

BIOGRAPHIES OF WILLIAM JACKMAN DUVALL AND SARAH JANE PENCE

William Jackman DuVall was born November 27, 1848 at Millsborough, Washington, Pennsylvania. He was the son of Robert DuVall and Harriet DuVall, who were first cousins. (Robert was the son of Eli, and Harriet was the daughter of Jacob.)

He married Sarah Jane Pence March 14, 1872. She was the daughter of Daniel Pence and Jane fisher, and she was born January 11, 1854 at Gratiot, Licking, Ohio.

William and Sarah were the parents of eleven children, five of whom died in infancy. Their oldest child, a daughter, was named Harriet after her grandmother DuVall. Their second child, a son, was named Daniel after Sarah's father, and the third child, a son, was named Robert after William's father.

William's parents came to Moravia in 1869 and purchased a farm one mile north of Moravia. William either came to Moravia when his parents did or within a few years afterward, because all of his and Sarah's children were born in Moravia.

William was forty years of age when his father died, and his mother passed away the following year. He and Sarah reared their family on a farm close to Moravia. After Sarah's death February 24, 1920, William lived with his daughter, Mary, and her husband and family until his death in 1931. They lived on William's farm, which had also been his father's.

William's son, Francis Leroy, told of this incident concerning his father:

My brother, Warren, and I tied a string to a dead snake and placed it in the doorway of the barn. When Dad started into the barn and was about to step on the snake, we (who were hidden) pulled the string and moved the snake to make it look like it was alive. As soon as Dad saw the string he followed it to us, and he gave both of us a good whipping.

William and Sarah read a nice family. They are both buried in the cemetery in Moravia.

BIOGRAPHIES OF ISAAC WILSON JONES AND ARABELLE MAIN

Isaac Wilson Jones was born August 20, 1861 in Appanoose County, Iowa. He was the son of William Jones and Mary E. Breese.

He married Arabelle Main March 12, 1885 in Monroe County, Iowa. She was the daughter of John W. Main and Sarah Thackery, and she had a twin sister named Anna Bell. They were born October 14, 1861 in Appanoose County, Iowa.

They first lived on a hilly farm six miles northwest of Moravia. Later they moved to his father's farm and lived there until it burned down. Elsie Mae, their daughter, related the following incident:

One time I was sent away from the supper table for misbehaving and had to stand in the corner. As I stood there I looked out the window and noticed the roof of the house was on fire.

Then they moved to a home close to the school, where they were living when Isaac got his hand in a wood saw and severed two fingers and the thumb of his left hand. Next they moved to Guthrie, Oklahoma for one winter, (they made this trip in a covered wagon) after which they returned to Moravia where Elsie finished the last two years of high school. Their last home was on the east side of the town square in Moravia. They had three children, Elsie May, who married Francis Leroy DuVall; Bertha Ann, who died when she was ten months old; and Benjamin Harrison, who married Louisa McCoy. While Isaac and Arabelle were visiting their daughter in Little Bear, Wyoming, Arabelle had a stroke. She died there a few days later on September 6, 1928. She was buried in Moravia, Iowa. Isaac died in Moravia February 29, 1929 and was buried there.