

FENNO CEMETERY
An Adventure in Citizenship

CHALLENGE OF ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP
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DEDICATION

This book, an effort of three Cadette Girl Scouts working toward their First Class award, is dedicated to those first Cadettes who ventured forth on this project and made it all possible.

CHAPTER BEFORE THE FIRST

On a little grassy knoll overlooking the fertile, black soil of a valley, a "Pleasant Valley", decades of pioneer history lie in quiet repose..

Early on a July morning in 1969, filled with the mugginess of the Mississippi Valley, even the birds were not moving anymore than they had to. In the distance, a car turned off the highway and made its way toward the grassy knoll, known in the township as "that eyesore on Belmont Road". Drawing nearer, its occupants were chattering about how easy it would be to clean up the little burial plot by the road and meet their Girl Scout Challenge of Active Citizenship.

Armed with rakes, shovels, sickles, jugs of water and enthusiasm, six girls and two adults marched confidently toward their goal--the big tombstone in Fenno Square. Little did they dream of the adventure waiting for them. The Challenge they expected to complete by September was to become a project going strong six years later.

PICTURE KEY

1. Fenno Square the first day the Girl Scouts worked on it in July, 1969.
2. Fenno Square after five (5) summers of Girl Scout care.
3. Three Scouts recording data from the stone of Margaret Wilson Fuller.
4. "Digging out" the headstones of James Hedges. Many stones are found under inches of sod.
5. The mysterious Stone Enclosure on the first day of work at the cemetery after it had been cleared of some vegetation.
6. Lucy Waters' stone - one of a number found lying in the Stone Enclosure.
7. The headstone of three children who died in infancy. Willie, Matilda & George Pope were the children of Daniel & Mary Hedges Pope. Their epitaph is a favorite of the Girl Scouts who found it.
8. Oldest stone found as of the printing of this book. George L. Rowe died on March 27, 1844 of Dropsey. He was 19.



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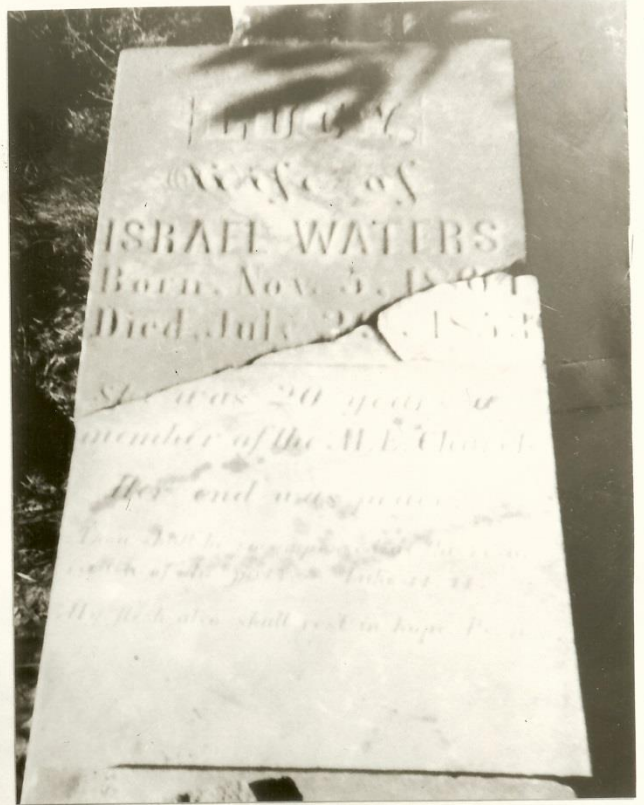
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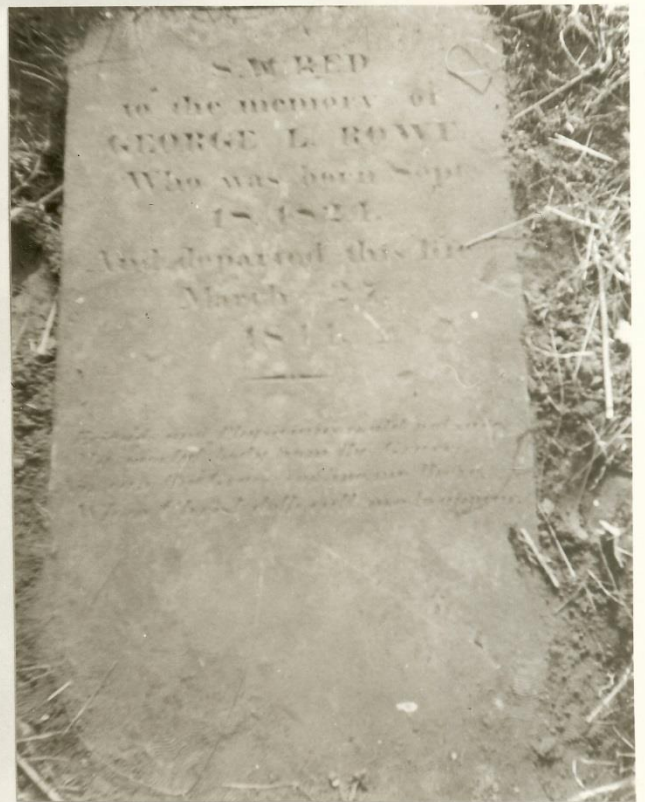


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WIFE OF
 ISRAEL WATERS
 Born Nov. 3, 1801
 Died July 24, 1853
 She was 20 years a
 member of the A. E. Church
 Her end was peaceful
 and she was buried
 in the A. E. Church
 cemetery at the place
 where she died
 Her husband shall rest in hope



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SACRED
 to the memory of
 GEORGE L. ROWE
 Who was born Sept
 15, 1821
 and departed this life
 March 27
 1872

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CHAPTER I

HISTORY OF THE CEMETERY

It is difficult to say just how many people have been involved with this Fenno Cemetery project over the six years the Girl Scouts of Troop 99 (now 1099) have been working on it. They have tried to list as many as possible in the Bibliography, but there may be some who have been missed.

