

Theodore and Nancy Ann Morris Chewning

Son of Moses William and Mary Ann Hanvey Chewning
Grandson of Granville Washington and Mary Ann Hanvey Chewning

Daughter of Charles and Francis Harriet Moseley Morris
Granddaughter of Churchill Payne and Nancy Ann Chastain Moseley

November 8, 2023

Theodore Chewning	Nancy Ann Morris
b. 11/21/1871 Union Twp., Clark County, MO	b. 1/30/1874 Keithsburg, Mercer, IL
d. 1/16/1933 Monmouth, Warren, IL	d. 12/19/1947 Monmouth, Warren, IL
Buried in Monmouth Cemetery, Monmouth, Warren, IL	Buried in Monmouth Cemetery, Monmouth, Warren, IL
m. 12/28/1897 Union Twp., Clark County, MO	
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Four children, including Letha Florence Chewning Downes b. 8/29/1904 Ashton, Clark, MO; m. Maurice Emil Downes, 2/27/1924, Monmouth, Warren, IL; d. 5/18/1986, Monmouth, Warren, IL; buried in Monmouth Cemetery, Monmouth, Warren, IL.	



Theodore and Nancy Ann Morris Chewning, stone, Monmouth Cemetery, Monmouth, Warren, IL, 10.2016



Theodore and Nancy Ann Morris Chewning stone, Monmouth Cem., Monmouth, Warren, IL



H. Finley Downes, at his grandparents' cemetery plot, Monmouth Cemetery, Monmouth, Warren, IL, 10.2016

Theodore Chewning

Theodore's parents, Moses and Lizzie, were first generation Missourians.

Lizzie's parents, Newbold J NJ and Elizabeth Ann Beckner Cannon, were married in Kentucky, and immigrated to Missouri with their parents and extended families. They were original land patent holders in Lewis County in the 1830s.

Moses was also born to original Missouri settlers. Granville and Mary Ann Hanvey Chewning were among the first land owners in Clark County. Originally from Virginia, they had several children before moving west to Missouri.

Lizzie's father, NJ Cannon, died in 1866, leaving his wife Elizabeth, daughter Lizzie and son Charles still at home. On the 1870 census, the three Cannons are living in the household of James Washington Chewning, in Clark County, MO. Within a few months of when the 1870 census was taken, Lizzie married Moses Chewning, brother to James, and spent the rest of her life living in Clark County. Her mother died a few weeks after their marriage; her brother Charles moved to Monmouth, Warren, IL, where two other brothers had moved in the early 1860's. Those brothers were Martin Luther Cannon and John Cannon.

Moses and Lizzie married five years after the end of the Civil War. I don't know what the political climate was at that point, but there is plenty of evidence that during the war northeast Missouri was in turmoil. I will always wonder what the reaction was when Moses told his family that he was marrying a Cannon, or vice versa, for that matter, but apparently there wasn't sufficient opposition on either side to stop the marriage. Lizzie's family were slaveholders, both in Kentucky and in Missouri. Her father, as executor of her grandfather's estate, had apparently refused to free a slave that was to have been freed according to the grandfather's will. Lizzie had cousins fighting on both sides of the Civil War, but the family by and large was clearly Southern in their sympathies and were pro-slavery. The Chewnings were Unionists, as far as we know. Several of Theodore's uncles fought for the Union. There is no record that any of them were slaveholders. The war was over, however, and perhaps the families were able to put the war behind them.

Moses and Lizzie made their home in Clark County. Maybe the Chewning were more accepting of their relationship than the Cannons; maybe Moses chose to live where he was raised. They lived in the same township as Granville and Mary Ann. Theodore would have been a youngster at their deaths (1872 and 1874), but he would have been raised around numerous aunts, uncles and cousins on the Chewning side.

In Lewis County, where Lizzie's family settled, there were also aunts, uncles and cousins, so Theodore may have known a great deal of his extended family on his mother's side.

As mentioned earlier, Lizzie's brothers, Martin Luther, John, and Charles, moved to Monmouth, Warren, Illinois – Martin and John married in Monmouth during the Civil War, Charles stayed in Missouri until after his mother's death in 1870. I have to assume that when Theodore moved to Monmouth in 1919, it was because of this connection.

Theodore was the eldest of seven children: two of his sisters died in early childhood; one brother, Spencer, moved to Monmouth before Theodore did, one brother, Ernest, became a Baptist preacher and lived in Missouri. His two remaining sisters married and lived in Clark County, Missouri, all their lives.

Theodore is listed on the 1880 census with his parents.

1880 census, Union Twp., Clark County, MO

Moses Cheenonerig, 36, married, farmer, b. in MO, parents b. in East VA

Elizabeth, 31, wife, housekeeping, b. in MO, parents b. in KY

Theodore, 8, b. in MO, parents b. in MO

Ann, 5, b. in MO, parents b. in MO

Frances, 3, b. in MO, parents b. in MO

Earnest, 1, b. in MO, parents b. in MO

Theodore's parents were married in 1870 after the census was taken. Moses died in 1888; there are no census records for 1890, and Lizzie died before the census in 1900. Therefore, Moses and Lizzie had only one census record together as a married couple.

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MOSES'S BOYS @ YOUNG AGE *two*

Ernest William and Theodore Chewing

This article speaks to what life was like for the family after Moses died:

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF REV.
E. W. CHEWNING**

As boys Ernest William Chewning and I grew up near each other, attended the same Sunday school, and at one time were members of the same little country church, Antioch in Wyaconda Association, which has sent forth six of her sons in the last 45 years to preach the Gospel. His father having died when Ernest was ten, the family was left in close financial circumstances, but he and his older brother were able to till the little farm and help the widowed mother rear the rest of the children. By his persistent spirit and strong determination he succeeded in securing a good education, graduating with honor both from La Grange College and the Kansas City Seminary. I will never forget that stormy night in November, 1890, when the revival meeting was in

progress at the little church, Ernest and his brother walked the 2½ miles from their home through the rain, wind and snow to church. The faithful pastor, Rev. J. A. Minter, preached on the 23d Psalm, closing with a heart-stirring appeal for any lost soul to receive the Good Shepherd as his friend. The boy of 11 years stepped boldly out, the tears flowing down his cheeks, and accepted Christ as his personal Saviour. All hearts rejoiced. No one but God knew what the final outcome of that life would be in kingdom work. Ernest was always in his place in Sunday school. In 1896 the Wyaconda Association met at Mt. Salem church. Bro. Chewning and I chanced to be assigned to the same home for the night. I said, "Ernest, let us take a walk." As we strolled out into a big pasture, as we walked along, I told him I believed God was calling him to preach the Gospel, and asked him if he had any impressions that way. He looked me straight in the eyes and said, "Yes, but how did you know it?" I said, "Let us kneel down here and talk it over with the Lord." He poured out his soul in earnest prayer to God, surrendering himself fully to the will of his Master. A while after this as his pastor I took great pleasure in recommending to the church that it license him to preach, which was done. No one who knew Bro. Chewning personally could doubt his great love for the cause of Christ and his one purpose in life to honor Him. With great joy I heard him preach the sermon before the Missouri Baptist General Association at Mexico, Mo., in 1929, on "God's Complete Revelation in Christ" (Heb. 1:1-3). When I congratulated him on the great message he said, "I care not for the praise of men. But do you think I did Him honor?" I have written this brief message about my friend, praying that God will use it to encourage some other boy who may feel the call of God in his soul to give himself fully into the hands of his Master as did Bro. E. W. Chewning.—J. P. Sansom, Canton, Mo.

Ernest William Chewning, WordandWay, 1.14.1937

Noel Keith Owen

Keith, grandson of Anna Lee Chewning Webster, responded to a message I sent him on ancestry.com in 2012. Dad then met with him, and later both Dad and I met with Keith and his wife, Vel. They drove us around Clark County, showing us all the homesites and cemeteries that we could find that pertained to Chewnings, the Morrises, the Cannons, etc. Keith was raised and lived most of his life in the area, and was considered the local historian. We learned so much from him.

Keith died in 2016.

I received this message from Keith in response to my tree at ancestry.com, 9/5/2012:

WISH I COULD OF VISITED WITH YOU @ THAT TIME, I HUNTED YEARS AGO ALL OVER THE PLACES YOU MENTIONED MY PARENTS BOUGHT A FARM WHERE MOSES AND ELIZABETH LIVED WITH THEIR CHILDREN WEST OF ANTIOCH. IN THE GRAVE YARD @ ANTIOCH MOSES AND HER BURIED AND HIS BROTHER STEPHEN AND IN UNMARKED GRAVES ARE TWIN GIRLS WHO DIED IN 1881 OR SO WITH MEASLES WE LIVED ON CORNER ACROSS FROM STORE BUILDING, I WAS BORN IN A OLD HOUSE WEST STORE THAT IS TORE DOWN IN 60"s I WOULD OF LIKED TO SHOWED YOU EARLE"s HOME UP HILL FROM AUNT ANNA WEBSTERS HOME THE TREES ARE TAKING THE HOUSE. BEST REGARDS KEITH CALL ANY TIME.

I responded to him:

Keith, thank you so much for getting back to me! Theodore Chewning was my great grandfather. His daughter, Letha Florence Chewning Downes, was my grandmother.

My dad, Herville Finley Downes, and I were in Clark County a few weeks ago, visiting places he remembered from his childhood, including Antioch, Aunt Annie's farm, Aunt Albie's farm, where she lived with Uncle Tom (Morris), Uncle Will Morris's farm, etc.

I would love to talk to you! Is there a time that's good for you?

Pam

And another message:

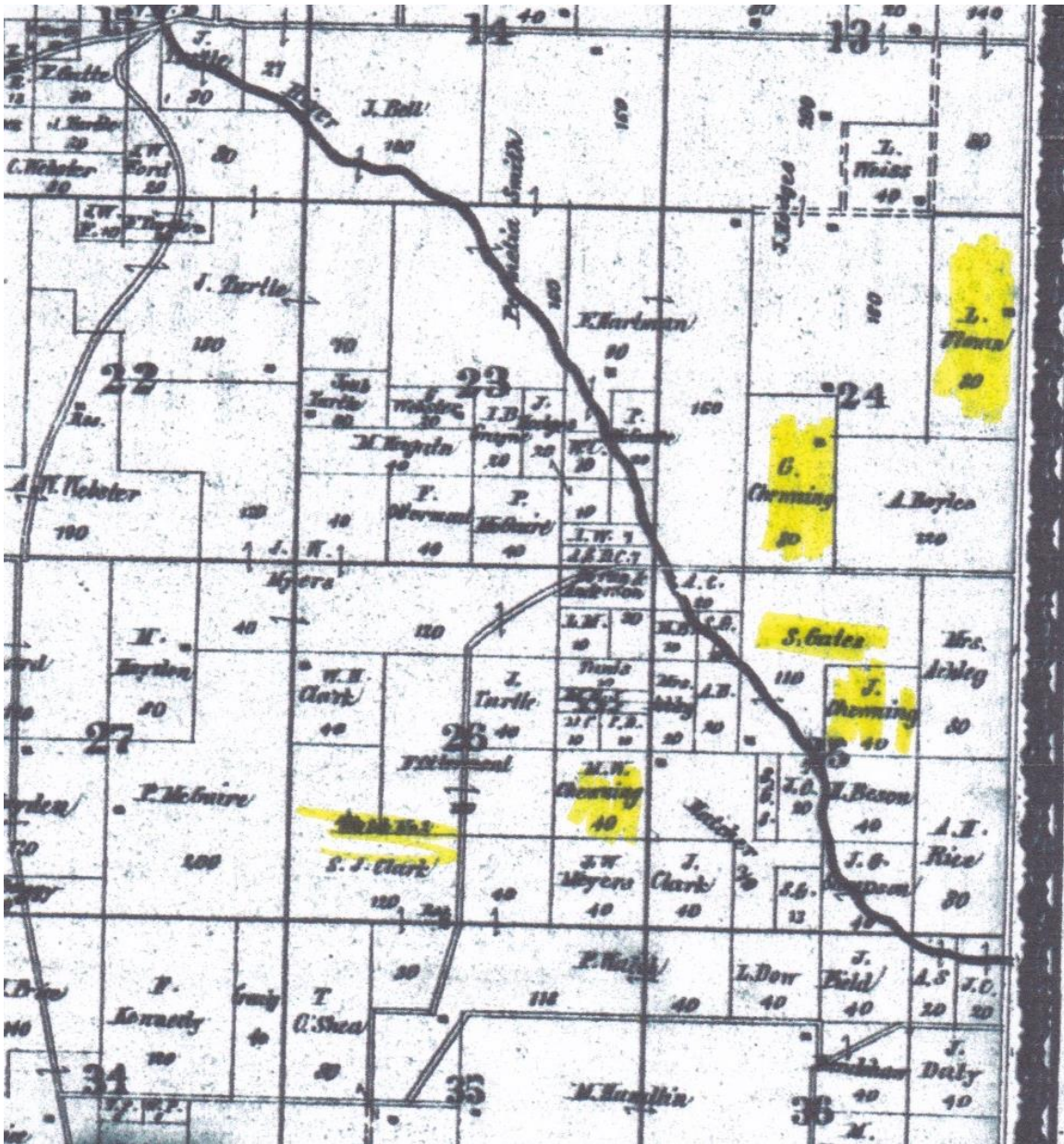
*PAM: I FORGOT WHERE YOU TOLD ME THAT YOU LIVE, WE HAVE TO GET TOGATHER, IF YO ARE NOT TO FAR< I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE YOU ON A TOUR OF THE CHEWNING & WEBSTER COUNTRY WHERE I GREW UP AND LATER FARMED FOR 13 YEARS. WE LIVE IN LA BELLE MO. NEAR EDINA MO. BUT I COULD MEET YOU AND YOUR DAD IN KAHOKA MO. KNOW ALL OF THE CEM. AND OLD HOMES THAT STILL THERE. AND EXPLAIN WHO LIVED WHERE AND WHERE MY GRANDMOTHER LIVED AS YOUNG GIRL. NEAR JACKSON TWP. LINE ON HIGHWAY 81 WEST OF ANTIOCH MO. I LIVED IN ANTIOCH ALL OF LIFE BEFORE GOING TO MARINE CORP IN 1956. **MY GRANDMOTHER LIVED WITH US IN ANTIOCH IN 1940'S SOME.** THE TWIN GIRLS THAT DIED WITH MEASLES IN 1883 ARE BURIED @ ANTIOCH IN UNMARKED GRAVE . LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU THINK. KEITH PS THE ONLY PEOPLE I KNOW IN REUNION PICTURE ARE ON LEFT BEHIND YOUR GRANDMOTHER, AUNT ALBIA MORRIS WEBSTER, NEXT UNCLE WILL HER BORTHER AND AUNT AVERLL AND SOME OF THEIR KIDS, BUT NOT THAT GOOD WITH THEM ONLY SAW THEM MAYBE TWICE WHEN VERY YOUING, A LOT OF FAMILAR FACES BUT CAN'T PUT NAME WITH THEM.*



Chewning and Webster reunion, Jim Webster's farm, early 1920s, Union Twp., Clark County, MO. Early Chewning in front on ground. He was the son of George Hanvey and Clarinda Wilson Chewning. I believe the boys behind Early, one in overalls, one in a sweater, the other standing, are Websters, probably Anna Lee Chewning Webster's sons.



The handwriting is mine.



Union Twp., Clark County, MO, 1878 plat map. Chewning land - remember Elizabeth Ann Lizzie Cannon was living in James Madison Chewning's property in 1870, very close to future husband Moses W Chewning, also Theodore childhood home. Probably all of Moses' and Lizzie's children were born there.

G. Chewning was Granville Washington Chewning

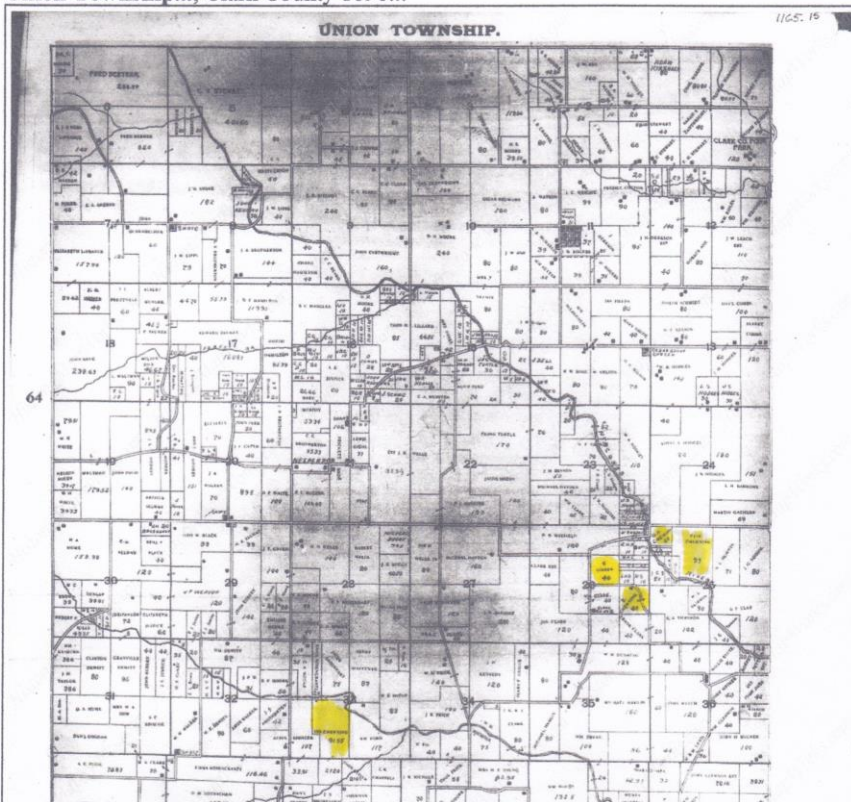
L. Ulman was Louis and Henrietta Chewning Ulman, Moses' sister.

J. Chewning was James Madison Chewning, Moses' brother.

Sarah Gates land was originally Granville Washington Chewning's, sold by his heirs in 1876.

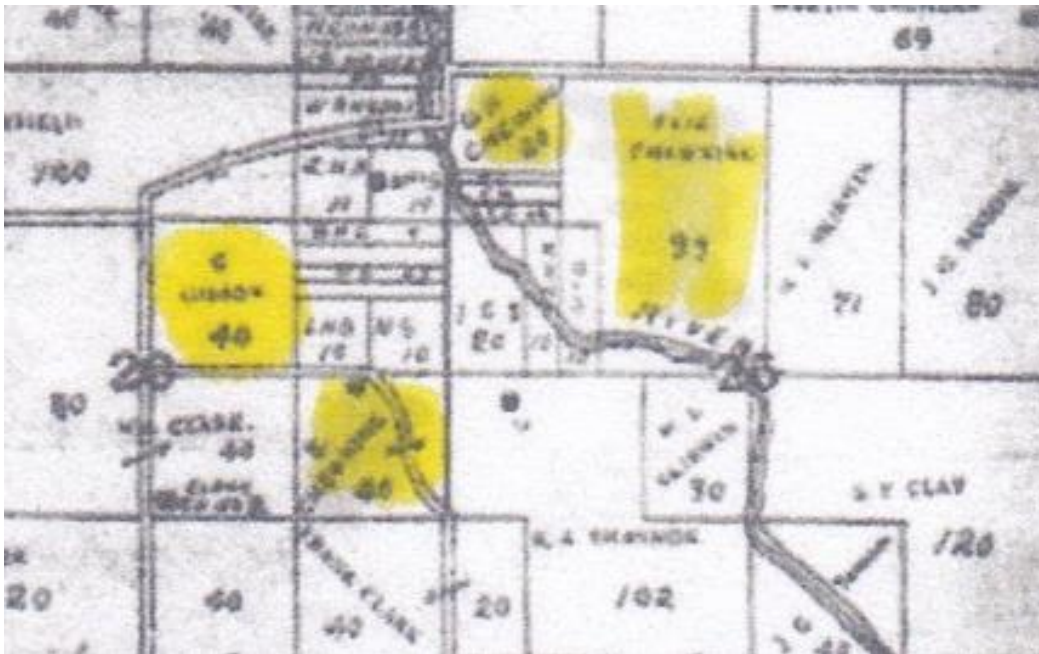
School House #2, on the Clark property, was where Theodore and his siblings attended school.

Union Township..., Clark County 1896...



*Eliz. Chewning
 G.H. Chewning
 C. Gipsm =
 Caroline Chewning
 Gipsm
 Jas. Chewning*

Union Twp. Clark County, MO 1896 plat map showing Chewning land



Moses died in 1888; Lizzie in 1900

Moses died in 1888. Lizzie Cannon Chewning died in May 1900. Keith Owen (grandson of Ann Lee Chewning Webster Felker) told me that Lizzie and her children moved to the 40 acre parcel in Sec. 26

where Vard and Annie later raised their family, after Moses died in 1888. She died a couple of weeks prior to the census in 1900, so I don't have that record to show who her neighbors were, unfortunately. Lizzie and Moses owned several different pieces of land, some in Sec. 25, in the NW ¼, and some in Sec. 26, the NE ¼ of the SE ¼. Dad and I believe that Lizzie and Moses probably were living on the parcel in Sec. 26, and that they probably raised their family there. Dad also thinks that the farm in Sec. 26 is where he visited his Aunt Annie and Uncle Vardaman Webster in the 1930s, which would make sense, given that Lizzie's heirs sold that piece to their sister Annie in 1903.

I have various plat maps that show where her property was in 1896, 1915, and 1930. (Also older maps showing where M.W. Chewning's property was prior to his death.)

Lizzie listed her heirs as follows:

Theodore Chewning (married), who resides in the county of Clark, in the State of MO, Ann Lee Webster, who resides in the county of Clark, in the State of Missouri, Ernest Chewning (single), who resides in the County of Clark, in the State of Missouri, Spencer Chewning, minor, who resides in the County of Clark, in the State of Missouri, Effie Maud Chewning, minor, who resides in the county of Clark, in the State of Missouri.

