

INFORMATION & DATA ON THE FAMILY OF:

PERLEY & ANNIE (TEMPLER) SOWERS  
1868-1919 1868-

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Being a collection of information from Public records, biographies, histories and family sources, and arranged to present a coherent view of said family and their individual relationship. This has all been done for the purpose of preserving for future generations a knowledge of their past.

Date 01 Nov. 1990

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SOWERS  
Surname  
FAMILY INFORMATION CHART NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Husband's full name <u>Perley SOWERS</u> born on <u>18 May 1868</u> at <u>Hamilton County, Iowa</u> married <u>25 Sept. 1895</u> at <u>Hamilton County, Iowa</u> died on <u>11 Feb. 1919</u> at <u>Hamilton County, Iowa</u> Interred at <u>Story Co. Mun. Cemetery</u> Groom's <u>1<sup>st</sup></u> marriage Farmer _____ Occupation _____ Religion _____ Military Service _____ Linsey SOWERS _____ Rebecca Elizabeth WARD _____ His father 1833-1911 Mother's maiden name 1839-1898	Authority/Source of Data:      Records, Census & Other:
Wife's maiden name <u>Annie TEMPLER</u> born on <u>Oct. 1868</u> at _____ died on <u>1949</u> at _____ Interred at _____ Bride's _____ marriage Her father _____ Mother's maiden name _____	

Abodes & removals:

Sex	Their Children:	Additional Information:
	(1) Name <u>Perley SOWERS, Jr.</u> born on <u>May 1900</u> at <u>Hamilton County, Iowa</u> died on _____ at _____ married _____ at _____ to: _____	
	(2) Name <u>Ruby A. SOWERS</u> born on <u>ca. 1902</u> at <u>Hamilton County, Iowa</u> died on _____ at _____ married _____ at _____ to: _____	
	(3) Name <u>Walter SOWERS</u> born on <u>ca. 1904</u> at <u>Hamilton County, Iowa</u> died on _____ at _____ married _____ at _____ to: _____	

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his activities into Mexico. He also deals in city property and this part of his business is rapidly becoming important.

In 1893 Mr. Whitham was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Frances Cameron, a daughter of John D. Cameron of Montfort, Wisconsin. They have two children: Matred, born in 1895; and Ruby, whose birth occurred in 1897. Both of Mr. Whitham's children are natives of Webster City.

In his political views Mr. Whitham is republican. He is a prominent Mason, holding membership in Acacia Lodge, No. 176, F. & A. M., of which organization he was master in 1909. He is also connected with Hope Chapter, No. 88, R. A. M., of which he is at present high priest. He belongs to Triune Commandery, No. 41, Knights Templar, and is active in the affairs of the Eastern Star order, of which he was worthy patron in 1911. He holds membership in the Congregational church. The family residence is at No. 826 Walnut street, Webster City. Mr. Whitham is well known as a public-spirited man, interested in every movement looking toward civic development and welfare. He is serving his city as a member of the council and has been active in this public office since 1911. He was a director of the Webster City Commercial League and this affiliation afforded him an adequate field for his municipal ideas. He is one of the substantial and valued citizens of Webster City, where his activities have influenced business development. As a real-estate agent he never takes advantage of his patrons and has built up upon the solid basis of commercial honor and morality an enterprise which in its expansion and development is keeping pace with the civic progress and upbuilding of Webster City.

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#### PEARLY SOWERS.

Pearly Sowers is farming eighty acres of land on section 34, Ellsworth township, and is numbered among the successful and representative agriculturists of this district. He is a native son of Iowa, born May 18, 1868, and he has spent his entire life in Hamilton county. His parents, Lindsey and Rebecca E. (Ward) Sowers, were among the earliest settlers in this part of the state, coming to Ellsworth township in the fall of 1856. His father was born in Fountain county, Indiana, December 25, 1833, and died upon his farm in Ellsworth township March 4, 1911. The mother

of our subject was a native of Crawford county, Ohio, born December 12, 1839. Her death occurred upon her husband's farm February 12, 1898. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey Sowers were eight children: Laura, born June 4, 1863, who died March 26, 1865; Albert, who was born March 25, 1865; Henry, born October 21, 1866, who died May 26, 1867; Pearly, the subject of this review; Mrs. Mary Hughes, who was born February 7, 1871; Guy, whose birth occurred August 1, 1873; Planey, born January 29, 1876; and Charles, whose natal day was May 16, 1878. They were among the early settlers in this section of the state, coming here when there were no groves upon the prairies and no human dwelling between the place of their settlement and the Boone river. They established a home, reared a large family of sons and daughters and were among the most highly respected of the pioneers in Iowa.