Before the pioneers who are burried in this cemetery came to Pleasant Valley Township, the land was roamed and claimed by Chief Black Hawk as a hunting ground rich in fur bearing animals and fish.¹ It is no wonder he was reluctant to leave it. The U.S. Government then laid claim and, in the early 1830's, people came from many different places to settle the land.² In the books of records of deed transactions in the Scott County Courthouse, it was found that land purchased by the pioneers cost very little compared to today's price.

George Fenno bought the land on which Fenno Cemetery is located in the early 1840's. He migrated to Pleasant Valley Township from Canada in 1838. The Fenno family donated the land to Pleasant Valley Township some years later to be used as a cemetery.³ When the Girl Scouts began to restore it in 1969, it was thought to belong to Bettendorf by annexation. In the summer of 1974, the Scott County Courthouse records named the Pleasant Valley Township Trustees as the ones responsible for the cemetery.

1. Atlas of Scott County, Iowa 1894 Page 107
2. Downer, Harry--History of Scott County Volume I
3. Frank Fenno - Colona, Illinois

CHAPTER II

FAMILIES

The graves of sixteen different families have been found in the Fenno Cemetery. One family listed as having at least one member buried there, has not yet been found. It is hoped the search can be made next summer to locate the grave of Jn. O. Rains.¹

The families and information about them is found listed in the following pages. It was decided to do an "in depth" report on three families in the cemetery who were special to the project. The grave of George Rowe was the earliest burial found so far. Direct descendants of the Hedges family were interviewed for the report on this pioneer family who had one of the first grist mills in Pleasant Valley Township. The Fenno family is the one for whom the cemetery is named.

1. Records of Deaths and Burials - Scott County Court House
County Clerk's Offices
Davenport, Iowa

FENNO FAMILY

The first George Fenno and his brother were soldiers in the army of George of England. They came to America and fought for England in the Revolutionary War in 1777. After being defeated by the Colonists, they migrated to Canada where they remained until 1838 when George W. and his family returned to the United States and settled in Pleasant Valley Township.

It is believed that George W., born in 1800, was a farmer and owned a large amount of land in Pleasant Valley Township. Fenno Cemetery is located on a portion of that land. The cemetery property was donated to Pleasant Valley Township by the Fenno family many years ago. There are eight members of the Fenno family buried on this land, as well as a number of families from surrounding township.

Levi Fenno bought some land from Phoebe Fenno, wife of George W., and was an onion farmer in the early 1870's. He lost his first wife when their son, Frank was born in 1869. He remarried and took his family to Colorado by wagon in the 1880's. It is believed he left Pleasant Valley in May and arrived in Colorado in November. His son, Frank, remained in Pleasant Valley with his Grandfather and Grandmother Stokes. Mr. Stokes at one time owned a flour mill in Cleveland, Illinois. He was the brother-in-law of D.B. Sears, founder of the Sears Flour Mill and, later, the Sears Power Plant in Milan, Illinois.

Frank Fenno married and moved to Colorado where he is buried. He and a brother, Louis, had the large family stone placed in Fenno Cemetery in 1915. His son, Frank Jr., lives in Colona, Illinois. Frank W. Fenno III was a submariner in World War II and was aboard the sub Trout which rescued the Navy nurses from Corregidor.

FENNO FAMILY (Cont'd)

Hatfield Fenno was a lover of horses and was known to race them whenever he could. Legend has it that he once started out from Pleasant Valley with five hundred head of horses. Among them was a stallion for which he was offered one thousand dollars. He was later seen riding the stallion out West minus the other horses. When asked about their whereabouts, he replied that they had been stolen by the Indians. "Hat" also worked in the U. S. Treasury Department in Baltimore, Maryland.¹

The name of George was apparently popular in the Fenno family since it appears at least six times in the family tree from 1777 to 1974.

George Fenno, (1835-1857) died at the age of twenty two. George W. Fenno, (1872-1892) was twenty years old when he died of consumption.² The present Frank Fenno Jr. has a brother, George, who lives in Colorado and he has a son named George who lives in Davenport.

Other Fennos include: Aeabella, who married Stephen H. Hendley on May 28, 1854 Scott County, and C. C. Fenno, 1834-1894 who committed suicide at the age of sixty in Grinnell, Iowa. He is buried in the Fenno Cemetery according to Scott County Death Records, but his grave sight has not yet been found in the cemetery. Charles Fenno, (1830-1885) married Mirian Hunt on Christmas Day, 1856.³ Edward Fenno, (1845-1904) helped build Bettendorf with a contribution of \$25.00 to the city treasury when it was being formed.⁴ His grave is apparently the last burial in Fenno Cemetery. H. H. Fenno bought property from S. H. Hendley, and, in 1894, was known as a farmer and raiser of black Spanish mules. His farm was called "Maple Lane Farm".⁵

One of the Fenno brothers who came to the U. S. from Canada in the

1. Personal reminiscences of Frank Fenno, Colona, Illinois and Mrs. Fred Doeckel, Rock Island, Illinois, descendants of the Fennos.
2. Records of Deaths and Burials-Scott County Court House, County Clerk's Offices, Davenport, Iowa.

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FENNO FAMILY (Cont'd)

mid 1830's, went on South and settled there. One of his descendants came to Iowa with his wife and three children named Martha, Walter, and Frances. They brought a black woman servant with them, and it is believed that she was the first black person to live in this area. Martha lived in Chicago after she left Pleasant Valley. Frances lived on Eighth Street in Davenport in 1926. She was a Salad woman in a school or hospital cafeteria. She lost her home during the Depression of the 1930's. Her mother lived with Frances until she died. Frances died in 1957 at the age of seventy five. She is buried in the Catholic Cemetery in Davenport. Martha died within six months of her mother.⁶

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Fenno had three children named Belle, Otis and Horace. Belle was the mother of Mrs. Verna Doeckel. Mrs. Doeckel lives with her husband Fred in Rock Island. They have a daughter, Pat, who is an auditor in Davenport.⁷

- 3. Records of Marriages - Scott County Court House, Davenport, Iowa.
- 4. History of Bettendorf - Voelliger, Arthur J. 1973.
- 5. Scott County Atlas - 1894.
- 6. Reminiscences of Mrs. Leo Sersig.
- 7. Mrs. Fred Doeckel, Rock Island, Illinois.