Lizzie's heirs sell her land in 1903

Land in Sec. 25, the E ½ of the NW ¼

In February of 1903, four of Lizzie's heirs and their spouses entered into a General Warranty Deed with two Kirchner men, selling 104, 'more or less,' for \$1510. On the plat map from 1985, some of this land is still owned by Kirchners. **There may have been a problem with this record; try book 69, page 533.**

Grantee	Grantor		
<i>Chewning, Theo</i>	<i>Kirchner, Louis</i>	<i>Book 68, page 384</i>	<i>2/9/1903</i>
<i>Chewning, Spencer</i>			
<i>Chewning, Effie</i>			
<i>Chewning, Ernest</i>			

Another General Warranty Deed, dated also February 9, 1903, between the same heirs and their spouses sold to George H. Chewning (their uncle), for \$1, the following land:

All of twenty acres more or less – all that part of the west three fourths of the north west fourth of the North west quarter of Section Twenty five (25) Township 64 Range 8 west, lying north of 10 acres more or less owned by Bergman heirs off the South end of said 30 acre tract.

The land hereby conveyed being a tract 60 rods East and West and 54 rods North and South out of the North West corner of said Section 25 grantors convey as all of their heirs of M.W. Chewning and Lizzie Chewning both deceased.

Note: 'the Bergman heirs,' were probably family of Caroline Bergman Chewning Gipson, Stephen Chewning's widow.

Grantee	Grantor		
<i>Chewning, Theo</i>	<i>Chewning, G.H.</i>	<i>Book 78, page 69</i>	<i>year?? 15 acres</i>
<i>Chewning, Spencer</i>		<i>or is it Book 69, page &78???</i>	
<i>Chewning, Effie</i>			
<i>Chewning, Ernest</i>			

Land in Sec. 26, the NE ¼ of the SE ¼

Theodore, Spencer, Effie and Ernest all inherited part of Lizzie's land in Sec. 25. Lizzie's other daughter, Anna Lee Chewning Webster, inherited other pieces of land. I don't have a copy of the deed, and I can't remember the exact property description, but this is the farm in Sec. 26.

Grantee	Grantor		
<i>Chewning, Theo</i>	<i>Webster, Vardaman W.</i>	<i>Book 68, page 381 or 384</i>	<i>2/9/1903</i>
<i>Chewning, Spencer</i>			
<i>Chewning, Effie</i>			
<i>Chewning, Ernest</i>			



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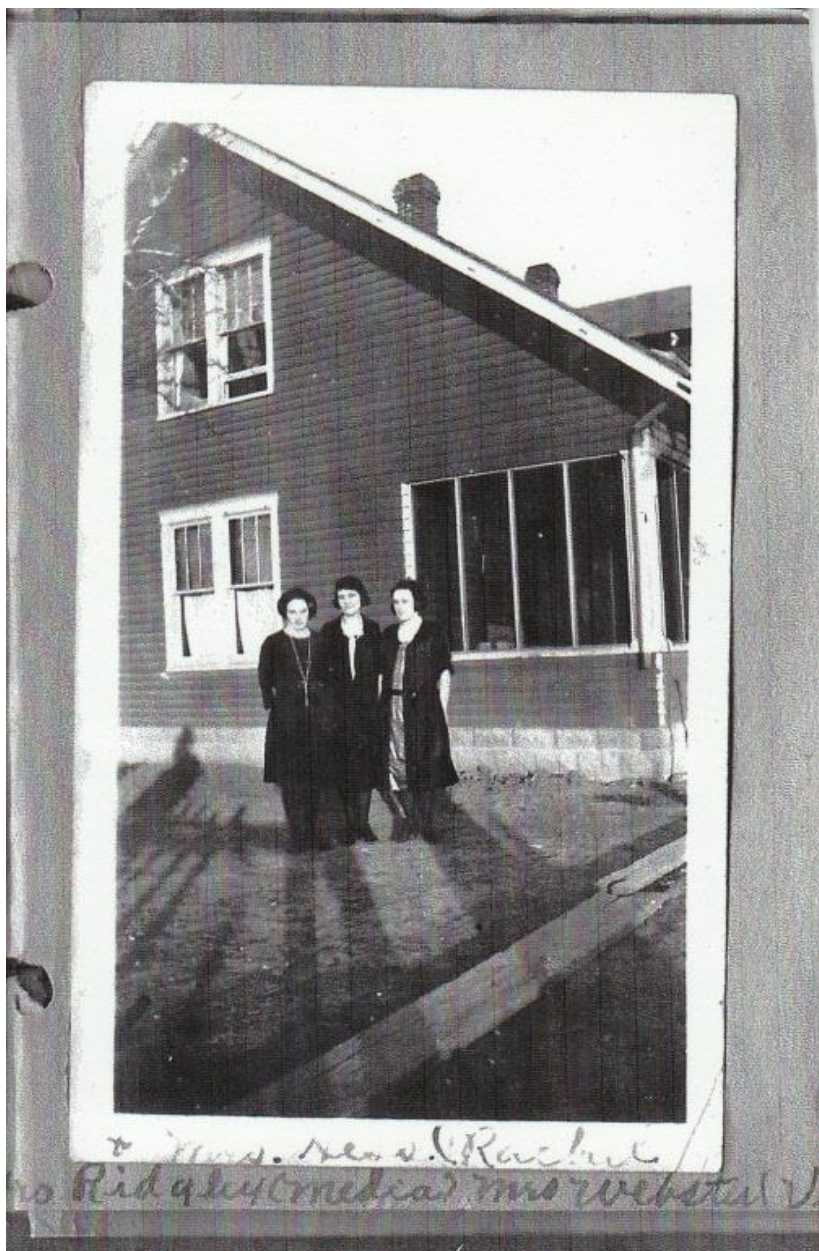
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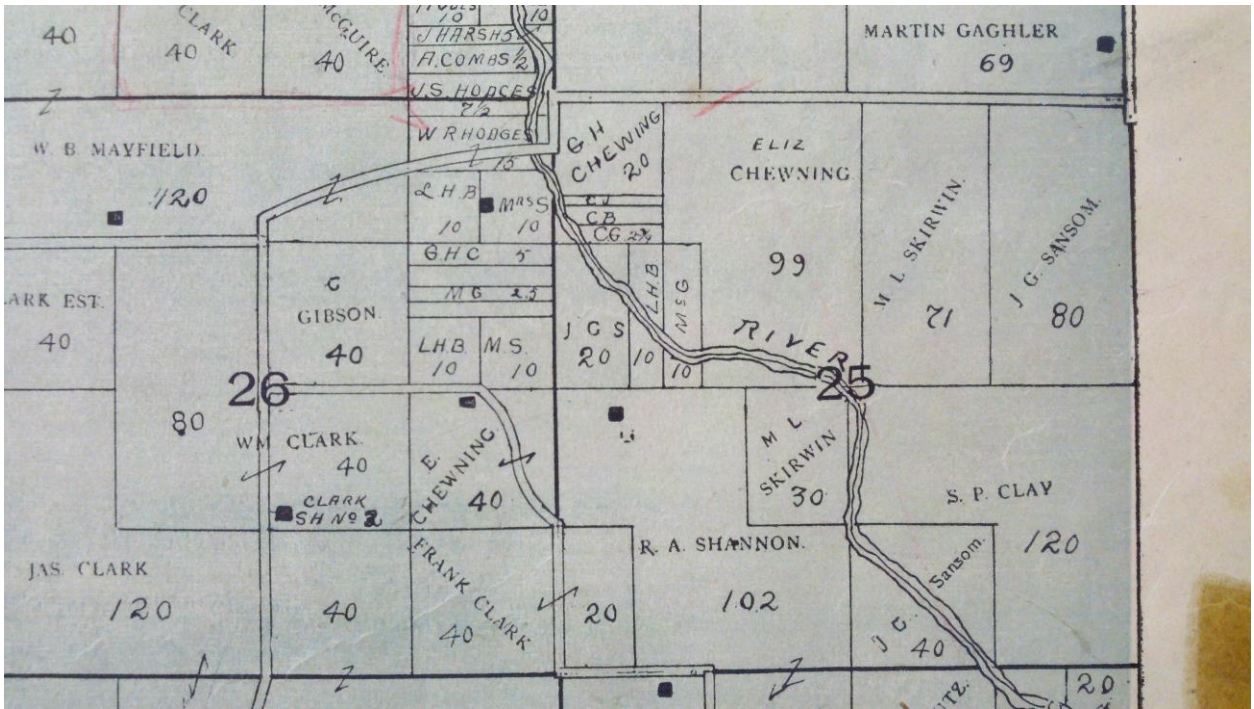
Former property of Vardaman W. and Anna Lee Chewning Webster, Sec. 26, Union Twp., Clark County, MO. Picture taken 8/2012. This farm was formerly owned by Moses William and Elizabeth Ann Lizzie

Cannon Chewning, and where she raised their family after Moses died in 1888. We also believe Lizzie and quite possibly Moses probably died in this house, or on this property (don't know how old the house is). Dad used to visit Aunt Annie and Uncle Vard here as a child, and recognized the drive to the house when we took a genealogy trip through Clark County in 8/2012.

Keith Owen, Annie's grandson, shared this photo with this comment: *Anna Lee Chewning Webster home before they painted it.*

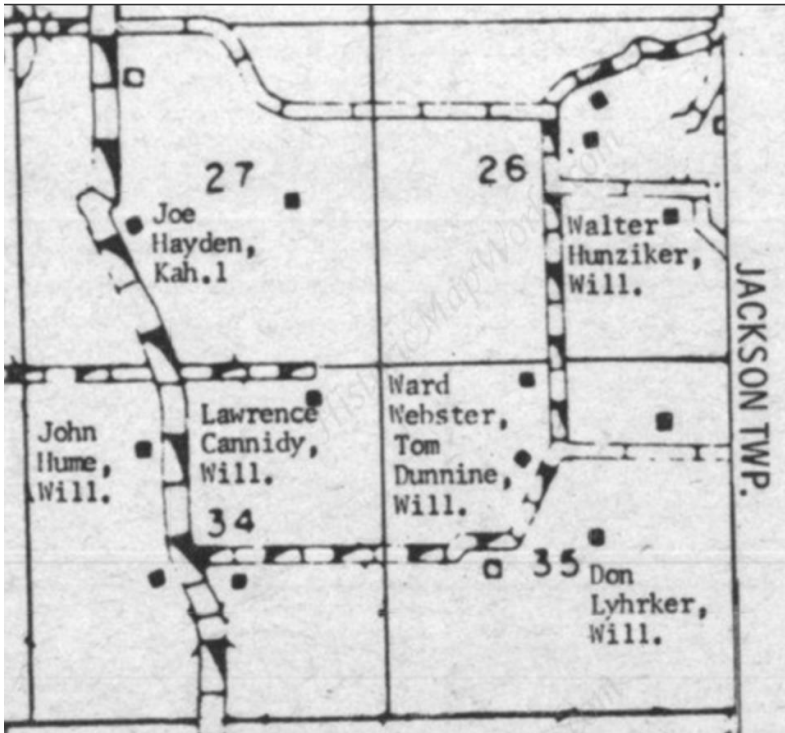
He also said that the woman, far right, was Ardyth Louise Webster Owen, Annie's daughter, and his mother.



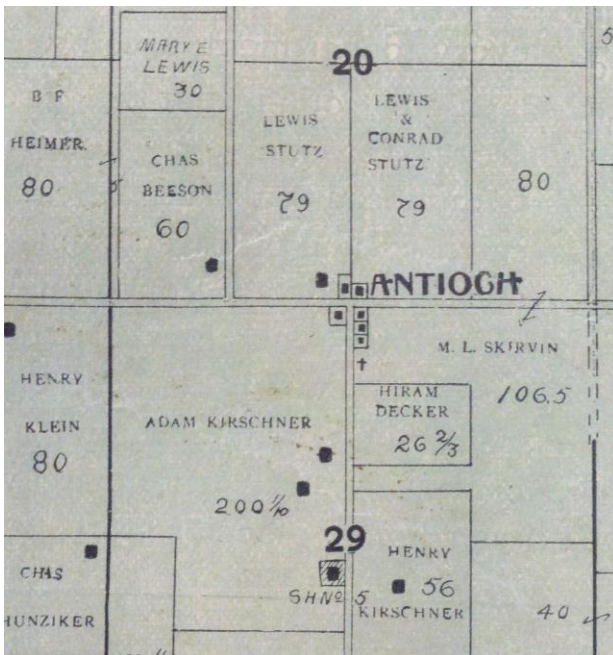


1896 plat map, Union Twp., Clark County, MO

Shows land owned by Elizabeth Ann Lizzie Cannon Chewning, willed to her at her husband's death in 1888. The land in Sec. 26 is later willed/sold to Anna Lee Chewning Webster, Lizzie's daughter, in 1903. That is, Anna received some of the property from her mother's will, and in 1903 her siblings sold her their portions of that property so that she and Uncle Vard would have an intact farm. I have been told by Keith Owen, grandson of Anna Lee Chewning Webster, that Lizzie raised their family on the land in Sec. 26. Anna's family was also born and raised on this property, and they attended the school shown as Clark SH No. 2 on this map, west of E. Chewning land.



Vardaman W and Anna Lee Chewning Webster land, 1964 plat map, Union Twp., Clark County, MO



Antioch, Clark County, MO, 1896 plat map shows cemetery where Moses William and Elizabeth Ann Lizzie Cannon Chewning are buried. Also probably their infant children, per Keith Owen's comments.

E ½ NE ¼ Sec. 26, Twp. 64, Range 8 80 Acres

Land originally owned by Granville, passed to Moses, then to Lizzie, then to Anna Lee Chewning Webster

Land Patent:

US General Land Office Records

Name: Granville Chewning, of Frederick County, VA

Document number 10614, dated 8/2/1838

E ½ of the NE ¼ of Section 26, Twp 64, Range 8W, 80 Acres

1838 Original plat map, showing 80 acres to Granville Chewning

1878 Map MW Chewning, 40 acres

1898 Map E. Chewning (Moses' widow), 40 acres

1915 Map Vard Webster, husband of Anna Chewning Webster, Moses' daughter

1930 Map Vard Webster, 40 acres

Lizzie's will, probate papers, estate settlement papers, etc.

I Lizzie Cheuning of the County
of Clark and State of Missouri
do make and publish this my last
will and testament

I give and devise to my son Theodore
Cheuning his heirs and assigns (31)
Thirty one acres Described as follows
off the west side of section (25) Twenty five
all in Township No (64) sixty four
Range No (8) Eight west

I give and bequeath to my Daughter
Annie Lee (15) Fifteen Acres more or less
Described as follows off the Northside
of the south east Quarter of section No 26
in Township (64) sixty four Range No 8 west

I give and bequeath to my son Ernest
Cheuning Thirty one acres the center
of section 25 Twenty five Township 64
Range 8 Eight west

I give and bequeath to my son
Spencer Cheuning (31) Acres off the East
side of section (25) Twenty five Township 64
sixty four Range (8) Eight west

I give and bequeath to my
daughter Effie Maud Cheuning (25) acres
off the South side of the North East
fourth of the South East Quarter of section

No Twenty six (26) in Township
No sixty four (64) Range No (8) Eight
I also give to my Daughter Annie
Three acres of timber off the south
end of section (25) Twenty five Township
No (64) sixty four Range No 8 Eight west
I also give to my Daughter Effa
Maud Churning Three (3) acres off the
south end of section (25) Twenty five
Township (64) sixty four Range 8 Eight
west.

And lastly as to all the rest residue
and remainder of my personal estate whatsoever
after payment of all my just debts to be
divided equally between all my children

Effa is to get the house hold furniture
I hereby appoint my sole ^{Executor} Administrator
of this my last will and testament

Geo L Sansom hereby revoking all former
wills by me made

For ^{my} witness where of I have hereunto
set ^{hand} ~~the~~ day of Sept 1899

Lizzie Churning
signed and declared by the above named ^{Effa}
Lizzie Churning to be her last will and
testament in the presence of us who at her
request and in her presence have subscribed

Will of Lizzie Chearning

I Lizzie Chearning of the County of Clark and State of Missouri do make and publish this my last will and Testament. I give and bequeath to my Son Theodore Chearning his heirs and assigns (30) Thirty one acres described as follows off the west side of Section (25) Twenty five All in Township No (64) Sixty four. Range No (8) Eight west. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Annie Lee (15) Fifteen acres more or less described as follows. off the North side of the South East quarter of Section No (26) in Township (64) Sixty four Range No 8 West.

I give and bequeath to my son Earnest Chearning Thirty one acres the Center of Section (25) Twenty five Township 64 Range 8 Eight West.

I give and bequeath to my son Spencer Chearning (30) acres off the East side of Section (25) Twenty five Township 64 Sixty four Range (8) Eight West.

I give and bequeath to my Daughter Effie Maude Chearning (25) acres off the South side of the North East fourth of the South East quarter of Section No Twenty six (26) in Township No Sixty four (64) Range No (8) Eight I also give to my Daughter Annie three acres of timber off the South End of Section (25) Twenty five Township No (64) Sixty four Range No 8 Eight West.

I also give to my Daughter Effie Maude Chearning Three (3) acres off the South End of Section (25) Twenty five Township (64) Sixty four Range 8 Eight West.

and lastly as to all the rest residue and remainder of my personal Estate whatsoever after payment of all my just debts to be divided equally between all my Children. Effie is to get the household furniture. I hereby Appoint my Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament Jas. S. Sanson. hereby revoking all former Wills by Me made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 27th day of Sept 1899 =

Lizzie Chearning


presented to her hand this 27th day of Sept 1899 =

Lizzie Channing *[Signature]*


Signed and declared by the above named Lizzie Channing
to be the last will and testament in the presence of us
who at her request and in her presence have subscribed
our names as witnesses thereto. G. H. Channing *[Signature]*

W. J. Corbin *[Signature]*
Jasper ^{the} Corbin *[Signature]*
mark 10

A. D. Marion L. Clay Judge of Probate.
Certificate of Probate.

State of Missouri }
County of Clark } ss I Marion L. Clay, Judge and Ex Officio Clerk of the Prob.
Court of Clark County Missouri having examined
the foregoing instrument purporting to be the last
will and testament of Lizzie Chearning deceased
and signed by Lizzie Chearning deceased late of Clark
County Missouri and having heard the testimony
of S. H. Chearning and Jasper Corbin Subscribing
witnesses thereto in relation to the execution of the said
do declare and adjudge said instrument ^{to be} the last
will and testament of said Lizzie Chearning deceased
and the same is therefore admitted to Probate.
In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed the seal of said Court at Office this 21st
day of May 1900 =  Marion L. Clay
Judge of Probate

Certificate of True Copy.

State of Missouri }
County of Clark } ss I Marion L. Clay, Judge and Ex Off.
Clerk of the Probate Court in and for said County hereby
Certify that the above is a true copy of the Original
Will of Lizzie Chearning deceased. Same admitted to
Probate. as the same appears duly entered on Record
in my Office. Witness my hand and the Seal of
said Court, done at Office in Kaskaskia this 21st
day of May 1900 =  Marion L. Clay
Judge of Probate & Ex Officio Clerk

Filed for Record this 21st day of May A. D. 1900 at 2 O'clock
B. S. Crawford

PROOF OF WILL.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
County of Clark, } ss.

IN THE PROBATE COURT.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 21st day of May

in the year of our Lord one thousand ~~eight~~ ^{nine} hundred and

before me Marion L. Clay Judge ^{Ex-officio} Clerk of the Probate Court, held in

and for the County of Clark and State of Missouri, personally appeared

G. H. Chewning and Jasper Corbin

who being duly sworn upon their oath, depose and say that they were present,

and saw Lizzie Chewning sign the foregoing instrument,

purporting to be the last will and testament of her the said Lizzie Chewning

and heard her publish and declare the same to be her last will and testament, and that at the

time of signing the same, the said Lizzie Chewning was of

sound and deposing mind, and that ~~the~~ deponent ~~and~~

~~the other attesting witness~~ subscribed their names thereto as witnesses to the same, in the presence of the testator, and of each other, and at the request of said

Lizzie Chewning

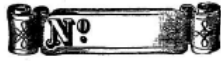
and that she died at said County on the 7th day of May 19⁰⁰

at Clark County Missouri.

Sworn and subscribed before me
Marion L. Clay Judge
Clerk of the Probate Court,
the day and year first aforesaid.
Marion L. Clay
CLERK.

G. H. Chewning
Jasper Corbin
^{his}
mark

Witness to mark Jas. G. Sansom



APPLICATION

OF
Jas G Dawson

For Letters of Administration

ON ESTATE OF
Lizzie Chewning
DECEASED.

Probate Court *May 17*

Clark County *900*

W.B. Mayfield
James Meguire

APPLICATION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
COUNTY OF CLARK, } ss. IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CLARK COUNTY, MISSOURI.

IN THE MATTER OF Lizzie Chearning ESTATE

James I Dawson says that, to the best of knowledge and belief, the names of the heirs of the said Lizzie Chearning deceased, and their places of residence, are respectively as follows:

Theodore Chearning (married), who resides in the County of Clark, in the State of Mo.;

Mrs Lee Webster, who resides in the County of Clark, in the State of Missouri;

Ernest Chearning (single), who resides in the County of Clark, in the State of Missouri;

Spencer Chearning, who resides in the County of Clark, in the State of Missouri;

Effie Maud Chearning, who resides in the County of Clark, in the State of Missouri;

_____, who resides in the County of _____, in the State of _____;

_____, who resides in the County of _____, in the State of _____;

_____, who resides in the County of _____, in the State of _____;

That the said Lizzie Chearning died with ~~her~~ will on the 7th day of May, 1902, leaving in this County and State, liable to be diminished in value, wasted or destroyed; personal property and moneys in the sum of \$ _____ estimated;

that he will make a perfect inventory of, and faithfully administer all of the estate of the deceased, and pay the debts as far as the assets will extend and the law direct, and account for and pay all assets which shall come to his possession and knowledge.

Sworn and subscribed to before me
this 14 day of May, A. D. 1902.
James I Dawson }
Gas C Benson }

We, the undersigned appraisers, certify the above to be a full and fair appraisal of the goods,
chattels and other personal estate of Lizzie Channing
deceased, as produced before us, by Fannie J. Sanson
Executor

of said Lizzie Channing deceased.

Given under our hands this 25 day of May A. D. 1890

W B Mayfield
James M. Guire
J H Clark
APPRAISERS.

ss.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
County of Clark, } ss.

IN THE OFFICE OF THE PROBATE COURT OF
CLARK COUNTY, MISSOURI.

I, Marion S. Clay Judge of the Probate Court

within and for _____ the County aforesaid.

In the Probate Court of Clark County, Missouri.

