

ROACH, JOHN ALVIN

Birth

January 18, 1863 in Trenton,
Henry Co., Iowa



Death

September 15, 1942 in Madison Co.,
Iowa

Cause of Death

Cerebral hemorrhage – stroke
Ref: Old Burial Permit & Dunn's Records



Cemetery Lot

Buried on Lot 69
Lot was sold to J. Roach on September 17, 1892

Father

Charles Allen Roach, born in Ohio

Mother

Amelia Winifred Henry, born in Ohio



John and Eldora

Marriage

John Alvin Roach to Eldora Ellen Tilton on March 18, 1886 in Polk Co., Iowa
Ref: Book 3, 1885 – 1888, page 229, Polk Co., records on file at IGS Library

Return of marriage for the county of Polk for the year ending October 1, 188_
77-1036

John A. Roach
Residence: North Des Moines
Occupation: Farmer
Age next birthday: 24
Place of birth: Henry Co., Iowa
Father: Charles Roach
Mother: Amelia Henry

Married
March 18, 1886
North Des Moines

Eldora E. Tilton
Residence: Madison Co., Iowa
Age next birthday: 18
Place of birth: Warren Co., Iowa
Father: Theodore Tilton
Mother: Aphia N. Wheeler – It should be Aphia Ann Wheeler
Witnesses: Charles E. Chapman and C. Roach
Minister: J. A. Nash

Census

1870 – Jefferson Twp., Henry Co., IA; Page 260A; August 9, 1870; Post Office, Mt. Pleasant
Dwelling 313; Family 298

Roach, Charles	41	farmer	OH
		Real Estate, \$19250; Personal \$1000	
Amelia	35		OH
Elizabeth	15		IA
Charles	10		IA
John	07		IA
Emma J.	05		IA
William	01		IA

1880 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED163; Page 332B; June 25, 1880
Dwelling 312; Family 322

Roach, Charles	51	laborer	OH	VA	VA
Amelia	44		OH	VA	VA
Elizabeth	22	seamstress	IA	OH	OH
John	17	laborer	IA	OH	OH
Emma J.	15		IA	OH	OH
William H.	11		IA	OH	OH
Arabella	06		IA	OH	OH

1885 – Lee Twp., Madison Co., IA
Dwelling 44; Family 50

Roach, John	22	farmer	Henry Co., IA
William	17	farmer	Henry Co., IA
Turner, Perry	26	farmer	Henry Co., IA

1895 – Lee Twp., Madison Co., IA; Page 302
Dwelling 12; Family 12

Roach, John	32		Henry Co., IA
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Eldora	26		WarrenCo., IA
Charles A.	08		Madison Co., IA
Harry D.	06		Madison Co., IA
Mable	02		MadisonCo., IA
Wm.	25		Henry Co., IA
Hopkins, Taylor	42		PA

1900 – Lee Twp., Madison Co., IA; ED27; Page 3; June 6, 1900
Dwelling 36; Family 36

Roach, John A.	37	farmer - married 14 years	IA	OH	OH
		Born January 1863			
Eldora E.	31	6 children, 5 living	IA	OH	OH
		Born December 1868			
Charles A.	13	Born December 1886	IA	IA	IA
Harry D.	10	Born August 1888	IA	IA	IA
Mable E.	07	Born August 1892	IA	IA	IA
John A.	04	Born May 1896	IA	IA	IA
Carl	02	Born October 1897	IA	IA	IA
Hulane, Fred L.	29	servant - Born June 1870	IL	---	---

1905 –

1910 – Lee Twp., Madison Co., IA; ED29; Page 3A; April 22, 1910
Dwelling 40; Family 40

Roach, John	47		IA	VA	OH
Eldora	41		IA	OH	OH
Harry	21		IA	IA	IA
Mabel	17		IA	IA	IA
John A.	13		IA	IA	IA
Carl L.	12		IA	IA	IA
Alice A.	09		IA	IA	IA
Edith A.	06		IA	IA	IA
Glady E.	04		IA	IA	IA

1915 – Lee Twp., Madison Co., Iowa; Post Office, Cumming, Iowa
Card #254

Roach, John A.	52	farmer	IA	VA	OH
		Total earnings in 1914 was \$2000			

1920 – Lee Twp., Madison Co., IA; ED 30; Page 3B; January 14, 1920
Dwelling 41; Family 42

Roach, John A.	56	farmer	IA	VA	OH
Eldora E.	51		IA	OH	OH
Alice	18		IA	IA	IA
Carl	22		IA	IA	IA
Harry D.	31		IA	IA	IA