HEDGES FAMILY

Samuel Hedges was born on June 13, 1796, in Pennsylvania. He married Maria Jackson, who was born in 1806 and was a descendant of Andrew Jackson, the seventh President of the United States. While they lived in Pennsylvania, Maria gave birth to her first child, whom they named Olive.

The Hedges family moved from Pennsylvania in 1836 to settle in Pleasant Valley Township. They homesteaded about two and one half miles back of Pleasant Valley on Middle Road and Crow Creek Road. Today it is thought to be near Surrey Heights and Century Oaks housing developments.

Samuel and Wheeler Hedges built one of the first Grist Mills in Pleasant Valley in 1837. It was a very good mill because people came from miles around to use it. Samuel and Wheeler also had a saw mill on their property.

On April 3, 1837, Maria gave birth to a second child. Her name was Sara, and she was the first white girl born in Pleasant Valley.

Sometime around 1838, Samuel Hedges was a Colonel of the Militia during the struggle with Chief Black Hawk. Samuel also drew the first village plat of the city of Davenport and was an intimate friend of Colonel George of Davenport.

On June 26, 1849, Jane, Maria and Samuel's third child was born. When the girls were grown, Olive moved to Escanoba, Michigan, and married a man named Tom Streeter. He was a farmer and raised fancy horses. On December 15, 1859, Sarah was married to James Dyer, a Scotsman who settled in Pleasant Valley. They were married at the home of J.C. Pokes, and the marriage was performed by Rev. Samuel Y. Heannier.

Jane was just a little girl when Samuel and Maria died. It is thought that they may have died during an epidemic. Jane was boarded out and worked for her room and board until Olive sent for her.

HEDGES FAMILY (Cont'd)

In Michigan Jane met James Patrick Lyon and they were married. James served in the War of the Rebellion 1861 to 1865. He was a Corporal and Lieutenant in the First Wisconsin Cavalry.

One of James and Jane's daughters married a man named Dyer. They lived in Chicago, Illinois until 1912 when they returned to Pleasant Valley Township and settled on the Dyer family property. One of the Dyer daughters is Mrs. Belle Dyer Ade who lives in Davenport, Iowa. Mrs. Ade was interviewed by the writers of this book and gave them most of the information on the Hedges family which is offered in this chapter.

ROWE FAMILY

Christopher and Elizabeth Rowe first came to Pleasant Valley Township in 1836. William and Mary Rowe came in 1837. On July 6, 1840, Christopher bought from The United States of America a piece of land located in Pleasant Valley Township. On February 5, 1841, Nelson Rowe was issued a deed for a piece of land in Pleasant Valley.¹ And so begins the record of the Rowe family in Pleasant Valley Township.

Christopher Rowe was known for "giving counsel to his friends and neighbors". He and his wife had at least one son named George. George died of dropsey at the age of nineteen years and six months.² (Dropsey is the abnormal collection of fluid in body tissues. Sometimes the word Edema is used as a synonym.) George was one of the first people to be buried in Fenno Cemetery.

Records show a number of marriages in the Rowe family. Emma M. Rowe married Andrew Hyde on February 17, 1842, in the home of Christopher and Elizabeth Rowe. Emma was 21 and Andrew was 27. Then on November 3, 1842, Julia Ann Rowe married Andrew's brother George in Parkhurst County. Julia was 21 and George was 27. Julia was a teacher in Pleasant Valley at the time of her marriage. Nelson Rowe's wife Emily died on December 12, 1854, at the age of 31. He then married Mary Downing on April 12, 1857. They were married by C.M. Miles. The marriage date of Eliza A. Rowe, 19, and John P. Cook, 22, was October 26, 1842. Sylvanus Rowe married Helen P. Carpenter on July 20, 1853.³

When Christopher Rowe died on October 29, 1860, he was laid to rest in Fenno Cemetery where his son George and Emily, wife of Nelson Rowe were also buried. Their stones still stand.

1. Records of Deed Transactions - Scott County Court House, Office of County Recorder, Davenport, Iowa
2. Microfilmed newspaper in Davenport Public Library - Obituary of George Rowe.
3. Records of Marriages - Scott County Court House, Davenport, Iowa

ALLEN FAMILY

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|---|------------------------------------|
| 1. NAME: George R. Allen | 1. NAME: Mary Davis Allen |
| 2. BORN: Ohio; August 10, 1803 | 2. BORN: January 7, 1834 |
| 3. SEX: Male | 3. SEX: Female |
| 4. COLOR: White | 4. COLOR: White |
| 5. NATIONALITY: Unknown | 5. MARITAL STATUS: Wife of Azel |
| 6. MARITAL STATUS: Widower | 6. DIED: August 1, 1902 |
| 7. OCCUPATION: Farmer | 7. AGE: 68 Years |
| 8. RESIDENT OF SCOTT COUNTY: 40 Years | 8. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery |
| 9. DIED: March 7, 1888, 12:30 P.M. | 9. EPITAPH: "At Rest" |
| 10. AGE: 85 Years | |
| 11. DATE OF RECORD: Unknown | |
| 12. PLACE OF DEATH: 1920 Eddy St., Bettendorf, Iowa | |
| 13. CAUSE OF DEATH: Rupture of heart | |
| 14. COMPLICATIONS: Unknown | |
| 15. DURATION: Unknown | |
| 16. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery | |
| 17. DATE OF BURIAL: March 9, 1888 | |
| 18. UNDERTAKER: M. Boies, 320 Perry St., Davenport, Iowa | |
| 19. DEATH CERTIFICATE SIGNED BY: A. W. Bowman, M.D. | |
| 20. EPITAPH: "Farewell Father
Until we meet in heaven" | |

ALLEN FAMILY (Cont'd)

NOTES: George R. Allen is one of the oldest people to be buried in Fenno Cemetery.

Alfred Allen had a butcher shop in Pleasant Valley and served in the Civil War.