Pearly Sowers attended the district schools of his native section and has always been identified with agricultural interests in Hamilton county. The farm of eighty acres which he is now cultivating is one of the fine properties of this section of the state, equipped with modern improvements and intelligently developed in every department. Upon it Mr. Sowers lives in a comfortable and well furnished home, being numbered among the successful and enterprising general farmers.

In September, 1895, Mr. Sowers married Miss Anna Templer, born October 14, 1870, a daughter of Daniel D. C. and Nancy (Ennis) Templer. Her father was born in Schenectady county, New York, May 2, 1838, and went to Hardin county, Iowa, in 1867. Three years later he settled in Ellsworth township where he cultivated a fine farm of one hundred and seven acres on section 15 and thereon resided until his death which occurred October 17, 1897. Mrs. Sowers' mother was born in Princeton, New York, December 8, 1845, and is residing on the homestead in Ellsworth township. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Templer were six children, five of whom are still living: Anna, the wife of our subject; Jane, who is residing with her mother on the home farm and who is one of the most successful school teachers in Hamilton county; Ettie, who is acting as assistant in a photographer's studio in Des Moines; Maggie, who died October 14, 1910; and Camie and Archie, who are associated in the operation of the homestead. Mrs. Sowers before her marriage taught in the Hamilton county public schools and was well known and suc-

cessful in this line. She and her husband have three children: Pearly, Jr., born May 15, 1900; Ruby, who was born April 21, 1902; and Walter, whose birth occurred March 15, 1904. All of the children are attending school in the community.

Mr. Sowers gives his allegiance to the democratic party. His wife is a member of the Congregational church at Jewell. He is well known in this district where he has resided all his life and has won universal trust and good-will by reason of the straightforward and honorable principles which he advocates and to which he consistently adheres.

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#### CHARLES T. SMITH.

The largest clothing house in Hamilton county is operated by the firm of Charles T. Smith & Son at Nos. 609-613 Second street. The enterprise has been intelligently controlled and its policy well directed by Charles T. Smith, its organizer and founder and in the eleven years of its existence has developed into a flourishing business enterprise. Mr. Smith has been connected with the mercantile line in Iowa since he left school and every year of his activity has marked a new stage in his commercial prosperity. He was born on the 3d of August, 1857, at Pennsville, Morgan county, Ohio. Here his father, James Smith, was a prominent merchant for many years. He later moved to Tama City, Iowa, in 1865, and was successful in the general merchandise business in that city until he went to Marengo, Iowa, where he remained for three years. He eventually moved to Mount Vernon, Iowa, where for fifty years he was a representative and prominent citizen. He died here on the 15th of December, 1901, in the seventy-fifth year of his age. Mr. Smith's mother, who in her maidenhood was Miss Ruth King, is still living in Mount Vernon where she is widely and favorably known.

Charles T. Smith was reared at home and was educated in the public schools of Iowa. He later attended Normal College in Mount Vernon and upon his graduation began work in his father's store in that city. He early learned the foundations of a successful business career by the standards of commercial honor and unwavering integrity which characterized his father. He became proficient in the systematic conduct of a mercantile

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*Mrs. Albert Hall*

D. D. C. Templer, born May 2, 1838 in New York, came to Hardin Co. in 1867 and to Hamilton Co. in 1870. He purchased 107 A. of land in section 15 of Ellsworth twp. near the south border of Little Wall Lake. The farm remained in the family until 1971. However it was sold to a cousin, Guy Templer, so the family name has remained for over 100 years.

Daniel Templer, married Nancy Ennis in 1866. She was also a native of New York. Mr. Templer died in 1897, she passed away in 1937. Their family of four girls and two boys, remained at home and received their education in Ellsworth twp. Most of the children continued to live in the same area all of their lives. Annie born in 1866; Jennie born in 1868; Ettie born in 1872; Margaret born 1878, died in 1910; Cammie born in 1880 and Archie in 1882.

Annie the oldest daughter married Pearly Sowers Sr. in 1895. He was a son of Lindsey Sowers. They built their home on a part of the fathers homestead, where they continued to live the rest of their lives. Pearly died in 1919. Annie in 1949. They were the parents of three children; Pearly Jr. the oldest son was born in 1900, farmed just west of the old Templer farm, along highway #69. He married Helen Rognehaugh in 1925. Pearly died in 1975, he was survived by his wife and two children, Maxine, Mrs. Richard Buckles, and their three children of Boone, and Robert and his wife and family of five children of Minnesota. Also one great-grand child.

