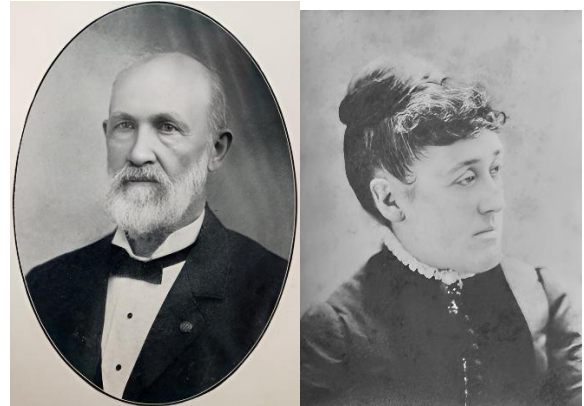
### # 13 Leander & Maria A. (Barker) Clark



**Clark & Barker monument and gravestones including Lupton family. Barker is Maria Barker Clark's family.**

Probably Toledo's most well-known early families are Leander and Maria Clark. Leander lived a lively and exciting life. He was born in 1823 in Huron County, Ohio to Dr. Herman Munson & Laura (Downs) Clark. The Clark family originally were from Connecticut and moved to Huron County in 1818. Leander graduated from Oberlin

College and worked with one of his brothers Dr. Philo Henry Clark in a drug business at Ft. Washington, WI. Leander later joined the gold rush to California in 1849. His obituary notes he went overland to California but on his return trip, he came back via Panama. Next, Leander moved to the north part of Tama County where another brother Theodore Frelinghuysen Clark also lived. He became a county judge in 1857 and moved to Toledo, the new county seat and lived here for the rest of his life.



**# 13 Leander & Maria A. (Barker) Clark**

Leander served in the Iowa Legislature and during that time, he enlisted in the 24<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry and became the captain for Company E. He was wounded at Champion Hills, Mississippi. It is said he carried the bullet inside him the rest of his life. He was promoted to Major Lieutenant Colonel. After he returned to Iowa in 1867, he was again elected to the Iowa Legislature. Another duty he had was an Indian Agent for the Meskwaki from 1866-1869 and again 1870-1872.

He married Maria A. Barker in 1876. She was the daughter of James Willard & Elizabeth (Nesmith) Barker, early settlers of Tama County. Maria attended Warren Seminary. After she graduated, the family

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came to Toledo. Both Maria and her mother taught a Select School. Her father also went to California for gold and died there in 1856.

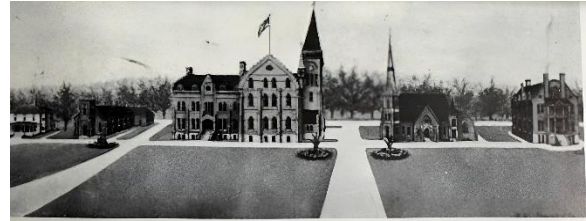


**Leander Clark circa 1862 during the Civil War**

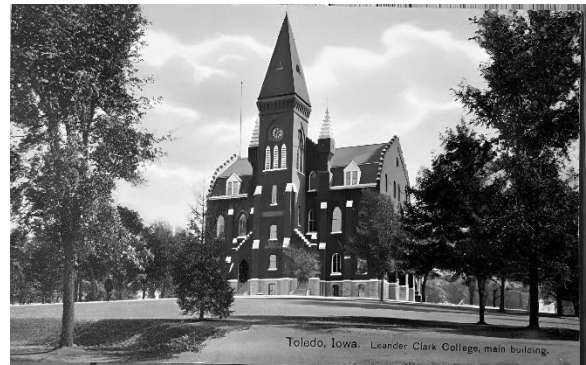
Leander and Maria adopted a daughter who became Susan Louise "Susie" Clark. Susan born to George Franklin Cook and his wife Harriet Seeley Winton. After her mother died in 1880, George became somewhat depressed and Harriet's mother, Hannah Maria Downs Winton, took her granddaughter to Leander Clark and his wife Maria Barker Clark resulting in them adopting Susan. Leander was related through his mother (Laura Downs Clark) to Hannah.

Both Leander and Maria were involved in many things including land speculation, investments, part owners of a local bank as well as other charitable endeavors. One that they are probably most remembered for is what started as Western College in Toledo, later becoming Leander Clark College due to his financial support. The college was

located at the present location of the South Tama County Middle School on S. Church Street in Toledo, Iowa. Which seems pretty appropriate since their home used to stand in the park of the old STC Middle School.



**Postcard featuring Western College, later Leander Clark College.**



**Main building Leander Clark College from a postcard.**

They built a beautiful home known as the Clark Mansion and it was located across the street to the east of the gymnasium of the former South Tama County Middle School location as noted above. The address today would be 203 S. East Street.