Dr. E. D. Allen practiced from 1879 to 1881 in Scott County.¹

James W. Allen married Fannah Ann Morton, January 7, 1841, in Davenport, Iowa. He was 23 and she was 21.

John B. Allen married Mary A. Nind on June 2, 1857. Marriage was solemnized by Rev. James D. Meason. Certificate returned July 16, 1857.

Azel B. Allen married Mary Davis, March 16, 1857. Marriage was performed by Rev. M. Rutledge. Certificate returned May 5, 1857.²

Mary and Azel Allen used to live on Crow Creek Road where Ann and Fred Criswell now live. The Allen's home was torn down to build the Criswell home place.³

1. Voelliger, Arthur J. and Lage, Dorothy B. History of Bettendorf and Pleasant Valley - Bettendorf Public Library 1973.
2. Records of Marriages - County Clerk's Office-Scott County Court House, Davenport, Iowa.
3. Reminiscences of Mrs. Edna Blackman Clemmons, Pleasant Valley, Iowa.

DAVIS FAMILY

- 1. NAME: Ann Davis
- 2. BORN: January, 1809
- 3. SEX: Female
- 4. MARITAL STATUS: Wife of
Azal Allen
- 5. DIED: September 24, 1849
- 6. AGE: 40 Years and 9 Months
- 7. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery

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NOTES:

One corner of the Fenno Cemetery enclosure was part of the first grist mill, the property of Davis and Haskell. Davis Garden Company operated green houses in southwest Pleasant Valley Township for many years. The company ceased operations in the late 1960's.¹ Thomas Davis bought property from the United States of America on January 25, 1839.²

- 1. NAME: Ezekiel Davis
- 2. BORN: July 25, 1799, in
Cambria County, Evansburg,
Pennsylvania
- 3. SEX: Male
- 4. COLOR: White
- 5. MARITAL STATUS: Widower at
time of death
- 6. OCCUPATION: Farmer
- 7. RESIDENT OF SCOTT COUNTY: 43
Years
- 8. DIED: March 25, 1890; 8:00 a.m.
- 9. AGE: 89 Years, 7 Months
- 10. DATE OF RECORD: April 14, 1890
- 11. PLACE OF DEATH: Pleasant Valley
Township
- 12. CAUSE OF DEATH: Paralysis and
Old Age
- 13. COMPLICATIONS: Dementia: Loss
or impairment of
one's mental powers
- 14. DURATION: 3 Years
- 15. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery
- 16. DEATH CERTIFICATE SIGNED BY:
James Gamble

- 1. Voelliger, Arthur J. and Lage, Dorothy B. - History of Bettendorf and Pleasant Valley - 1973
- 2. Records of Deeds - Scott County Court House, Davenport, Iowa

FENNO FAMILY

- 1. NAME: George W. Fenno
- 2. BORN: 1800
- 3. SEX: Male
- 4. COLOR: White
- 5. MARITAL STATUS: Married
- 6. DIED: 1876
- 7. AGE: 76 Years
- 8. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery

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- 1. NAME: Charles Fenno
- 2. BORN: 1830
- 3. SEX: Male
- 4. COLOR: White
- 5. MARITAL STATUS: Married
- 6. DIED: 1885
- 7. AGE: 55 Years
- 8. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery

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- 1. NAME: George Fenno
- 2. BORN: 1835
- 3. SEX: Male
- 4. COLOR: White
- 5. DIED: 1857
- 6. AGE: 22 Years
- 7. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery

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- 1. NAME: Phoebe Fenno
- 2. BORN: 1812
- 3. SEX: Female
- 4. COLOR: White
- 5. MARITAL STATUS: Wife of George W. Fenno
- 6. DIED: 1882
- 7. AGE: 70 Years
- 8. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery

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- 1. NAME: C. C. Fenno
- 2. BORN: December, 1834
- 3. SEX: Male
- 4. COLOR: White
- 5. NATIONALITY: U. S. Citizen
- 6. MARITAL STATUS: Single
- 7. DIED: December 20, 1894
- 8. AGE: 60 Years
- 9. DATE OF RECORD: January 7, 1895
- 10. PLACE OF DEATH: Poweskiek County
Grinnell, Iowa
- 11. CAUSE OF DEATH: Suicide
- 12. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery
(Stone not yet found)
- 13. DATE OF BURIAL: December 21, 1894
- 14. DEATH CERTIFICATE SIGNED BY:
C. W. Clark, M.D.

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FENNO FAMILY (Cont'd)

1. NAME: William Fenno
2. BORN: 1837
3. SEX: Male
4. COLOR: White
5. DIED: 1868
6. AGE: 31 Years
7. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery

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1. NAME: Edward Fenno
2. BORN: 1845
3. SEX: Male
4. COLOR: White
5. DIED: 1904
6. AGE: 59 Years
7. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery

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1. NAME: George W. Fenno
2. BORN: 1872
3. SEX: Male
4. COLOR: White
5. NATIONALITY: American
6. MARITAL STATUS: Single
7. DIED: April 30, 1892; 1:00 p.m.
8. AGE: 20 Years
9. DATE OF RECORD: May 23, 1892
10. PLACE OF DEATH: Pleasant Valley
11. CAUSE OF DEATH: Consumption
12. DURATION: 1 Year
13. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery
14. DEATH CERTIFICATE SIGNED BY:
O. C. Robers, M.D.; Davenport, Iowa

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NOTES:

This family has its own little section of Fenno Cemetery. It is the family for whom the cemetery is named. It is thought that George W. Fenno, the elder, may have homesteaded the land on which the cemetery is located.

A large stone marker identifies the "Fenno Square". It was set in 1915 by order of Frank and Louis Fenno, descendants who lived in Colorado.

Phoebe was the wife of George W., the elder; and it is thought that Charles was their first born. Charles was married to Mirian Hunt on December 25, 1856.

It is thought that George W., the younger, was the grandson of the first George W. Fenno.

FENNO FAMILY (Cont'd)

NOTES:

H. H. Fenno was a farmer and stock raiser on Maple Lane Farm in 1895. He was a breeder of Black Spanish mules.

Edward Fenno helped make Bettendorf by donating \$25.00 to the city. He owned the Fenno property in 1894.

