

Charles Holman and Abigail Harrington

History of the Holman Family

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Charlie Holman and Abigail Harrington came to Kossuth Co. Iowa, in 1881 or 2 in a covered wagon drawn by a horse and a mule, leading a cow. They found mostly Indians there at that time. They settled on a homestead on Plum Creek and had to go to Fort Dodge, Iowa, for groceries and supplies...in winter with hand sleds. They had a small boy baby and one two years old and one twelve year old. Later born there was a girl, Rose. Zina was the twelve year old. George, the two year old was my father; later Fred the baby. (Hence the cow.)

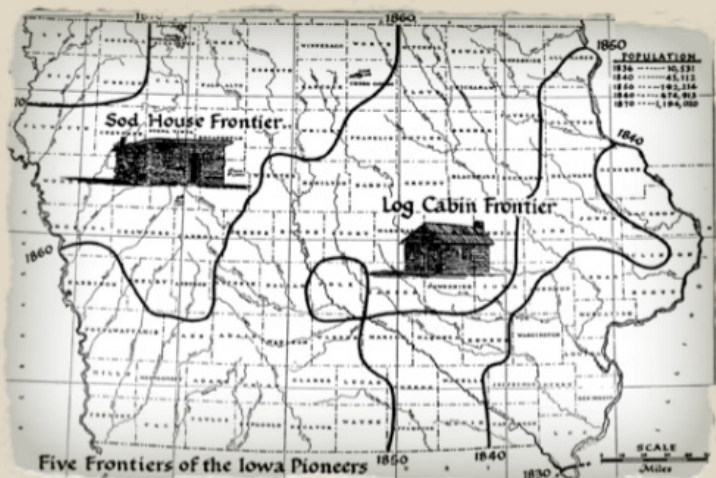
I do not know what state Zina was born in. My father George was born in Illinois and Uncle Fred in Vermont and Aunt Rose in Iowa. My Grandma Abigail used to visit my Uncle Seeley and Aunt Alice Seeley, a half sister to my mother Nellie Benschoter Holman, about a mile away.

When George, my father, was seventeen, his father Charlie was kicked by a horse and died from the results. The boys ran the farm till Uncle Zina married Esther Barnheart and later my Father (born Sept, 1863) married Nellie Benschoter (October 1885) and rented the farm. Grandma moved to Algona. Later Uncle Fred married Henrietta Carter and much later, (m. June 1895) Aunt Rose (lived to be 87) married Anton Anderson and lived with Grandma till she died at the age of 96.

My brother Charlie was born on the Homestead. Uncle Fred married later and took over the Homestead and I was born one and one-half miles north. There my Dad bought 100 acre farm where we were blown away in the worst Cyclone ever. My baby sister Ora was killed and Earl and Fay not expected to live, but did. But the farm had been sold; so Dad bought another a mile from Uncle Seeleys and the old Homestead. But had to build new buildings, so my folks, Fay and Charlie stayed at Seeleys. Earl with Grandma Holman and I with Mrs. Carry and daughter (Kate) sixteen, friend of Mothers. Kate bought me a nice, new doll of which I still have. I was five years, at the time. Eighty-four now in 1973.

Charles and Abby came to frontier Iowa from Vermont in a covered wagon.

Charles helped organize the Kossuth Methodist Church in 1866.



Their children were Esther, Zina, Lyman, George, Fred and Rose.