**From 1906 Leander Clark College book**

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Their home was designed by Nathaniel Goodell, who designed the governor's mansion in Sacramento, California. Leander got to know him while he lived in California. The house was 3-stories with the servants living on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. It was surrounded by a wrought iron fence and flower beds everywhere. The house was built in 1881.

There are no buildings left from the college nor the Clark's once beautiful home. The college was sold to Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The only thing left is the bell that sits on the east side of S. Church Street where STC Middle School now stands. The bell belongs to the Tama County Historical Society.



**From Clark Family. Leander is holding John Bryant Lupton.**

Where the Clark home once was, is now the upper part of what is called Clark's Field which included the old Toledo High School football field. Today, all that is left there is the shelter house that was built from the Clark mansion's foundation as well as wood from the Chautauqua Pavillion that stood between Tama & Toledo on the north side of Oak Hill Park. There are also two pillars from the upper part to the lower part (tennis courts) that has a plaque stating Clark's Field.

The pillars were also built from the mansion's foundation.

As for Susan Clark, she married John Laurence Lupton. They had several children and all lived with Leander until his death and continuing to live at the house for several more years. Their children were; Howell Clark, Dwight Samuel, Hubert Herman, Ralph Leander, Howard Franklin, Natalie Louise (married 1<sup>st</sup> to Alfred Ellis, then to Albert Fahy Jr.), & Winston Cook Lupton. Susan & John and two of their sons & a grandson Larry Cook Lupton are also buried in the Clark-Barker-Lupton lot.



**Susan & John Lupton**

When the stock market crashed, things changed for the Lupton family as it did for so many. According to a family history that Susan's granddaughter wrote, all their assets and properties no longer had value. Their son talked about how they first closed off the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of their Toledo mansion letting the servants go, then closed the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and letting go more help, then moving out into a smaller home. Later the home was torn down.

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### #14 Leonard B. Blinn & Caroline (Seabert) Blinn



**Blinn family lot looking northeast.**



**Picture taken while Leonard served during  
Civil War – circa 1861 – 1865**

Another one of Toledo's founding families; the Blinn family. Leonard was born at Stony Ridge, Ohio in 1837. As a young man, he helped his father with the fur trades and sailed for two years on the Great Lakes. Later he worked for the Erie Railroad. He married Caroline Seabert in 1860. She too was from Stony Ridge.

Caroline's parents were Henry Seabert & Elizabeth (Soleman) Seabert. Her brother John Joseph Seabert lived in Otter Creek Township.

Leonard enlisted in 1861 in the 21<sup>st</sup> Ohio Infantry, re-enlisting in 100<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry, Co. A. He became a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant and ended his service as a Captain. He was captured and served in Libby Prison. In a transfer to a prison in Macon, GA, he and a Capt. Hunt, sawed their way out of a box car and escaped. However, they were soon recaptured. He was sent to Charleston then to Columbia, SC. He attempted to escape again and was quickly recaptured. Finally in Nov 1864, he made his third attempt to escape with two others. They had no shoes and inadequately clothed but, on Christmas morning 1864, they made it to the Union line. He was ill for several weeks after achieving freedom.

Another amazing story for Captain Blinn was he was at Ford's Theatre when President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated. The story was he was under the box and Mrs. Lincoln's fan dropped and he caught it, later returning it. The fan was later displayed at the Lincoln Museum in Springfield, IL. Capt. Blinn also would tell people that he saw the gun that killed the president.

After the war, Leonard & Caroline moved to Toledo. He was elected Clerk of Court, partnered with Dr. P.G. Wieting owning the Toledo City Bank which later became Toledo State Bank, then 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank.

He and Caroline were active throughout their community and contributed much to the area. They built their home at 301 E. Carlton Street that still stands today. Kathy Holtz now lives there. A note in the Blinn family file at the Tama County Historical

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Society's museum & library states the house was built in 1893.

The kitchen was in the basement and meals were brought up through a dumbwaiter. Many parties were held there including formal events as well as parties on their lawn with a chamber orchestra performing.



Residence of Captain L. B. Blinn, President of First National Bank

**Leonard & Caroline Blinn's home circa 1906 looking northeast.**



**Another picture of 301 E Carleton Street, looking northeast. Believe this is how it originally was built before addition.**

Leonard and Caroline's four children were; Carrie Eloise who married Horace Stiger, Lucie A. who married William G. Sears, Agnes Ruth who married William Antipas Dexter, & Leonard Seabert Blinn.



