BLACKSMITHS OF THAYER COUNTY

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O. B. Allen (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Hebron.** He had his shop for sale in Nov. 1873.

T. A. Ankeny (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Carleton** till Dec. 1899.

Henry H. Austin (b. 3- -1841) (d. 2-12-1923) Blacksmith in **Alexandria**. In 1880 he built the stone blacksmith shop which is now a part of Shiner's garage, and did blacksmithing till about 1911. He came to the area in 1869.

B. W. Averill (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Alexandria**. He partnered with F. B. Kiersey in Nov. 1898.

E. N. Averill (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Alexandria**. July 1988 he put in a 1 1/2 inch artesian well.

B.B. Babcock (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Hebron** June of 1879. (Dorcas Babcock, wife of a Benjamin Babcock is buried in Superior. Not sure if he is the right Babcock)

A. P. Bacon (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Alexandria**, had shop a few months, and sold it to James Forsha in Sept. 1879. He went back to KS. (possibly the Aaron of Jewell KS)

Jo Bensen (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Gilead** at Messing's shop, circa Aug. 1899.

Joseph Daniel Beck (b. 6-15-1840) (d. 1-11-1927) Blacksmith in **Davenport**, but moved his business to Edgar in 1886. bur. Edgar NE.

Mr. Beckwith (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Chester**. He leased Reed's shop in Sept. 1898. From Hollyville Iowa.

Adolph J. Bethscheider (Andrew's brother) (b. 6-19-1857) (d. 3-26-1920) Blacksmith in **Hebron**. In Aug. 1880 he started a partnership with Stiles in Hebron. Hebron Journal 3-6-1890 "Mr. Bethscheider will start a blacksmith shop in **Deshler**, having purchased property to that end." b. Cedar Rapids NE.

Andrew Bethscheider (b. 8-2-1861) (d. 4-13-1926) Blacksmith in **Hebron**, begining at age 19 till death at 64. In July 1892, he moved his shop 5 doors west on Lincoln Avenue. He died from being struck by a car.

Stephen Bethscheider (b. 2-6-1856) (d. 5-4-1904) Blacksmith in **Hebron**, built a new shop in connection with his wagon shop circa Mar. 1881.

Alexander Bier (b. 3-4-1887) (d. 1-23-1934) age 46 Blacksmith in **Gilead**. He came with his parents from Rusia. m. Ann Ludwig, bur. Gladstone NE.

Charles D. Blanchard (b. 7-15-1827) (d. 11-30-1890) Blacksmith in **Chester** with John B. Higgason. Blanchard and Higgason - Blacksmiths and wagon makers. Built an addition to his shop to use for a

wagon factory, in Oct. 1886. Moved with family, to Chester from Kansas in Nov. 1886. bur. Chester NE.

Sylvester J. Blanchard (b. 6-25-1859) (d. 1-20-1933) Blacksmith in **Chester** with his dad. Sold his interest in the shop in Sept. 1894. New name of shop is Blanchard and son in Dec. 1886. bur. Chester NE. He was visited by Mr. Hoblitt of Dakota who was 507 pounds, 5' 10 1/2" and had a 7 1/2 foot waist line, in July 1895.

S. W. Blood (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Carleton** circa 1878.

T. C. Bloomer (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Belvidere**. Bought W. L. Grigsby's place and tools in Dec. 1894.

Silas S. Bolles (b. 1846) (d. 1924) Blacksmith in **Hubbell** circa April 1898. Partnered with Evans.

Edwin Borgel (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Deshler**. He was the blacksmith in a building at 3rd and Bryson that was built by Alfred Otto Albert Seidel in March of 1913. Photo page 46 of Deshler Centenial book.

Folkert Willim Bowman Sr. (b. 12-19-1845) (d. 8-28-1918) Blacksmith in **Carleton**. His shop burned in July 1893, but he soon built a new and better one.

Edward Loviness Brewer (b. 4-6-1852) (d. 8-16-1915) Blacksmith in **Hebron**, taking charge of the Sutton Brothers shop in Jan. 1894. bur. Hebron NE.

Fulton B. Burruss (b. 1881) (d. 7-16-1929) Blacksmith in **Belvidere** circa 1904 on. Bought new trip-hammer 3-24-1906 through Baum Iron Co. in Omaha. Son of Peter F. & Jennie 'Carson' Burruss. Buried in Belvidere.

