

BIGGS, HENRY AMOS

Birth

December 19, 1889 at Spring Hill, Warren Co., Iowa

Death

January 1, 1971 at Northwest Hospital, Des Moines, Polk Co., Iowa



Cause of Death

Cemetery Lot

Buried on Lot 161

Father

Ephraim A. Biggs

Mother

Annie Eliza McLain

Marriage

Henry Amos Biggs to Mabel Long on January 9, 1909
Ref: Book 14, page 21, Polk Co. records on file at IGS Library.

Return of marriage in the County of Polk for the year ending June 30, 1909
77-1236

License No. 22280

Henry A. Biggs

Residence: Des Moines, Iowa

Occupation: Teamster

Place of birth: Iowa

Age next birthday: 20

1st marriage

Father: Ephriam Biggs

Mother: Anna McLain

Married

January 9, 1909

Des Moines, Iowa

Mabel M. Long
 Residence: Des Moines, Iowa
 Place of birth: Iowa
 Age next birthday: 18
 1st marriage
 Father: Everett Long
 Mother: Ellen Hester
 Witnesses: Mrs. Hilda Long and Anna McLain
 Minister: P. W. Fifer

Census

1895 – Brooklyn, Poweshiek Co., Page 37

Biggs, Henry A. 05 Born in Warren Co., Iowa

1900 – Des Moines Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED 87; Page 10; line 40; June 7, 1900

153 1st on Bluff St.

Dwelling 199; Family 210

Biggs, Ephriam	46	day labor Married 21 years Born April 1854	IN	OH	IN
Annie E.	39	10 children, 6 living Born March 1861	OH	OH	PA
John F.	12	Born January 1888	IA	IN	OH
Henry A.	10	Born December 1889	IA	IN	OH
William	05	Born March 1895	IA	IN	OH
Della	02	Born August 1897	IA	IN	OH

1905 – Polk Co., Iowa; State census

Biggs, Henry 15 IA IN OH

1910 – Des Moines, Ward 1, Polk Co. IA; ED 76; Page 4B; April 23, 1910

Dwelling 167; Family 180

Biggs, Henry A.	20	Coal company	IA	IN	OH
Mabel M.	17		IA	IA	KS

1915 - 967 22nd St., Des Moines, Polk Co., IA; Post Office, 967 22nd

Card #292

Biggs, Henry	25	teamster	IA	IN	OH
		Total earnings in 1914, \$840			

1920 – Ward 1, precinct 5, roll 507; ED 83; Page 12A; January 10, 1920
 22nd St., Des Moines, Polk Co., IA
 Dwelling 228; Family 281

Biggs, Henry	30	teamster	IA	IA	IN
Mable	27		IA	IA	KS
Walter	09		IA	IA	KS
Edward	06		IA	IA	KS
Henrietta	02 4/12		IA	IA	KS
Robert	00 4/12		IA	IA	KS

1925 – Greenfield Twp., Warren Co., IA; book 19; film #393 AA; line 12

Biggs, Henry	35		IA	IN	OH
		Father, Ephriam Biggs, born in Indiana, age 71			
		Mother, Anna McClain, born in Ohio, age 63			
		Ephriam and Anna were married in Iowa			
Mable	32		IA	IA	IN
		Father, Everett Long, was born in Iowa, age 53			
		Mother, Ellen Hester, born in Iowa, age 55			
		Everett and Ellen were married in Iowa			
Edward	12		IA	IA	IA
		Father, Henry Biggs			
		Mother, Mable Long			
Henrietta	07		IA	IA	IA
		Father, Henry Biggs			
		Mother, Mable Long			
Robert	05		IA	IA	IA
		Father, Henry Biggs			
		Mother, Mable Long			

1930 - Linn Twp., Warren Co., IA; ED 91-18; Page 4B; April 14, 1930
 Dwelling 84; Family 84

Biggs, Henry A.	40	farmer	IA	IA	OH
Mable M.	37		IA	IA	KS
Edward H.	17	laborer	IA	IA	IA
Henrietta	12		IA	IA	IA
Robert H.	10		IA	IA	IA

1940 – Linn Twp., Warren Co., IA; ED91-19; Page 7B; April 17-18, 1940
 Family 141; own home; value of home \$5; rural Warren Co., IA

Biggs, Henry A.	51	Truck hauler of coal	IA		
Mabel M.	46		IA		
Robert H.	20	Land scaper	IA		

WWI Draft Registration Card
 Date of Registration: June 5, 1917

Registration Card: 98
No. 84

Henry Amos Biggs
Residence: Carlisle, Iowa
Age: 28
Date of birth: December 19, 1889
Place of birth: Springhill, Iowa
Occupation: Farm hand
Employer: George Piffer, Carlisle, Iowa
Married
Wife and 2 children
Height: Medium
Build: Medium
Color of eyes: Brown
Color of hair: Brown

