

INFORMATION & DATA ON THE FAMILY OF:

LINSEY & REBECCA E. (WARD) SOWERS  
1833-1911                      1839-1898

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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.

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**SOWERS**

Surname

FAMILY INFORMATION CHART NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Husband's full name Linsey SOWERS  
 born on 25 Dec. 1833 at Fountain County, Indiana  
 married 20 Mar. 1862 at Story County, Iowa  
 died on 4 Mar. 1911 at Hamilton County, Iowa  
 interred at Sowers Cemetery . Groom's 1st marriage

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Military Service \_\_\_\_\_  
Solomon SOWERS 1. Rachel PICKETT 2.  
 His Father \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's maiden name \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's maiden name Rebecca Elizabeth WARD  
 born on 12 Dec. 1839 at Licking County, Ohio  
 died on 12 Feb. 1898 at Hamilton County, Iowa  
 interred at Sowers Cemetery . Bride's 1st marriage

Josiah Spencer WARD . Mary Magdalene BURNER  
 Her Father \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's maiden name \_\_\_\_\_

Abodes and removals : Removed from Fountain Co., Indiana, in September of 1856 and came to Story Co., Iowa, with his father, Solomon Sowers. In the fall of 1857 he came to Hamilton Co., Iowa.

Authority or Source of Data:  
 Mr. Clarence P. Sowers (1982)  
 Rt. 1, Bx. 188  
 Story City, IA 50248  
 w/help of family members  
 Records, Census & Others:  
 Much of this information was gathered in past years at Sowers family reunions. Also some from the 1870 & '80 census of Hamilton Co., Iowa. & Linsey Sowers Biography, 1902, pg. 254,

Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Their Children

(1) Name Laura SOWERS  
 born on 4 June 1863 at Hamilton County, Iowa  
 died on 26 Mar. 1865 at Hamilton County, Iowa  
 married \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
 to: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Information:  
  
  
  
  
 Laura is interred in Sowers Pioneer Cemetery

(2) Name Henry SOWERS  
 born on 21 Oct. 1864 at Hamilton County, Iowa  
 died on 26 May 1867 at Hamilton County, Iowa  
 married \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
 to: \_\_\_\_\_

Henry is interred in Sowers Pioneer Cemetery

(3) Name Albert SOWERS  
 born on 28 Mar. 1865 at Hamilton County, Iowa  
 died on 4 June 1929 at Hamilton County, Iowa  
 married 30 Mar. 1888 at Hamilton County, Iowa  
 to: Maria E. SCOTT  
30 Mar. 1866 - 17 Aug. 1946

Albert is interred in Story City Municipal Cemetery

List other children on the reverse side.

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1. Solomon Sowers, born 14 June 1802, died 15 June 1884
2. Rachel Pickett, born 1805, died Fall 1856, Fountain Co., Indiana

