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ations for the entertainment were in charge of Mrs. Swisher and Miss Thayer, and every care was taken to make all things perfect.

Sarah Stephens was born in Pulaski County, Kentucky, May 27, 1807. She lived there until 1835 when her parents moved to Rush Co., Indiana. From there she went to Shelby Co., Indiana, where she was united in marriage to Yancey Oakley in 1845. They moved to Jasper Co., Iowa, in 1853 where they lived until in 1868 when her husband died. She then came to Poweshiek Co. which has since been her home until her death, Feb. 10th, 1900, when she went to her happier home, aged 92 years, 9 months and 13 days. She united with the Baptist church at Brandywine, Indiana, in early life and lived a consistent Christian life.

Yancey

From obituary, Grinnell Herald, Feb'y 23, 1900

OAKLEY, Mrs. Sarah (Stephens), was born in Pulasky County, Kentucky, May 27, 1807, went with her parents in 1825 to Rush County, Indiana and from there to Shelby County, where she married Yancey Oakley in 1845, came to Jasper County, Iowa in 1853 where they lived until his death in 1868. Then she came to Poweshiek County, (Iowa, adjoining Jasper County) and made her home until her death, February 10, 1900, at the age of ninety two years. She was a member of the Baptist church in her old home.

From Poweshiek County grave records, in Stewart Library, Grinnell.

Oakley, Sarah born 5-27-1807, died 2-12-1900  
Westfield Cemetery, Grant Township (Poweshiek County)  
Oakley, Yancey R. aged 32 years, died 12-6-1867  
Westfield Cemetery, Grant Township

From early history of Congregational Church, Grinnell, Iowa.

J. B. Grinnell (founder of the town), and his party came to this locality to begin the erection of the first shelter on the proposed townsite, they built a crude log cabin in "the grove" about three miles west, and near ~~across~~ the Jasper County line, in March, 1854. Religious services were held in the Matteson log cabin with seven present the first Sunday, but on the second Sunday on location the number had grown to fifteen and services were held in the Yancey Oakley cabin nearby. J. B. Grinnell boarded with the Oakley family for a time.