WWII Draft Registration Card
Date of Registration: April 27, 1942
Warren Co., Iowa
Serial No. 375

Henry Amos Biggs
Residence: Cumming, Warren Co., Iowa
Place of birth: Springhill, Warren Co., Iowa
Date of birth: December 19, 1889
Age: 53
Occupation: Orilla Coal Co.
Address: 511 Fleming Building, Des Moines, Iowa
Height: 5' 7"
Weight: 142
Complexion: Light
Color of eyes: Brown
Color of hair: Gray

B. F. Galloway Burial Records

Henry A. Biggs, residence, Orilla, Iowa; born December 19, 1888 at Spring Hill, Iowa; died January 1, 1971; age 80; married; father was Ephriam A. Biggs; mother was Annie McClain; daughter was Henrietta Miller; sons were Robert of Des Moines and Edward of Orilla, Iowa.

Obituary

[The Des Moines Register, Sunday January 3, 1971, page 6 L]

Services for Henry A. Biggs, 81, of Orillia, will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Galloway McLaren Funeral Home in Norwalk. Burial will be at Orillia Cemetery.

Mr. Biggs died Friday at Northwest Hospital following a long illness. He was born in Springhill and was a lifelong resident of Warren County. He was a farmer.

Surviving are two sons, Robert of Des Moines and Edward of Orillia; a daughter, Mrs. Henrietta Miller of Orillia; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

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Biggs Family – Ephraim Biggs and Rhoda Wilson were married May 29, 1823 in Butler Co., OH. They moved to Shelby Co., IN in 1832. With sons John, Amos, Hiram, Aaron, Milton and daughter Nancy Jane they came to Warren Co., IA in 1855. Ephraim and Amos purchased land from Solomon and Mary Perkins close to the village of Greenbush in the Southeast corner of Greenfield Twp. The land purchased cost four thousand dollars.

Ephraim was a wagon maker and Amos was a carpenter. They built a large two story house on the land they purchased and lived there until after the turn of the century.

Ephraim Biggs died March 15, 1865 leaving Rhoda to live in the house with Amos and Aaron and their families. Hiram died March 19, 1864 and was never married. John died December 16, 1867 leaving his wife Phoebe and children Mary Ellen, Margaret, Scott, Metta, Charlotte, and Rhoda. Nancy Jane married Lewis Kennedy and had two sons, Leander and William. She died near Trenton, MO in 1866.

Amos and Aaron both fought in the War of The Great Rebellion. Troops were trained south of the village of Greenbush to fight for the Union. They were in Company D, Regiment 7 of the Iowa Cavalry. Aaron was a saddler and was discharged for a medical disability in 1863 at Lake Springs, MO. He was assigned there July 31, 1861 where the First Iowa Cavalry participated in suppression of Confederate forces in Southern Missouri. He was discharged May 20, 1863.

Amos was a farrier in the Reorganized Cavalry and his service involved garrison duty in the territories of Nebraska, Dakota, Colorado and Idaho. He participated in battles against Indian forces at Horse Creek, White Stone Hill, Takkahokutah, Bad Lands, Little Blue, Julesburg, Mud Springs and Rush Creek. He was discharged January 1866.

After the war Aaron married Mary Jane Crow on February 8, 1868 and with daughter Minnie moved to Missouri.

Rhoda lived to be 79 years old and died March 20, 1881. At the time of her death she had Amos, Aaron and Milton listed as surviving sons, and the children of her deceased son and daughters, Nancy Kennedy, Mary Fox and John Biggs as surviving heirs. Amos, her oldest living son, retained the land.

Amos Biggs and Sarah Michael were married June 20, 1850 in Shelby Co., IN. They had two children born there, Delilah and Ephraim. They had a private cemetery on their farm which has now been lost for at least 75 years so we do not know who was buried there.

They had six children born in Warren Co., John was the first Biggs born in the Co. on September 16, 1855. He was also the first Biggs to die here on September 17, 1861. He is buried at North River Cemetery. Lucinda was born February 25, 1857 and married E. T. Kirkpatrick on January 16, 1884 and died June 10, 1885. Theodore was born May 21, 1859 and died January 5, 1875. Aaron was born September 25, 1862 and died July 12, 1863. Lillie was

born January 25, 1864 and married John W. Manley July 3, 1883. Rhoda Biggs was born October 31, 1869.

The Biggs religion was listed as Baptist in the 1900 census.

Sarah Ann Biggs died September 8, 1902 after which Amos went to live with his oldest living son Ephraim in Des Moines. Ephraim and Rhoda Biggs third great-granddaughter is Elizabeth Ann Noland.

