

INFORMATION & DATA ON THE FAMILY OF:

GUY & MARGARET (HENDERSON) SOWERS
1873-1950 1881-1958

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 Guy (nmn) SOWERS
 born on 1 Aug. 1873 at Hamilton County, Iowa
 married 11 Jan. 1899 at Hamilton County, Iowa
 died on 19 Jan. 1950 at Randall, Iowa
 intered at Randall, Iowa, Cemetery . Groom's 1st marriage

Well driller 1.
 Occupation Linsey SOWERS Religion _____ Military Service _____
 His Father 1833-1911 Mother's maiden name Rebecca Elizabeth WARD 1839-1898

Wife's maiden name Margaret (nmn) HENDERSON
 born on 8 Jan. 1881 at Hamilton County, Iowa
 died on 12 Feb. 1958 at Hamilton County, Iowa
 intered at Mount Olive . Bride's 1st marriage

Lars HENDERSON 2. . Sarah (nmn) MIKKELSDATTER
 Her Father 1896 Mother's maiden name _____

Abodes and removals :

Authority or Source of Data:
 Mr. Clarence P. Sowers (1982)
 Rt. 1, Box 188
 Story City, IA 50248

Records, Census & Others:

1. Guy also repaired pumps & wind-mills for 40 years.
2. Lars Henderson was in the Army, 18 Nov. 1864 - 19 July 1865

Sex	Their Children	Additional Information:
	(1) Name <u>Bessie Rebecca SOWERS</u> born on <u>30 Aug. 1899</u> at _____ died on <u>25 Feb. 1984</u> at _____ married <u>19 June 1920</u> at _____ to: <u>Vivian A. ERICSON 3.</u> <u>24 Apr. 1900 - 5 Jan. 1953</u>	3. of Story City, IA. A Railroad man all of his life.
	(2) Name <u>Erma Marie SOWERS</u> born on <u>30 May 1902</u> at _____ died on _____ at _____ married <u>10 Jan. 1927</u> at _____ to: <u>A. willis ORNING 4.</u> <u>9 Mar. 1901 -</u>	4. of Ames, IA, An Architectural Engineer.
	(3) Name <u>Sarah Laurene SOWERS</u> born on <u>24 Dec. 1908</u> at _____ died on _____ at _____ married <u>24 Feb. 1930</u> at _____ to: <u>Albert Almon HOLT 5.</u> <u>12 Sept. 1903 -</u>	5. of Des Moines, worked 15 yrs. at tank-wagon delivery for the Farmers Elevator.

List other children on the reverse side.

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Dr. Whitley gives his allegiance to the republican party and although never active as an office seeker, he has done able and effective work along the lines of his interests. In Tama county he was for several years school director and was for some time health officer of Webster City. In this capacity his work was an important factor in the spread of knowledge of the value of health, the effect upon it of sanitation, exercise and general cleanliness. During the many years of his residence in the city he has attained a success which in itself is a proof of his ability and his practice, although definitely established, is continually increasing as the quality of his work becomes more widely known.

GUY SOWERS.

Hamilton county numbers among its citizens many progressive and enterprising farmers, who were born and reared upon the acres which they are cultivating and who are carrying on farming along lines of development inaugurated by their fathers and grandfathers. Guy Sowers, who is operating a homestead of forty acres of fine land in Ellsworth township, is an agriculturist of this type. He was born August 1, 1873, a son of Lindsey and Rebecca E. (Ward) Sowers, who were among the earliest settlers in Hamilton county. The father was born in Fountain county, Indiana, December 25, 1833, and died in Ellsworth township upon his farm March 4, 1911. The mother of our subject was born in Crawford county, Ohio, December 12, 1839, and came to Ellsworth township with her husband in the fall of 1856. Here her death occurred 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, whose birth occurred May 18, 1868; Mrs. Mary Hughes, who was born February 7, 1871; Guy, of this review; Planey, born January 29, 1876; and Charles, whose natal day was May 16, 1878. All of the children were born and raised in Ellsworth township and are still residing there.