Annie was a teacher in the rural schools of Ellsworth twp. before her marriage. Jennie was also a teacher for some years. Ettie worked as an assistant in a photo shop in Des Moines, but the latter two came home to care for their aged mother until her death in 1937. They continued to live on the home farm until their deaths. Ettie died in Sept. 1956. Jennie in May of 1966.

Annie and Pearly had two other children; Ruby born 1902, married Cassell Lock in 1923. They lived in Story County all of their lives. They had four children; Murial, deceased; Loren; Lola Mae, and Ronald. Cassell died in 1959. Ruby in 1963.

Walter, the youngest of the three children, born 1904, married Bernice Anfinson in 1938. They had two children: Larry and Judy Kay. Larry and Janet Sowers have one daughter Cheryl. Judy and her husband Frank Kolby have one daughter, Donna Denise. Walter passed away in 1972.

Camie moved to southern Iowa where he farmed and married a girl from that locality.

Archie, the other son, purchased 80 A. of land joining his fathers and took his bride the former Helen Wenke, there to make their home. Archie died in 1960. Helen continues to live on the same farm and a son James farms the ground. He has a farm of his own close by. One other son, Fred, lives in Cedar Rapids. Archie and Helen also had three daughters: Joyce married Col. Charles B. Wild, they live in Texas; Dorothy became Mrs. Don Robertson, lives in Cedar Rapids; Loraine, Mrs. Milford Romsey lives on a farm near Story City.

Little Wall Lake, lies north of this farm of the Templers, in Twp. 86 R. 24 sections 10 and 15 of Ellsworth twp. It covers a half section of land and lies north of the center of Ellsworth twp. along Highway #69. It has of late become a popular spot for campers.



Supervisor's Dist. No. 4  
 Enumeration Dist. No. 106  
 SCHEDULE 1. Inhabitants in Ellsworth (Township), in the County of Hamilton, State of Iowa

enumerated by me on the 16th day of June, 1880

H. L. Henderson Enumerator

House Number	Dwelling Number	Family Number	Names	Color	Sex	Age prior to June 1st	Month of birth if born in census yr.	Relationship to head of house	Single	Married	Divorced, D	Married in census yr.	Profession, Occupation or Trade	No. of months unemployed	Health Inform. Item No.	Attended School	Cannot read	Cannot write	Place of birth	Place of birth of father	Place of birth of mother
135		148	SOWERS, Linsey	W	M	46			/				Farmer					Indiana	N.C.	N.C.	
			Rebecca	W	F	40		Wife	/				Keeping House	4				Ohio	Ohio	Ohio	
			Albert	W	M	15		Son	/				Farming		/			Iowa	Indiana	Ohio	
			Pearly	W	M	12		Son	/				Farming		/			Iowa	Indiana	Ohio	
			Mary	W	F	9		Daughter	/									Iowa	Indiana	Ohio	
			Guy	W	M	6		Son	/									Iowa	Indiana	Ohio	
			Pliny	W	M	4		Son	/									Iowa	Indiana	Ohio	
			Charley	W	M	2		Son	/									Iowa	Indiana	Ohio	
			HANSON, Hannah	W	F	14		Servant	/				Servant					Denmark	Denmark	Ohio*	
			SOWERS, Solomon	W	M	76		Father	/				at Home					N.C.	N.C.	N.C.	
			* S.C.																		

Health Information Item Numbers: 15 - Sick or temporarily disabled; 16 - Blind; 17 - Deaf & dumb; 18 - Idiotic; 19 - Insane; 20 - Maimed or crippled

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Film Roll No. 435 Page No. 102 A  
 State Iowa Supervisor's Dist. No. 10 Sheet No. 8  
 County Hamilton Enumeration Dist. No. 105 }  
 Township or other division of County Ellsworth (Township) X  
 Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above named division, Ellsworth Ward of City X  
 Enumerated by me on the 16th day of June, 1900, Martin L. Henderson, Enumerator.