Acabella Fenno married Stephen H. Henley on May 28, 1854.

FULLER FAMILY

1. NAME: Margaret Wilson Fuller
2. BORN: 1834
3. SEX: Female
4. MARITAL STATUS: Wife of Richard Osborne Fuller
5. DIED: January 26, 1873
6. AGE: 39 Years
7. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery
8. EPITAPH: Sacred to the memory of
Margaret Wilson
wife of Richard Osborne Fuller
Riverside Farm of this Township
who died January 26, 1873 aged 39 Years

HEDGES FAMILY

1. NAME: Samuel Hedges
2. BORN: June 13, 1796
3. SEX: Male
4. COLOR: White
5. MARITAL STATUS: Married
6. OCCUPATION: Justice of the Peace and Mill Owner
7. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery (Headstone not yet found)

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1. NAME: Maria Hedges
2. BORN: 1806
3. SEX: Female
4. COLOR: White
5. MARITAL STATUS: Wife of Samuel Hedges
6. DIED: May 9, 1850
7. AGE: 44 Years
8. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery

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1. NAME: James Hedges
2. BORN: 1790
3. SEX: Male
4. COLOR: White
5. MARITAL STATUS: Married
6. DIED: April 26, 1851
7. AGE: 61 Years
8. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery
9. EPITAPH: "Lie here dear husband in the dust
Since God was pleased to call you.
It is my joy and my last prayer
That I in heaven may meet you there."

LEWIS FAMILY

1. NAME: Fannie Lewis
2. BORN: 1819
3. SEX: Female
4. MARITAL STATUS: Wife of Samuel
Lewis
5. DIED: November 9, 1857
6. AGE: 38 Years
7. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery

1. NAME: Samuel W. Lewis
2. BORN: 1853
3. SEX: Male
4. MARITAL STATUS: Single
5. DIED: September 6, 1860
6. AGE: 7 Years
7. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery

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1. NAME: Henry C. Lewis
2. BORN: 1856
3. SEX: Male
4. MARITAL STATUS: Single
5. DIED: September 26, 1857
6. AGE: 1 Year
7. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery

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NOTES: Samuel W. was the son of Samuel and Fannie Lewis. Henry was the infant son of Samuel and Fannie Lewis. He died two months before his mother. His body shares the same grave as his mother's.¹

1. Tombstone located in Fenno Cemetery

OLDS FAMILY

1. NAME: Sarah J. Olds
2. BORN: February, 1831
3. SEX: Female
4. MARITAL STATUS: Wife of J.W. Olds
5. DIED: September 7, 1855
6. AGE: 24 Years and 7 Months
7. BURIAL PLACE: Fenno Cemetery
8. EPITAPH: "Blessed are the dead
Who die in the Lord."
J. Davis

1. NAME: Sophia A. Olds
2. BORN: January, 1842
3. SEX: Female
4. MARITAL STATUS: Single
5. DIED: August 24, 1851
6. AGE: 9 Years and 8 Months
7. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery
8. EPITAPH: "Suffer little children
And forbid them not
For such is the Kingdom
of God."

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1. NAME: Charles H. Olds
2. BORN: January, 1849
3. SEX: Male
4. MARITAL STATUS: Single
5. DIED: October 4, 1851
6. AGE: 2 Years and 9 Months
7. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery
8. EPITAPH: "Sleep sweet child
And take thy rest
For such as thee
Our Savior blest."

1. NAME: Jane C. Olds
2. BORN: Unknown
3. SEX: Female
4. MARITAL STATUS: Presumed Single
5. DIED: September 23, 1848
6. AGE: ___ Years and 9 Months
(Number of years unreadable on
tombstone.)
7. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery
8. EPITAPH: "Suffer the children
To come unto Me
And forbid them not
For of such is the
Kingdom of God."

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OLDS FAMILY (Cont'd)

NOTES:

Jane, Sophia and Charles were the children of J. and L. Olds. J. W. Olds, Sarah's husband, was a farmer and stock raiser in Davenport. He owned land in Pleasant Valley Township in 1905.¹ Edwin A. B. Olds married Mary Ann Cadman, August 12, 1841, in Scott County. He was 30 and she was 23. John W. Olds married Sarah J. Olds on April 18, 1854.²

1. Scott County Atlas 1894
2. Records of Marriages - Scott County Court House,
County Clerk's Office
Davenport, Iowa

POPE FAMILY

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|--|------------------------------------|
| 1. NAME: Willie Pope | 1. NAME: George D. Pope |
| *2. BORN: Unknown | *2. BORN: Unknown |
| 3. SEX: Male | 3. SEX: Male |
| 4. MARITAL STATUS: Single | 4. MARITAL STATUS: Single |
| 5. DIED: August 21, 1855 | *5. DIED: _____ 22, 185_____ |
| *6. AGE: Unknown | 6. AGE: 1 Year, 2 Months, 15 Days |
| 7. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery | 7. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery |
| 8. EPITAPH: "Earth's brightest gems are fading
Most tearfully we mourn them
But cannot call them back.
They lie in dreamless slumber
Within the Holy Lamb.
The wild winds sigh above them
And lilies on them bloom.
No more sorrow sadden
Their dark and sunny eyes
They are above all anguish
In God's blest paradise." | 8. EPITAPH: Same as
Willie Pope |

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1. NAME: Matilda J. Pope
2. BORN: December 23, 1856
3. SEX: Female
4. MARITAL STATUS: Single
5. DIED: January 12, 1857
6. AGE: 3 Weeks
7. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery
8. EPITAPH: Same as Willie and George Pope

*No age or birth date is given for Willie on his headstone. The death date is not complete for George, because the stone is broken and worn away at this point of information on the stone.

POPE FAMILY (Cont'd)

NOTES:

Willie,*Matilda and George were the infant children of Daniel N. and Mary Polly Hedges Pope. Daniel N. Pope came to Pleasant Valley in 1837.¹ He married Mary Polly Hedges on September 2, 1841. He was 27 and she was 17.