Guy Sowers attended the public schools of his native section and since laying aside his books has given his entire attention to general farming and well drilling. He owns forty acres of land on section 33, Ellsworth township, and to their cultivation brings long experience

in the details of farming. His soil is fertile and productive and he gathers rich harvests every year as the reward for the intelligent care and labor which he bestows upon his place. His methods are modern and his farm is equipped with the most approved machinery. He lives in a comfortable and well furnished home upon his property and has many friends in this district where he is well known and prominent.

Mr. Sowers married Miss Maggie Henderson, who was born in Scott township, January 9, 1880. She attended the public schools of her native section and remained at home until her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Sowers have three children, all natives of Ellsworth township; Bessie, born August 30, 1899; Irma, who was born May 30, 1902; and Sarah, whose birth occurred December 24, 1909. The two eldest daughters are attending school in the community. The wife of our subject is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church, of Randall.

Mr. Sowers gives his allegiance to the democratic party but never seeks public office, preferring to devote his entire time to his agricultural pursuits. His farm is intelligently operated and responds to the careful supervision and practical methods of its owner in increased productiveness, so that Mr. Sowers is classed among the enterprising and successful farmers of Hamilton county.

REV. MICHAEL K. NORTON.

Rev. Michael K. Norton, pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic church of Webster City, was born in Painesville, Ohio, May 12, 1856. His parents were John and Mary (Codde) Norton, both of whom came to the United States when quite young. They resided in Ohio until after their marriage and then removed to Wisconsin, where they still make their home.

Father Michael K. Norton was quite young at the time of the removal to the Badger state, in the public schools of which he acquired his early education. He afterward attended St. Francis Seminary of Milwaukee and pursued his philosophical studies in St. Joseph College at Dubuque, Iowa. He was ordained for the priesthood on the 28th of May, 1882, by Bishop Hennessey and was assigned to duty for three months in Clinton, Iowa. He then took charge of the mission and remained in that capacity for five years. His field of labor included the towns of Spencer, Spirit Lake and Estherville, Iowa, in each of which he succeeded in organizing a good congregation and in

HISTORY
of
Randall, Iowa
and
Adjoining Area

1673 - 1876

Mrs. Anna Galt

Lindsey Sowers, born in Fountain County, Indiana, Dec. 25, 1833, came to Ellsworth twp. in the fall of 1856, where he purchased a farm at the southern edge of Hamilton county and built a home for his bride. On Mrs. 20, 1862, he married Rebecca E. Ward, they became the parents of eight children: Laura and Henry died when very young; Albert Pearly, Mary, Guy, Pliny and Charley, all born in this home. Mrs. Sowers passed away here in 1898. Lindsey died Mar. 4, 1911.

Guy Sowers and Margaret Henderson, the first born in 1873 the latter in 1881, both from pioneer families, were married in Jan. 1899. Mr. Sowers had a business, pool hall and barber shop, on Main street in Randall in 1897. It burned in 1898, and was never re-built. After his mothers death he married and moved home to care for his father until his death in 1911. Guy was a well driller and pump and windmill repair man so he continued with this business for the next 40 years. They moved to a home of their own on a farm just north of the old-homestead, where they had built in 1910. This was on land which was a part of the original land grant to Lindsey Sowers. They were the parents of three daughters, all born in the grandfathers home. Bessie, married V. A. Ericson of Story City, he was the son of Eric L. Ericson. Guy as he was known to his friends, was a railroad man his entire lifetime. He died in 1951. They had one daughter, Beverly M. who married Harry Mandel of Washington, D. C. They had two children: Jean and Eric. Jean married Greg Broland, they have one son, Matthew Richard, born Jan. 22, 1976. All of the above live in the Washington, D. C. area. Erma, married A. W. Orning of Ames, he was an architectural engineer. They moved to Nashville, Tenn. where they lived their entire life together. Mr. Orning died in 1960. They were the parents of two daughters: Mary Virginia, married Dr. Wm. H. Hooke, they have two children: Mary Marie and Will, both at home. They also live in Nashville. Marcia Ann, married Dr. Dale Williams of Dallas, Texas. They are the parents of five children: Mark, Kathy, Brett, and twin girls, Patricia and Pamela, all at home. They live in Dallas, where the doctor has his practice. Sara, the youngest daughter has lived in or near Randall her entire lifetime. She finished High School in Randall and went to Des Moines to attend Business college, there she met and married Albert Holt, on Feb. 24, 1930. Her parents had built a new home in Randall in 1927, moving there in the spring of 1928. The Holt's came to live in this home, helping in the care of her mother, who was ill.

