

George W. Posey

George W. Posey of Corinne, Iow. - Sec 2-144-62
was born in Wayne Co., Ill., June 29, 1843.

His father, James Posey, native of Tenn. & a farmer
who in turn was a son of William Posey, who was
a farmer and slave holder of Tenn., had settled
in Wayne Co., Ill. many years before the Civil War.

Geo. W. Posey's maternal grand father came
to America from England & settled in Wayne Co., Ill.
in the early days of the state. The grand parents
on both sides were wealthy and influential men
in Ill. Geo. W.'s mother - nee Julia Farris
~~was~~ born & raised in Virginia, ^{was daughter} and
a farmer and a slave holder. The parents of Geo. W.
were married in Illinois, and of their 9 children
Geo. W. was the 4th. The family moved to
Jo Davis Co., Ill., when 2 yrs of age where the father
worked in the lead mines. In 1854 the family
moved to Crawford Co., Miss., where the father
spent the rest of his life.

At 19 Geo. W. enlisted in Co. A, 20th Miss.
Inf. Vol. Inf. He was in battles of Prairie Grove
Arkansas, Vicksburg, and on the Red River
expedition, then to the Rio Grande, then the capture
of Mobile, then to Galveston until he was mustered out.

Returning from service he bought a farm
in Crawford Co., Miss. & lived there from 1867 to 1893.

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In 1882 he located in Stutsman Co, and in 1883 was joined by his family.

He built a 12x12 shanty in which he lived 1 summer. He lost hay and his barn by a prairie fire in 1883, and in 1884, one of the most extensive prairie fires of his county and destroyed \$1400⁰⁰ to \$1800⁰⁰ worth of his wheat near Jamestown. He and his brother, David Posey were the first settlers of Corinne township.

Geo. W. Posey was married at 23 years to Miss Abra Kielley, born in Muskingum Co Ohio on Feb 18, 1845. Mrs. Posey's father was a lawyer and a school teacher & owns farms in Wisc. He located in Dane Co Wisc. in 1854. He was born in New Hampt, of Irish descent. Mrs. Posey taught in schools of Crawford Co Wisc, several years.

Children: George W., deceased; Sarah J., Clara M., Mary E., Thomas E., Isaac W. deceased; Virgil D., James E., deceased; Nellie J.; Forrest B., Pearl, and Bessie.

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