W. H. Pope was a farmer and stock raiser in Pleasant Valley.²

Other marriages in the Pope family: Sarah Jane Pope married James W. Wood, February 20, 1855; Jurgen O. Pope married Anna C. Augustin, June 7, 1856, and William Pope married Susan Magruder Singleton, December 28, 1833.³ William was 26 and Susan was 19. Lyman Carpenter, a minister of the Gospel performed the ceremony.

R. H. Pope operated a store in Pleasant Valley in 1851. He sold out and moved to Princeton.

John Pope settled in Scott County in 1838.⁴

The following people settled in Pleasant Valley in or about 1841; Isaac Tracy Pope, Mary Ann Pope, William Henry Pope, Robert H. Pope, Angeline H. Pope, Justus Pope, Sarah Wood Pope, Mary Allen Pope, Sarah Pope Wood.⁵ In 1846, James K. Pope came to Pleasant Valley. Daniel Pope bought land from Edward Lee and wife on August 6, 1840.⁶

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6. Records of Deed Transactions - Scott County Court House, County Recorder's Office, Davenport, Iowa

POSTON FAMILY

1. NAME: Eliza J. Poston
2. BORN: April 13, 1849
3. SEX: Female
4. MARITAL STATUS: Single
5. DIED: September 12, 1850
6. AGE: 1 Year, 4 Months, 29 Days
7. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery

NOTES:

Eliza J. Poston was the daughter of W. and M. Poston. Poston owned land near the Fennos in 1894. William Poston married Mary Jane Kearns, December 2, 1848. They were married in the home of Mr. Kearns. William was 24 and Mary was 20.

William Poston married Anna Carroll, April 12, 1860 in Davenport. John Poston married Martha Giberson, October 21, 1849. He was 22 and she was 17. They were married at the home of Mr. David Giberson.

1. Records of Marriages - Scott County Court House, County Clerk's Office, Davenport, Iowa

RAINS FAMILY

1. NAME: Jn. O. Rains
2. BORN: Indiana, 1835
3. SEX: Male
4. COLOR: White
5. NATIONALITY: Unknown
6. MARITAL STATUS: Married
7. OCCUPATION: Retired
8. RESIDENT OF SCOTT COUNTY: Unknown
9. DIED: April 19, 1892, 6:40 p.m.
10. AGE: 57 Years
11. DATE OF RECORD: Unknown
12. PLACE OF DEATH: 619 Mound Street, Davenport, Iowa
13. CAUSE OF DEATH: Uraemic convulsions fistula in ano
14. COMPLICATIONS: Unknown
15. DURATION: 6 Years
16. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery
17. DATE OF BURIAL: April 21, 1892
18. UNDERTAKER: Unknown
19. DEATH CERTIFICATE SIGNED BY: J. P. Crawford, M.D.
20. EPITAPH: Unknown

NOTE:

According to burial records at the Scott County Court House, this man is buried in Fenno Cemetery. However, his grave site had not been located as of 11/25/74.

John O. Rains invented the first onion drill planter in 1856.¹

1. Reminiscences of Mr. Russell Rice, Pleasant Valley, Iowa.

ROBESON FAMILY

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|---|---|
| 1. NAME: Jacob V. Robeson | 1. NAME: Rosa Jane Robeson |
| 2. BORN: November 19, 1835 | 2. BORN: August 12, 1835 |
| 3. SEX: Male | 3. SEX: Female |
| 4. MARITAL STATUS: Married | 4. MARITAL STATUS: Wife of Jacob V. Robeson |
| 5. DIED: July 10, 1855 | 5. DIED: August 14, 1858 |
| 6. AGE: 20 Years, 8 Months, 21 Days | 6. AGE: 23 Years, 2 Days |
| 7. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery | 7. BURIAL PLACE: Fenno Cemetery |
| 8. EPITAPH: "Dear son and brother
Thou has left us
Here thy loss we deeply feel
But 'tis God that has bereft us
He can all our sorrows heal." | 8. EPITAPH: "Through all Eternity
to thou
A joyful song I'll raise
For the memories too short
To alter all thy praise |

1. NAME: Fedilia E. Robeson
2. BORN: December 23, 1854
3. SEX: Female
4. MARITAL STATUS: Single
5. DIED: August 29, 1855
6. AGE: 9 Months, 7 Days
7. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery
8. EPITAPH: "Sleep sweet child
And take thy rest
For such as thee
Our Savior blest."

1. NAME: Amanda J. Robeson
2. BORN: November 11, 1833
3. SEX: Female
4. MARITAL STATUS: Single
5. DIED: September 27, 1847
6. AGE: 14 Years, 11 Months, 16 Days
7. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery

ROBESON FAMILY (Cont'd)

NOTES:

Jacob W. and Amanda J. were the children of S. and C. Robeson. Jacob W. married Rosa Jane Waters on November 18, 1852. J. C. Smith solemnized the wedding.

Fedilia was the infant daughter of Jacob and Rosa Jane. Jacob and Fedilia died the same year within a month and one half of each other. Rosa died three years later about the same time of year.

In 1844, the following Robesons came to Scott County; Thomas and Sarah B. Robeson, their sons, John E. and David S. Robeson, William H. Robeson.¹

William Robeson bought land from Frank H. Petersen and wife, November 30, 1901. Fred Kruse bought land from William H. Robeson, widower, May 18, 1905.²

John Robeson married Mary Miller, November 1, 1859 in Davenport, Iowa.

E. W. Robeson helped build Bettendorf with a donation of \$400. He was the 27th person to cast a vote for the incorporation of the town of Bettendorf and was mayor of the city in June 1903. He was the first mayor of Bettendorf.³

1. Memorial Placque located in Scott County Park. Erected by Old Settler's Association in 1901.
2. Records of Deed Transactions - Scott County Court House, County Recorder's Office, Davenport, Iowa
3. Voelliger, Arthur J. and Lage, Dorothy B. - History of Bettendorf and Pleasant Valley - 1973.