Ellis Caldwell (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Hebron area**. Had a piece of bolt fly into his eye, Sept. 1897. (Ellis 1864-1952 has a brother Wallace buried in Blue Hill NE.)

George Campbell (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Thayer County**, did $3.00 work for county in July 1885.

Lew Campbell (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Davenport** working in Fred Siebrass' shop, Aug. 1892.

Nicholas Patrick "P.N." Cambell (b. 1821) (d. 10-5-1886) First Blacksmith in **Davenport** circa 1890. bur. Nuckolls County.

Chapow (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Chester** till Mar. 1882. Had shop with Elder.

D. R. Churchill (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Davenport** circa June 1898. April 1899 he is using a 2 1/2 H.P. engine.

Harry William Coleman (b. 9-18-1882) (d. 2-4-1962) Blacksmith in **Carleton** circa 1920-1930.

Ivan Murrell 'Tiny' Conzelman (b. 4-7-1904) (d. 10-13-1996) Blacksmith in **Byron** 1923 to 1972:

Old timers may recall the blacksmith from Harbine, 'south' Byron, Kansas. 'Tiny' Conzelmann. Tiny 'a very stout 300 lber' was without a doubt a master at his trade and at the young age of 15 years old, he crafted a 50', 5/8" link, metal forged log chain that was judged as 'Best At Kansas State Fair' circa 1915-17 for it's workmanship and quality of product. I have it on good report that this chain was displayed at the Kansas State Agriculture Museum, K-State Campus for many years and in fact, it still might be there. Tiny could craft anything from a piece of scrap metal, and often even into his elderly age, he would be called upon to help repair oil/gas pipelines in Texas and Oklahoma. They called him "Tiny" but he was tall, weighed about 320, and it was all muscle.

J. W. Coon (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Chester**. News of July 1885, "Quite an accident happened here on the morning of the Fourth which may still prove fatal. Mr. Coon, our blacksmith, was trying to load a hot anvil when the powder exploded and burned him frightfully. It is rumored that he was partially intoxicated." He sold his shop, south of R.R. tracks, in Oct. 1885.

Greenlief W. Cox (b. 10-25-1832) (d. 4-10-1905) Blacksmith in **Hubbell**. Sold it to D. D. Evans in Jan. 1893.

J. W. Crawford (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Belvidere**, in Tripp's old shop circa Oct. 1899.

James Dallas Crouch (b. 1-12-1867) (d. 6-7-1920) Blacksmith in **Alexandria** got a new shop built in Jan. 1894 by Jas. Scriven. bur. Alexandria NE.

Willard Crouch (b.) (d.) New Blacksmith shop in **Gilead** circa Oct. 1899.

Davids (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Carleton** with Henderson in Sept. 1881.

Jim Decker (b.) (d.) Possible Blacksmith in **Gilead circa Sept. 1896.**

Andy Elder (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Chester** circa Mar. 1882. Was with Chapow, but he left in Mar. 1882. In Nov. 1898 he opened up in Charles Reed's shop.

D. D. Evans (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Hubbell**, built an addition to his shop in Jan. 1893. Leased it to James McClung in Aug. 1897.

D. W. Evans (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Chester**. Leased the shop of C. Blanchard & son, with C. C. Reed in May 1890. Bought Greenlief Cox's shop in Jan. 1893.

Hal Fabrique (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Chester**, at Charley Blanchard's shop, circa June 1899.

Albert A. Federspiel (b. 10- -1853) (d. 1928) Blacksmith in **Friedensau** on the west side of River St., south of First St. Circa 1883. Blacksmith in **Deshler,** Federspeil & Co. built a shop on main street, circa 1890 to at least 1896. Ed Miles planned to go into business with him. Buried in Deshler City Cemetery. May have worked in **Carleton** in Aug. 1881.

J. Federspeil (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Deshler** June 1887, Dec. 1895.

William Flashe (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Helber neighborhood, about 4 miles south of Kiowa** post office Jan. 1884. (mentioned a couple weeks later under Friedensau items ?) Left forTrenton in Oct. 1885.

James P. Forsha (b. 4-8-1845) (d. 3-31-1894) age 48, Blacksmith in **Alexandria** begining Sept. 1879.

Charles E. Fulton (b. 5-19-1860) (d. 7-28-1939) Blacksmith in **Bruning**. Shop was south of the Opera House, circa 1900. (Meyer & Fulton were blacksmiths in **Bruning** circa 1890) Blacksmith in **Alexandria**, having bought out David Sherwood in Sept. 1887.