Now, at this day comes *W. J. Sanson*
 Executor of *Lizzie Cheurning Dec'd*
 and presents *his* Accounts and Vouchers for *1st Annual*
 Settlement and *ask Judgment* as follows, to-wit:

NO. OF VOUCHER	DATE				DEBIT		CREDIT	
	MONTH	DAY	YEAR		DOLLARS	CTS	DOLLARS	CTS
				Executor Charges himself as follows				
	May	25	1900	To amount of sale of Old cow				
	"	25	"	and calf to Ward Webster	35	00		
	"	"	"	Sale of 25 bush corn Geo. McBride	8	75		
	"	"	"	Sale of 17 bush corn Geo. Cheurning	6	00		
	"	"	"	Sale of Muley Heifer Geo. Clark	30	00		
	July	25	"	Sale of Red Heifer John Titacee	29	50		
	June	14	"	Sale of 1480 lbs Hay Dr. Dodson	3	72		
	Dec	27	"	Am't of Mayfield Note in inventory now paid	10	35		
	Apr	18	1901	To cash on J. Cheurning's note	3	35		
	Augst	14	"	To amt Balance due on J. Cheurning's note			65	
	Aug	14	"	To amount J. Cheurning's note in inventory not paid	18	53		
	Aug	14	"	To amount of Geo. Cheurning note inventoried not paid	3	75		
	Augst	14	"	To amounts of W. Websters note inventoried not paid	57	34		
				Cash on hand inventoried	8	50		
				Receipts Collected for 1900. to-wit:				
	Oct	13	1900	Sale of 1 stack Prairie Hay Dr. Bisher	10	00		
	Nov	16	"	Sale of 50 Bw Rent Corn Sanson	32	40		
	Dec	14	"	Sale of 3/4 bus corn H. Sanson	8	90		
	Jan	25	1901	Sale of Hay to Arron	8	00		
	Feb	10	"	Sale of Hungarian Hay Wm. Morris	8	00		
	Apr	17	"	Sale of hay Geo. Cheurning	8	00		
	Sept	1	1900	One note on J. Cheurning for rent amt to	8	44		
	Nov	3	1900	One note of W. B. Mayfield for rent amount to	20	00		
				To amount on old account paid by Jasper Carlin	1	60		

one year-old heifer
Two years old 20 00 ✓

One read muley whitefaced
heifer Two years old 25 00 ✓

Forty acres described as follows
all of n.e. fourth of the s.e. quarter
of sect 120 Township 64 range
Eight west

not recorded but see inventory of 1897

also Eighty acres E. 1/2 of the n.w.
quarter of sect 25

Ten acres E. side of the n.w. fourth
of the n.w. 1/4 of said sect 25

and nine acres described as commencing
at the s.w. corner of the n.e. 1/4

of said section 25. thence north
nine rods thence east nine and
one half rods thence north one
Hundred fifty one rods to the
north line of said section thence
west nine and one half rods thence
south to beginning

also Eleven acres South end
of Thirteen acres E. side of the
s.e. 1/4 of s.w. quarter of sec
25 all in Township 64 range
Eight west

not recorded see inventory of 1897

also one note from W. B. Mayfield
To the amount of 10 00

Total Amount of Appraisement,

189 97

NO. OF VOUCHER	DATE				DEBIT		CREDIT		
	MONTH	DAY	YEAR		DOLLARS	CTS	DOLLARS	CTS	
1	May	25	1900	Cash paid Jas. McQuire appr				50	✓
2	"	"		Cash paid W B Mayfield appr				50	✓
3	"	"		Cash paid Wm H Clark appr				50	✓
4	29	29		Cash Duer & Hummel basket			29	00	
5	June	9		Cash O L Lee Telephone agt				57	✓
6	"	14		Cash Jasper Leabbin Witness To will				1 80	✓
7	Nov	15		Cash Dr Green Martin				17 57	✓
8	Dec	12		Cash Back taxes 1898				72	✓
9	"	12		Cash Taxes of 1900				8 13	✓
10	Apr	18	1901	Cash J Leuwing for					
11	Aug	30		making posts and up fence				3 35	✓
11	Aug	30	1900	Cash M J Lelay Probate fees				18 35	✓
12	Aug	6	1901	Cash D J Wilson Barb wire & staples				3 87	✓
13	Aug	14	"	Cash M W Martin medicine				90	✓
14	"	"	"	Cash Dr Dickens				56 01	
15	"	"	"	Cash S S Ball Notice & letters				3 00	✓
16	"	"	"	Cash S S Ball Sackett notice				140	✓
17	"	"	"	Cash M J Lelay Prob fees				8 75	✓
	Aug	14	"	Mrs 5% Commission on \$153.81 disbursed				7 69	
					\$ 301	01		161 58	
								139 43	
	Aug	14	1901	Balance due Estate			\$ 3	01 01	

In the Probate Court of Clark County, Missouri.

Now, at this day comes Gas G Sanson Ex. Fizzie Chewing
 and presents his Accounts and Vouchers for 2nd Annual
 Settlement and asks Judgment as follows, to-wit:

NO. OF VOUCHER	DATE.				DEBIT.		CREDIT.		
	MONTH	DAY	YEAR		DOLLARS	CTS	DOLLARS	CTS	
				Balance due Estate on last settlement	139	43			
	Oct	2	1901	Recd of V Webster for rent hay	10	00			
	Nov	5	"	Sold Stockfield to S H. Chas	5	00			
	Dec	2	"	J Walsh & tons rent hay	8	00			
	"	6	"	Recd of Staniford for rent corn	35	20			
	"	6	"	Recd of St. Clair's rent corn	5	00			
	Apr	9	1902	Recd of Staniford on rent corn	23	00			
	Aug	11	"	Recd of H Sanson rent corn	150	00			
	"	"	"	" " For 3 tons hay	12	00			
1	Jan	10	1901	Dr. Crawford recording Will			1	50	
1 1/2	Oct	2	1901	Repairing fence, V Webster			3	00	
2	Dec	12	"	Paid S R East acct Demand			13	00	
3	"	23	"	Taxes of 1901			8	39	
4	Jan	10	1902	Paid Woodruff Bro wire & staples			6	25	
5	"	23	"	Paid Johnson Brothers Demand			16	07	
6	Aug	11	"	Paid F Chewing making fence			5	40	
7	Aug	12	"	Paid V Webster repairing fence			4	00	
8	Aug	13	"	Paid Chas Miller Demand			30	15	
9	"	"	"	Probate Docket & S Ball				14	
10	"	"	"	Probate Fees M. L. Clay				3	95
"	"	"	"	My commission 5% on \$92. ³⁶					
				On disbursement				4	61
	"	"	"	One day service making settlement				2	00
					\$	377	43	97	72
	"	"	"	Balance due Estate				279	76
					\$	377	43	377	43

Gas G Sanson the above name
Executor on *his* oath states that in the above settlement *he* has
 charged *himself* with all the moneys and personal effects belonging to the estate of said
Lizzie Cheuring that have come to *his* hands and not heretofore accounted for, and
 the various amounts of the credits have been by *him* paid out as stated, according to law and the order of
 Probate Court of Clark County, Missouri; and the whole amount of ready money actually received by *him*
 as such *Executor* since *his* last settlement (or appointment) is
Two hundred, thirty eight DOLLARS and _____ Cents.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *13th* day of *Aug* 190*2*

Marion Clay
 JUDGE OF PROBATE.
 My commission expires _____ 190*2*

Examined, approved and filed this *13th* day of *August* 190*2*
M
 JUDGE OF PROBATE.

Emerson, Printer, Kahoka, Mo.

Good Annual
SETTLEMENT
Gas G Sanson
 OF
Lizzie Cheuring
 IN THE ESTATE OF

Balance due Estate \$ *217.11*

Filed this *13th* day of *Aug* 190*2*
Marion Clay Judge

I, MARION L. CLAY, Judge of the Probate
 Court of Clark County, Mo., certify that the
 within settlement is recorded in Settlement
 Book *5th* Page *47th*

Marion L. Clay
 JUDGE OF PROBATE.

In the Probate Court of Clark County, Missouri.

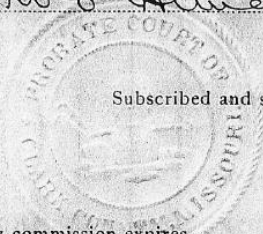
Now, at this day comes Jas G Sansom Executor of the
 Estate of Trigge Lehwiny Deceased
 and presents his Accounts and Vouchers for final
 Settlement and asks Judgment as follows, to-wit:

NO. OF VOUCHER.	DATE.				DEBIT.		CREDIT.	
	MONTH	DAY	YEAR		DOLLARS	CTS	DOLLARS	CTS
	Aug	13	1902	Balance due Estate	249	71		
	Sept	10	"	To Hay sold I Lehwiny	2	00		
	Dec	26	"	To Hay sold Wm Lehwiny	3	00		
	Jan	2	1903	cc parts received by Mayfield	2	60		
	"	8	"	" Hay sold to Webster	4	00		
	"	9	"	" parts on W Webster note	3	00		
	"	22	"	Hay sold W Webster	5	00		
	"	"	"	Pasture " "	8	00		
	"	"	"	Pasture Geo Lehwiny	3	00		
	"	"	"	380 bush corn sold on market	117	80		
	"	"	"	Pasture sold I Lehwiny 1901	4	00		
	"	"	"	Pasture sold I Lehwiny 1902	4	00		
	"	"	"	Pasture Geo Lehwiny	5	00		
	"	"	"	Hay stack sold for Webster	12	00		
	"	"	"	Stockfeed " to Webster	2	00		
	Feb	4	"	25 bush corn 25 parts Webster	6	25		
	"	"	"	42 bush corn 25 H Sansom	10	50		
	"	"	"	Judgment of S R East from I Lehwiny	13	00		
	Feb	9	"	To interest accrued since payment	1	20		
					486	06		
1	Dec	18	1902	By cash to and state taxes 1902			8	65
2	Jan	22	1903	W Webster hauling corn			16	00
3	"	22	"	" " fixing fence			6	60
4	Feb	4	"	Geo Lehwiny hauling corn			3	00
5	"	"	"	Harry Sansom " "			3	00
6	"	9	"	S S Ball Final notice			3	00
7	"	"	"	" " " Docket				40
8	"	"	"	M Telay Probate fees			5	60
	"	"	"	Double shawl plow not sold appraised			1	00
	"	"	"	5% commission on 486.06 Distributed by Executor			24	30
							71	55

NO. OF VOUCHER.	DATE.				DEBIT.		CREDIT.	
	MONTH	DAY	YEAR		DOLLARS	CTS	DOLLARS	CTS
	Feb	6	1903	By amount forwarded in cash Charles Hiller demand in full \$128 ⁷⁵ taken out of The Chewing distribute share	486	06	71	55
				E W Chewing " "			39	90
				Spencer Chewing			39	90
				Annie Webster			4	03
				Effie M Chewing			4	03
	Feb	9	1903	By Balance Distributed The Chewing			43	00
	"	"	"	Distributed E W Chewing			43	00
	"	"	"	Spencer Chewing			43	00
	"	"	"	Annie Webster			78	87
	"	"	"	Effie M Chewing			78	87
				\$ 486 06	486	06	486	06

BALANCE DUE,

Jas E Sansom the above name
Executor on *his* oath states that in the above settlement *he* has
 charged *himself* with all the moneys and personal effects belonging to the estate of said *Lizzie*
Chewring that have come to *his* hands and not heretofore accounted for, and
 the various amounts of the credits have been by *him* paid out as stated, according to law and the order of
 Probate Court of Clark County, Missouri; and the whole amount of ready money actually received by *him*
 as such *Executor* since *his* last settlement (or appointment) is
Two Hundred and Six DOLLARS and *15* Cents.



Subscribed and sworn to before me this *9th* day of *February* 190*3*

Jas E Sansom

My commission expires 190*3*

Marrion L. Clay
 JUDGE OF PROBATE.

Examined, approved and filed this *9th* day of

February

Marrion L. Clay
 JUDGE OF PROBATE.

Emerson, Printer, Kahok, Mo.

Final
SETTLEMENT

OF
Jas E Sansom
 Executor
 IN THE ESTATE OF
Lizzie Chewring

Balance due State \$

Filed this *9th* day of *February* 190*3*

Marrion L. Clay
 Judge

I, *MARRION L. CLAY*, Judge of the Probate
 Court of Clark County, Mo., certify that the
 within settlement is recorded in Settlement
 Book *257* Page "*45-9*"
Marrion L. Clay
 JUDGE OF PROBATE.

STATE OF MISSOURI,
COUNTY OF CLARK,
Union Township.

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
GEO. L. ROLAND, Fund Receipt.
ORIGINAL.

No. 108

DEC 23 1901

A. D. 1901

Received of

Chewing Lizzie

100 Dollars,

Being the amount as herein set forth, of State, County and Special Taxes, assessed for the year 1901, on the following described property, situated in said Township, as the same appears upon the Tax Books of said Township for said year.

Acres	100ths	DESCRIPTION	Sec. Lot	Twp. Blk.	Rng.	Value Dollars	State Tax \$ cts.	County Tax \$ cts.	R. R. Tax \$ cts.	Poll Tax \$ cts.	Tax \$ cts.	Road Tax \$ cts.	School Tax Dist. \$ cts.	School Tax \$ cts.	TOTAL TAX \$ cts.
		Personal Tax,													
9		W side W ² NE	25	64	8	30	9	13	12				6	11-2	13
80		E ² NW	"	"	"	240	69	108	84				48	"	120
10		E ⁴ " NW	"	"	"	30	8	14	11				6	"	13
40		NE SE	26	"	"	190	48	86	67				38	"	95
TOTAL,						252	223	174				98			245

By *G. M. Thompson*
Deputy Collector.

G. L. Roland
Collector of Clark County, Mo.

STATE OF MISSOURI,
COUNTY OF CLARK,
UNION TOWNSHIP.

Collector's Office.

ORIGINAL

No. 77

GEO. L. ROLAND, Fund Receipt.

Kahoka, Mo.

DEC 17 1902

A. D. 1902

Received of

Chewing Lizzie

865¹⁰⁰ Dol.

Being the amount as herein set forth, of State, County and Special Taxes, assessed for the Year 1902, on the following described Property, situated in said Township, as the same appears upon the Tax Books of said Township for said year.

Acres	100ths	DESCRIPTION	Sec. Lot	Twp. Blk.	Rng.	Value Dollars	State Tax \$ cts.	County Tax \$ cts.	R. R. Tax \$ cts.	Poll Tax \$ cts.	Tax \$ cts.	Road Tax \$ cts.	Sch'l Tax Dist. \$ cts.	Sch'l Tax \$ cts.
		Personal Tax,												
9		W side W ² NE	25	64	8	30	9	13	12				6	11-2
80		E ² NW	"	"	"	240	69	108	84				48	"
10		E ⁴ " NW	"	"	"	30	8	14	11				6	"
40		NE SE	26	"	"	190	48	86	67				38	"
TOTAL,						252	223	174				98		245

By _____
Deputy Collector.

G. L. Roland
Collector of Clark County, Mo.

GENERAL WARRANTY DEED.

This Indenture, Made on the 9th day of Feb A. D. One Thousand Nine Hundred and Three by and between

Theodor Chorning and annie Chorning his wife Ernest W. Chorning wife Stenger L. Chorning single and Effie M. Chorning single

of the of in the County of Clark and State of Missouri parties of the First Part, and

Ward Webster and Annie Webster his wife

of the of in the County of Clark and State of Missouri part of the Second Part:

Witnesseth, That the said parties of the First Part, in consideration of the sum of Five Hundred 00 Dollars, to them paid by the said part of the Second Part, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, do by these presents, Grant, Bargain and Sell, Convey and Confirm unto the said part of the Second Part their heirs and assigns, the following described Lots, Tracts or Parcels of Land, lying, being and situate in the County of Clark and State of Missouri, to wit: All

of the North East fourth of the South East Quarter of Section Twenty Six (26) Township 64 Range 8 West 40 acres more or less.

Grantors Convey as 4 of the Children of Lizzie Chorning and M.W. Chorning deceased - The grantee, Annie Webster being the 5th Child.

STATE OF MISSOURI,
COUNTY OF Clark } ss.
On this 10th day of Feb 1903
before me personally appeared Theodor Cheurning
Emme Cheurning his wife

to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at my office in Clark County the day and year first above written.

My term expires Nov 1 2 1907

James G. Sandborn
Justice of the Peace

STATE OF MISSOURI,
COUNTY OF Clark } ss.
On this 9th day of Feb 1903
before me personally appeared Ernest W Cheurning
and Pearl Cheurning his wife

to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at my office in Clark County the day and year first above written.

My term expires Nov 1 2 1906

Charles Hillier
Notary Public

STATE OF MISSOURI,
COUNTY OF } ss.
On this day of 19.....
before me personally appeared.....

to me known to be the person.....described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that.....executed the same as.....
free act and deed. And the said.....
further declare.....to be single and unmarried.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at my office in.....
the day and year first above written.

My term expires..... 19.....

STATE OF MISSOURI,
COUNTY OF Clark } ss.
On this 9th day of Feb 1903
before me personally appeared Spencer L Cheurning and Effie M Cheurning

to me known to be the person.....described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that.....executed the same as.....
free act and deed. And the said.....
further declare.....to be single and unmarried.

Spencer L Cheurning and Effie M Cheurning
themselves

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at my office in.....
the day and year first above written.

Clark School, Union Twp., Clark County, MO. Sec. 26.





All of Anna's children attended this school, shown as School House No. 2, or Clark School, on plat maps, in Sec. 26

I 'discovered' this school in 2011, didn't know at that time that it was the school our Chewnings had attended. I walked around it, took photos, and in 2012 went back with Dad and Keith.



2011: School House No. 2, Union twp., Clark County, MO prob. school Theodore Chewning attended (5)



2011: School House No. 2, Union Twp., Clark County, MO 8 (5)



2011: School House No. 2, Union Twp., Clark County, MO 8 (7)

Nancy Ann Morris Chewning

Census records for Nancy Ann Morris's parents, **Charles and Frances Harriet Moseley Morris:**

- 1860 census, Township 13 N4 W, Mercer, IL**
- 1865 Illinois census, Abingdon, Mercer, IL**
- 1880 census, Union Twp., Clark County, MO**
- 1910 census, Union Twp., Clark County, MO**
- 1920 census, Union Twp., Clark County, MO**

Charles died in 1876. Their youngest child, Thomas, was born in March, 1877, in IL. Sometime after his birth and before 1880 Frances moved her family to Union, Clark, MO. Nancy Ann would be between 4 and 6 when they moved.

Nancy Ann was born in Keithsburg, Mercer, IL (alternatively I've seen it stated that she was born in the Bald Bluff area). She was the next to the youngest in her family of 11 children. Her eldest living sister, Sophia, was born in 1860, and was married and out of the house when Nancy was four or so. Her oldest brother (half brother), Elbridge, was born in 1852, more than 20 years before she was born.

Her father, Charles, was born in England. From what we can piece together, he probably immigrated from England in 1840 with his parents, William and Sarah, his brother John and his sister Caroline. After settling originally in Ohio, in the Cleveland area, Charles, his parents, and his brother's new family moved to Mercer County, Illinois. His sister remained in the Ohio area, then moved to NY.

Charles married Frances Harriet Moseley, daughter of Churchill Payne and Nancy Ann Chastain Moseley, who had settled in Illinois from Kentucky. (The Moseleys had briefly lived in Tazewell County; a brother and his family remained in that part of the state. Another brother also moved to Mercer County, Illinois).

On the 1855 Illinois Census, William Morris (Charles' father) and C Mosely (Frances' father) are on the same page, just a few entries apart.

When Frances married Charles in 1858, she had a son - Elbridge - from a previous relationship. We have been unable to determine what the circumstances were behind Elbridge's parentage.

Charles died September 15, 1876, and is buried in Jackson (Greer) Cemetery, Sec. 10, Abington Twp, Mercer, Illinois. Their daughter, Joella, is also buried there.

Following Charles' death, Frances sold their property and purchased a wagon, which she used to carry herself and all these children west, until she found a place where she wanted to settle, which turned out to be Clark County, MO. She spent the rest of her life there. There is an email from Uncle Roger with his recollections of his grandmother, Nancy Ann Morris Chewning telling of the journey.

The family story is that Frances had the urge to travel west, and without any particular destination in mind, sold the family farm, bought a wagon and set out, with the idea that she would know where she wanted to settle when she saw it. While I haven't connected all the dots yet, it seems very unlikely to me that a woman would take the risk of moving a newborn and several toddlers, not to mention all her household possessions, and without a husband, travel to a territory where she knew no one and couldn't count on anyone for help. She was leaving a large extended family, including her mother, where she was ostensibly in a position to have help farming and rearing her large family. Given that she had nine children with her (I surmise this from the 1880 census), ranging in age from maybe newborn to late 20's, it seems either foolhardy or downright reckless to make that trip, unless she had family in the area in which she was moving. Granted, Elbridge was 27, Arthur 18, and it could be argued that they would have been capable of supporting the family. Nonetheless, Thomas would have been somewhere between a newborn and a toddler, and Nancy Ann would have been not much older.

I have found the last name of Moseley in Clark County; indeed, there was an Edward Moseley who served as a witness on some of Granville Chewning's papers. I assume that there will be some connection between that Moseley and her father's people. Also, the Chastain's, relatives of her mother, immigrated to Missouri (Benton county, I believe) about the time our branch moved to IL. The romance of our family's take on the migration is one thing, but it doesn't seem to square with the reality of being a new mother with a tremendous responsibility to me.

I can't find an 1870 census for the family in Illinois.

1880 census, Union Twp., Clark County, MO

Frances Morris, 46, widow, housekeeping, b. in IL, parents b. in E. VA

Ellbridge P., 27, farmer, b. in IL, father b. in KY, mother b. in IL

Arthur W., 18, at home, attended school in last year, b. in IL, father b. in KY, mother b. in IL

Rosella, 16, at home, attended school in last year, b. in IL, father b. in KY, mother b. in IL
Clary J., 14, at home, attended school in last year, b. in IL, father b. in KY, mother b. in IL
Sarah E., 12, at home, attended school in last year, b. in IL, father b. in KY, mother b. in IL
Mary A., 11, at home, attended school in last year, b. in IL, father b. in KY, mother b. in IL
William P., 8, at home, attended school in last year, b. in IL, father b. in KY, mother b. in IL
Nancy A., 6, at home, attended school in last year, b. in IL, father b. in KY, mother b. in IL
Thomas C.A., 4 at home, attended school in last year, b. in IL, father b. in KY, mother b. in IL
Jacob Gailor, 27, blacksmith, b. in IN

A couple of observations about this census. The father (Charles) is listed as born in IL, which is incorrect. Jacob Gailor is the brother of Sophia Elizabeth Morris Gaylor's husband (Sophia Elizabeth married in 1878 to Isaac Gaylor). I would presume that Jacob wanted to immigrate to Missouri, and joined the Morrises on the trip. Sophia and her husband remained in Illinois.