By Elizabeth Ann Noland

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Biggs Family – Ephraim Biggs, oldest son of Amos and Sarah Biggs was born April 2, 1852 in Shelby Co., IN. He married Annie Eliza McLain of Brooklyn, IA on August 13, 1878. Annie was born in Ohio March 29, 1864. They had nine children, Minnie, Mary, Frank, Viola, John Fremont, Henry Amos, Sarah Ann, William and Della. Of these nine, five were born in Warren Co., IA. They were Minnie, Henry Amos, Sarah Ann, William and Della. Minnie was born August 28, 1879 and married Charles Chandler June 29, 1898. She died April 8, 1907. Mary Ellen was born May 16, 1881 and married Jeff Johnson. Frank was born August 27, 1883 and died February 24, 1884. Viola was born April 9, 1885 and died May 19, 1889. John Fremont was born January 12, 1888 and died February 18, 1905. Henry Amos was born December 19, 1889 and died January 1, 1971. Sarah Ann was born August 8, 1892 and died October 20, 1896. William was born March 17, 1895 and died July 8, 1965. Della was born August 9, 1897. William and Della married brother and sister Bertha and Chris Schatz.

Henry Amos Biggs married Mabel May Long January 9, 1909 and lived in Des Moines for a short time and then returned to Warren Co. and lived there the rest of their lives. During his time in Des Moines, Henry drove horses and made farm deliveries for The Hay and Grain Co. On his return to Warren Co. he worked as a farmer east of Norwalk and then The Great Western Coal Co. and lived south and west of Orilla. He worked for the Coal Co. during the depression and had a steady income to support his family.

Henry and Mabel had four children. They were Walter Nelson, Edward Henry, Henrietta May, and Robert William. Walter was born May 24, 1910 and died of complications of a childhood disease at nine years of age on April 21, 1920. Edward was born January 19, 1913 and died March 1, 1971. He fought in World War II and lost a leg which did not stop him from fishing, farming and enjoying life. Henrietta was born and married Dean Hayes Miller on November 27, 1935 and they had three children. Dean and Henrietta lived all their lives in Warren Co. Their three children were Doris May, Elizabeth Ann and Ruth Marie.

Doris was born October 29, 1936 and married Merrill Rosander November 21, 1954 and farms in Warren Co. today. They have three sons, Merrill Randall born September 26, 1956, Ronald Steven born July 25, 1959 and Jerry Linn born February 9, 1961. Randy has a daughter Janelle born October 26, 1976 and a son Ryan born July 23, 1975. Ron married Jane Kelly July 30, 1977 and they have two sons Bradley born July 10, 1978 and Adam born January 9, 1981. Jerry is not married.

Elizabeth was born August 27, 1939 and married Wade Ross Rinehart November 10, 1957. They had two daughters Julia Ann and DeAnna Lynne. Ross died November 8, 1963 and is buried in the Norwalk Cemetery. Elizabeth then married David L. Noland February 18, 1966 and they live in Norwalk. Julia was born January 18, 1959 and married Alan Scully September

1, 1979. They have two sons Jeffrey Alan born November 1, 1980 and Jason Dean born August 4, 1983. DeAnna was born August 1, 1962 and married Robert Myers June 22, 1985.

Ruth was born July 19, 1947 and married Larry Bishop on April 26, 1968. They have two sons Timothy Michael born August 8, 1969 and Marcus Steven born August 10, 1971.

Robert Biggs, youngest son of Henry and Mabel Biggs was born September 7, 1919 and died of Lou Gehrig disease on January 13, 1984. Robert married Evelyn Crozier and they had five children, Rebecca, Martha, Robert, John and Jim. Robert died in infancy in 1951. Rebecca was born August 5, 1941, and married John Martindale October 24, 1958. They had two sons, John born December 19, 1959 and Robert born October 1, 1961. John married Kim Hayes September 9, 1980 and they have one son John II born July 10, 1983. Robert married Carla Lawn of Sandyville May 30, 1981 and they have a son Robert born September 16, 1981 and a daughter Misty Jo born February 9, 1985. Rebecca and John built Sandy Oaks Golf Course east of Indianola.

Martha was born May 27, 1947 and married Edward Treaster March 8, 1964. They have two children Karen and Edward. Karen was born September 10, 1966 and married Dan Watson November 9, 1985. Edward was born March 4, 1969 and is not married.

John was born November 4, 1953 and married Margaret Kinney on May 29, 1978 and have three children, Shari born May 3, 1981, Phillip born November 27, 1983 and Kyle born December 31, 1985.

Jim Biggs was born December 2, 1959 and married Mary Griffin on July 21, 1984. They have no children.

By Elizabeth Ann Noland.

There is a picture with this family history.