ROWE FAMILY

1. NAME: Christopher Rowe
2. BORN: 1780
3. SEX: Male
4. MARITAL STATUS: Married
5. DIED: October 29, 1860
6. AGE: 72 Years
7. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery

1. NAME: Emily A. Rowe
2. BORN: September 3, 1823
3. SEX: Female
4. MARITAL STATUS: Wife of Nelson
Rowe
5. DIED: December 12, 1854
6. AGE: 31 Years, 3 Months, 9 Days
7. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery

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1. NAME: George L. Rowe
2. BORN: September 18, 1824
3. SEX: Male
4. MARITAL STATUS: Presumed Single
5. DIED: March 27, 1844
6. AGE: 19 Years, 6 Months
7. PLACE OF DEATH: Home of his father, Christopher Rowe
8. CAUSE OF DEATH: Dropsey
9. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery
10. DATE OF BURIAL: Friday, March 29, 1844
11. EPITAPH: "Friend and physician could not save
My mortal body from the grave.
Nor can the grave confine me there
When Christ doth call me to appear."

SMITH FAMILY

- 1. NAME: Lyman Smith
- 2. BORN: January 4, 1815
- 3. SEX: Male
- 4. DIED: April 4, 1857
- 5. AGE: 42 Years, 4 Months
- 6. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery
- 7. EPITAPH: "I am with thee
Even in death."

NOTE:

Unusual markings were found on this headstone. The looked something like the following: : *) : * : : * ^ : *)

T. S. Smith came to Pleasant Valley in 1860 and practiced medicine for a time before purchasing a farm in the northern part of the township.¹

John Smith was a noted river pilot who played a part in determining the evidence of railroad and bridge interests.²

In the early 1800's the following members of the Smith family came and settled in Pleasant Valley Township: Martin W. Smith and Harriet C. Burtis Smith - 1823; Ira F. Smith - 1834; P. M. Smith - 1835.³

- 1. Voelliger, Arthur J. and Lage, Dorothy B. - History of Bettendorf and Pleasant Valley - 1973. Page 54, Pleasant Valley section.
- 2. Voelliger, Arthur J. and Lage, Dorothy B. - History of Bettendorf and Pleasant Valley - 1973. Page 27, Pleasant Valley Section.
- 3. Memorial Placque located in Scott County Park. Erected by Old Settler's Association in 1901.

STACEY FAMILY

1. NAME: Alsey Stacey
2. BORN: 1771
3. SEX: Female
4. MARITAL STATUS: Wife of Joseph Stacey, Sr.
5. DIED: January 18, 1853
6. AGE: 82 Years
7. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery

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1. NAME: Joseph Stacey, Sr.
2. BORN: November 12, 1770
3. SEX: Male
4. MARITAL STATUS: Married
5. DIED: November 13, 1861
6. AGE: 91 Years, 1 Day
7. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery

NOTE: Alsey Stacey's stone was carved by W. W. Kennedy of Davenport, Iowa.

STINES FAMILY

1. NAME: Lydia A. Stines
2. BORN: August 9, 1835
3. SEX: Female
4. MARITAL STATUS: Presumed Single
5. DIED: December 3, 1851
6. AGE: 16 Years, 3 Months, 25 Days
7. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery
8. EPITAPH: "Dear Lydia thou hast left us
Here thy loss we deeply feel
But 'tis God that has bereft us
He can all our sorrows heal."

NOTE: Lydia was the daughter of L. C. Stines

WATERS FAMILY

- 1. NAME: Israel Waters
- 2. BORN: February 12, 1785
- 3. SEX: Male
- 4. MARITAL STATUS: Married
- 5. DIED: October 20, 1855
- 6. AGE: 70 Years, 8 Months, 8 Days
- 7. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery
- 8. EPITAPH: "I am the Resurrection and the Life." John 11:25.

"Let sickness blast
 Let death devour
 If heaven must recompense
 Perish the grass and fade the flowers
 If firm the Word of God remains."

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- 1. NAME: Lucy Waters
- 2. BORN: November 5, 1804
- 3. SEX: Female
- 4. MARITAL STATUS: Wife of Israel Waters
- 5. DIED: July 2-, 1853 (Second number not readable on stone)
- 6. AGE: 49 Years
- 7. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery
- 8. EPITAPH: "She was 20 Years a member of the ME Church."
 "Her end was peace."
 "Thou shall be recompensed at the Resurrection
 of the Just." Luke 14:14
 "My flesh also shall rest in hope." Ps. 16:9

NOTE: The stonemason for Israel Water's stone was J. Davis, Davenport, Iowa.

WATERS FAMILY (Cont'd)

1. NAME: M. J. Waters
2. BORN: March 2, 1836
3. SEX: Female
4. MARITAL STATUS: Wife of George Waters, Sr.
5. DIED: December 21, 1855
6. AGE: 19 Years, 9 Months, 19 Days
7. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery
8. EPITAPH: "If again we have to meet thee
When the day of life is fled
Then in heaven with joy to greet thee
Where no farewell tear is shed."

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1. NAME: George H. Waters
2. BORN: February 10, 1854
3. SEX: Male
4. MARITAL STATUS: Single
5. DIED: October 20, 1854
6. AGE: 9 Months, 2 Days
7. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery

NOTES: Jacob V. Robeson married Rosa Jane Waters, November 18, 1852.
J. C. Smith performed the ceremony.¹

Stonemason for M. J. Waters stone was J. Davis, Davenport, Iowa.

George H. Waters was the infant son of George & M. J. Waters.

1. Records of Marriage - Scott County Court House, Office of the
County Clerk, Davenport, Iowa

WOODBURY FAMILY

1. NAME: Henry W. Woodbury
2. BORN: July 23, 1852
3. SEX: Male
4. MARITAL STATUS: Single
5. DIED: December 31, 1852
6. AGE: 5 Months, 8 Days
7. PLACE OF BURIAL: Fenno Cemetery

NOTES: Henry was the infant son of D. and B. Woodbury according to his headstone.

CHAPTER III

RESTORATION - THE PART WE PLAYED

As first year Cadette Girl Scouts, we heard about the cemetery from our leader and were asked to help in its upkeep. On certain weekends we would go to the cemetery to mow, clip the grass around the tombstones, and probe the ground for new stones. Our leader noticed we were getting more interested in this project, so she decided to include it in our Challenge of Active Citizenship. Our challenge was to write, print, and present to the Bettendorf Library, a book on Fenno Cemetery.