Jacob Gaylor moved back to Keithsburg sometime after 1880 and 1892, when his daughter was born (this per the 1900 census).

Notice that Elbridge goes by the last name of Morris; later he would use Moseley on documents such as his marriage license.

Theodore bought property in 1896 from his Uncle James Madison Chewning

Grantor	Grantee	
<i>Chewning, James M.</i>	<i>Chewning, Theo</i>	<i>11/4/1896</i>

Don't know property description or amount of land.

1896 Atlas

Theodore, along with his mother, Lizzie, and his uncles George Hanvey and James Madison Chewning, are listed in the 1896 Johnson's Clark County, Missouri, Atlas. They are given the wrong last names, either Chenning or Chening. There is a James W. Cannon; not sure who that is at this point.

Cartnal Thos, Anson,	Conlee L P, Ashton
Carlson A, Luray	Curtis Chas, Wyaconda
Canfield Ed, Neva	Colvin J A, Luray
Callaghan N, Mt. Sterling, Io	Combs A L, "
Caritt Martha, "	Combs H A, "
Coffin Chas, Acasto	Combs H E, "
Calfee Jno, "	Combs J J, "
Cameron Alfred, Luray	Colton F, "
Cameron Wm, "	Carter Robt, "
Crow N S, "	Cross A F, "
Conkle Peter, "	Chasteen M J, "
Chenning Lizzie C, Kahoka	Carmon W A, Wyaconda
Chenning Theodore "	Carrothers C E, "
Chenning Geo H "	Chamberlain R O, Luray
Clark J L, Neeper,	Chappell E M, Wyaconda
Carlin Minerva Williamstown	Carman B R, "
Carlin Jane, "	Catlett J W, "
Carlin Wm, "	Cain S, "
Chappell W G, "	Calvert I M, Luray
Chappell M L, "	Coffrin Edward, "
Chappell F F, "	Creason J M, "
Chappell J K, "	Caldwell E R, "
Cooter Samuel, "	Combs R E, "
Combs Albert, Kahoka	Callihan R G, "
Christy J W, "	Colvin R A, "
Clark C, "	Central Bank of "
Cartwright Jas, "	Carter Wm, "
Cartwright Jno, "	Corder Thos E, Alexandria
Cooper J J, "	Corder Thos, "
Crayne I B, "	Childers Noah, "
Carter H W, Williamstown	Cannon James W, "
Coney H E, Neeper	Clinard I J, "
Chening Jas M, "	Culver Nellie L, "
Clark Jno R, "	Curts T H, "
Clark W H, "	Calkins L L, Kahoka

Theodore and Nancy Ann Morris Chewning

I don't know how or where Theodore and Nancy Ann met. I know that they lived in the same township, and were close enough neighbors to be on page 14 and 17 of the 1880 census (Theodore's family was #120, Nancy Ann's #143). It's logical that they may have attended the same school.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
 County of Clark } THIS LICENSE AUTHORIZES any Judge of a Court of Record or Justice of the Peace, or any Licensed or Ordained Preacher of the Gospel, who is a citizen of the United States, to SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGE between Theodore Chewning of Union Twp in the County of Clark and State of Mo who is over the age of twenty-one years; and Nancy A Morris of Union Twp in the County of Clark and State of Missouri who is over the age of eighteen years.

Seal

WITNESS my hand as Recorder of Deeds, with the seal of office hereto affixed, at my office in Kahoka Mo this 27th day of Dec 1897 B. S Crawford Recorder of Deeds.
 By _____ Deputy.

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss. This is to certify that the undersigned a minister of the Gospel County of Clark } did, at his home in said County, on the 28 day of December A. D. 1897, unite in Marriage the above named persons. And I further certify that I am a citizen of the United States and legally qualified under the laws of the State of Missouri to solemnize Marriages. M. Nelson

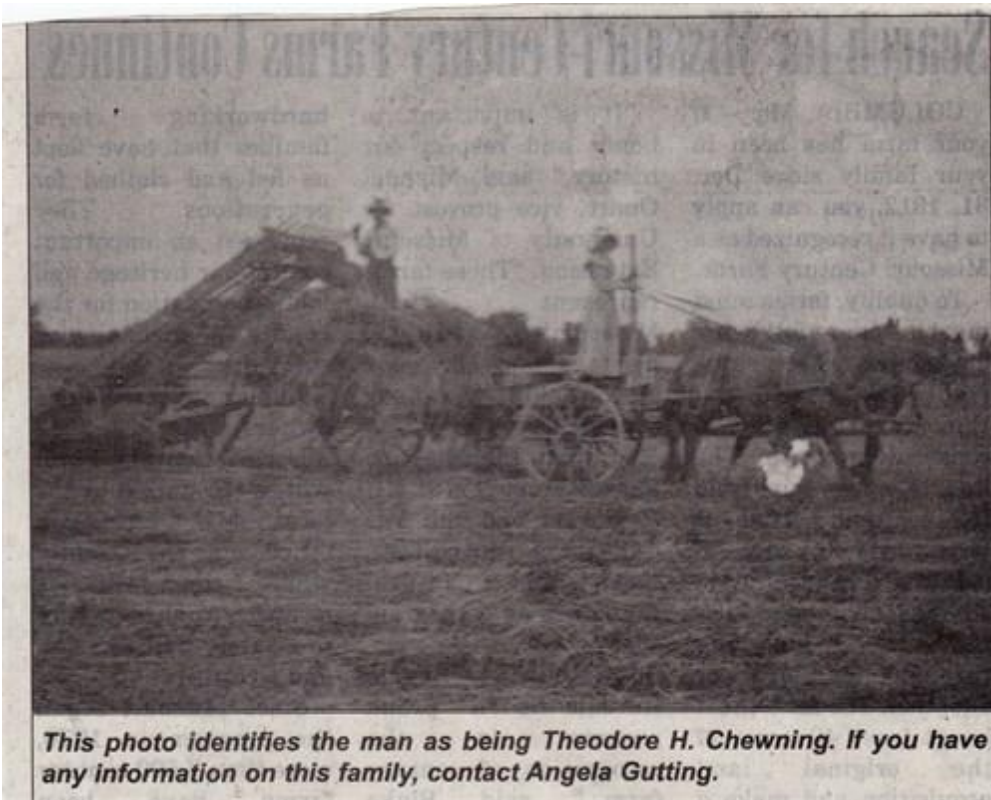
The foregoing Certificate of Marriage was filed for record in my office on the 15th day of January A. D. 1898, at 11 o'clock and X minutes A. M.
 By B. S Crawford Deputy. B. S Crawford Recorder of Deeds.

Theodore and Nancy Ann Morris Chewning marr cert

Married Life



Theodore and Nancy Ann Morris Chewning, probably Union Twp., Clark County, MO



This photo identifies the man as being Theodore H. Chewning. If you have any information on this family, contact Angela Gutting.

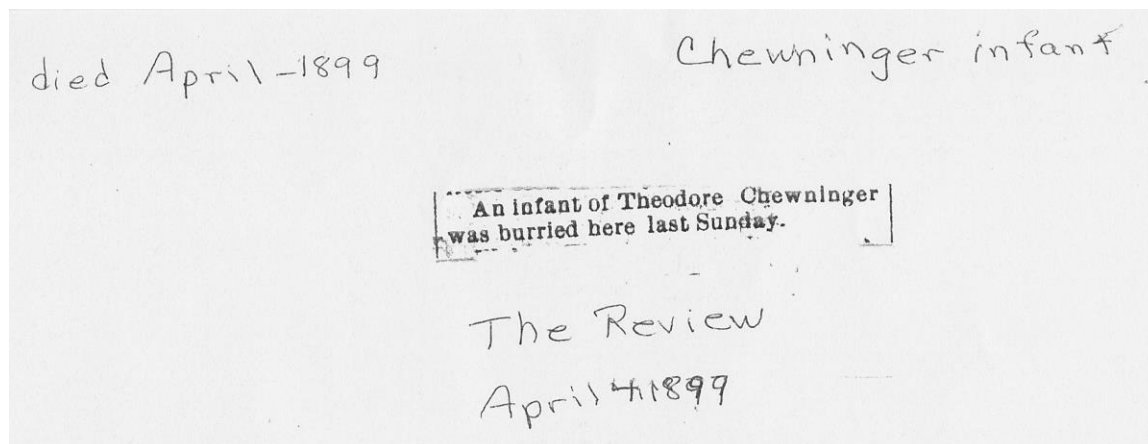


Theodore in Ashton, Clark, MO



'EO CHEWNING (GRANDDAD)

I have only this piece of information that I copied from the Kahoka Library that mentions the burial of an infant. I wish I knew where the baby was buried, because this is not clear:



There was a newspaper, the Kahoka Review, published 1899 - 1905. I can't find it online.

1900 census, Union Twp., Clark County, MO

Theodore Chewning, 27, b. Nov. 1872, married 2 years, b. in MO, parents b. in MO, farmer, owns farm
Annie Chewning, 26, b. Jan. 1874, 1 child, 0 living, b. in IL, father b. in England, mother b. in IL

Theodore's mother died in 1900; he inherited land from her

Lizzie listed her heirs as follows:

Theodore Chewning (married), who resides in the county of Clark, in the State of MO, Ann Lee Webster, who resides in the county of Clark, in the State of Missouri, Ernest Chewning (single), who resides in the County of Clark, in the State of Missouri, Spencer Chewning, minor, who resides in the County of Clark, in the State of Missouri, Effie Maud Chewning, minor, who resides in the county of Clark, in the State of Missouri.

Lizzie left Theo the following:

I give and devise to my son Theodore Chewning his heirs and assigns (31) Thirty-one acres Described as follows:

Off the west side of section (25) Twenty five all in Township No (64) sixty four Range No (8) Eight West

Lizzie died a couple of weeks prior to the census in 1900, so I don't have that record to show who her neighbors were, unfortunately, which would help to determine on which of her various parcels of land she was living.

Lizzie and Moses owned several different pieces of land, some in Sec. 25, in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and some in Sec. 26, the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$. **Dad and I believe that Lizzie and Moses probably were living on the parcel in Sec. 26, and that they probably raised their family there. Dad also thinks that the farm in Sec. 26 is where he visited his Aunt Annie and Uncle Vard in the 1930s, which would make sense, given that Lizzie's heirs sold that piece to their sister Annie in 1903.**

I have various plat maps that show where her property was in 1896, 1915, and 1930. (Also older maps showing where M.W. Chewning's property was prior to his death.)

Lizzie's heirs sell her land in 1903

Land in Sec. 25, the E ½ of the NW ¼

In February of 1903, four of Lizzie's heirs and their spouses entered into a General Warranty Deed with two Kirchner men, selling 104, 'more or less,' for \$1510. On the plat map from 1985, some of this land is still owned by Kirchners.

Grantee	Grantor		
<i>Chewning, Theo</i>	<i>Kirchner, Louis</i>	<i>Book 68, page 384</i>	<i>2/9/1903</i>
<i>Chewning, Spencer</i>			
<i>Chewning, Effie</i>			
<i>Chewning, Ernest</i>			

Another General Warranty Deed, dated also February 9, 1903, between the same heirs and their spouses sold to George H. Chewning (who would be their uncle), for \$10, the following land:

All of twenty acres more or less – all that part of the west three fourths of the north west fourth of the North west quarter of Section Twenty five (25) Township 64 Range 8 west, lying north of 10 acres more or less owned by Bergman heirs off the South end of said 30 acre tract.

The land hereby conveyed being a tract 60 rods East and West and 54 rods North and South out of the North West corner of said Section 25 grantors convey as all of their heirs of M.W. Chewning and Lizzie Chewning both deceased.

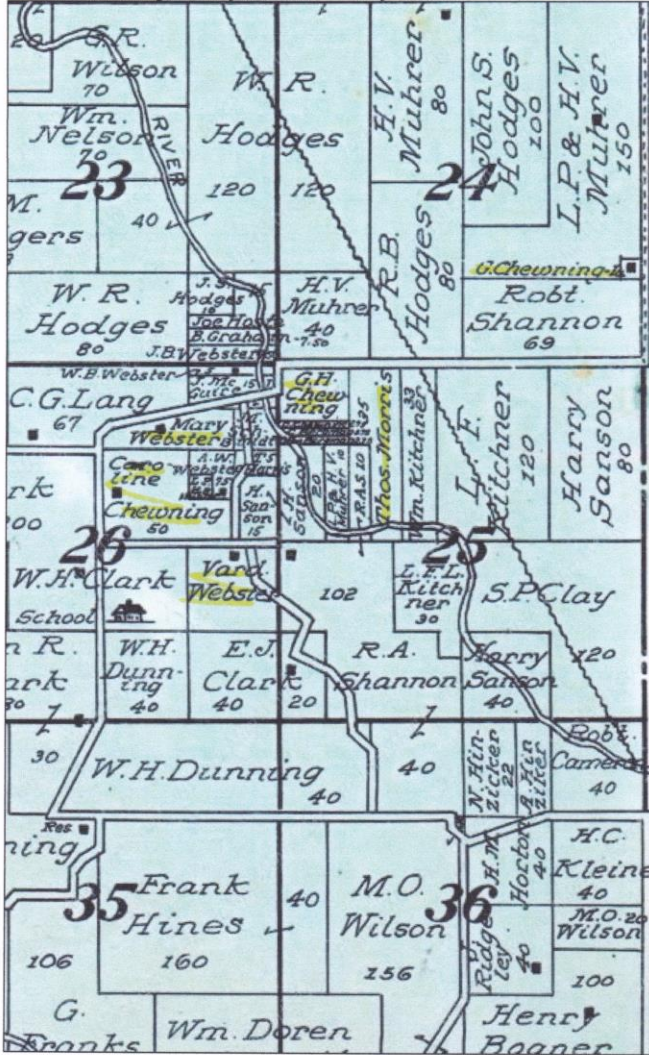
Note: 'the Bergman heirs,' were probably family of Caroline Bergman Chewning, Stephen Chewning's widow.

Land in Sec. 26, the NE ¼ of the SE ¼

Theodore, Annie, Spencer, Effie and Ernest all inherited part of Lizzie's land in Sec. 25. I don't have a copy of the deed, and I can't remember the exact property description, but this is the farm in Sec. 26. It seems that the four sibs are selling their portion of the land in Sec. 26 to their sister to give her clear title to the farm. I made a comment on the notes Dad and I took Aug. 2012 in Clark County, because I think this document was NOT in the correct book. May need to look in **Book 69, page 533.**

Grantee	Grantor		
<i>Chewning, Theo</i>	<i>Webster, Vard</i>	<i>Book 68, page 381 or 384</i>	<i>2/9/1903</i>
<i>Chewning, Spencer</i>			
<i>Chewning, Effie</i>			
<i>Chewning, Ernest</i>			

Union Township, Luray..., Clark County 1915...



Lizzie's will
1900

- 31 a. to Theodore off west side sec. 25
- 15 a. to Annie inside of sec 26 SE 1/4
- 31 a. to Ernest Center of sec. 25
- 31 a. to Spencer off east side of sec. 25
- 25 a. to Effie off S. side of NW 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 26.
- 3 a. to Annie S. end of sec. 25 timber
- 3 a. Effie off S. end of sec. 25
- 1903 - Lizzie's heirs sell 104 acres for \$1510 to Kircher
- 1903 - Lizzie's heirs sell 20 acres to G. H. Chewning; West 3/4 of NW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 25

Thos. Morris is living on Lizzie's land

Theodore was a blacksmith in Antioch

From an article published in 1985 about the history of Antioch, MO, we learn that "There were two blacksmiths in the late 1800's and early 1900's."

There were two blacksmiths in the late 1800's and early 1900's. One was Mr. Chewing who bought the shop from Sanson in 1903, the other was L.S. Kirchner, whose son, Kenneth, took over the business and later put up a machine shop. The blacksmith shop was then torn down. Kenneth still has his machine shop and does some work.

Given that Lizzie's heirs sold their inherited land in 1903, I would guess that Theodore used his proceeds to purchase the blacksmith shop in Antioch. Samson was the name of Lizzie's executor, and also the name of the blacksmith shop owner. Same person? Also, was L.S. Kirchner the Louis Kirchner that bought Lizzie's land?

Also in February, 1903, Theodore bought land from Gene Rife:

Grantee	Grantor	
<i>Chewing, Theo</i>	<i>Rife, Gene B.</i>	<i>Bk. 69, page 299 2/13/1903</i>

When did the family move to Ashton?

I have a journal that my kids gave to Letha Florence Chewing Downes, their great grandmother, which asked for her to complete a basic biography of her life. In it, she said that she was born in Ashton in 1904, and that she lived in a 4 room house built by her father (Theodore) in Oct. 1904.

Is it true, then, that Theodore and Nancy, and their young family, lived in **Ashton** while Theodore ran a blacksmith shop in **Antioch**, which he apparently purchased in 1903. Ashton is about 12 miles from Antioch, which seems a tremendous distance to travel for work in that era. My records show that all of Theodore and Nancy Ann's children were born in **Ashton**, so I am confused. I would guess that they were actually born in Antioch, at least Austin Raymond (born 1901) and Herville Payne (born 1903).

Theodore purchased land in Ashton

In November, 1905, Theodore bought land from J.V. Falkinburgh:

...In consideration of the sum of Two hundred dollars.....Lot Number seven (7) and Twenty nine and one half feet (29 ½) off the north side of Lot number eight (8) in Ashton Clark County, Missouri, all in the South West fourth of the South East fourth of the South West quarter of Section eight (8) in township Sixty five (65) Range eight (8)

GENERAL WARRANTY DEED.

501

This Indenture, Made on the 21 day of Nov A. D. One Thousand Nine Hundred and five by and between J. V. Falkinburg

Theodore Cheuning Clark County, Missouri, part of of the first part, and of the County of Clark and State of Missouri part of of the second part.

WITNESSETH, That the said part of of the first part, in consideration of the sum of Two hundred DOLLARS, to him paid by the said part of of the second part, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, do by these presents Grant, Bargain and Sell, Convey and Confirm unto the said part of of the second part, his heirs and assigns, the following described lots, tracts or parcels of land, lying, being and situate in the County of Clark and State of Missouri, to-wit: All

Lot number seven (7) and Twenty nine and one half feet (29 1/2) ft. off the north side Lot number eight (8) in Ashton Clark County Missouri, all in the South West fourth of the South East fourth of the South west quarter of Section eight (8) in town-ship Sixty five (65) Range eight (8)

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD The premises aforesaid, with all and singular the rights, privileges, appurtenances and immunities thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining, unto the said part of of the second part, and unto his heirs and assigns, Forever; the said J. V. Falkinburg hereby covenanting that he is lawfully seised of an indefeasible estate in fee in the premises herein conveyed; that he has a good right to convey the same; that the said premises are free and clear of any incumbrances done or suffered by him or those under whom he claim, and that he will Warrant and Defend the title to the said premises unto the said part of of the second part, and unto his heirs and assigns, forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons whomsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said part of of the first part have hereunto set their hand and seal, the day and year first above written. Signed, Sealed and Delivered in Presence of us: John V. Falkinburg, Lutheria E. Falkinburg

STATE OF MISSOURI, County of Clark } ss. On this 21 day of November 19 05, before me personally appeared J. V. Falkinburg and L. E. Falkinburg his wife. to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that they executed the same as their free act and deed. In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal, at my office in Ashton the day and year first above written. My term expires Nov. 17 19 06. James Gottlinghaus Justice of the Peace

STATE OF MISSOURI, ..

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD The premises aforesaid, with all and singular the rights, privileges, appurtenances and immunities thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining, unto the said part 1/4 of the second part, and unto his heirs and assigns, Forever; the said J. V. Falkinburg hereby covenanting that he is lawfully seised of an indefeasible estate in fee in the premises herein conveyed; that he has a good right to convey the same; that the said premises are free and clear of any incumbrances done or suffered by him or those under whom he claims, and that he will Warrant and Defend the title to the said premises unto the said part 1/4 of the second part, and unto his heirs and assigns, forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons whomsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said part 1/4 of the first part have hereunto set their hand and seal, the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in Presence of us:

John V. Falkinburg Seal
 Luthera E. Falkinburg Seal
 Seal
 Seal

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss. On this 21 day of November 1905, before me personally appeared
 County of Clark }
 J. V. Falkinburg and L. E. Falkinburg his wife
 to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that they executed the same as their free act and deed.
 In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at my office in Ashton the day and year first above written.
 My term expires Nov. 17 1906. James Cottingham Justice of the Peace

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss. On this _____ day of _____ 19____, before me personally appeared
 County of _____ }

 to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that _____ executed the same as _____ free act and deed.
 And the said _____ further declared _____ to be single and unmarried.
 In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at my office in _____ the day and year first above written.
 My term expires _____ 19_____

The foregoing Deed was filed for record this 17 day of February A. D. 1906, at 4 o'clock 20 minutes P. M.
 Per _____ Deputy. Guy W. Murray Recorder.

In December 1905, Theodore and Nancy Ann sold land to Adaph M. Davidson, Effie Chewning Davidson's husband, for \$600:

All of a certain tract or parcel of land described as follows to wit: The north half of Block number one (1) as shown in the plat of Ashton date Nov 13th 1883 by survey made at that time and bounded as follows to wit beginning in the center of the Public road at the north east corner of said Block one (1) running thence west 209 feet. Thence south 104 1/2 feet. Thence East 209 feet to the center of the Public road. Thence north along the center of said road 104 1/2 feet to the place of beginning. This tract is in the East side of the west half of the East half of the South East quarter of Section Eight (8) Township 65 Range 8 west.

From what I can tell from a plat map, that parcel was in Ashton, east of the 'main street.'