Edith A.	15	IA	IA	IA
Gladys E.	14	IA	IA	IA

1925 – Lee Twp., Madison Co., IA; Book 29

Roach, John A.	62	IA		
		Father, Charles Roach, born in VA		
		Mother, Amelia Henry, born in OH		
Eldora	55	IA		
		Father, Theodore Tilton, born in OH		
		Mother, Aphia Wheeler, born in OH		
Edith	20	IA		
		Father, John A. Roach, born in IA		
		Mother, Eldora Tilton, born in IA		
Gladys	19	IA		
		Father, John A. Roach, born in IA		
		Mother, Eldora Tilton, born in IA		

1930 – Lee Twp., Madison Co., IA; ED 11; Page 4A; April 14, 1930

Dwelling 68; Family 69

Roach, John A.	67	farmer	IA	VA	OH
Eldora	61		IA	OH	OH
Pitzer, Clarence E.	36	lodger – farm labor	SD	US	US
Edward D.	08	lodger	NE	SD	IA

1940 – Lee Twp., Madison Co., Iowa; ED61-11; Page 2A; April 6 – 8, 1940

Family 28

Roach, John A.	77	farmer	IA		
Eldora E.	71		IA		
John A.	43	son – Wd, farm labor	IA		
Alvin J.	18	grandson	IA		
Mary E.	17	granddaughter	IA		
Audrey P.	13	granddaughter	IA		

Death Record; Book 4; 1919 – 1941; Cheeks Office; Winterset, Madison Co., IA

Roach, John Alvin; born January 18, 1863 in Trenton, Iowa; died September 15, 1942 of a cerebral hemorrhage in Madison Co., Iowa; Post Office, Cumming, Iowa; age 79yr 7mo 27da; married; farmer; wife was Eldora Ellen Roach, age 73; father was Charles Roach, born in Ohio; mother was Amelia Henry, born in Ohio; Informer was J. A. Roach, Jr., Cumming, Iowa; buried in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Orillia, Linn Twp., Warren Co., Iowa on September 18, 1942; physician was M. B. Cunningham of Norwalk; Claude G. Harpole was the Funeral Director.

Obituary

[The Des Moines Register, Thursday, September 17, 1942]

John A. Roach, 79, died Tuesday at his home two miles west of Cumming, Iowa.

He had lived on the same Madison county farm, one which his father obtained by deed from the government, since he was 17 years old.

Mr. Roach is survived by his wife; two sons, Charles A. of Des Moines and John A. Jr., of Cumming, and three daughters, Mrs. Alice A. McAllister and Mrs. Edith A. Dippold, both of Booneville, Iowa and Mrs. Gladys E. Stifel of Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

History of Madison Co., Iowa – 1984; Page 285

John Alvin Roach was born in Henry County, Iowa on January 18, 1863 to Charles and Amelia W. (Henry) Roach. His parents came from Ohio. Their other children were: Elizabeth, Charles, Annie and Emma (twins), William, Mahlon, Thomas and Arabella. When the children were nearly all grown, they moved to Des Moines, Iowa where they resided on University Street.

John Alvin's father was a banker and he and two men, Jones and Dunn, started a First Federal State Bank in North Des Moines.

Mr. Roach walked to Winterset to acquire land to homestead west of Cumming in Lee Township, there was no bridge over the Raccoon River at Commerce, Iowa so he had to ford the river.

John Alvin Roach and brother William were to live on these farms, they came to farm in 1880.

On March 18, 1886, John Roach married Eldora Ellen Tilton. She was born December 19, 1868 at Linn Grove, Iowa to Theodore and Alpha Tilton. Her brothers and sisters were: Jasper, Laura, Lydia, Elizabeth, and LaFette.

John and Eldora had nine children: Charles, Harry, Walter, Mabel (Mrs. Hiram-Jim Livermore), Johnnie, Carl, Alice (Mrs. Frank McAllister), Edith (Mrs. William A. Dippold) and Gladys (Mrs. Russell Stifel). Edith is the only one living. She and husband William (Bill) Dippold still live on their farm southeast of Booneville, Iowa, just two miles west of the Roach farm. John Alvin died on September 15, 1942 and Eldora Ellen died on December 6, 1949.

Their grandson Alvin Roach now owns the home place and Francis Roach lives in William's house. These farms have always been in the John Roach family name.

From Dunn's Records

John Alvin Roach, born January 18, 1863 in Trenton, Iowa; died September 15, 1942; age 79yr 7mo 29da; residence, 2 ½ miles west of Cumming; married; father was Charles Roach born in Ohio; mother was Amelia Henry, born in Ohio; he was a farmer; his wife was Eldora E. Roach; cause of death was cerebral hemorrhage; physician was Dr. Cunningham of Norwalk; burial was September 18, 1942; Service was at Cumming Church; minister was Ralph Priebe; Cemetery was Pleasant Ridge Cemetery at Orilla, Iowa.