

Uriah Jones who died at his home in Madison twp. last Monday was in his 80th year, and came to Poweshiek county in 1852. He opened up the second piece of land in Madison township and was the first to petition to have the township divided, the county then being composed of just two townships, Bear Creek in the north half and Jackson in the southern. He was an old line democrat, and had voted for every candidate for president since and including Jackson, except Pierce, in 1852, when he had lost his residence by moving to Iowa. He was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, April 11, 1813, moved to Indiana in 1835, and was one of the engineers of the Erie and Wabash canal. He was a neighbor and friend of the late Vice-President Hendricks. Mr. Jones had been a candidate in this county for the legislature several times, but as the county was strongly republican he never held an office above the township or the board of supervisors. The cause of his death was cancer of the lip, and he has suffered greatly for about three years. He leaves a wife and ten children, he being the father of sixteen children, four by his first wife and twelve by his second.

Ripans Tabules cure dyspepsia.

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Uriah Jones Picnic Sunday

Decendants of Uriah Jones of Madison Township Meet Sunday at Guthrie Center

WALKED TO COUNTY IN
1853 FROM INDIANA

Chopped Chip From Butternut Tree
and Entered Claim for Land at
Government Land Office

The third annual picnic of the decendants of Uriah Jones of Madison township was held at Guthrie Center Sunday, August 2nd.

A bountiful picnic dinner was held at noon. The rain of the early part of the day kept many away who had planned to be there. However, there were about 33 present to enjoy the day and make plans for next year.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jones and Lillie Tullock of Brooklyn; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jones and son and Frank Jones of Toledo; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Milligan and family of Grinnell; Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Littrell and daughter and Mrs. Andy Benson and daughter of Lincoln, Neb. Dr. and Mrs. L. L. Jones and children of Sutherland; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Cook of Des Moines; Mr. and Mrs. Okey Clark and family of Shelby; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Winslow of Belle Plaine; Mrs. John Boyd of Des Moines; Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Jones and family of Redfield; and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jones of Spencer; Dr. G. W. Jones of Lawrence, Kan.

J. F. Jones and Dr. G. W. Jones are the only survivors of the Uriah Jones family

Uriah Jones was one of the oldest settlers in this part of the country. In the year 1853 he walked from Indiana and in May of that year arrived with rifle on his shoulder at the grove in the wilderness where he entered the land now this famous and historical home. Being unfamiliar with government characters descriptive of real estate he chopped a chip from a butternut tree on which was written the numbers of the land representing his homestead and carried the chip to the government land office at Iowa City, where in May, 1853, he entered this land. At that time the country was peopled mostly by Indians, wolves, and great herds of deer.