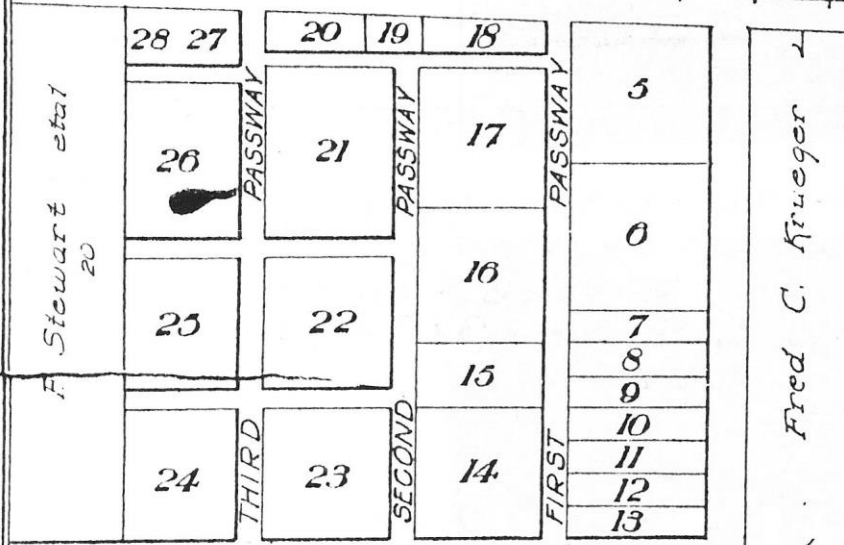
ASHTON
 LOCATED IN SECT. 8
 LINCOLN TWP.
 Scale 300 ft. to 1 inch.

J. Martin
 74.70

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CHICAGO, BURLINGTON, & QUINCY R. R.

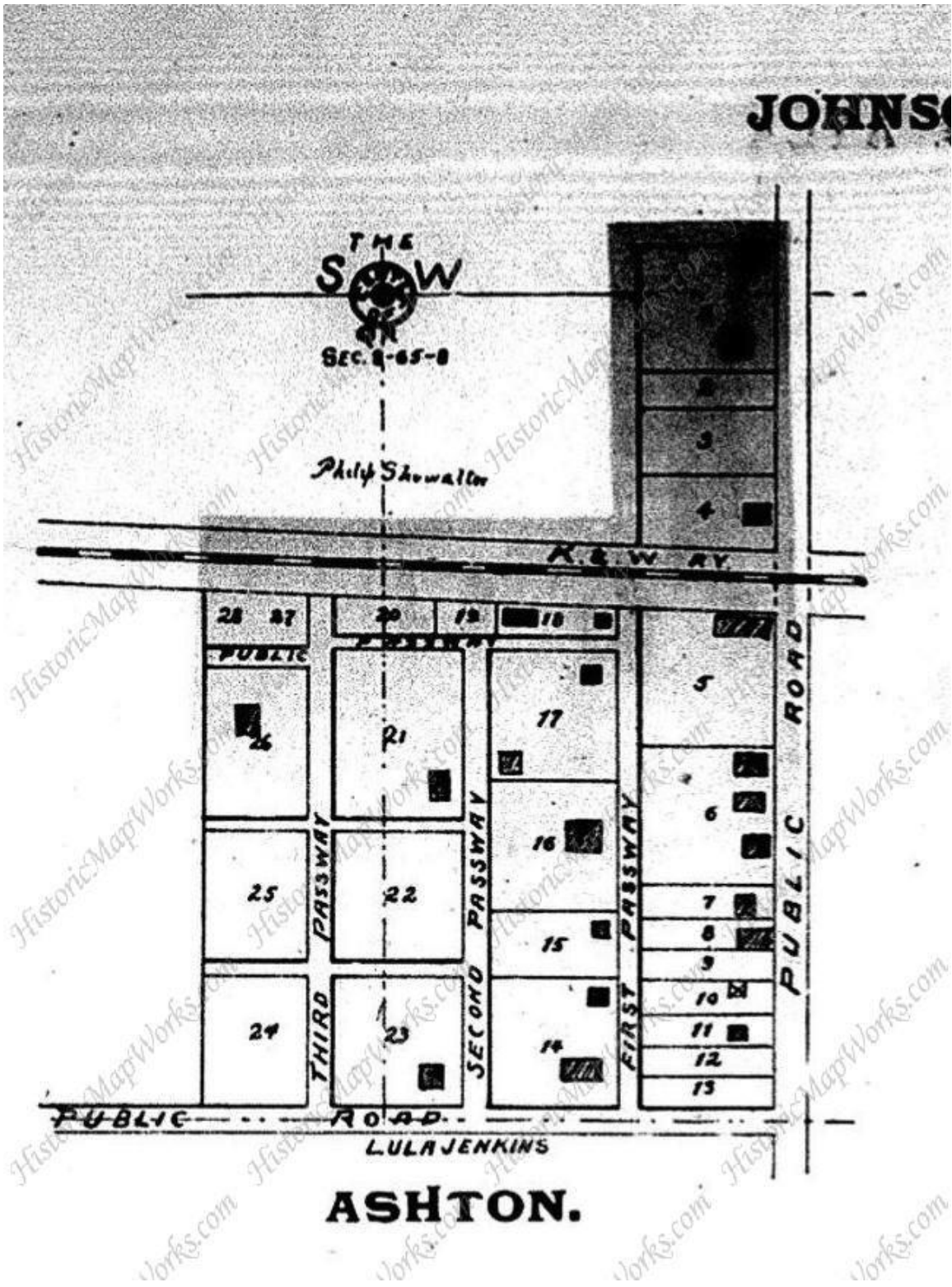


Line Between Sections 8 & 17

C. W. Stewart Est

Fred C. Krieger

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THEO CHEWNING IN BLACKSMITH SHOP AT ASHTON, CLARK, MO



Theodore Chewning blacksmith shop, Theodore and Letha Florence Chewning Ashton, Clark, MO

This is the picture of my Dad's blacksmith shop which he built in 1905, and a picture of my Dad and I. The other man there was Tomleman, a neighbor. The house is where I grew up or lived until we moved to Ill.

"Now don't you think I was cute?"

This note was written by Letha Florence Chewing Downes in the early 1983 about the picture of her standing with her dad in front of his blacksmith shop.



Theodore and Nancy Ann Morris Chewing in Theo's blacksmith shop, Ashton, Clark, MO



Theodore Chewning in front of his blacksmith shop, Ashton, Clark, MO2



WAGDRIDGE - THEO'S PARTNER

Ashton, Clark, MO, 1967, 1980's, 2008



Back



Front

2.1967 Theodore and Nancy Ann Morris Chewning 1st home, Ashton, Clark, MO.1

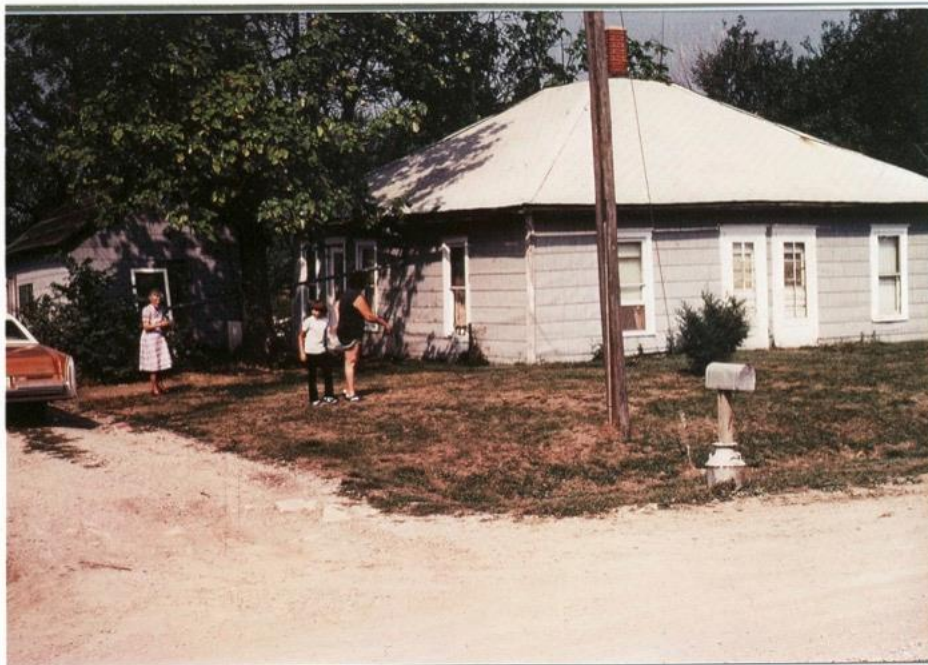
In the 1983, my dad, H. Finley Downes, took his mother, Letha Florence Chewning Downes, around the area in which she was raised. The handwriting on this page is hers.



Mother and Dad moved in this
house in Acton, Mo. March 1903.
They moved here from Antioch, Mo.
Hawelle, my brother was ~~born~~
~~born~~ born here April 4,
1903. I was born in this
house Aug. 29 1904.

Letha Florence Chewning Downes album of houses where she lived.1

This was the house built by Theodore Chewning in 1904.

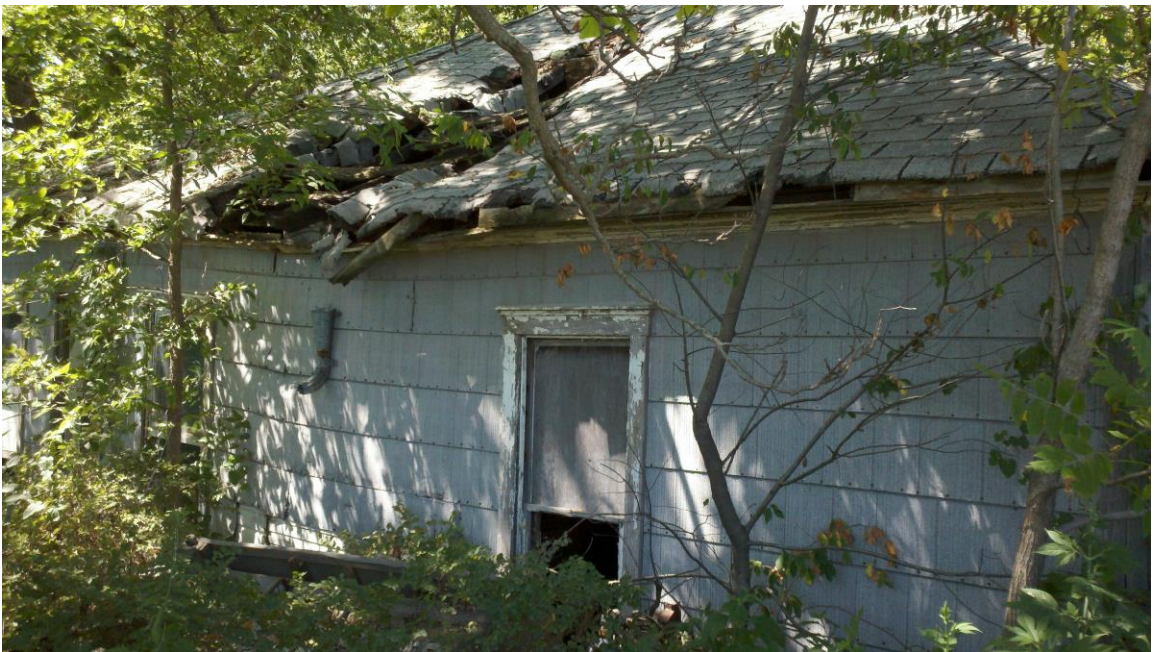


My father built this house in
Ashton, Mo. in Oct. 1904. We
lived here until we moved to
Moxmouth, Ill. in Dec. 1929

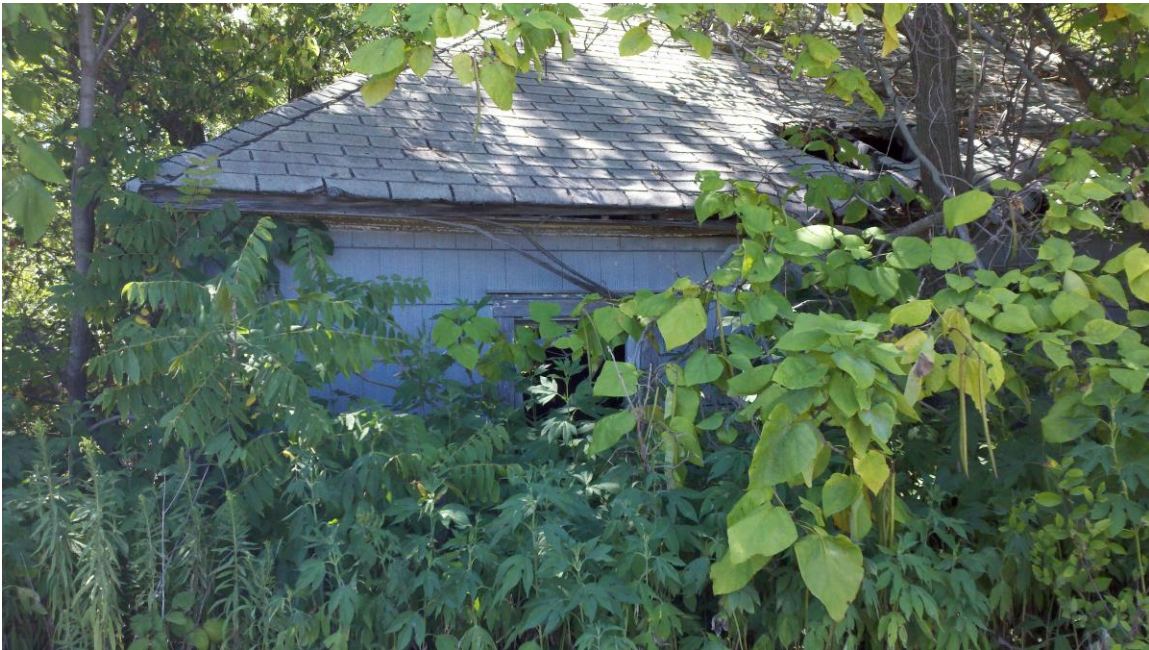
In 2008, Dad and I visited Ashton, and took these pictures. The blacksmith shop was long gone, and the house was falling down.



2008



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2008

1910 census, Lincoln Twp., Clark County, MO

Theodore Chewning, 39, married 12 years, b. in MO, parents b. in MO, blacksmith, owns own shop, owns home with mortgage

Nancy M. Chewning, 37, married 12 years, 4 children, 3 living, b. in IL, father b. in England, mother b. in IL

Raymond A., 9, b. in MO, father b. in MO, mother b. in IL, attended school in last year

Harvel (census looks like Hurvel), 7, etc.

Florence, 5, etc.

So between the 1900 census and the 1910 census, Theodore and Nancy moved from Union Township, where Antioch is located, to Lincoln Township, where Ashton is.

For Justice of the Peace, Lincoln Township.
JOHN SPANGLER.
DAVID LAPSLEY.
THEODORE CHEWNING.

Theodore Chewning, ClarkCountyCourier, 10.28.1910

relatives.
Mrs. Woodward of Medill, Mrs. Mary Cottingham and Mrs. Ella Reid were entertained at dinner Sunday by Mrs. Nancy Chewning.
Theo. Chewning went to visit relatives down near Antioch Saturday.
Grandma Martin and daughter

Theodore and Nancy Ann Morris Chewning, ClarkCountyCourier, 11.29.1912

Mrs. Nancy Chewning is the proud possessor of a new lawn swing. She won't do a thing now but fold her hands and swing.

Nancy Ann Morris Chewning, Ashton col., ClarkCountyCourier, 7.18.1913

in for a position for some time.
A. M. Davidson, Esther Howell, Nancy Chewning and family motored down in the neighborhood of Neeper last Wednesday. Mr. Davidson was visiting his brother-in-law, Vard Webster. Nancy Chewning and family were visiting her mother, Mrs. Frances Morris

OLD SOLO.

Nancy Ann Morris Chewning, Adaph M Davidson, Ashton col., ClarkCountyCourier, 7.18.1913

Mrs. Becker and two children, of Missouri Valley, Ia., were the guests of her aunt, Mrs. Theo. Chewning, Sunday and Monday. She left Monday for Antioch to visit her Grand-mother Morris.

Nancy Ann Morris Chewning, Ashton col., ClarkCountyCourier, 9.26.1913

Mrs. Becker would have been Georgette May Heimer Becker, daughter of Rose Ella Morris Heimer.

Ashton information

Ashton

Hometown Journal 2-10-2009

Laid out in 1883 by Philip Showalter and was located along the now Highway 136, in Section 8, Lincoln township, five miles west of Kahoka, and was on the old Keokuk-western Railroad.

B. C. Strickler bought the first lot and opened the first store. In 1875 Harrison & Bros operated a harness shop, so there must have been a settlement here before the town was laid out. In 1887 there were two general stores, a saddle & Harness shop, grain elevator, blacksmith shop cooper shop, hotel, post office, doctor's office, public school and the Methodist Episcopal church and of course, the depot. The population around 1887 was about 75 inhabitants.

The K & W Railroad built a 6 3/4 acre pond to supply water for the engines. The pipe was a mile and 50 yards long. Water was pumped to the tank by Steam power. Some of the agents were 1895 J. P. Scott, resigned in 1901 and Clyde Davis took over, in 1903 H. A. Kreiger was agent, 1904, L. H. Riggs, 1908 Vernon Lonis, 1910 Leo H Martin, resigned in 1912. Do not know what happened to the depot.

A cemetery is located near the church and is still used today. The Church is no longer used. Sunday school and church were held in the school house or homes during the early stages of the community. Early in 1870's the

Sunday School was organized and known as Mars Hill. A church was built in 1874-75. The Methodist Protestant Services were conducted until February of 1910, then it was changed to the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1953 Rev Newton E. Barrett conducted the services. The church was disbanded in May of 1959. A new Methodist Episcopal Church was build in 1883.

In 1899 Sal Wheatly ran a mill, in 1883 the Hoop factory was in full operation. 1901 saw new sidewalks put in, the blacksmith shop was repaired. In 1902 the McMehan Bros firm burnt and in 1903 T. Seaman erected a new store on this site. In 1914 the Seaman Hotel was purchased by Chris Epps who also owned a store. The last store was run by Winnie Harley Overhulser, they also ran the postoffice. These both closed around 1953-54. Before them Jim & Hazel Potts operated the store and postoffice.

The Ashton school, the last one, was built around 1919-20. It was a two story building, with a high school on the second floor. A three year high school was taught up until 1928 then it was changed to a two year high school. By the 1940's five rural schools had consolidated with Ashton - Eureka, Hays, Lebonnan, Toops and Mt Hope (??) . The first school building is still standing and is being

used as a shed on the Wayne Schantz farm.

The last graduating class at Ashton was 1967.

Ashton's claim to fame was the Snyder Mill. It was the shipping place for Whiskey. Snyder's Mill became well known in the area and many today can tell stories of the old mill and how they used to sneak up at night and poke holes in the barrels that sat outside and filled not only their jugs, but themselves. The distillery could handle fifty bushels of corn daily and each bushel produced four gallons of Whiskey. There were four operators and one government inspector on duty each day. In 1864 the boiler exploded killing three men and seriously injuring two others including Mr. Snyder. An article in the "Kahoka Gazette Herald" dated July 19, 1963 reads:

Snyder's Mill - Famous Landmark - Is No More.

The buildings are completely gone, damaged by age and wind and time

and finally torn down and cleared away. Only the memory and history of

this time in our county remains, and Joe Snyder's Mill is gone forever. A fetting epitaph from the G.H. files, July 1898. and Joseph Snyder has closed temporarily after a three months run of his distillery with an output of 150 barrels of whiskey is enough, it is thought to meet the demands the campaign purposes this Fall and "Snake bites"

Hometown Journal February 10

Ashton, Missouri

Located 20 miles west of Alexandria, Ashton, Missouri was not exactly, even in the best of times, a metropolis, and deserved only this tiny station manned by a part-time custodian. It was his duty to meet all trains, handle mail, baggage, and express, and assist passengers. Tickets had to be purchased from the train conductor. The custodian also handled less-than-carload freight, and if the consignee was not at hand to claim it, the custodian locked it inside the tiny depot. It was an Interstate Commerce Commission requirement that all shipments to a non-agency station had to be paid for in

advance - no C.O.D. shipments, no shipping charges due. Therefore, the custodian handled no money.

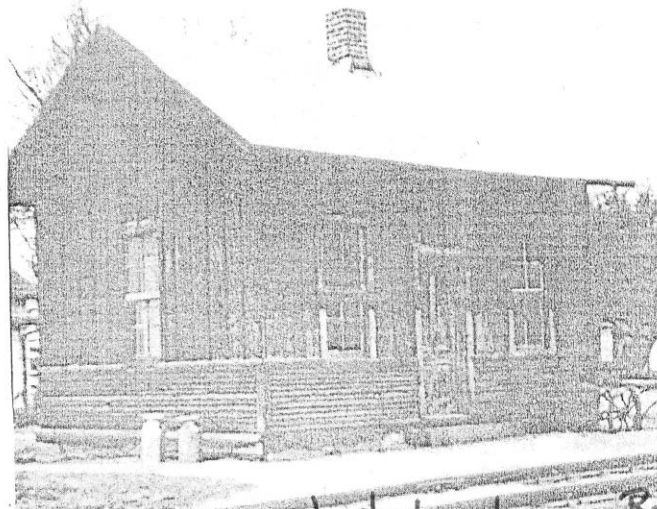
The two-wheel cart resting in the shade of the building required considerable balancing and dexterity when being loaded and moved. It was used mostly for mailbags and was probably trundled down the street to the post office on days the mail order catalogs arrived. Milk products (and eggs) were literally "bread and butter" money for day-to-day living for many farmers, and the railroad often double-decked its cream and milk cans on special racks in the baggage car. Shipping

charges were "collect" and paid on the creamery end, deducted from the farmer's check.

When this picture was taken in 1953, the population of Ashton was limited to about 30 residents

The well-maintained track had been relaid with "old ninety" - second-hand rail once used on a main line of Burlington and weighting 90 pounds to the yard. In branch line service, second-hand 90-pound rail easily lasted forever.