CHILDREN OF Linsey and Rebecca Elizabeth (WARD) SOWERS

Sex	<p>( 4 ) Name <u>Pearly SOWERS</u>                  born on <u>18 May 1868</u> at <u>Hamilton Co., Iowa</u>                  died on <u>11 Feb. 1919</u> at <u>Hamilton Co., Iowa</u>                  married <u>25 Sept. 1895</u> at <u>Hamilton Co., Iowa</u>                  to: <u>Annie TEMPLER</u>  <u>Oct. 1868 - 1949</u></p>	<p>Children:                  (no name) Sowers (male)                  b. May 1900, Hamilton Co., IA                  Pearly is interred in Story City                  Municipal Cemetery                  Anna was born in New York</p>
	<p>( 5 ) Name <u>Mary SOWERS</u>                  born on <u>7 Feb. 1871</u> at <u>Hamilton County, Iowa</u>                  died on <u>7 May 1929</u> at _____, <u>Calif.</u>                  married <u>20 Feb. 1896</u> at <u>Hamilton County, Iowa</u>                  to: <u>Arthur Chester HUGHES</u></p>	<p>Mary is interred in a cemetery                  at Beatrice, Nebraska</p>
	<p>( 6 ) Name <u>Guy SOWERS</u>                  born on <u>1 Aug. 1873</u> at <u>Hamilton County, Iowa</u>                  died on <u>19 Jan. 1950</u> at <u>Randall, Iowa</u>                  married <u>11 Jan. 1899</u> at <u>Hamilton County, Iowa</u>                  to: <u>Margaret HENDERSON</u>  <u>8 Jan. 1881 - 12 Feb. 1958</u></p>	<p>Guy is interred in Mt. Olive                  Cemetery, Randall, Iowa</p>
	<p>( 7 ) Name <u>Pliny SOWERS</u>                  born on <u>29 Jan. 1876</u> at <u>Hamilton County, Iowa</u>                  died on <u>8 July 1915</u> at <u>Hamilton County, Iowa</u>                  married _____ at <u>Hamilton County, Iowa</u>                  to: <u>Martha EGEMO</u>  <u>Sept. 1877 -</u></p>	<p>Pliny is interred in the Sowers                  Pioneer Cemetery</p>
	<p>( 8 ) Name <u>Charley SOWERS</u>                  born on <u>16 May 1878</u> at <u>Hamilton County, Iowa</u>                  died on <u>13 Mar. 1951</u> at <u>Hamilton County, Iowa</u>                  married _____ at _____                  to: _____</p>	<p>Charley is interred in Mt. Olive                  Cemetery, Randall, Iowa</p>
	<p>( ) Name _____                  born on _____ at _____                  died on _____ at _____                  married _____ at _____                  to: _____</p>	

Use this side of another of these forms if there are more than nine children.

Note: none of Linsey & Rebecca's children were given middle names.

This chart prepared by Edw<sup>d</sup> Bartlett, Mar. 19, 1986

STORY COUNTY, IOWA  
MARRIAGE REGISTER 1

1854-1866

Names	Names	When solemnized	When Returned	By whom	Office
Lindsey Sowers	R. E. Wardsin*	Mar. 20, 1862	May 5, 1862	Allen Hickey	M.G.

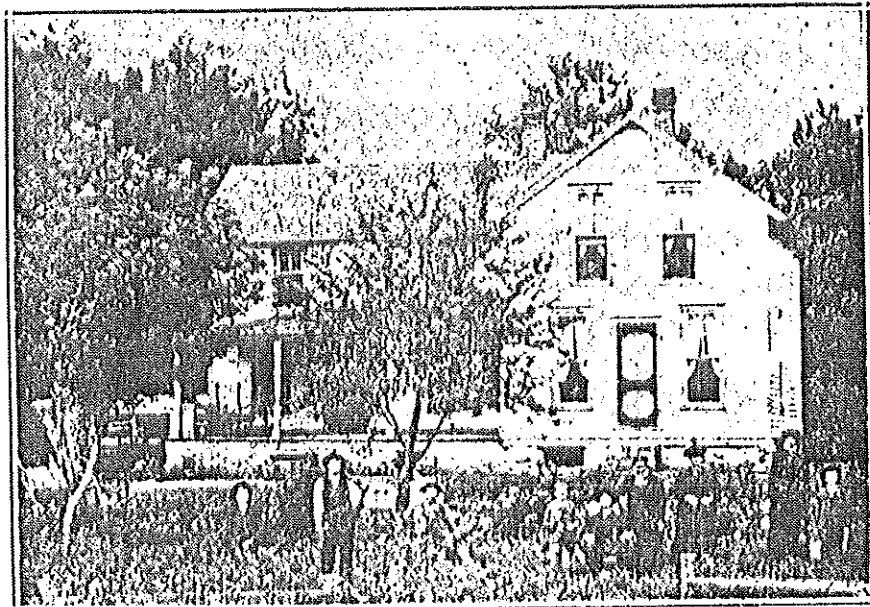
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LINDSEY SOWERS FARM HOME

This farm home on the county line north of Story City was one of the early places of interest

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THE LINDSEY SOWERS FAMILY

Standing: Piny, Mary (Hughes), Pearly, Guy.  
Sitting: Mrs. Sowers, Mr. Sowers, Albert, Charles

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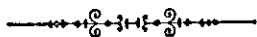
## WEBSTER AND HAMILTON COUNTIES, IOWA.