**Lucie A. Blinn & Agnes Ruth Blinn**



**Carrie Eloise Blinn & Leonard Seabert Blinn**

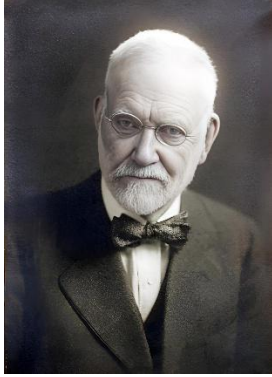
Tragically their son Leonard Seabert died of an accidental gunshot 17 Jul 1895 at Long Point west of Chelsea. He and three others went duck hunting along the Iowa River. As they were walking along, one of the friends had a shot gun accidentally discharging. Physicians arrived as well as his parents and sisters and all were with him when he died according to newspaper reports. He had completed his freshman year at the University of Iowa.

**#15 Horace Jefferson "Horry" and wife Carrie Eloise Blinn**



**Horace and Carrie (Blinn) Stiger lot looking southeast. Directly right of this lot is the Blinn lot.**

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**Horace & Carrie (Blinn) Stiger**

Horace was born in Gallion Ohio in 1857 to Stephen and Abigail (Jackson) Stiger. He studied law in the office of Appelgate and Kinne. He was also a deputy in the Tama County Auditor's and Tama County Treasurer's office. He became a member of the bar in 1880 and was then part of the law firm of Kinne, Struble, & Stiger. When L.G. Kinne was elected to the bench, it became Struble & Stiger. They also created the Struble & Stiger Loan & Investment company. Horace was also the Vice-President of the First National Bank of Toledo, served as a Toledo mayor, and served in the Iowa legislature when elected in 1895.

Horace and Carrie were married in 1882 in Toledo, Iowa. They had two children; Carl Blinn and Gretchen Abigail Stiger (married Lloyd K. Riggs). Horace & Carrie lived in Toledo most of their lives and both were active in the community.

Later they purchased the beautiful home from Vencil & Anne (Hubel) Drahos, who moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The Drahos built the house about 1887. The Stigers later did some modifications such as raising the roof to include more space as well as adding other things. At one time there were two baby grand pianos and as at the Blinn house

where Carrie grew up; there were parties inside and out of their home with dancing.

The house was later owned by Carl Blinn & Mary Emeline (Hull) Stiger and later owned by Dennis & Sharlene (Hanson) Appelgate. From Mr. Drahos through Dennis, all were attorneys in Toledo, Iowa. The house is still standing and now owned by James and Jillissa (Kingery) Hayward.



Residence of Hon. J. H. Stiger, Vice-President First National Bank, President Toledo Public School Board

**501 N Center Street circa 1904  
Home for Horry Stiger family then his son  
Carl B. Stiger family.**



**501 N Center Street circa 2015**

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### Carl Blinn & Mary Emeline (Hull) Stiger



**Carl B. Stiger during WWI & Mary Dugan  
\*from 1928 newspaper article.**

Carl was born in 1883 at Toledo, Iowa to Horace & Carrie (Blinn) Stiger as noted earlier. He served during WWI and later he too became an attorney. As his father, he was mayor for Toledo as well a member of the Iowa Legislature for two terms, 1930 & 1932. Carl later was appointed as District Court Judge in 1933 then he was appointed to the Iowa Supreme Court, serving from 1936 until 1941. He was Chief Justice for one term of six months.

In 1930, he married Mary Emeline (Hull) Dugan. Mary was born in 1889 in Lebanon Springs, NY to Almon M. & Mary E (Owen) Hull. She was first married to Judge Harry Silas Dugan who died in 1924. Mary and Judge Dugan had three children; Larry, Harry, and Mary Dugan. In 1928, Mary became the Superintendent of the State Juvenile Home in Toledo. At that time, the home had 260 boys and girls. The Juvenile Home was located at the original location of Western College, later Leander Clark College. Now this location is the home of the South Tama County Middle School.

Carl and Mary did not have any children together.



**Judge Carl Blinn Stiger while serving on the  
Iowa Supreme Court and Mary Dugan  
Stiger circa 1938 at local DAR meeting.**

### #16 Isaac & Catherine (Omwake) Stoner



**Stoner monument looking northeast.**

Isaac Stoner was one of Tama & Toledo's better-known carpenters and builders. Many of the area's homes were built by him. Abraham Lincoln Beal, another well-known carpenter & builder, worked with him for years before going out on his own.

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**Isaac & Catherine Stoner from a family tree at ancestry.com.**

Isaac was born in 1831 in Franklin Co., PA to Joseph & Elizabeth (Welch) Stoner. In 1853, he married Catherine Omwake, daughter of Jacob & Anna (Beck) Omwake. She was born in 1830 in Somerset Co., PA. Isaac & Catherine moved to Toledo, Iowa in 1857 and had seven children; Anne Rebecca (married James W. Willett), Union Joseph, Ida May 1858-1862, Jessie Catherine (married Philip Clinton Jones), Elizabeth Belle "Lizzie" (married George E. Dippe), Henry 1866-1867, and Hettie Maude Stoner (married Bruce A. Rice).



