

TASKET, HENRY

Birth

April 18, 1824 or 1825 in
New York



Death

February 26, 1903 at his home
east of Orilla, Iowa

Cause of Death

Cemetery Lot

Buried on Lot 35
Lot was sold to Mrs. Henry Tasket on January 2, 1899

Father

Israel B. Tasket born in Vermont

Mother

Harriet Fuller born in New Hampshire

Marriage

Henry Taskett married Parmelia A. Alton in September of 1853

Census

1830 –

1840 –

1850 – Antwerp, Jefferson Co., NY; Page 214A; September 27, 1850
Dwelling 1581; Family 1621

Tasket, Israel B.	51	farmer Real Estate, \$2250	NH
Henry	35		VT
Henry	24		NY
Charles	17		NY
Orrin	22		NY
Harriet	44		NH

Lovisa	16		NY
Flora	10		NY
Lydia A.	06		NY
Jane	23		NY
John	9/12		NY

1860 – Champion Twp., Jefferson Co., New York; Page 103

Tasket, Henry NY

1870 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; Page 105A; August 24, 1870; Post Office, Altoona, Iowa
Dwelling 159; Family 156

Tasket, H.	45	farmer	NY
Permelia	35		NY
Chas.	13		NY
Hattie	12		NY
Ella	10		NY
Julia	03		IA
Mary	01		IA

1880 – Webster Twp., Polk Co., Iowa; ED175; Page 586D; June 25, 1880
Dwelling 223; Family 227

Taskett, Henry	55	Farmer	NY	NH	NH
Pamelia	45	Keeping house	NY	NY	NY
Charles	23	Farmer	NY	NY	NY
Hattie	22		NY	NY	NY
Ella	20		NY	NY	NY
Julia	12		IA	NY	NY
Mary J.	09		IA	NY	NY

1885 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA
Dwelling 185; Family 189

Tasket, Henry	60	farmer	NY
Pamelia	50		NY
Julia M.	17		NY
Mamie	16		NY
Orren	11		NY
Hattie	26		NY

1895 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; Page 75
Dwelling 54; Family 68

Tasket, Henry	71	farmer	NY
Pamelia	59		NY
Fay, Eli	48		NY

1900 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED61; Page 10; June 14, 1900
Dwelling 143; Family 144

Tasket, C. H.	44	farmer Born March 1856	NY	NY	NY
Henry	74	father Married 45 years Born April 1826	NY	MA	MA
Pamelia	65	mother 5 children; 5 living Born August 1834	NY	NY	NY
Webb, Julie T.	33	sister – 2 children; 2 living Born January 1867 Married 10 years – school teacher	IA	NY	NY
Webb, Ethel	08	niece- born November 1891	NE	OH	IA
Webb, William H.	06	nephew-born September 1893	NE	OH	IA

Funeral Home

History of Polk Co., Iowa – 1890; Portrait and Biographical Album; Page 754

Henry Tasket is engaged in general farming and stock-raising on section 35, Bloomfield Township, where he has a pleasant home and a nice farm of eighty acres. He is a native of the Empire State, born April 18, 1824, and is a son of Israel and Harriet (Fuller) Taskett. On the paternal side he is of Spanish descent and on the maternal is of English origin, though the Fuller family belonged to one of the early Puritan families. The grandfather of our subject was born in Spain, but at an early day crossed the Atlantic to America and settled in Vermont, where Israel Taskett was born. He grew to manhood in his native State, but afterwards moved to New York, where he followed farming until his death, which occurred in 1864. The lady of his choice, Miss Harriet Fuller, was born in New Hampshire and survived her husband many years, dying in 1883. Of their family of seven children, four are now living – Charles, who resides near the old homestead in New York; Lavisia, wife of B. F. Wood; Lydia, wife of B. S. Keyes, of Nebraska; and Henry.