CONTAINING PORTRAITS OF ALL THE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES FROM WASHINGTON TO CLEVELAND, WITH ACCOMPANYING BIOGRAPHIES OF EACH; PORTRAITS AND BIOGRAPHIES OF THE GOVERNORS OF THE STATE; ENGRAVINGS OF PROMINENT CITIZENS IN WEBSTER AND HAMILTON COUNTIES, WITH PERSONAL HISTORIES OF MANY OF THE EARLY SETTLERS AND LEADING FAMILIES.

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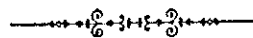
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they began together to make for themselves a home, and how well they have succeeded is seen by a visit to their pleasant homestead and accepting the hospitality that is always awaiting the guest, stranger and friend, making them feel at home and assuring them that now as in the early days, their latch-string is always out.



**L**INDSEY SOWERS resides on section 35, Ellsworth Township, where he has lived since the fall of 1857. He was born in Fountain County, Indiana, December 25, 1838, a son of Solomon and Rachel (Pickett) Sowers, natives of North Carolina. They were early settlers of Parke County, Indiana, removing later to Fountain County, where the mother died in 1856, aged about fifty-one years. The father afterward removed with his children to Iowa and lived in Story County until 1857, when he came to Hamilton County, and died at the home of his son Lindsey, June 15, 1884, aged eighty-three years. Of a family of six children but three are living—George, of Story County; Henry and Lindsey, of Ellsworth Township. The eldest of the family, Sylvina, married John Newman, who died in Indiana in 1857, and she afterward came to Iowa, and died here in October, 1860. Charles and Alfred died in Ellsworth Township. Alfred left a wife and daughter, but Charles was unmarried. Lindsey Sowers entered a tract of wild land in Hamilton County in 1854, and has lived on this land since 1857. He owns a fine farm of 248 acres of land, 240 acres being prairie and the rest timber. He is one of the representative farmers of the township, where he was one of the first settlers. He has one of the most beautiful homes in the township, the reward of many years of toil and good man-

agement. Mr. Sowers was married March 20, 1862, to Rebecca Ward, a daughter of Josiah and Mary (Burner) Ward, natives of Ohio who came to Story County, Iowa, in 1860, removing in September, 1868, to Madison County, Iowa, and thence in the spring of 1879 to Kansas, where the father died March 16, 1888. Mrs. Sowers is the eldest of eight children, all of whom are living. Elias S. lives in Kansas; Mrs. Sarah C. Foster lives in Madison County, Iowa; Henry J., Isaac M., Rollin F., Mrs. Eva M. Lake, and Orval P. live in Kansas. Mrs. Foster was the first school teacher in Ellsworth Township, where she taught a number of terms. Mr. and Mrs. Sowers have a family of six children—Albert, Perley, Mary, Guy, Pliny, and Charles. They have lost two children. Their eldest, Laura, died aged two years and Henry died at the age of seven months.



**F**REDERICK A. EDWARDS, postmaster, Webster City, is a native of New York, born in Wetherfield Springs, Wyoming County, January 20, 1855, a son of B. F. and Delia (Andrews) Edwards, the former born in Hartford County, Connecticut, September 28, 1827, of Welsh descent, and the latter a native of New York. B. F. Edwards was a merchant in New York until 1868, when he moved to Iowa and settled on a farm in Boone Township, Hamilton County, where he lived until his death, May 23, 1880. He was a Democrat of the old school, and while in New York served as postmaster under Buchanan's administration. He and his wife were members of the Baptist church. They had a family of three children—Frank, now of Rock Rapids, Iowa; Frederick A. and W. H. of Holyoke, Colorado. Mrs. Edwards is now a



