

CLARK, LESTER

Birth

March 26, 1837 in New York

Death

September 25, 1917 at the
Victoria Sanitarium, Colfax,
Iowa

Cause of Death

Apoplexy and pneumonia



Cemetery Lot

Buried on lot 15
Lot was purchased by Ezekiel
Clark on April 1, 1885

Father

Ezekiel Clark

Mother

Mary Edick (Maria Susan Edick)

Marriage

Lester Clark married 1st Jerusha Page in 1861;
she was born in Illinois and died February 22, 1863.
Ref: History of Polk Co., Iowa in 1880
He married 2nd Emma Hazle on January 1, 1870
Ref: History of Polk Co., Iowa in 1880
Also Book B, page 438, Early Marriages of Polk Co., IA

Census

1840 –

1850 – Town of Western, OneidaCo., NY; Page 320; Roll 564
Dwelling 393; Family 415

Clark, Ezekiel	35	farmer	NY
Mary	29		NY

Lester	13		NY
Austin	11		NY
Francillo	10		NY
Mary	08		NY
Weltha	04		NY

1855 – Western, Oneida Co., New York; State census; June 25, 1855
Dwelling 254; Sheet 31; Line 41

Clark, Ezekiel	39	farmer	NY
Mary	44		NY
Lester	18	farmer	NY
Austin	15	farmer	NY
Francillo	14		NY
Mary	12		NY
Wealthy	09		NY
Welcom	08		NY
Esther	04		NY
Clark, Betsy	73	mother	CT
Fitch, Permelia	20	servant	NY
Mullen, James	36	servant	Canada
King, John	35	servant	Switzerland
Reefe, John	27	servant	Switzerland

1860 – Grand River Twp., Adair Co., IA; Page 22; Post Office, Greenfield, IA; July 21, 1860
Dwelling 164; Family 169

Clark, Ezekiel	44	farmer	NY
Mary	40		NY
Lester	23		NY
Austin	21		NY
Francillo	19		NY
Mary	17		NY
Wealthy	15		NY
Welcome	13		NY
Esther	10		NY
Blasier, Alfred	24		NY

1870 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; Page 105A; August 24, 1870; Post Office, Altoona, Iowa
Dwelling 160; Family 157

Clark, E.	54	farmer	NY
Mary	49		NY
Lester	33	farmer	NY
Austin	30	farmer	NY
F.	28	farmer	NY
Welcome	23	farmer	NY
Ester	19		NY
Emma	22		NY

Frank 03 NY

1880 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED167; Page 447D; July 2 -12, 1880
Dwelling 179; Family 179

Clark, Lester	43	farmer	NY	NY	NY
Emma	28		NY	MD	IRE
Hamilton, Herbert	17	laborer	NY	IRE	IRE

1885 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA
Dwelling 169; Family 173

Clark, Lester	47	farmer	NY		
Emma	36		—		

1895 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA

Clark, Lester	56		NY		
Emma	43		NY		
Mary	83	WD	NY		
Margaret	62		NY		
Cotrell, Willie	12		Dallas Co., IA		

1900 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED61; Page 10; June 14, 1900
Dwelling 138; Family 139

Clark, Lester	63	married 30 yrs.	NY	NY	NY
Emma	42	no children	NY	ENG	IRE

1905 – Polk Co., Iowa; State census

Clark, Lester	67	Married	NY	NY	NY
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1910 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED64; Page 44; April 20, 1910
Dwelling 46; Family 46

Clark, Lester	73		NY	NY	NY
Emma H.	58		NY	ENG	IRE
Cotrell, William	26	boarder	IA	VA	IA

1915 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; Post Office, Valley Junction, Iowa
Card #81

Clark, Lester	77	horse breeding	NY	NY	NY
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Civil War Draft Registration

Lester B. Clark

Place of Birth: New York

Age on July 1, 1863: 24

Residence: Lee Twp., Polk Co., Iowa

Congressional District: 5th

Class: 1

Occupation: Farmer
Single

Funeral Home

Obituary

[Des Moines Register, Thursday, September 27, 1917]

Lester Clark, who resided some three miles south of Valley Junction, passed away at the Victoria Sanitarium, Colfax, September 25, after an illness of some ten months. About two weeks ago he was taken with pneumonia, but apparently was recovering. The direct cause of death was apoplexy.

