

John Outhouse –Iowa bio

John Outhouse, deceased, was one of the old pioneers of Monona County, and one around whose settlement cluster many reminiscences of the early days of Preparation. He was born in Bertie Co, N.C. 15 Aug 1786. At the age of 20 years, he removed Westward with the adventurous pioneers of "the dark and bloody ground," and settled in Trigg Co, Ky, then in the woody wilderness. There he made his home until 1819, when, still moving upon the frontier of civilization, he removed to Clinton Co., IL, among its earliest settlers, and there made his home until 1836. While a resident of the latter place, in 1835, under the ministry of Elder George M. Hinkle, he was converted to the faith, and joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, a religious denomination in which he continued faithfully until his death. In company with a number of his co-religionists in 1836, he removed to Caldwell Co., Mo., and settled upon a fine farm of 120 acres, which he had all improved, but which, in 1838, owing to persecution and priestcraft, he was compelled to sacrifice for a trifle, and flee for his life on account of the uprising of the Missouri mob, whose rage was excited by his religious beliefs and views on the slavery questions. With about twelve thousand of the people of the church he removed to Adams Co, Ill, and in 1840 or 1841 settled at Nauvoo, the city of the church, from which he was again driven out in 1847, a short time after the assassination of Joseph Smith. Leaving the colony, he returned to Clinton Co., where he remained until 1851, after which in Andrew Co, Mo., he made his home until 1853, when he came to Iowa and settled in Pottawattamie co., and thence, on 4 Apr 1854, came to Monona Co and settled at Preparation with his son George. He died in Belvidere Township on 15 Oct 1854 and his body lies buried in that township's cemetery. Mr. Outhouse was married in Trigg Co., Ky on 5 Feb 1818 to Martha Smith, a native of Bertie Co., N.C., who was born 11 May 1800. She was the mother of 11 children, 4 of whom are living. She is making her home now with her son George in Jordan Township. She has been blind for the last 16 years.

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