# 1850 CENSUS — UNITED STATES

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SCHEDULE 1. Free Inhabitants in Fulton Township, in the County of Fountain, State \_\_\_\_\_, enumerated by me on the 20-21 day of August, 1850. John Fields Ass't Marshal

Line No. on page	Dwelling No.	Family Number	The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	Age	Sex	Color	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each male person over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned	Place of birth	Married within the year	Attended School within the year	Over 20 who can not read & write	Whether deaf & dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper or convict.	(Remarks)
36	204	204	Jefferson Sowers	34	M	n/r	Farmer	500	N. Car	/	/	/		
37			Mary "	36	F				N. Car			/		
38			Julian "	17	F				Ind		/			
39			Malinda "	14	F				Ind		/			
40			Alexander "	12	M				Ind		/			
41			Elizabeth J. "	8	F				Ind		/			
42			James M. "	5	M				Ind					
8	214	214	Solomon Sowers	45	M		Farmer	640	N. Car			/		
9			Rachel "	44	F				N. Car			/		
10			William H. "	19	M		Farmer		Ind					
11			Lindsey "	16	M		Farmer		Ind		/			
12			Charles M. "	14	M				Ind		/			
13			Alfred "	12	M				Ind		/			
14			Nancy Cotton	4	F				Ind					

n/r = none recorded

1850 CENSUS — UNITED STATES

SCHEDULE 1. Free Inhabitants in (Not recorded) 1. \_\_\_\_\_, in the County of \_\_\_\_\_, State \_\_\_\_\_  
of ILLINOIS, enumerated by me on the 27th day of August, 1850. G. W. Smith Ass't Marshal

Line No. on page	Dwelling house No.	Family Number	The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	Age	Sex	Color	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each male person over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned	Place of birth	Married within the year	Attended School within the year	Over 20 who cannot read & write	Whether deaf & dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, lame, paper or conv.	(Remarks)
10	119	119	Tartus M. WARD	34	m	n/r	Farmer	1200	Ohio					Married 14 Mch. 1839, Licking Co., Ohio to Elvira M. Doolittle.
11			Alvina WARD	30	f				N York		n/r			
12			William J. "	9	m				Ohio		/			
13			Elias P. "	6	m				"		/			
14			Josiah W. "	2	m				Illinois					
15			Melissa J. RIDENOUR	7	f				Ohio		/			
16			Thomas LEWIS	24	m		Farmer		Pennsylvania					
33	122	122	Josiah S. WARD	32	m		Farmer	1500	Ohio					Married 21 Feb. 1839, Licking Co., Ohio to Mary M. Burner
34			Mary M. WARD	30	f				"					
35			Rebecca E. "	10	f				"		/			
36			Elias S. "	9	m				"		/			
37			Sarah C. "	6	f				"		/			
38			Jonas H. "	4	m				Illinois					
39			Isaac M. "	1/3	m				"					
This is page 1 of 2														
n/r = not recorded														



1880 CENSUS — UNITED STATES

Film Roll No. 342

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 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

Name of Street	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	Widowed	Divorced	Married in census yr.	Profession, Occupation or Trade	No. of months unemployed	Health Inform. - National Item No.	Attended School	Cannot read	Place of birth	Place of birth of father	Place of birth of mother
	135	148	SOWERS, Linsey	WM	M	46			/					Farmer					Indiana	N.C.	N.C.
			Rebecca	WF	F	40		Wife	/					Keeping House	4				Ohio	Ohio	Ohio
			Albert	WM	M	15		Son	/					Farming			/		Iowa	Indiana	Ohio
			Pearly	WM	M	12		Son	/					Farming			/		Iowa	Indiana	Ohio
			Mary	WF	F	9		Daughter	/										Iowa	Indiana	Ohio
			Guy	WM	M	6		Son	/										Iowa	Indiana	Ohio
			Pliny	WM	M	4		Son	/										Iowa	Indiana	Ohio
			Charley	WM	M	2		Son	/										Iowa	Indiana	Ohio
			HANSON, Hannah	WF	F	14		Servant	/					Servant				//	Denmark	Denmark	Ohio*
			SOWERS, Solomon	WM	M	76		Father	/					at Home					N.C.	N.C.	N.C.
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Health Information Item Numbers: 15 - Sick or temporarily disabled; 16 - Blind; 17 - Deaf & dumb; 18 - Idiotic; 19 - Insane; 20 - Maimed or crippled