Our subject spent the early part of his boyhood days in Jefferson County, N. Y., during which time he conned the rudimentary branches of learning in the district schools. He was eighteen years of age when he started out in life for himself. It was his first intention to learn the machinist's trade, and to this end he went to Chelmsford, Mass., but after a six months' trial he concluded to engage in some other occupation. He then hired out as a farm hand, working two months, after which he received an offer from his uncle in Nashua, N. H., to take him as an apprentice to the saddler trade. Accepting, Mr. Taskett spent two years in perfecting himself in that business, and then worked at different places in that line until 1853, when, having acquired some money, he purchased a harness shop in Antwerp, N. Y. At that time there were but two shops in the village, and believing the interests of both proprietors could be benefited by uniting their businesses, he purchased a half interest in the other shop. The partnership continued a year, when Mr. Taskett became sole proprietor. He was very successful in his operations and for five years did an extensive business in Antwerp, during which time he also erected eight buildings in the town. Selling out in 1859, he resumed farming, which he followed in the East until 1863, when he came to Polk County to seek a location. Being pleased with the country and its future

prospects, he returned to his family in the EmpireState, and the following August, accompanied by his wife and children, he came to Des Moines.

Mr. Taskett was married in September, 1853, to Miss Permelia A. Alton, daughter of George and Harriet (Culledge) Alton, both of whom were natives of Connecticut. Her father was a farmer and followed that business for a livelihood to the end of his life. He died in 1865, and his wife passed away in 1872. They were the parents of ten children, viz: Alvin, David, Almira, Nancy, George, Mary, Daniel, Julia, Hattie and Permelia. Hattie is now deceased. Five children were born of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Taskett, and the family circle still remains unbroken, although several have left the parental roof. Charles H., the eldest, resides in BloomfieldTownship, near the old homestead, and is engaged in farming; Hattie is the wife of Adin Simons, of Ida Grove, Ida County, Iowa; Ella wedded J. H. Graham, of Clay County, Iowa; Julia M. is engaged in teaching in Dallas County, Iowa; and Mamie is a teacher of Ida County, Iowa. The children received excellent educational advantages, thereby being fitted for the practical duties of this life, and are now respected men and women of the several communities in which they reside.

On his arrival in the West, Mr. Taskett located in Des Moines, but after residing in the city for eighteen months, he purchased eighty acres of land on section 35, BloomfieldTownship. No improvements had been made upon it, but he immediately erected a home for his family and turned his attention to the development of his land. Although other pursuits have occupied his attention for a number of years, he has spent the greater portion of his life in farming and understands the business in all its details. His fields are well tilled, he keeps on hand a good grade of stock and has all the latest improved machinery. In his political views he is a Republican, having supported that party since its organization, when he cast his first Presidential vote for its first candidate, John C. Fremont, in 1856. He has held several local offices, including that of Road Supervisor, Trustee and School Director. Although many have longer been residents of the county than Mr. Taskett, none have felt a deeper interest in its up building and progress, and as the result he is numbered among its progressive and public-spirited citizens.

Corrections – Portrait and Biographical Amburn

Henry Taskett – Page 754 and 755.

Corrections on names - - - Permelia A. Alton should be Pamela A. Alton and Harriet (Culledge) Alton should be Harriet (Coolidge) Alton.

Julia M. Taskett married Charles Chamberlain Webb of Kelly’s Island, Ohio and Sarved, Kansas, September 11, 1890 and had the following children: (1) Ethel Millard, born November 12, 1891 in University Place, Lincoln, Neb., married Harold Underwood Faulkner, Prof. of History in SmithCollege, Northampton, Mass., and had children: Pamela Joyce, born June 9, 1923, Shirley Ann, born April 20, 1933 both in Northampton, Mass. (2) William Henry, born September 1, 1897 in University Place, Lincoln, Neb., married Ruth Gray Converse, June 1922 and had: Ruth Cameron, born June 1, 1923, William David, born October 14, 1926. (3) Julia Louise, born October 29, 1903, married William Robertson, Jr. . . .

Mamie Taskett married Frank L. Bailey and died in 1907. Her husband survived her and lived for many years on the old Taskett place. Above submitted by Mrs. Faulkner, October 9, 1939, Des Moines, Iowa.

[The Advocate Tribune, Thursday, March 5, 1903, Page 2]

Grandfather Taskett died Thursday at his home east of Orilla. He has been a resident of this place for many years and was known as an upright honest man and a model Christian. His remains were laid to rest last Sunday in the PleasantRidgeCemetery. He leaves a Christian wife and family who have the sympathy of the entire community to this their hour of deep grief.