LOCATION	NAME	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION										NATIVITY			CITIZEN			OCCUPATION			EDUCATION			HOME			
		Relation to head of family	Color	Sex	Month of birth	Year of birth	Age at last birthday	Single, married, widowed, divorced	No. of years married	Mother of how many children	Number of these children living	Place of birth	Place of birth of father	Place of birth of mother	Year of immigration to U.S.	Year of immigration to U.S.	Naturalization	Occupation, Trade or Profession of each person of ten years of age and over.	No. of months not employed	Attended school (months)	Can read	Can write	Can speak English	Home owned or rented	Home owned or mortgaged	Farm or house	Number of farm schedule
137	SOWERS, Perley	Head	M	M	May 1868	32	M	5	1	1	Iowa	Indiana	un				Farmer			Yes	Yes	Yes	O	F	F	132	
148	— Anna	Wife	M	F	Oct 1868	31	M	5	1	1	New York	New York	New York							Yes	Yes	Yes					
	— no name	Son	M	M	May 1900	12	S				Iowa	Iowa	New York							Yes	Yes						

# 1910 CENSUS — UNITED STATES

Film Roll No. 404  
 STATE Iowa  
 COUNTY Hamilton  
 TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAME OF INSTITUTION \_\_\_\_\_

(SUPERVISOR'S DIST. NO. 10 SHEET NO. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 (ENUMERATION DIST. NO. 115 7 B)

NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE Ellsworth Twp. NAME OF CITY X \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAME OF INSTITUTION X \_\_\_\_\_  
 ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE 29 DAY OF April 1910 Thomas Thompson ENUMERATOR

LOCAT'N. House No. _____ in Cities _____	NAME of each person whose place of abode on April 15, 1910 was in this family	PERSONAL DESCRIPT'N						NATIVITY.			CITIZEN.		OCCUPATION.				EDUCAT'N				HOME									
		Relation to head of family.	Sex.	Color or race.	Age last birthday.	Single, married, widowed or divorced.	No. years of present marriage.	No. born.	Number of boys and child'n living.	Place of birth.	Place of birth of father.	Place of birth of mother.	Year of im- migration to the U.S.	Naturalized/Allen.	Speaks English or other.	Trade or Profession.	General nature of work.	Employer, employee or works on own.	Out of work Apr. 15.	Weeks out of work '09.	Can read.	Can write.	Attended school.	Home owned/rented.	Free/mortgaged.	Farm/house.	No. of farm enum.	Confed. or Union veteran.	Blind in both eyes.	Deaf and dumb.
133	SOWERS, Perley	Head	M	W	43	M1	14	3	Iowa	Indiana	Ohio			Eng	Farmer	General farm	Emp			Yes	Yes									
	— Anna	Wife	F	W	40	M1	14	3	New York	New York	New York			Eng	None					Yes	Yes									
	— Perley, Jr.	Son	M	W	9	S			Iowa	Iowa	New York				None															
	— Ruby A.	Dau	F	W	8	S			Iowa	Iowa	New York				None															
	— Walter	Son	M	W	6	S			Iowa	Iowa	New York				None															

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FILK ROLL NO. 404 STATE Iowa SUPERVISOR'S DIST. NO. 10 SHEET NO. 10  
 COUNTY Hamilton CENSUS DIST. NO. 115 (ENUMERATION DIST. NO. 7 B)  
 TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY Ellsworth Twp. NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE X VARD OF CITY X  
 NAME OF INSTITUTION X ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE 29 DAY OF April 1910 Thomas Thompson ENUMERATOR

LOCAT'N.	NAME	Relation to head of family.	PERSONAL DESCRIPT'N					NATIVITY.			CITIZEN.			OCCUPATION.					EDUCAT'N					HOME				
			Sex.	Color or race.	Age last birthday.	Single, married, widowed or divorced.	No. years of present marriage.	No. born.	Mother of how many child'n living.	Place of birth.	Place of birth of father.	Place of birth of mother.	Year of immigration to the U.S.	Naturalized/Alten.	Speaks English or other.	Trade or Profession.	General nature of work.	Employer, employee or works on own.	Out of work Apr. 15.	Weeks out of work '09.	Can read.	Can write.	Attended School.	Home owned/rented.	Free/mortgaged.	Farm/house.	No. of farm enum.	Blind in both eyes.
136	SOWERS, Perley	Head	M	W	43	M	14	3	Iowa	Indiana	Ohio		Eng	Farmer	General farm	Emp			yes	yes								
133	Anna	Wife	F	W	40	M	14	3	New York	New York	New York		Eng	None					yes	yes								
	Perley, Jr.	Son	M	W	9	S			Iowa	Iowa	New York			None														
	Ruby A.	Dau	F	W	8	S			Iowa	Iowa	New York			None														
	Walter	Son	M	W	6	S			Iowa	Iowa	New York			None														