Mr. Holt hauled cream for the Randall Creamery for 15 years, then transferred to the Farmers Elevator where he drove a tank wagon delivery truck for the next 15 years. Mrs. Holt worked for Mr. Brekken when he opened the new bank in 1928. She was also book-keeper for the Henderson Furniture store in Story City, and Secretary for the Randall Creamery during the time L. E. Nelson was manager. In 1963 following the retirement of Cyrus Peterson, she was appointed Postmaster, and served until 1973, when she retired.

The Holt's have two children: Willis (Bill), and Patricia (Pat) now Mrs. James Juon of near Stanhope. They have two children: Catherine and Steven James.

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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

House Number	Name	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-ation Item No.	Attended School	Cannot read	Place of birth	Place of birth of father	Place of birth of mother	
135	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.	
	* Sic																		

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

Film Roll No. 435

State Iowa
County Hamilton

Township or other division of County Ellsworth (Township)

Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above named division, X Ward of City X

Enumerated by me on the 22nd day of June, 1900, Martin L. Henderson, Enumerator.

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Enumeration Dist. No. 105 }
X }
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LOCATION	NAME	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION										NATIVITY			CITIZEN				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.	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	
188	of each person whose place of abode on June 1, 1900, was in this family.																										
205	Sowers, Guy	Head	W	M	Aug	1875	26	M	2	1	Iowa	Indiana	Un						6	Yes	Yes	Yes	R		H		
	— Maggie	Wife	W	F	Jan	1881	19	M	2	1	Iowa	Norway	Norway							Yes	Yes	Yes					
	— Bessie	Dau	W	F	Aug	1899	10	S			Iowa	Iowa	Iowa														
	Olson, Lewis	Brdr	W	M	Dec	1877	22	S			Iowa	Illinois	Illinois						0	Yes	Yes	Yes					
	Savold, Henry	Brdr	W	M	Jan	1874	26	S			Iowa	Norway	Norway						0	Yes	Yes	Yes					

1910 CENSUS — UNITED STATES

Film Roll No. 404 (SUPERVISOR'S DIST. NO. 10 SHEET NO. 8 A)
 STATE Iowa (CENSATION DIST. NO. 115)
 COUNTY Hamilton WARD OF CITY X
 TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY Ellsworth Twp. DAY OF April 1910 Thomas Thompson ENGINEER
 NAME OF INSTITUTION X DAY OF April 1910 Thomas Thompson ENGINEER

LOCAT'N.	NAME	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 children living.	Place of birth.	Place of birth 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.
136	of each person whose place of abode on April 15, 1910 was in this family	M	W	36	M1	(n/r)	(n/r)	(n/r)	Iowa	Indiana	Ohio		Eng	Farmer	General farm	Emp			yes	yes		R			145
140	Sowers, Guy	M	W	29	M1	(n/r)	(n/r)	(n/r)	Iowa	Norwegian	Norwegian		Eng	None					yes	yes					
	— Maggie	F	W	10	S				Iowa	Iowa	Iowa			None					yes	yes					
	— Bessie	F	W	7	S				Iowa	Iowa	Iowa			None					yes	yes					
	— Erna	F	W	15/12	S				Iowa	Iowa	Iowa			None											
	— Sarah	F	W	75	WD				Indiana	North Carolina	North Carolina		Eng	Own income					yes	yes					
	— Linsey	M	W	13	S				Iowa	Minnesota	Indiana		Eng	Farm labor	Working out	W			yes	yes					
	Sexy, Henry 1.	M	W	34	WD				Iowa	Indiana	Ohio		Eng	Farmer	General farm	OA			yes	yes					146
	Sowers, Pliny	M	W	3*	S				Iowa	Indiana	Ohio		Eng	Farmer	General farm	OA			yes	yes					147
	Sowers, Charley	M	W		S				Iowa	Indiana	Ohio		Eng	Farmer	General farm	OA			yes	yes					

(n/r) = not recorded

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