# 1900 CENSUS — UNITED STATES

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 State Iowa Supervisor's Dist. No. 10 Sheet No. 10  
 County Hamilton Enumeration Dist. No. 105 }  
 Township or other division of County Ellsworth (Township) X Ward of City \_\_\_\_\_ X  
 Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above named division, \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ X  
 Enumerated by me on the 20th 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.	No. of years in U.S.	Naturalization	Occupation, Trade or Profession of each person 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 free or mortgaged	Farm or house	Number of farm schedule
184	of each person whose place of abode on June 1, 1900, was in this family.	Head	M	M	Dec	1833	66	WD			Indiana	N Carolina	Carolina				Farmer			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	O	M	F	159
	SOWERS, Linsey	Son	M	M	May	1878	22	S			Iowa	Indiana	Illinois		0		Farm Laborer			Yes	Yes	Yes					
	— Charley	Head	M	M	Jan	1876	24	M	1		Iowa	Indiana	Illinois		0		Farm Laborer			Yes	Yes	Yes					
200	SOWERS, Pliny	Wife	M	F	Sept	1877	22	M	1	0	Norway	Norway	Norway	1891	9					Yes	Yes	Yes					
	— Martha																										

# 1910 CENSUS — UNITED STATES

TOWN OF CITY Ellsworth Twp. X  
 NAME OF INSTITUTION Thomas Thompson ENUMERATOR  
 NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE April 29 DAY OF 1910  
 STATE Iowa COUNTY Hamilton

SUPERVISOR'S DIST. NO. 10 SHEET NO. 8 A  
 (ENUMERATION DIST. NO. 115)  
 WARD OF CITY X

LOCAT'N	NAME	PERSONAL DESCRIPT'N				NATIVITY			CITIZEN		OCCUPATION					EDUCAT'N				HOME							
		Sex	Color or race	Age last birthday	Single, married, divorced or widowed	No. years of present marriage	No. born	No. living	Place of birth	Place of father	Place of birth of mother	Year of immigration 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
136	of each person whose place of abode on April 15, 1910 was in this family	M	W	36	M1	(n/r)	(n/r)	Iowa	Indiana	Ohio		Eng	Farmer	General farm	Rmp			yes	yes	yes	yes	R	F	145			
	Sowers, Guy	F	W	29	M1	(n/r)	(n/r)	Iowa	Norwegian	Norwegian		Eng	None					yes	yes	yes							
	Bessie	F	W	10	S			Iowa	Iowa	Iowa			None					yes	yes	yes							
	Erma	F	W	7	S			Iowa	Iowa	Iowa			None					yes	yes	yes							
	Sarah	F	W	15/12	S			Iowa	Iowa	Iowa			None					yes	yes	yes							
	Linsey	M	W	75	WD			Indiana	North Carolina	North Carolina		Eng	Own income					yes	yes	yes							
	Sexy, Henry 1.	M	W	13	S			Iowa	Minnesota	Indiana		Eng	Farm labor	Working out	M			yes	yes	yes							
	Sowers, Pliny	M	W	34	WD			Iowa	Indiana	Ohio		Eng	Farmer	General farm	OA			yes	yes	yes				146			
	Sowers, Charley	M	W	3*	S			Iowa	Indiana	Ohio		Eng	Farmer	General farm	OA			yes	yes	yes				147			