Hometown
Journal
Sept. 30, 2008



Information provided by Joanne Ragan

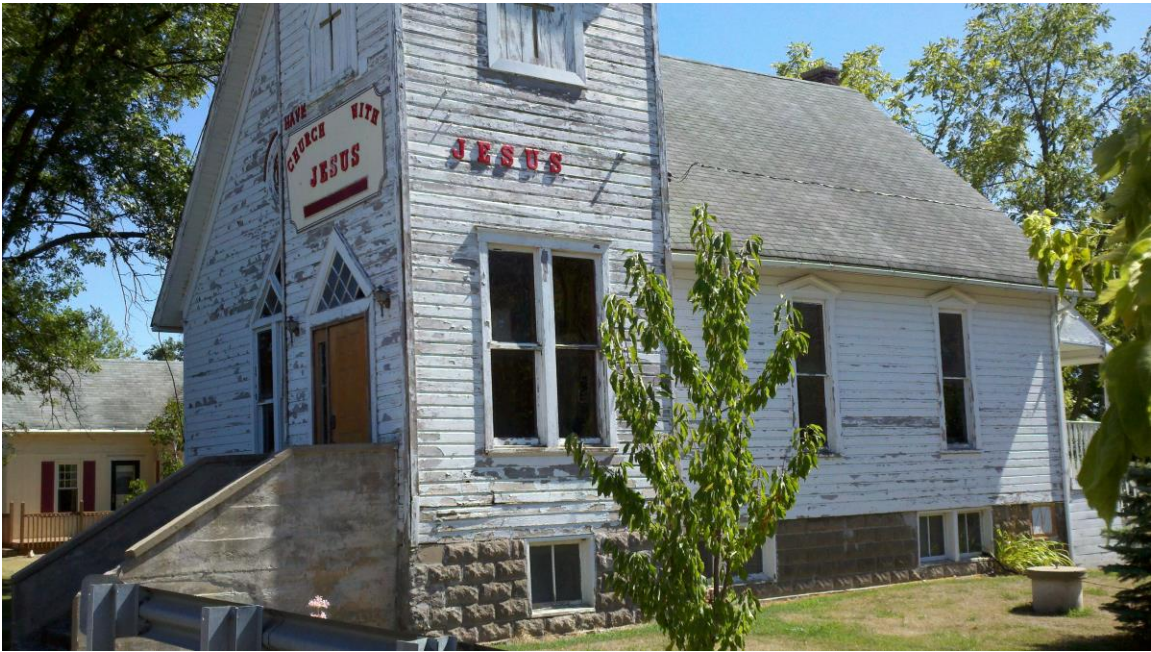
Medill Church

This was the church the family attended, in the neighboring village of Medill. I took these pictures in 2012. In 2016, the church had been painted and appeared to be in much better repair.



This is the First Baptist Church in Michol
which I attended when I was growing up.
I joined this church when I was 12 years
old. And I was baptized in a pond near
Arlton. This pond belonged to ^{the} C. B. of railroad
and it was called Lonesome Lake. This picture
was taken Sept 4, 1983







Mrs. Theo. Chewning returned Sunday night, after three days at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Webster, of near Antioch. She reported her sister better.

Nancy Ann Morris Chewning, Ashton col., ClarkCountyCourier, 2.7.1913

ASHTON.

Zack T. Howell of Omaha, Neb., was called here Friday by the serious illness of his mother, who I am glad to report, is much better.

A. H. Davidson of this place and Mr. Hammat of Kahoka motored to Keokuk Saturday.

Theo. Chewning was called to Antioch Friday by the serious illness of his aunt, Mrs. Geo. Chewning, who passed away the next morning at 6 a. m.

Geo. Seyb's new residence is

Theodore Chewning, Ashton col., ClarkCountyCourier, 5.9.1913

Theo. Chewning

**General Blacksmithing and Wagon
Repairing.**

**Also Milling: can grink all kinds
chop feed, table meal, etc.**

I have a side line of the Bushnell stock tanks, the favorite hog troughs, brood coops, Mottle hen nests, chick drinks and fountains.

Stock Food and Poultry Remedy for Cholera, Roup and Limberdeck. Guaranteed to cure.

S. C. Buff Orpington Eggs for sale, 15 for \$1.00.

Come and see me, any old road leads to

Front Street

ASHTON, - - MO.

Theodore Chewning, ClarkCountyCourier, 5.23.1913

ASHTON NO. 2.

The Fourth of July is over and Solo has arrived home and will try and give some more of Ashton news.

Mrs. Effie Davidson is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Vard Webster, of near Antioch this week.

Mrs. Ellen Snyder has again moved to Ashton to live. She says it is too lonesome living in the country.

L. H. Riggs has returned from the hospital at Keokuk. He says he is feeling fine and will soon be able to go to work again.

A. M. Davidson was on the sick list last week but is better at this writing.

A. M. Davidson, Esther Howell, Hilda Seyb and Erma Meryhew attended the concert at Luray Saturday night.

Joseph Epps, one of our merchants, is harvesting this week. He had better keep that big straw hat on his head or he will get a rich tan.

Ella Reid visited Mrs. J. M. Riggs last Friday and Saturday and they drove over to Wyaconda and called on Mrs. Ed. Paydon.

Charley Hocraffer lost one of his horses Monday. It choked to death on ground corn. It is too bad especially as it leaves him with only one horse now.

A. M. Davidson has been flying over the roads since he has become the owner of an automobile. It is now up to him to help drag the roads.

The Ashton Rebekah lodge installed its officers last Thursday night after which they served ice-cream and cake. Those who failed to attend missed a good time.

Mrs. Nancy Chewning is the proud possessor of a new lawn swing. She won't do a thing now but fold her hands and swing.

Wm. Elwell and wife made a trip to "Pumpkin Center" last Saturday and drove through here on their return home.

The health of Joe Beeson continues to improve. He was visiting in Ashton Sunday.

Albert Yolton, who has been working for W. H. Howell, was called to Kahoka last Saturday to take a position in the milk factory. He has had an application in for a position for some time.

A. M. Davidson, Esther Howell, Nancy Chewning and family motored down in the neighborhood of Neeper last Wednesday. Mr. Davidson was visiting his brother-in-law, Vard Webster. Nancy Chewning and family were visiting her mother, Mrs. Frances Morris

OLD SOLO.

Nancy Ann Morris Chewning, others, Ashton col., ClarkCountyCourier, 7.18.1913

80.
S. L. Chewning returned to Monmouth, Ill., Tuesday, after a visit with Theo. Chewning of Ashton, and other relatives of Kahoka.

Spencer Lee Chewning, Theodore Chewning, Ashton col., ClarkCountyCourier, 1.2.1914

Refreshments were served.
Theo. Chewning is laid up with a badly lacerated hand, as a result of it's running amuck of the planing machine Tuesday. No bones broken.

Theodore Chewning, Ashton col., ClarkCountyCourier, 3.10.1916

Theodore Chewning of near Ashton has been visiting several days with William Merris and family.

Theodore Chewning, William Payne Morris, ClarkCountyCourier, 4.28.1916

Theodore Chewning, son, Her-ville, and daughter, Florence, attended Sunday school at Medill last Sunday morning.

Theodore Chewning, Ashton col., ClarkCountyCourier, 10.20.1916

Mr. Morris of Keithsburg, Ill., visited his sister, Mrs. Nancy Chewning, recently. He went from here to Anticoh to visit his aged mother and other relatives.

Mr and Mrs. Joe Hall and Nancy Ann Morris Chewning, others, ClarkCountyCourier, 12.22.1916

night.
Mrs. Nancy Chewning was called to Union Monday by the illness of her mother, Mrs. Morris.

Mrs. Moseley and mother Nancy Ann Morris Chewning, Francis Harriet Moseley Morris, ClarkCountyCourier, 3.1.1918

Mrs. Chewning is still with her mother, Mrs. Morris, of Union, who has been seriously ill but reported some better.

Nancy Ann Morris Chewning, ClarkCountyCourier, 3.8.1918

night.
Mrs. Nancy Chewning was called to Union Monday by the illness of her mother, Mrs. Morris.

Nancy Ann Morris Chewning, ClarkCountyCourier, 3.18.1918

ASHTON

A. M. Davidson and wife motored down near Antioch Sunday and spent the day at the home of her sister, Mrs. Vard Webster, and family.

Mrs. Nancy Chewning returned from her mother's near Union Saturday after several days visit. She left her mother much improved.

Nancy Ann Chewning Morris, others, Ashton col., ClarkCountyCourier, 4.5.1918

Theo. Chewning and John W. Woodruff were passengers to Granger Tuesday a. m.

Raymond and Herville Chewning spent from Friday to Monday with their Grandmother Morris of near Union, also stopped at Kahoka to see the special train of war relics and hear the speeches.

Francis Harriet Moseley Morris, ClarkCountyCourier, 5.3.1918

A. M. Davidson, wife and sons and Florence Chewning spent Sunday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Vard Webster, near Antioch. Mrs. Chewning accompanied them to the home of her mother, Mrs. Morris, who seems very feeble. The whole car load came very near being run into by a fast mail train at Hays crossing. They were watching a freight coming from the west and failed to see the one from the east until in a few feet of track.

Letha Florence Chewning Downes, Ashton col., ClarkCountyCourier, 6.21.1918

A. M. Davidson, F. E. Meryhew, Theodore Chewning, Henry Drew, Mr. and Mrs. Riggs and Mr. Krueger attended the I. O. O. F. meeting in Kahoka Tuesday afternoon and night.

Theodore Chewning, Adaph Davidson, ClarkCountyCourier, 9.6.1918

and family.

Mrs. Chewning received word last week that her oldest sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Gaylor, had died on Thanksgiving day at her home in Keithsburg, Ill. The city at that time was under quarantine, so they were not notified in time to attend the funeral.

Mrs. Carrie Jordan is home after three weeks at the St. Clair home caring for the sick.

Mrs. Willis Martin and mother, Mrs. Nettie Woodruff, were recent visitors of Mrs. N. C. Jenkins, near Luray.

Mrs. Chewning and son, Raymond, drove to the home of her mother, Mrs. Morris, near Union, Friday, to carry the sad news of her daughter's death.

Nancy Ann Morris Chewning, Francis Harriet Moseley Morris, Ashton col., ClarkCountyCourier, 12.13.1918

ASHTON

The members of the "Sunshine" class had a meeting at the home of their teacher, Mrs. Blanche Woodruff, Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Chewning spent Sunday with their mother, Mrs. Morris, at Union. She is past 80 years old and getting quite feeble.

Francis Harriet Moseley Morris, Ashton col., ClarkCountyCourier, 5.16.1919

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS

Sept. 23, 1919.

Ordered that P. E. Williams, Supt. State Hospital No. 2 at St. Joseph, Mo., release Johnnie Keester, a Clark county inmate of said hospital, into care of his mother, Mrs. Herman Stein.

G. W. Arnold allowed \$49.50 for waiting on probate court and circuit court.

H. M. Owen allowed \$10 for two days board equalization and board of appeals.

A. M. Davidson allowed \$68 for repairs county road grader.

Theo Chewning allowed \$64.35 for oil furnished road engine.

V. E. Wilson allowed \$112.50

Theodore Chewning, ClarkCountyCourier, 10.3.1919

We are sorry to report, that Theodore Chewning, our long time village blacksmith, has sold his property to Henry Drew, and will soon leave for Monmouth, Ill. where he hopes to finish educating his children. This move not only means the loss of the family but the mill and shop as well. Mr. Dedman of Medill has bought the engine and will move it to Medill. The shop will be used as a garage.

Rex Howell and cousins, Mrs.

Theodore Chewning, Ashton col., ClarkCountyCourier, 10.31.1919

Spencer, then Theodore, move to Monmouth, Warren, IL

Theodore and his family moved to Monmouth, Warren, IL, in 1919. Spencer moved to Illinois prior to that time; he was in the Monmouth directory in 1905. He married Mary Toops in Monmouth in 1906.

Annie, Ernest and Effie married and remained in Missouri.

Initially, I found Monmouth, Illinois, directories for the 1940's and 1950's. July 2012 I found a directory for 1905. There are entries for:

1905 Martin Luther and Aquilla Reese Cannon, 1104 S. 6th Street, bricklayer

1905 Spencer Chewning, 1104 S. 6th Street, brick layer

1905 Albert Cannon

Zelma Cannon Kelley, daughter of **Martin Luther Cannon**

1943 William and Zelma Kelley, 1104 S. 6th Street, laborer State Highway Department, which had been her parent's home

1952 William and "Velma" Kelley, 1104 S. 6th Street
1955 William and Zelma Kelley, 1104 S. 6th Street; laborer State Highway Dept.
Charles Cannon, son of **Martin Luther Cannon**

1943 Katie Cannon, widow of Charles, 1114 S. 6th Street

Chewnings

1943 Raymond A. and Ethel Chewing, Chewing Bros. Blacksmith Shop, home 916 S. 3rd St.
Bros. Blacksmith Shop, Raymond A. and Herval P., 810 S. 3rd St.
Evert W and Ruth B., blacksmith Chewing's Shop h 743 10th Ave.
Herval P and Ester B, Chewing Bros. Blacksmith Shop h. 924 S. 3rd St.
Nancy A, widow Theo, h. 913 S. 3rd St.
Robt E 734 10th Ave E
Roy L and Virgie blacksmith h 822 S. 3rd St.
Spencer L and Mary, blacksmith h 734 10th Ave. E.

Last Thursday evening the Rebekahs and Odd Fellows entertained their families at the hall in honor of Mr. Chewing and family who are soon to leave for their new home in Monmouth, Ill. The evening was spent in pleasant conversation, games and music. Refreshments were served, and at a late hour all returned to their homes declaring they had spent a most pleasant evening. All regret to have Mr. Chewing and family leave.

Theodore and Nancy Ann Morris Chewing, Ashton col., ClarkCountyCourier, 11.21.1919

WARRANTY DEEDS RECORDED

J. D. Rebo to Edward M. Hecox, lot 1, and 1-3 of lot 2, block 12, Alexandria, \$250, Aug. 11, 1919.

Geo. E. Curtis to Herman Berterman, lots 17, 18, 22, block 10, Wyaconda, \$2650, Oct. 20, 1919.

Anna Jenkins to Wm. Gatton, 28 acres, in 36-64-6, \$1100, Oct. 25, 1919.

Theo. Chewing to Mary E. Drew, blocks 7, 8, 9, 10, Ashton, \$1400, Oct. 27, 1919.

Theodore Chewing, ClarkCountyCourier, 11.21.1919

Saturday evening a crowd of youngsters from Medill and Ashton gathered at the Brotherton store and went in a body to the Chewning residence to give Florence, Herville and Raymond a surprise. Not a moment dragged, everyone seemed ready and anxious to participate in any game that found general favor. Time sped and all too soon it seemed time to depart, but thoughtful minds and patient hands had been busy in the kitchen, in fact Mrs. C. H. Howell and Mrs. Chewning had made a bountiful supply of popcorn balls and molasses candy, to which the young folks did justice. All departed declaring they had spent a delightful evening, and wishing the Chewnings much happiness in their new home.

Letha Florence Chewning Downes, Ashton col., ClarkCountyCourier, 11.21.1919

The family moved to Monmouth, Warren, IL

Theodore's sister Effie Chewning Davidson is on same census page

October 27, 1919: Theodore and Nancy A. Chewning sold to Mary E. Drew the following property for \$1400 :

All of blocks seven (7), eight (8), nine (9) and ten (10), in the town of Ashton, Clark County, MO.

THIS INDENTURE, Made on the 27th day of October A. D. One Thousand Nine Hundred and nineteen by and between Theodore Churning and Nancy A. Churning his wife

of Clark County, Missouri, part 1st of the First part, and of the County of Clark in the State of Missouri Part 2 of the Second Part

WITNESSETH That the said parties of the First Part, in consideration of the sum of Fourteen hundred and no/100 DOLLARS, to them paid by the said part 2 of the Second Part the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, do by these presents Grant, Bargain and Sell, Convey and Confirm unto the part 2 of the Second Part her heirs and assigns, the following described Lots, Tracts or Parcels of land, lying, being and situate in the County of Clark, and State of Missouri, to-wit: All of blocks seven (7), eight (8), nine (9), and ten (10), in the town of Ashton, Clark County, Missouri.

Handwritten circled text: P.R. \$150

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD The premises aforesaid, with all and singular the rights, privileges, appurtenances and immunities thereto belonging or in anywise apping unto the said part 2 of the Second Part, and unto her heirs and assigns FOREVER: The said Theodore Churning and Nancy A. Churning hereby covenanting that they are lawfully seized of an indefensible Estate in Fee in the premises conveyed, that they have good right to convey the same, that the said premises are free and clear of any incumbrances done or suffered by them or those whom they claim, and that they will WARRANT AND DEFEND the title to the said premises unto the said part 2 of the Second Part and unto her heirs and assigns FOREVER against the lawful claims and demands of all persons whomsoever, except taxes after taxes due and payable for the year nineteen hundred nineteen (1919).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said parties of the First Part have hereunto set their hand and seal the day and year first above written. Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of us

Signatures: Theodore Churning, Nancy A. Churning

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss. On this 27th day of October 1919 before me appeared Theodore Churning and Nancy A. Churning and they acknowledged that they executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that they executed the same as their free act his wife, to me well known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and I affixed my official seal at my office in Kahoka, Missouri. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at my office in Kahoka, Missouri, the day and year first above written. My term expires October 21, 1922 J. Miller Notary Public

STATE OF MISSOURI, } co 19 before me

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD The premises aforesaid, with all and singular the rights, privileges, appurtenances and immunities thereto belonging or in anywise appurtenant unto the said part 1/2 of the Second Part, and unto her heirs and assigns FOREVER: The said Theodore Chewning and Nancy A. Chewning hereby covenanting that they are lawfully seized of an indefeasible Estate in Fee in the premises conveyed, that they have good right to convey the same, that the said premises are free and clear of any incumbrances done or suffered by themselves or those whom they claim, and that they will WARRANT AND DEFEND the title to the said premises unto the said part 1/2 of the Second Part and unto her heirs and assigns FOREVER, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons whomsoever, except taxes after taxes due and payable in the year fifteen hundred nineteen (1919).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said parties of the First Part have hereunto set their hands the day and year first above written.
 Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of us
 Theodore Chewning
 Nancy A. Chewning

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss. On this 27th day of October 1919 before me appeared Theodore Chewning and Nancy A. Chewning his wife, to me well known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that they executed the same as their free act and deed. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at my office in Kahoka, Missouri the day and year first above written. My term expires October 21, 1922
 (seal) E. Hiller
 Notary Public

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss. On this _____ day of _____ 19____ before me appeared _____ and _____ to me well known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that _____ executed the same as _____ deed. And the said _____ further declared _____ to be single and unmarried. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at my office in _____ 19____ the day and year first above written. My term expires _____

The foregoing deed was filed for record this 27 day of October A. D. 1919 at 5 o'clock 20 minute
Edw. C. Bowman Deputy.

Land sale, Ashton, Clark MO Theodore and Nancy Chewning to Mary Drew, 10.27.1919

Former residents of Wyaconda.
 Theo. Chewning has sold his blacksmith shop at Ashton to Henry Drew who will start a garage. Mr. Chewning and family will move to Monmouth, Ill.

Theodore Chewning sold blacksmith shop in Ashton, Daily Gate City and Constitution-Democrat., Keokuk, Lee, 10.30.1919

Theo. Chewning was a business caller in Kahoka Tuesday.
 Master Dean Overhulser spent

Theodore Chewning, Ashton col., ClarkCountyCourier, 1.17.1919

Last Thursday evening the Rebekahs and Odd Fellows entertained their families at the hall in honor of Mr. Chewning and family who are soon to leave for their new home in Monmouth, Ill. The evening was spent in pleasant conversation, games and music. Refreshments were served, and at a late hour all returned to their homes declaring they had spent a most pleasant evening. All regret to have Mr. Chewning and family leave.

Theodore and Nancy Ann Morris Chewning, Ashton col., ClarkCountyCourier, 11.21.1919

I presume this is when the family moved from Ashton to Monmouth. Notice that Grandma (Letha Florence) says further down this section that they moved in Dec. 1919).

According to Uncle Bill Chewning's estate auction ad, dated 1987, the Chewning Family moved the shop to Monmouth, IL, in 1919.

Family lore says it was because Theodore wanted his daughter, Letha Florence, to attend a four-year high school, which apparently her community didn't have. I know that she did graduate in Monmouth, because I have the diploma. From Uncle Herville's obituary, he also graduated from Monmouth, so it may have been because of the education of both of these children that Theodore and Nancy moved to Monmouth.

Why they chose Monmouth over any other community, we don't know, but we do know that Theodore's brother, Spencer, had married in Monmouth in 1906.

Both Spencer and Theodore had several uncles living in the area, which may have been part of the reason they moved to Monmouth.

Theo has relatives in Monmouth

I found a M.L. Cannon, living in Monmouth, in 1870. He was a brick mason, and was Elizabeth Lizzie Cannon Chewning's brother. In other words, M.L. (Martin Luther) Cannon would have been Theodore and Spencer's uncle. As a matter of fact, M.L. Cannon lived next door to Theodore and Nancy Ann on the 1920 census.

(If there was any doubt about this Cannon being related to Lizzie Cannon Chewning, it's laid to rest by Theodore's obit, which mentions Zelma Kelley as one of his cousins. Zelma was Martin L. Cannon's daughter.)

In a photo album created in 1983 by Letha Florence Chewning Downes, she says of this property: *This is the house we lived in when my father moved to Monmouth, Ill., which was in Dec. 1919. The house*

belonged to Zelma Cannon or Uncle Lou Cannon. We lived there for nearly a year. It was on South 6th Street.

Since I wrote the above in 2008, I have found that Theo had more than one uncle living in Monmouth. Along with Uncle Martin Luther Cannon and his family, Uncle John N. Cannon, and Uncle Charles Cannon were living there as well. Additionally, there were several cousins on the Beckner side of the family, also, so far from making an adventurous move to an unknown area, Theo had a brother, three uncles (his mother's brothers) and more some cousins who had been in the area for decades.

This is from Bonnie Downes, told to her by Roger Downes, 1/19/2008, in response to an email Dad and I sent her with questions:

All he remembers being told about why the Chewnings moved to Monmouth is that Granddad Chewing came to Monmouth to visit his brother, Spence (the famous Uncle Spence, the atheist), who already lived in Monmouth. Apparently, Granddad liked what he saw and felt there was a good opportunity to start a blacksmithing business here. Uncle Spence already had a blacksmith shop, but, apparently, there was a lot of need for another one, too.