**Isaac Stoner built 311 E 7<sup>th</sup> Street for his son-in-law & daughter James & Anne (Stoner) Willett in 1892. Picture from 1901 book about Tama, Iowa. House is still standing.**

### **#17 Stephen & Abigail (Jackson) Stiger & 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Lucy (Musser) Stiger**



**Stephen Stiger and family monument.**



**Carl Blinn Stiger 30y, Horry J Stiger 56y, & Stephen Stiger 91y. From Tama County Historical Society's museum files.**

Stephen Stiger was born in Georgetown, OH in 1832 to John George & Catherine Eve (Hohenstein) Stiger who came to US from Germany. In 1852 he married Abigail L. Jackson. She was the daughter of Joshua & Mary (Lewis) Jackson. Isaac & Abigail moved to Missouri in 1860 but due to differences in Missouri over the Civil War, they moved to Madison County, Iowa then on to Tama County, Iowa. That is where Abigail died in 1864. They had one son, Horace Jefferson Stiger who we talked about earlier.

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Stephen next married Lucy Latalia Musser in 1865. Lucy was the daughter of Martin & Augusta A. (Clarke) Musser and was a teacher when they married. Her sister was Etta Musser Lee who also lived in the Toledo area for a while. Stephen and Lucy had two children; Martin George "Doc" Stiger and Edith May Stiger who married John N. Lichty.

Stephen, wives Abigail & Lucy, along with Martin Stiger, and John & Edith (Stiger) Lichty are all buried in this lot.

In 1866, Stephen went from farming in Otter Creek Township to owning a grocery store in Toledo then opening a drug store in 1873 until he retired in 1909. The store later became the Crossman Drug Store then L. W. Downer. This drug store was located at what is now 107 W High Street.

Stephen was also an active volunteer in Toledo for the Fire Department, serving on the City Council as well as a treasurer for Western College.



**Interior of Stiger Drugstore in downtown Toledo, Iowa.**

### # 18 Leonard "King" Cole



**Phillips' burial lot. Leonard's stone is small stone 2<sup>nd</sup> row to left.**



**Leonard's birth date is incorrect; it should be 1886 - 1916.**



**Leonard Leslie "King" Cole  
Circa 1910 with Chicago Cubs**

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We are going to close this cemetery with a historical baseball icon who is buried in our cemetery with his mother Cora Alice Phillips Cole Parkhouse and her parents; Sylvester & Azubah (Davison) Philips. Many are unaware that Leonard's grave is regularly visited, especially now with Iowa's Field of Dreams attraction in Dyersville, Iowa.

You can also visit the ballpark at Toledo Heights that was dedicated as "Leonard "King" Cole Field" in his honor.

Leonard Leslie Cole was born 15 Apr 1886 in Toledo, Iowa to Hiram Henry & Cora Alice (Phillips) Cole. Hiram & Cora married in 1884 in Tama County and had three children; Leonard Leslie, Lottie (married Emory V Anthony) and Mildred Cole (married Albert L. Harding). All three Cole children are buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in the Philips' lot.

Hiram Cole was born in Pennsylvania and died sometime around 1902. Cora remarried Charles Parkhouse in 1906. They had a daughter Gladys Elizabeth Parkhouse who 1<sup>st</sup> married Charles Child & married 2<sup>nd</sup> Orell Van Horn. She too is buried at Woodlawn in the same lot.

As for Leonard, he attended Toledo, Iowa schools and was at Leander Clark College in Toledo for a short time. In his youth, he was sent to Iowa's Industrial School for Boys in Eldora, Iowa. According to several articles, he enjoyed baseball becoming a well-known pitcher and ended up on semi-pro teams in Iowa, Michigan & Ohio. He then pitched with the Chicago Cubs in 1909 and went on to help them win the National League pennant. He also became the "Rookie of the Year."

He later played for the Pittsburgh Pirates and the New York Yankees. On 02 Oct 1914, he gave up a double to Babe Ruth for Ruth's first hit in the major leagues.

Leonard died of lung cancer 06 Jun 1916. He was married to Ada Jane Seder in 1910; they did not have any children together.

You can find more information about Leonard as well as many of the other subjects of our tour. The Tama County Historical Society's Museum & Library can help you such as all existing Tama County, Iowa newspapers that are on microfilm. Plus, we have had all of these papers digitized through 1960 & you can access them from your computer at:

<https://tamacounty.historyarchives.online/>



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This ends our self-guided tour of Woodlawn Cemetery and we hope you enjoyed what we shared. Please let us know if there are any errors and we will make the needed corrections.

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