We were very excited with our new challenge, and started on it in the summer of 1974. We spent three Tuesdays at the Scott County Court House and Davenport Library looking at death records, marriage records, records of deed transactions, and old newspapers, searching for any information on the people buried in Fenno Cemetery. We found lots of information at those places.

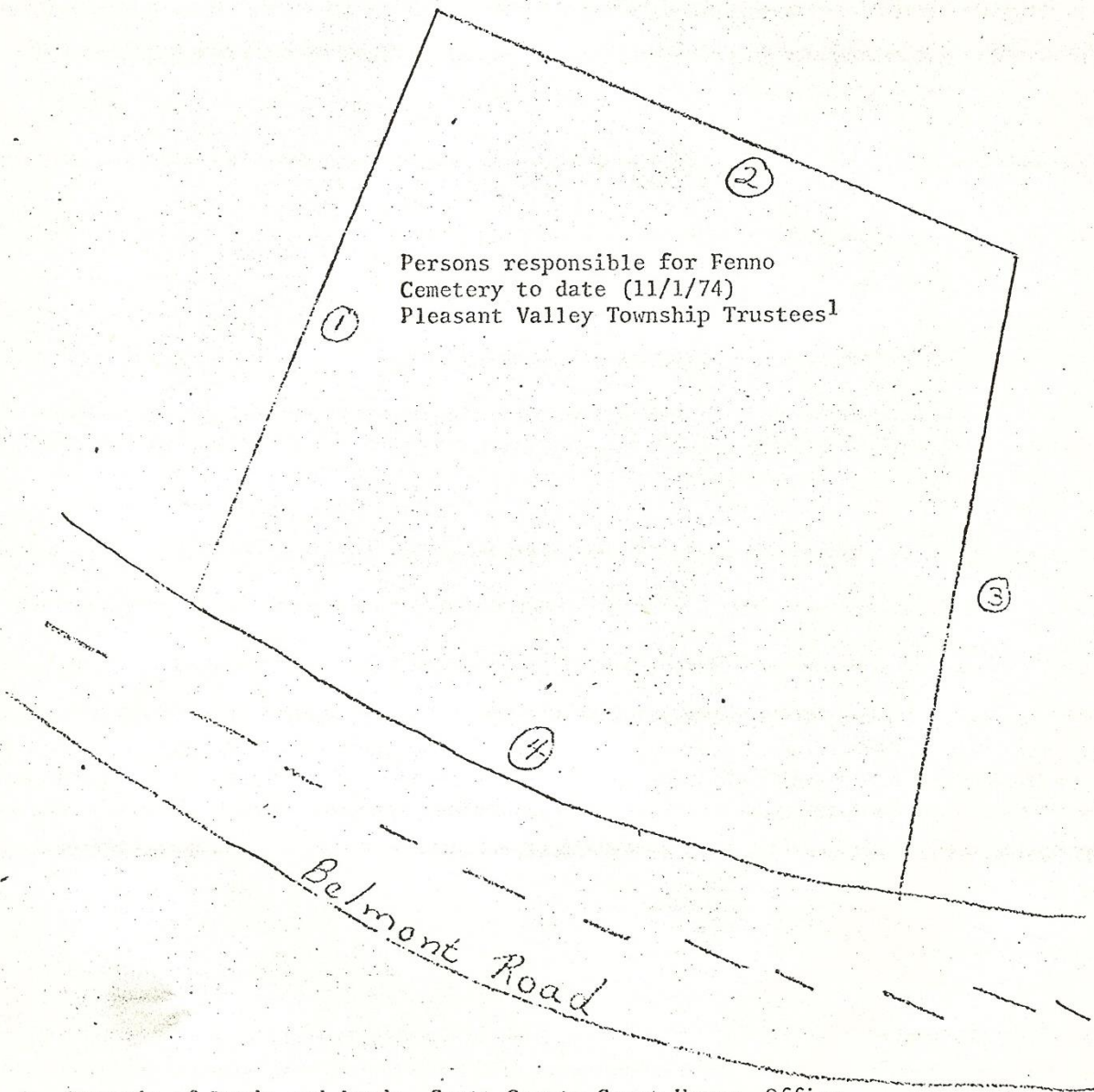
On September 15, 1974, we spent an afternoon talking to Mrs. Belle Dyer Adc, a direct descendant of Samuel and Maria Hodges. The graves of both Samuel and Maria are located in the cemetery.

Many days were spent compiling information, sharing ideas, and looking at pictures for the book. We feel we have finished our challenge and we hope this book will be of service to all who wish to read it.

Debbie Bowers
Nancy Perry
Julia Wegmann
Girl Scout Troop 1099
Pleasant Valley, Iowa
Fall 1974

MAP OF FENNO CEMETERY

1. North $14^{\circ} 45$ Mins. - East 227'
2. South $62^{\circ} 30$ Mins. - East 3.08 chaines = 203.28'
3. North $25 \frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ - East 4.03 chaines = 265.98' South 24° West 163.00
4. South $73 \frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ - East 3.76 chaines = 248.16'



1. Records of Deeds and Lands--Scott County Court House, Office of Recorder, Davenport, Iowa

CHAPTER IV

PLANS AND HOPES FOR THE FUTURE

For the past six years Girl Scout Troop 1099 has had some of its members working on some phase of the cemetery project. It has been the hope, and remains the hope of those involved, that one day the cemetery may be worthy of National recognition as a landmark or historical site. Forms have been obtained from Mr. Adrian D. Anderson, State Liason Officer of the Office of State Archaeologist, University of Iowa, to apply to the National Register for permission to be so named.

It is also the hope and plan of the troop to find a proper way to mend and preserve the stones in the cemetery. Some are broken and others are wearing away with weather and age.

Whatever is done, the Girl Scouts of Troop 1099 will hold Fenno Cemetery memories in their hearts.

CHAPTER V

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8. Reminiscences of Mr. Russell Rice, Pleasant Valley, Iowa.

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