Dad didn't know how the Cannons and Chewnings were related, but he remembered always hearing Grandma and her mom talking about them when he was a little boy – he remembers that they lived in the south end of Monmouth and that Grandma, Uncle Bill and he went over there to see them because one of the Cannons had gone down south to buy peaches, and Grandma wanted to buy a bushel from them. He thinks he remembers it because Mrs. Cannon was getting something out of the cab of their truck, and she banged her head on the door and let loose with a string of profanities – he says he remembers Grandma being absolutely shocked at the language that came out of that woman's mouth (of course, if you remember, Grandma hated any kind of searing). He remembers he was just a little kid, but he thought it (Grandma's face) was funny.

I asked Dad if he realized the he had Cannon relatives in Monmouth when he was growing up, and he didn't. He was as surprised as I was that we could have family living blocks away and never knew of or spoke of them.

Letha Florence Chewing Downes, houses where she had lived

Theo moved the family into 1108 S. 6th in 1919, when they left Ashton. Theo's Uncle Lu (Martin Luther Cannon) owned the home. Uncle Lu and family lived next door at 1104 S. 6th St.

Dad took his mom (Florence) around the area in the 1983 to visit homes in which she had lived. The writing on the first picture is Florence's.

Dad and I took pictures of the houses in May 2008. 1108 S. 6th was the blue one.

Theo and family lived in 1108 S. 6th in 1920.



This is the house we lived in when
my father moved to Monmouth, Ill. which
was in Dec. 1919. The house belonged to
Gelma Cannon or Uncl. Lou Cannon. We
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South 6th St.



1108 and 1104 S. 6th Street, Monmouth, Warren, IL April 2008. Theodore moved his family into the house on the left, and his Uncle Lu lived in the house on the right.



1108 S. 6th St., Monmouth



1108 S. 6th St., Monmouth

1920 census, Monmouth Ward 5, Warren, IL, 1108 S. 6th Street

Theodore Chewning, rents home, 48, b. in MO, parents b. in MO, blacksmith, plow factory

Nancy, 46, b. in IL, father b. in England, mother b. in IL

Herville, 17, b. in MO, father b. in MO, mother b. in IL, attended school in last year

Florence, 15, etc.

Price Howell, lodger, 23, b. in MO, parents b. in MO, glazer, pottery

Note: living next door to M.L. Cannon (1104 S. 6th Street)

Notice that Zelma Brown lives with Martin, and is his daughter. She married again prior to Theodore's obit in 1933, where she is listed as Zelma Kelley.

1920 census, Monmouth Ward 5, Warren, IL 1104 S. 6th Street

M L Cannon, 77, owns home, mortgage, b in MO; father b in US, mother b in MO; brick mason, buildings

Aquillia Cannon, 77, b in OH, father b in NY, mother b in OH

Leora C. Brown, 51, daughter, widowed, b in IL, no occupation

Zelma Brown, 31, daughter, widowed, b in IL, no occupation



My folks bought this home at 918
So. 3rd St. in 1920 and we moved there.
The house was willed to me and Mom
lived there until his death Dec. 17, 1947.
I then sold the house to ~~the~~ a Rickett
family. Stella Ann and Paul Mettler
live there now.

Theo Chewing is building a
24x60 foot blacksmith and wagon
shop at 810 South 3rd street. Mr.
Chewing came to Monmouth last
fall from Ashton, Mo.

Theodore Chewing, blacksmith shop, MonmouthDailyAtlas, 5.26.1920

NOTICE—Having finished my blacksmith shop. I am asking for a portion of your work, both wood and iron. Theo. Chewning, 810 S. 3rd St.. 7-13

Theodore Chewning, Monmouth Daily Atlas, 7.13.1920

Mrs. Theo Chewning and son of Monmouth, Ill., arrived Saturday for a weeks visit with relatives and old friends. They seem to be well pleased with their home in Monmouth.

Nancy Ann Morris Chewning, Ashton col., ClarkCountyCourier, 8.27.1920

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FROM ILLINOIS

Monmouth, Ill., Dec. 13, 1920.

Mr. F. E. Greenlee,
Kahoka, Mo.

Dear Sir:

I thought I would write a few lines as I have never written any since I left Clark county.

Maybe you and my friends would like to hear from me.

I built a new blacksmith shop here and opened it up for work last June, and have had a good trade. I am not sorry I left Ashton, Mo., yet my thoughts go back to the old home and friends I left.

The brick and tile factory burned this morning between 4 and 6 o'clock. It was one of the best factories we had. The cause of the fire is unknown. The night watchman said if there had been a bucket of water in the plant he could have saved it. By the time he went to the pond for water and got back the fire had too much the start of him. And by the time the fire department got there it was too late. They had a large pump there but the night engineer didn't know how to run it. It left over 100 men without jobs Monday morning.

The factories are paying from 45c to 47c per hour for common labor. The men are looking for a cut in wages the first of the year.

My neighbor, Mr. Price Howell, is getting 8c per bushel for husking corn. Wages are good here yet but I fear they won't remain that way long. If everything else comes down wages must come down too.

I have moved from 1108 So. 6th St. to 918 So. 3rd St., where I bought a home. I have a good lot, and an eight room two-story house, a good cellar, all in good repair, and a good well of water.

I have never put my grist mill up yet. I think I will some day. I have had too much blacksmith work to do to work with a mill.

I suppose the I. O. O. F. lodge is prospering, and getting new members at this season of the year. Oh, I would like to meet with the brothers once more. We have two lodges here and they have work every night. The dues are \$10.00 per year.

Well, I must close, wishing everybody a happy Christmas.

THEO CHEWNING.

Theodore Chewning, ClarkCountyCourier, 12.24.1920

FROM ILLINOIS

Monmouth, Illinois,
March 28, 1921.

Mr. F. E. Greenlee,
Kahoka, Mo.

Dear Editor:

You will find enclosed check for \$2 for which renew my subscription to your paper. It seems like we can't do without the Clark County Courier for it has so much news from our old home.

We are all well except my daughter Florence. She had some kind of sore throat but is getting better. She lost several days of school.

We have good schools here. There is over six hundred enrolled in the high school where my children go. The grade schools are also good.

I have been busy in the shop this month, my work increased until I couldn't do it, so I took in a partner and we are both busy all the time. We think we will have to get a man to work for us this summer. We charge \$1 per hour for our work; except for things that have a set price.

I will give you a few prices, pointing plow \$2, sharpening plow \$1 sharpening disc \$5.50 and up to \$7, pointing shovels \$4.50, sharpening shovels \$1.50.

Cutting wagon down \$25, axel \$8, spoke 50c each, setting tires \$1.00 up to \$2.00 each owing to size. We have just completed a truck body 10 ft. long, 4 ft. 6 inches wide, 2 ft. 2 inches deep at a cost of \$105.00. These prices beat old Mo.

There are lots of idle men here as well as other places; work seems to be scarce. The Western stone ware plant No. 1 is running at full capacity and the No. 2 plant starts April 4th. That will give employment to about a hundred and twenty-five men. I think work is going to be pretty good here this summer.

Farm hands get \$50 and \$60 per mo. here. Price Howell, a Clark county boy, gets \$60 a month, a house, nearly an acre of ground for garden, two cows to milk, feed for 100 hens and a 250 lb. hog to butcher this fall. How much better could he ask?

Common labor gets \$4.05 per day for nine hours, that is, in the factories.

We have two I. O. O. F. lodges here and there is work nearly every lodge night. The dues are \$10 per year. I still hold my membership at Ashton, Mo.

Give all who may ask about us our best regards. I will close for this time.

THEO. CHEWNING.

Theodore Chewning, ClarkCountyCourier, 4.1.1921

Are you looking them?

"It's A Long, Long Way To Tipperary"

But you don't have to go to Tipperary to get

General Blacksmithing
 Wagon Repairing
 Disc and plow work
 Machine Repairing, such as Binders, mowers, etc.

Figure with us on your Truck Bodies.
 Satisfaction Guaranteed

Chewning & Robinson
 810 So. 3rd St. Monmouth, Ill.

Theodore Chewning, Monmouth Daily Atlas, 4/9/1921



I got this pencil from my grandmother's things after her passing (Letha Florence Chewning Downes, d. 5/18/1986).



The family moved to 918 S. 3rd St

1922 Monmouth Directory

Chesser Claude W r 818 North A
Chewning Austin R r 918 S 3d
Chewning Herville P student r 918 S 3d
Chewning Letha F Miss student r 918 S 3d
Chewning Roy r 734 E 10th av
Chewning Spencer L (Mary) r 734 E 10th av
Chewning Theodore (Nancy) blksmith 810 S 3d r 918 S 3d

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN—
your Ford bands clatter use Streets
Ideal Motor oil. Theo. Chewning, 810
South Third St.

Theodore Chewning, blacksmith ad, QuincyDailyJournal, 1.8.1924

Hervil Chewning and friends of Monmouth, Ill., took dinner Monday with his uncle, A. M. Davidson. He brought his mother, Mrs. Theo. Chewning, to the home of her aged mother, near Union, the latter being very ill. Howard Butler wife and children

Nancy Ann Morris Chewning, Francis Harriett Moseley Morris, Effie Maud Chewning Davidson, Ashton col ClarkCountyCourier, 9.5.1924

Hilbert and John E. Davidson accompanied their uncle, Gus Snider of Luray and cousin, Martin Webster of Antioch, to Monmouth, Ill., Saturday, guests for a few hours of their uncle, Theo Chewning and family.

Theodore Chewning, John Edward Davidson, ClarkCountyCourier, 3.25.1927

Raymond and Herville Chewning and cousin of Monmouth, Ill., came Sunday night to the home of their uncle, A. M. Davidson. They report their father, Theo. Chewning as being considerable better after quite a seige of neuritis.

Raymond, Herville, Theodore Chewning, Ashton col., ClarkCountyCourier, 4.1.1927

Theo. Chewning of Monmouth, Ill., arrived Saturday for a brief visit with his sisters, Mrs. Effie Davidson and Mrs. Annie Webster. Theo. called at the Courier office while here.

Theodore Chewning, Effie Maud Chewning Davidson, Anna Lee Chewning Webster, ClarkCountyCourier, 7.8.1927

W. J. Brotherton left Tuesday for Monmouth, Ill., where he has a territory to work for "Bankers Life Insurance Co." and John Edward Davidson accompanied him for a visit with his uncle, Theo. Chewning and family, and cousin, Herville Chewning and wife, the newlyweds who are house-keeping in the home Herville had all nicely furnished for the bride. We never knew the bride but know Herville to be a mighty fine young man, steady, industrious, a good student, graduating from Monmouth high and then some college work and has held a good position with a Monmouth firm, I believe for past 6 years.
 Elmer Crandall of _____ has been

Theodore Chewning, Ashton col., ClarkCountyCourier, 2.3.1928

1930 census, Monmouth, Warren, IL, 918 S. 3rd Street

Theodore Chewning, 58, owns home, worth \$1400, 26 at first marriage, b. in MO, parents b. in MO, blacksmith, owns shop

Nancy A. Chewning, 56, 24 when married, b. in IL, father b. in England, mother b. in IL

Mrs. Theo. Chewning and sons, Herville and Raymond, and their families and daughter, Mrs. Maurice Downs and family of Monmouth, Ill., were Sunday evening guests of A. M. Davidson and family.

Nancy Ann Morris Chewning, Herville, Raymond, Letha Florence Chewning Downes, Effie Maud Chewning Davidson, ClarkCountyCourier, 10.17.1930

Mrs. A. M. Davidson received a card from her brother's wife, saying her brother, Theo. Chewning of Monmouth, Ill., was much improved in health. He has been seriously ill with blood poison. He was a former resident of Ashton, was a blacksmith here for many years, and has many friends who are glad to hear he is better.

Theodore Chewning, Effie Maud Chewning Davidson, Ashton col. ClarkCountyCourier, 1 1.27.1931

They lived next door to Raymond Austin (Bill) Chewning (916 S. 3rd St), Theodore's son, and two houses from another son, Herville Payne Chewning (925 S. 3rd St.).

tendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Chewning and daughter, Mary Ann and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Chewning of Monmouth were over Saturday night visitors of A. M. Davidson and family.

Theodore and Nancy Ann Morris Chewning, Ashton col., ClarkCountyCourier, 7.8.1932

Theodore died 1933

ASHTON

Mrs. A. M. Davidson received word Saturday night of the serious illness of her brother, Theo. Chewning of Monmouth, Ill. He is now suffering with Bright's disease following blood poison.

Theodore Chewning, Effie Maud Chewning Davidson, Ashton col. ClarkCountyCourier, 1.13.1933

THEODORE CHEWNING DIED LATE YESTERDAY; BURIAL TOMORROW

Theodore Chewning of 918 South Third street was claimed by death yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at his home following an illness of more than a year. He suffered from a complication of ailments.

The deceased was born in Kahoka, Mo., on Nov. 21, 1871 and was a son of Mose W. and Elizabeth Cannon Chewning. He was united in marriage to Nancy Ann Morris. He is survived by his wife, two sons, Herville and Raymond of this city, a daughter, Mrs. Florence Downs of Larchland, six grandchildren, two sisters, Mrs. Annie Webster of Kakokia, Mo., Mrs. Effie Davidson of Ashton, Mo., and a brother, Rev. Ernest Chewning of Independence, Mo.

Mr. Chewning had been a resident of Monmouth for the past thirteen years. Mr. and Mrs. Chewning, to whom he was married December 29, 1897, were the parents of four children, three boys and the daughter. One son preceded him in death. Besides members of his immediate family Mr. Chewning is survived by several cousins, one Mrs. Zelma Kelley living in Monmouth, as well as a host of friends.

Mr. Chewning became affiliated with the Baptist Church at an early age and transferred his membership to the Monmouth Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Turnbull Funeral Home with Rev. R. T. Gasaway of the First Baptist church in charge. Burial will be made in Monmouth cemetery.

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Theodore Chewning, obit, DailyReviewAtlas, 1.17.1933

Services Are Held for Monmouth Blacksmith

(Special to The Argus.)

Monmouth, Ill., Jan. 19.—Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock for Theodore Chewning, well known blacksmith of this city. The services were conducted from the Turnbull funeral home, with Rev. Theodore Gasaway, pastor of the First Baptist church, in charge. Burial was made in the Monmouth cemetery, and the pallbearers were Earl McKinnon, Ed Robinson, Ed Pratt, Walter Kelley, Wiley McKinnon and Sam Schaumleffel.

Theodore Chewning, obit, TheRockIslandArgus, 1.19.1933

Theodore died January 16, 1933. I have a copy of Theodore's death certificate, below.

OBITUARY

THEODORE CHEWNING

Theodore Chewning of 918 South 3rd street, Monmouth, Ill., was claimed by death Monday afternoon, Jan. 16, at 4:30 o'clock at his home, following an illness of more than a year. He suffered from a complication of ailments.

The deceased was born in Clark county, Missouri, near Kahoka, on Nov. 21, 1871, and was a son of Moses W. and Elizabeth Cannon Chewning. He was united in marriage to Nancy Ann Morris. He is survived by his wife, two sons, Raymond and Herville of Monmouth, a daughter, Mrs. Florence Downes of near Larchland, six grandchildren, two sisters, Mrs. Annie Webster of Kahoka, Mo.; Mrs. Effie Davidson of Ashton, Mo., and two brothers, Spencer Chewning of Monmouth, and Rev. Ernest Chewning of Independence, Mo.

Mr. Chewning spent the most of his life in Clark county, Mo., but has been a resident of Monmouth for the past thirteen years, where he has built up a host of friends in his blacksmithing trade.

Mr. and Mrs. Chewning, to whom he was married December 29, 1897, were the parents of four children, three sons and the daughter. One son preceded him in death. Besides members of his immediate family, Mr. Chewning is survived by several cousins, one Mrs. Zelma Kelley living in Monmouth, as well as other relatives and a host of friends.

Mr. Chewning became affiliated with the Baptist church at an early age and upon moving to Monmouth, transferred his membership to the Baptist church there.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 18, at 2 o'clock from the Turnbull Funeral Home with Rev. R. T. Gasaway of the First Baptist church in charge. Mrs. R. T. Gasaway and Mrs. Marjorie Hook sang three selections. Interment was made in Monmouth cemetery and the pallbearers were: Earl McKinnon, Wiley McKinnon, Ed. Robinson, E. E. Pratt, Walter Kelley and Sam Schaumleffel. ***

TRAGEDY NEAR MILTON

Theodore Chewning, obit, ClarkCountyCourier, 1.27.1933

THEODORE CHEWNING'S DEATH

(Luray Correspondent.)

Mrs. Adaph Davidson, of Ashton, was called to Monmouth, Ill., by the illness of her brother, Theodore Chewning, Monday evening, Jan. 16. Mr. Chewning passed away before Mrs. Davidson arrived. He was a blacksmith at Ashton for a great many years, and was well known in Clark county. He was a good neighbor and a good friend to everyone. His death was caused by numerous ailments which required much medical attention. At his death he was 67 years of age.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist church at Monmouth, Ill. Mrs. Davidson returned home Thursday evening accompanied by her brother, Rev. Ernest Chewning, of Kansas City.

Theodore Chewning, obit, ClarkCountyCourier, 1.27.1933

I received the following from Bonnie Downes, daughter of Roger Downes, my uncle, and grandson of Theodore. Uncle Roger had this to say (8/2008), when she asked about what he remembered concerning his grandfather's illness and death:

Granddad Chewning died from a heart attack; 4-5 years before he died, he did have acute blood poisoning; that came about because he slipped and fell while working in his blacksmith shop and cut his finger; being a typical male of the time (probably just being a typical male period!), he did not go to the dr., but, instead, wrapped the finger in black wire tape that he used in the shop; as a result he developed blood poisoning, which settled in his hip--why it settled there I don't know, but that's just the way it happens, I guess. As a result of that, he had to have hip surgery, from which he never fully recovered. Dad said he was on crutches for years after that, really to the end of his life, as he remembers it. So he was battling that for a very long time, but it was his heart that killed him. Dad didn't think it was related to the blood poisoning, per se, it just happened, but his last few years he was not in good health because of the continual problems with his hip.

The following is from Bonnie Downes, responding to my dad concerning Theodore's obit.

Dear Uncle Fin,

I was at Dad's today, and he had some information, but didn't know it all, but you can pass it on to Pam.

1. Granddad Chewning died from a heart attack; 4-5 years before he died, he did have acute blood poisoning; that came about because he slipped and fell while working in his blacksmith shop and cut his finger; being a typical male of the time (probably just being a typical male period!), he did not go to the dr., but, instead, wrapped the finger in black wire tape that he used in the shop; as a result he developed blood poisoning, which settled in his hip--why it settled there I don't know, but that's just the way it happens, I guess. As a result of that, he had to have hip surgery, from which he never fully recovered. Dad said he was on crutches for years after that, really to the end of his life, as he remembers it. So he was battling that for a very long time, but it was his heart that killed him. Dad didn't think it was related to the blood poisoning, per se, it just happened, but his last few years he was not in good health because of the continual problems with his hip.

2. As to the pallbearers:

As far as Dad knew, all these men were friends of Granddad Chewning's, but he did have additional info about some of them.

Earl McKennon was a contractor in town, fairly well-to-do, I guess, who, apparently, was also a very good friend of Uncle Bill's.

He didn't know anything about Wiley McKinnon or Walter Kelley, just that they were both friends of Granddad's. **Note: Walter Kelley was the former husband of Theodore's cousin, Zelma Cannon.**

Ed Robison was a friend; Dad couldn't remember exactly what he did, but he said there was a whole bunch of Robisons in the Monmouth area; it was a very common last name.

E.E. (Ed) Pratt ran a family grocery store across the street from Granddad Chewning's blacksmith shop.

Sam Schaumleffel ran a meat market in Monmouth was in the IL. State Legislature for a time.

3. As to the Aunt Anna and Uncle Vard Webster. Aunt Anna Chewning Webster, or Aunt Annie as Dad remembered calling her, was Granddad Chewning's sister; Dad remembers they had at least 5 kids, but they might have had more; the five he remembers are 3 boys, Gerald, Woodrow, & Hardy, and 2 girls, Ardith & Pansy.

Anyway, hope this helps clarify things.

Bonnie

Theodore's death certificate:

1932
Revision
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MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING
 WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD
 NOTE: Local Registrars must make out this form in a complete and accurate copy of the Original Certificate, and forward this copy to County Clerk on day of death. Omissions or abbreviations must not be made.
 Local Registrars must also issue this form to Undertakers, Physicians or others, but must use it only for preparing County Clerk's (or Local Registrar's) Copies.
 237 Has decedent ever served in military or naval service of U. S.?