Mr. Clark leaves a wife, two brothers, a sister and Mr. William Correll, a foster son.

Plain View farm, the home of Mr. Clark, is one of the well-known properties of Polk County, being the old homestead, where his father, Ezekiel Clark, and his mother, Mary Clark, died.

He was born in Oneida County, New York, March 26, 1837, and received his early education in the district schools, later attending Whitestone seminary. He lived in this state from manhood to old age, following the vocation of farmer.

Funeral services will be from his residence Sunday next, September 30, at 2 p.m. It is his wish that friends kindly omit flowers.

[The Indianola Herald, Thursday, October 4, 1917, Page 1, Col. 7]

Orillia News Items

The funeral services of Lester Clark were held at two o'clock Sunday in Pleasant Ridge cemetery. Mr. Clark had been in poor health for many months and passed away Tuesday afternoon at Colfax, where he had been for treatment.

History of Polk County., Iowa in 1880; Bloomfield Twp., page 902

Clark, Lester- Farmer, section 23, P. O. Des Moines. Was born in 1837 in the State of New York, and was there raised on a farm. He made that State his home until December, 1859, when he came to this county, and has since resided here, with the exception of two years spent in Adair County. In 1874 he moved upon his present farm, and owns 80 acres of improved land. He has a number of never-failing springs on his farm; 200 apple trees and some small fruit. Has been twice married. First in 1861, to Miss Jerusha Page, a native of Illinois. She died February 22, 1863, and he was again married January 1, 1869, to Miss Emma Hazle, a native of New York.

History of Polk Co., Iowa in 1911; page 686

Plain View Farm, the home of Lester Clark, is one of the well-known farms of Polk County. It includes two hundred and forty acres and is a valuable property, being highly developed and provided with all modern conveniences. Mr. Clark has a wide reputation as a

horse breeder and has developed from his place many of the noblest specimens of Percheron horses that have ever been raised in Iowa.

He was born in Oneida county, New York, March 26, 1837, the son of Ezekiel and Mary (Edick) Clark, both of whom were natives of the Empire state. The father came with his family to Des Moines in 1859 and in the spring of the same year went to Greenfield, Adair county, Iowa, where he rented eighty acres of land. After two years, having decided to change his location, he came to Polk county and rented two hundred acres which he cultivated to good advantage for seven years, then taking up his residence in Bloomfield township. He and his sons purchased four hundred acres and here he continued until his death, which occurred April 10, 1887. The beloved wife and mother was called away May 5, 1897.

Lester Clark was reared in New York state and received his early education in the district schools, later attending Whitestone Seminary. He came to Iowa with his father and continued at home until 1873, when the father and sons divided up the property, each thereafter operating independently. The subject of this review took for his share one hundred and sixty acres in section 23, Bloomfield Township. This place was well improved at the time and he has since bought additional land and now owns two hundred and forty acres, most of which is under admirable tillage and capable of producing large crops. For twenty years past he has been engaged in breeding Percheron horses and has attained a wide reputation on account of his excellent judgment as a breeder. In addition to his Percherons he ordinarily keeps twelve head of horses and ten head of cattle on his farm. He is a stockholder of the Farmers' Telephone Company.

On the 1st day of January, 1870, Mr. Clark was united in marriage to Miss Emma Hazle, a daughter of Robert and Jane (Simpson) Hazle, the former of whom was born in England and the latter in Ireland. The father was a laborer. He came to this country and located in New York, where he continued until his death, which occurred in 1878, the mother passing away twenty-two years later at Cheyenne, Wyoming. Mr. Clark and his wife have had no children of their own, but took a child to raise at the age of eight years named William I. Cottril, to whom they gave excellent opportunities of education and training. He is still making his home with them and is now twenty-six years of age.

Politically Mr. Clark is affiliated with the democratic party. He has served as township trustee and assessor and for twenty years past as a member of the school board. Both he and his wife are connected with the Methodist church. Although Mr. Clark has reached the seventy-fourth milestone on life's journey he is a greatly interested in affairs as if he were a man of forty or fifty years of age, and he still continues to supervise his farm. His record is a splendid illustration of the beneficial effect of well-balanced judgment in shaping the business career of the individual. He is recognized as a man of unquestioned integrity, whose work has proven of lasting benefit to his county and state.

(There is a picture of Mr. and Mrs. Clark with this history.)