1. PLACE OF DEATH		Registration		STATE OF ILLINOIS		COUNTY CLERK'S RECORD	
County of <u>Warren</u>		Dist. No. <u>190</u>		Department of Public Health—Division of Vital Statistics		STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
*City <u>Monmouth</u>		*Ward-Dist. (Dist. No. <u>3690</u>)		Registered No. <u>16</u>		(Consecutive No.)	
*Street and Number, No. <u>918 South 3rd</u>		(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.)		Hospital.			
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred <u>13</u> yrs. <u>mo.</u> <u>da.</u>				How long in U. S. if of foreign birth? <u> </u> yrs. <u> </u> mo. <u> </u> da.			
2. FULL NAME <u>Theodore Cheuning</u>							
(a) Residence: No. <u>918 South 3rd</u> St., <u> </u> Ward.				(If non-resident give city or town and State)			
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS				MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH			
3. SEX <u>male</u>		4. COLOR OR RACE <u>white</u>		5. Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced (write the word) <u>married</u>		21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) <u>Jan. 16 1933</u>	
6a. If married, widowed, or divorced <u>HUSBAND of Nancy Ann Morris</u>		6b. If married, widowed, or divorced <u>(or) WIFE of Nancy Ann Morris</u>		22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>Sept. 9 1929</u> to <u>Jan. 16 1933</u>		I last saw him alive on <u>Jan. 16 1933</u> ; death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at <u>4:25 P.M.</u>	
7. AGE <u>61</u> Years <u>1</u> Months <u>25</u> Days		8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. <u>Blacksmith</u>		9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc. <u>Own business</u>		10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year) <u>Sept 1931</u>	
11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation <u>26 yrs</u>		12. Principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows: <u>Chronic Endo-myocarditis according to history about 3 yrs. ago.</u>		13. Other contributory causes of importance: <u>Pulmonary edema</u>		Date of Onset <u>6 day ago</u>	
13. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) <u>Kakoka</u>		14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) <u>Missouri</u>		15. NAME <u>Mose Wm. Cheuning</u>		16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) <u>Clark Co. Mo.</u>	
17. MAIDEN NAME <u>Elizabeth Cannon</u>		18. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) <u>Clark Co. Mo.</u>		19. INFORMANT <u>A. R. Cheuning</u>		20. PLACE OF BURIAL, Cremation or Removal <u>Monmouth, Ill.</u>	
21. P. O. Address <u>Monmouth, Ill.</u>		22. DATE <u>Jan. 18 1933</u>		23. Cemetery <u>Monmouth</u>		24. Location <u>Monmouth</u>	
25. County <u>Warren</u>		26. State <u>Ill.</u>		27. UNDERTAKER <u>Max Furbull</u>		28. ADDRESS <u>Monmouth, Ill.</u>	
29. (personal signature with pen and ink) <u>Furbull Funeral Home</u>		30. (firm name, if any)		31. Filed <u>Jan. 18, 1933</u>		32. Registrar <u>P. C. McMillan</u>	
33. P. O. Address <u>Monmouth, Ill.</u>		34. (Signature) <u>J. D. Worrell</u>		35. (Address) <u>Monmouth, Ill.</u>		36. (Date) <u>Jan. 17, 1933</u>	
37. Telephone <u>115</u>		38. *N. B.—State the disease causing death. All cases of death from "violence, casualty, or any undue means" must be referred to the coroner. See Section 10, Coroner's Act.		39. By <u>Wilda England</u> , Dep. Reg.		40. (Signature)	

Date of Funeral Jan. 18 1933
 Name of Deceased Theodore Cheuning
 Place of Birth Kakoka, Missouri
 How long Resident of this State 13 Years
 Place of Death 918 South 3rd St.
 Date of Death Jan. 16, 1933
 Cause of Death
 Attending Physician Dr. Worrell
 Single, Married, Widow, Widower Widower Nancy Ann Morris
White Nov. 21, 1871 Age 61 Years, 1 Mo, 25 Days
 Place of Service Our Chapel
 Place of Burial Monmouth Cemetery
 Name of Clergyman Rev. Garraff
 Ordered by A. R. Cheuning
 Address Monmouth, Ill.
 Father Mose Wm. Cheuning Place of Birth Clark Co. Mo.
 Mother Elizabeth Cannon Place of Birth " "

ASHTON

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Chewning and two daughters and Mrs. Nancy Chewning of Monmouth, Ill., were Sunday evening visitor of A. M. Davidson and family.

Victor Phillips and family were

Nancy Ann Morris Chewning, others, Ashton col., ClarkCountyCourier, 8.17.1934



NANCY ANN CHEWNING (GRANDMA)
418 SOUTH THIRD STREET, MONMOUTH, ILL.



Morris reunion, Union Twp., Clark County, MO, mid-1930s. Ida Ridgeley Morris, wife of Arthur W. Morris, front row. Nancy Ann Morris Chewning, brother Thomas Payne Morris, back. Taken at Uncle Arthur's farm.

1936 Monmouth, Warren, IL directory

Chewning, A.R., blacksmith and welder (Ethel); ch: Mary Ann, Lillian, Eloise, Theodore A., 916 S. 3rd St.

- Chewning, A. R., blacksmith and welder, (Ethel); ch: Mary Ann, Lillian, Eloise, Theodore A., 916 S. 3rd St.—O.
- Chewning, Everett, lab., 734 E. 10th Ave.
- Chewning, Herville, blacksmith, (Bonita); ch: Estella, Twilla Jean, Patsy Joan, 924 S. 3rd St., Tel. 2654—O.
- Chewning, Mrs. Mary, ch: Willis, Raymond, 734 E. 10th Ave.—O.
- Chewning, Mrs. Nancy, 918 S. 3rd St.—O.
- Chewning's Blacksmith & Welding Shop, 810 S. 3rd St., Tel. 465.
- Chewning, Roy, bricklayer, (Virgil); 822 S. 3rd St.—O.
- Chicago Motor Club, 116 S. 1st St., Tel. 120, (V. T. Phelps, mgr.)

ASHTON

Bro. Parrott of Luray preached two splendid sermons here Sunday on "The Atonement" and "The Second Coming of Christ." They expect to begin a revival here next week with Bro. Woodman and daughter, of Des Moines, as helpers.....Raymond Chewning and family, Mrs. Nancy Chewning and Mary Helen Brown of Monmouth, were Monday supper guests at the A. M. Davidson home.....Carl Martin, wife and

Nancy Ann Morris Chewning, others, Ashton col., ClarkCountyCourier, 9.9.1938

1939 Monmouth, Warren, IL directory

Chewning, A. R., part., Chewning's Blacksmith Shop, (Ethel) ch. Mary Ann, Eloise Allen, Cleo, 916 S. 3rd St.—O.
Chewning's Blacksmith Shop, 810 S. 3rd St., H. P. Chewning, Raymond Chewning props., Tel. 465.
Chewning, Everett, lab., 734 E. 10th Ave.
Chewning, H. P., part., Chewning's Blacksmith Shop, (Bonita) ch. Stella Ann, Twila Jean, Patsy Joan, 924 S. 3rd St.—O.
Chewning, Mrs. Nancy, 918 S. 3rd St.—O.
Chewning, Robert, lab., 734 E. 10th Ave.
Chewning, Roy, bricklayer, (Virgil) 822 S. 3rd St.—O.
Chewning, S. L., blacksmith, (Mary) ch. Raymond, 734 E. 10th Ave.—O.
Chewning, Willis, lab., 734 E. 10th Ave.

The entry prior to Nancy Ann's on the 1940 census is Uncle Bill; Uncle Herville is a few doors down.

1940 census, Monmouth, Warren, IL 918 S. 3rd St.

Nancy Ann Morris, 65, owns home, value \$1,000, not on a farm, widow, completed 8th grade, b.i in IL, same house as 1935, not employed, housework
Lucy Collins, 54, roomer, widow, completed 5th grade, b. in IL, same place as 1935, not employed, housework

church for those who have overcome the world. Raymond Chewning and family of Monmouth, Ill., and Mrs. Nancy Chewning were Sunday callers at the A. M. Davidson home. Glen Frank wife and daughter.

Nancy Ann Morris Chewning, Austin Raymond Chewning, Effie Maud Chewning Davidson, ClarkCountyCourier, 8.2.1940

winter. Raymond Chewning and mother, Mrs. Nancy Chewning of Monmouth, Ill. were Sunday dinner guests at the A. M. Davidson home. They with Mr. and Mrs. Davidson and granddaughter attended the funeral of Mrs. Pansy Snider at Luray Methodist church Sunday afternoon. Chester Dochterman

Effie Maud Chewning Davidson, Nancy Ann Morris Chewning, Raymond Austin Bill Chewning, Pansy E Webster Snider, ClarkCountyCourier, 12.6.1940

1943 Monmouth Directory

Chewning A Raymond (Ethel E; Chewning Bros Blacksmith Shop) h916 S 3d
—Bros Blacksmith Shop (A Raymond and Herval P) 810 S 3d
—Evert W (Ruth B) blksmith Chewning's Shop h748 10th av E
—Herval P (Esther B; Chewning Bros Blacksmith Shop) h 924 S 3d
—Nancy A (wid Theo) h918 S 3d
—Robt E r734 10th av E
—Roy L (Virgie) blksmith h822 S 3d
—Spencer L (Mary) blksmith h734 10th av E

husband, who is soon to leave for overseas. Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Downs of Roseville, Ill., and Mrs. Nancy Chewning and son, Raymond of Monmouth, Ill. ,were Sunday callers at the A. M. Davidson home. Miss Betty Hardman, who is

Maurice Emil and Letha Florence Chewning Downes, Effie Maud Chewning Davidson, Ash col. ClarkCountyCourier, 3.31.1944

Died in 1947

MRS. CHEWNING, 73, DIES AT MONMOUTH

Monmouth — Mrs. Nancy Ann Chewning, 73, Monmouth, widow of Theodore Chewning, died at 9:30 o'clock last night in her home, 918 South Third street.

Funeral services will be at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in Lugg memorial chapel, the Rev. John Kern of First Baptist church officiating. Burial will be in Monmouth cemetery.

Mrs. Chewning was born Jan. 30, 1874, at Keithsburg, a daughter of Charles and Harriett Frances Mosely Morris. She was married to Mr. Chewning Dec. 28, 1898, at Kahoka, Mo.

Surviving are two sons, Austin R. and Herville, both of Monmouth; a daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Downes, Roseville; and three brothers, Arthur and Thomas, both of Williamstown, Mo., and William of Warsaw, Ind. There are seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Chewning was a member of the Baptist church.

Nancy Ann Morris Chewning, obit, TheRockIslandArgus, 12.20.1947

Mrs. Chewing Died Last Night

Many friends will be shocked to learn of the death of Mrs. Nancy Ann Chewing which occurred at her home, 918 South Third street, at 9:30 last night, following an illness of considerable duration.

She was the daughter of Charles and Harriet F. (Mossley) Morris, and was born at Keithsburg, Jan. 30, 1874. On Dec. 28, 1897, she was married to Theodore Chewing at Kahoka, Mo., and he preceded her in death several years ago. During the years she had lived in Monmouth she had become known to many friends and neighbors.

She is survived by these children: Austin R. and Herville F. Chewing of Monmouth and Mrs. Florence Downs of Roseville. Her first born child did not survive. There are seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She leaves three brothers: Arthur and Thomas Morris of Williamstown, Mo., and William Morris of Warsaw, Ill. There are a number of other relatives.

Mrs. Chewing was a devout member of the First Baptist church of Monmouth, having united with that denomination in girlhood. So long as her health permitted she was a faithful attendant at the services and always interested in the work of the congregation. Her fine Christian character was known to all.

Many years ago she became identified with the Rebekah lodge at Ashton, Mo.

Funeral services will be held at the Lugg Memorial Chapel at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon with the Rev. John Kern of the First Baptist church officiating and interment will be made in Monmouth cemetery.

Friends may call at the chapel.

Nancy Ann Morris Chewing, obit, MonmouthDailyReviewAtlas, 12.20.1947

Monday, December 22, 1947

MRS. NANCY ANN CHEWNING

Funeral services for Mrs. Nancy Ann Chewning, widow of Theodore Chewning who passed away last Friday evening were held at the Lugg Memorial Chapel at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The Rev. John D. Kern of the First Baptist Church officiated and Mrs. Virginia Gibb sang two numbers, "O, Love That Will Not Let Me Go" and "Abide With Me", the organ accompaniments being played by Mrs. Bernice Holliday.

Interment was made in the family lot in North Hill addition to Monmouth cemetery and those who served as pallbearers were: Clifton Birdsall, H. Finley Downes, Roger Downes, Richard N. Lee, Theodore Mettler and Robert S. Wood.

Nancy Ann Morris Chewning, obit, MonmouthDailyReviewAtlas, 12.22.1947

Chewning Rites.
Monmouth—Funeral services for Mrs. Nancy Ann Chewning, Monmouth, who died Friday, were held yesterday afternoon in Lugg Memorial chapel. The Rev. John D. Kern of First Baptist church officiated. Mrs. Harry Gibb sang, accompanied by Mrs. Mitchell E. Holliday. Pallbearers were H. Findley Downes, Robert S. Wood, Clifton Birdsall, Richard N. Lee, Theodore Mettler and Roger Downes. Burial was in Monmouth cemetery.

Nancy Ann Morris Chewning, obit, TheRockIslandArgus, 12.22.1947

Nancy Ann's death certificate:

1943
REVISION
V. S. No. 5

1. PLACE OF DEATH. County of WARREN MONMOUTH		Registration Dist. No. 890	8541	STATE OF ILLINOIS DWIGHT H. GREEN, Governor DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	COUNTY CLERK'S RECORD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
Street and Number, No. 918 South Third Street		City Monmouth	State Illinois	Dist. No. 890	Registered No. 187
LENGTH OF TIME AT PLACE WHERE DEATH OCCURRED 27 yrs. mos. da.					
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE: STATE Illinois County Warren		Township _____ Road Dist. _____		City or Village Monmouth Street and Number 918 South Third	
3. (a) FULL NAME NANCY ANN CHEWNING					
3. (b) If Veteran, name war _____		3. (c) Social Security No. None		19. LIST NO. _____	
4. Sex Female		5. Color of race White		6. (a) Single, widowed, married, divorced Widowed	
6. (b) Name of husband or wife Theodore Chewning		6. (c) Age of husband or wife if alive _____ years		20. Date of death: Month December day 19th year 1947 hour 9:30 minute _____ P M	
7. Birth date of deceased January 30 1874		(Month) (Day) (Year)		21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from December 17 to December 19 19 47 that I saw h. _____ alive on _____ or _____ and that death occurred on the date and hour stated above.	
8. AGE: Years 73 Months 10 Days 19		If less than one day _____ hr. _____ min.		Immediate cause of death Coronary Thrombosis with occlusion Duration 1 1/2 hr	
9. Birthplace Keithsburg Illinois		(City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)		Associated disease Aeteriosclerosis - History of coronary disease one year or longer	
10. Usual occupation Housewife		11. Industry or business Own Home		Other conditions (Include pregnancy within 3 months of death)	
12. Name Charles Morris		13. Birthplace Unknown England		22. (Was an operation performed? no Date of _____) (For what disease or injury? _____)	
14. Maiden name Harriet F. Moseley		15. Birthplace Keithsburg Illinois		Was there an autopsy? no Findings? _____	
16. INFORMANT A. R. Chewning		(personal signature with pen and ink) P. O. Address Monmouth, Illinois		23. If a communicable disease; where contracted? no Was disease in any way related to occupation of deceased? no If so, specify how: _____	
17. PLACE OF BURIAL Monmouth		(b) DATE Dec. 21 1947		24. (Signed) J. S. Worrell M. D. Address Monmouth, Illinois Date December 20 19 47 telephone 115	
18. Funeral director M. T. Holliday		ADDRESS Monmouth, Ill 1167		25. Filed December 20th 19 47 Mildred Wilford Registrar P. O. Address Monmouth, Ill.	

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- 1947
DECEMBER (cont.)
- 17.....James Bond Carns (cont.)
Cause: Cancer
Bur. Monmouth Cemetary December 19, 1947
 - 19.....Nancy Ann Chewning
widow of Theodore Chewning
D. 918 So. 3rd Age 73y 10m 19d
B. Keithsburg, Illinois January 30, 1874
Occupation: Housewife
F. Charles Morris B. England
M. Harriett F. Moseley B. Keithsburg
Inf. A.R. Chewning Monmouth, Illinois
Cause: Heart
Bur. Monmouth Cemetary December 21, 1947

The Blacksmith shop in Monmouth

Dad and I would drive down through Monmouth on visits there; we were always interested in the state of repair of the blacksmith shop.



1994



2008, facing south



2008, facing north



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Monmouth Addresses

206 S. 7 th Street	George's widow, Margaret, and daughter Camilla Cannon	1930
1104 S. 6 th Street	Martin Luther Cannon, Leora, Zelma	1880 - 1955
1104 S. 6 th Street	Spencer Chewning	1905
1108 S. 6 th Street	Theo Chewning	12/1919
1114 S. 6 th Street	Katie R. Cannon, Charles' widow	1940 - 1947
1115 S. 5 th Street	Albert Cannon	1905 – before 1918
810 S. 3 rd Street	The Blacksmith shop	
822 S. 3 rd Street	Roy and Virgie Chewning	1943
834 S. 3 rd Street	John N. Cannon, wife Mary; George H., John's son, and his daughters Irene, Marie and Ruth after 1905	1880 – 1905/1905-1920
916 S. 3 rd Street	Uncle Bill's house	1943
918 S. 3 rd Street	Theo and Nancy Chewning's house	1920 - 1947
924 S. 3 rd Street	Uncle Herville's house	1930
833 S. 2 nd Street	Alice Cannon LeTherman, John's daughter	1900 - 1910
520 E. 3 rd Avenue	George Cannon, John's son	1920
734 10 th Avenue E or E. 10 th Street?	Spencer Chewning, Robert	1910 - 1971
743 10 th Avenue	Evert Chewning blacksmith shop	1943
415 E. 5 th Avenue	Spencer Chewning, blacksmith	1943 - 1960

Red entries are either no longer there, such as Theo and Nancy's house, or we couldn't locate.

Children of Theodore and Nancy Ann Morris Chewning
Grandchildren of Moses William and Elizabeth Ann Lizzie Cannon Chewning and
Grandchildren of Charles and Francis Harriet Moseley Morris
Great Grandchildren of Granville Washington and Mary Ann Hanvey Chewning and
Great Grandchildren of Newbold J and Elizabeth Ann Beckner Cannon and
Great Grandchildren of William and Sarah Brewer Morris and
Great Grandchildren of Churchill Payne and Nancy Ann Chastain Morris

There is always an issue of how to decide where people were born, when they lived in the country. I use the places that I most often see in their paper trail, knowing that oftentimes those born in the country will use the nearest town as their birthplace, even though they were born at home on the farm.

1. Baby boy Chewning, b. 1899, probably, Neeper?, Union Twp., Clark County, MO; d. 4/1899, Union Twp.? Neeper?, Clark County, MO; buried 4/4/1899, Clark County, MO.
2. Austin Raymond (Bill) Chewning, b. 2/18/1901, Neeper? Union Twp., Clark, MO; m. Ethel Elzina Brown, 5/5/1929, Keithsburg, Mercer, IL; d. 5/21/1987, Fillmore, Ventura, CA. Buried in Warren County Memorial Park, Monmouth, Warren, IL.
3. Herville Payne Chewning, b. 4/4/1903, Ashton, Clark, MO; m. Esther Bonita Tarr, 10/12/1927, Monmouth, Warren, IL; d. 7/2/1963, Monmouth, Warren, IL. Buried in Warren County Memorial Park, Monmouth, Warren, IL.
4. Letha Florence Chewning Downes, b. 8/29/1904, Ashton, Clark, MO; m. Maurice Emil Downes 2/27/1924, Monmouth, Warren, IL; d. 5/18/1986, Monmouth, Warren, IL. Buried in Monmouth Cemetery, Monmouth, Warren, IL.

Pamela West

From: "H. Finley Downes" <hfdowes@earthlink.net>
To: "West, James & Pamela" <pamelawest@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 09, 2008 12:35 PM
Subject: FW: Theodore / Spencer Chewning relationship

Howdy Priss,

As per your suggestion.

The Ole Man

From: H. Finley Downes [mailto:hfdowes@earthlink.net]
Sent: Sunday, March 09, 2008 12:30 PM
To: Chewning, Nita
Subject: Theodore / Spencer Chewning relationship

Howdy Nita

You have commented about the strained relationship of the Theodore and the Spencer Chewning families. Let me give you my perception of the situation as I've perceived it from things I recall hearing, overhearing, etc., from my Mother, Grandmother, and others.

Theodore, (my grandfather) was a very devout Baptist who really lived his faith. Spencer (my great uncle) was an avowed atheist. But Spencer also was a person that (from my perception) was basically a mean dispositioned, ornery, despicable character. He delighted in using very offensively profane language around Theodore, seemingly just to taunt him. And also to put down and slander anyone and anything that had to do with religion. Therefore Theodore and he never got along and Theodore wanted nothing to do with him. As could be expected, Spencer's kids were somewhat like him. A very good friend of mine (he's passed on now) who grew up in Monmouth, told me that whenever he and his friends saw the Chewning boys coming down the street, he and his friends crossed to the other side of the street. From my experience just being around Monmouth, though I didn't grow up in town, the Chewning name was not the most revered in town, and all of this all stemmed from the antics of Spencer's boys. And as could be expected, Theodore's children and Spencer's children had very little interaction though they grew up just a few blocks apart.

All for now,
Finley

Antioch, Clark, MO

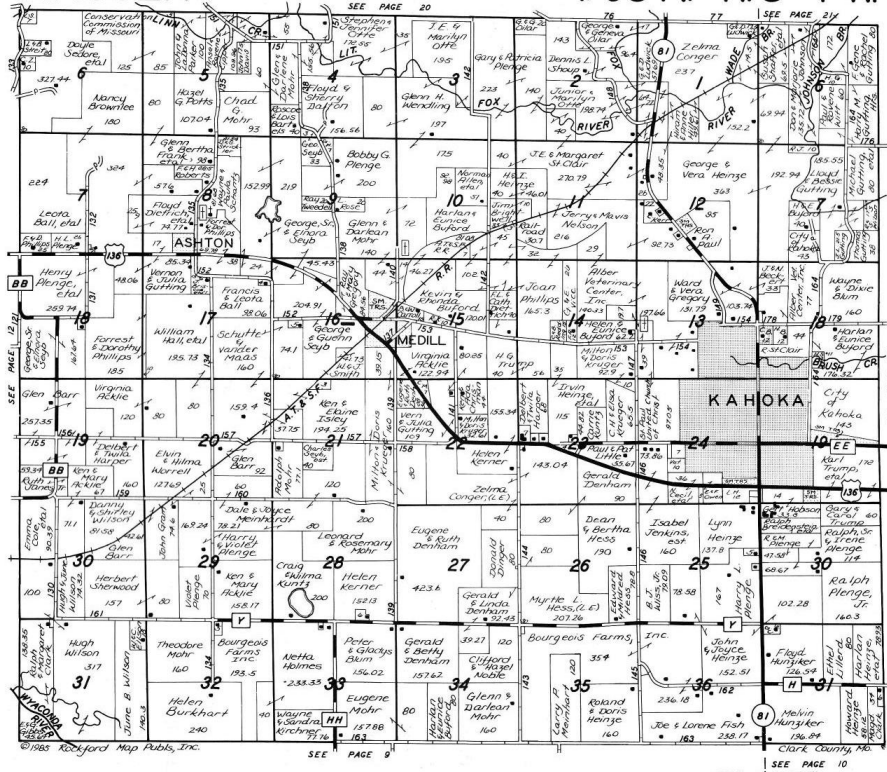
This is a picture of Ardyth Louise Webster Owen and son Noel Keith Owen in Antioch. Behind them is the blacksmith shop Theodore built in the early 1900s.



Recent Lincoln Twp., Clark County plat map, showing Ashton


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H. Finley Downes email to Nita Chewning and me about Theodore and brother Spencer Lee Chewning