William Alexandria Gaunt (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in the **Belvidere** shop where Archis Stone severely injured his hand in an explosive accident, lighting his pipe near a "loaded" anvil. Circa 1879. *(Grigsby, Moore and Gaunt - blacksmiths in Hebron May 1881)* Sold his shop to Griggsby in Nov. 1889, and moved to North Platte.

Christopher C. Goble (b. 1-23-1861) (d. 12-4-1938) Blacksmith in **Hebron** till 1891, then **Byron**. He bought a shop from R. M. McDowell in March 1889. Died at his home in Byron, bur. Washington KS.

Richard 'Dick' Goble (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Byron** circa 1890-1898.

Justus Grebe (b. 12-19-1854) (d. 4-8-1940) Blacksmith in **Deshler**. In April 1902 he took over the **Federspiel** Blacksmith Shop. He advertised Blacksmith and Wagon Repairer.

William L. Grigsby (b. 8-7-1845) (d. 8-18-1899) Blacksmith in **Belvidere** circa 1890. Sold his shop and tools to T. C. Boomer in Dec. 1894. Bought Gaunt's shop in Nov. 1889. Married to Lucy Williams. *(Grigsby, Moore and Gaunt - blacksmiths in Hebron May 1881) (Grigsby, Martin and Smith - blacksmiths in Belvidere May 1884)*

Grove Brothers (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Alexandria**. They sold their shop to A. P. Bacon of KS, circa June 1879.

Bert Hagans (b.) (d.) Blacksmith that in **Stoddard** that built a shop in Mar. 1898.

Isaac Hagans (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Stoddard** circa 1900 - 1934. A shop in Stoddard was built to rent out, by Henry Gonzales in March of 1893. (Not sure if R. A. McKenzie rented it, or if he was in another shop, and Hagans rented it)

Walt Harris (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in Fred Siebrass' shop at **Davenport** in June 1897.

Verald John Hedden (b. 3-24-1910) (d. 10-18-1979) Blacksmith in **Bruning** circa 1947. Married to Ada E. Bruning.

Henderson (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Carleton**, with Davids.

Jacob Charles Helfrich (b. 1845) (d. 1936) Blacksmith in **Hebron** and **Deshler**, and wagon and carriage work, circa 1885. Lived in Hebron 1877 to 1900, then moved to Oxford. bur. Orleans NE. In July 1892 he rented his shop to J. S. Smith.

Frank Nicklas Helfrich (b. 10-26-1871) (d. 1-28-1899) Blacksmith in **Hebron**, in his father (Jacob's) shop.

John B. Higgason (b.) (d. 11-?-1895) Blacksmith in **Chester.** Blacksmiths and wagon maker with Charles Blanchard, who built an addition to his shop to use for a wagon factory, in Oct. 1886.

John W. Higgason (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Chester**, when he bought J. W. Coon's shop in Oct. 1885. In Sept. 1886 he purchased one of the Livery Stable lots to build a 24 x 40 shop on. Blacksmith in **Byron**, on the south side of town circa 1888 - 1890.

Hughes (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Dry Creek, South of Hebron** circa 1880s.

Andy A. Jacobs (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Davenport** circa Jan. 1881, but sold shop in Nov. 1881.

A. A. Jenkins (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Davenport** Aug. 1879.

Black John (b.) (d.) Blacksmith that worked in William Tolles Shop, **Hebron**, circa Feb. 1878. William died in Jan. 1878, so maybe he took over the shop.

J. W. Jones (b.) (d.) The first Blacksmith in **Hebron.** Returned from a sojourn east May 1875.

J. M. Jumper (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Hubbell** circa 1883.

Peter Jumper (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Hubbell**. Built a new shop just east of Wetzel's harness shop, May 1887. He disposed of his shop in April 1890. (maybe Peter M. Jumper 1837-1922 bur. Russell Springs KS

W. D. Jayne (b. 8-31-1831) (d. 12-31-1919) Blacksmith and horse shoer in **Davenport** circa Oct. 1888. bur. Edgar NE. (When nine years old, **his father was appointed a member of the Supreme Court of the United States**. He nursed a friend through the typhoid and contracted the fever, dying a few days before he was to have taken his oath of office. His father's cousin of the same name and age was the originator of the famous Dr. D. Jayne's Family Medicines.)

Charles 'Charlie' H. Kammerer or Kemmerer (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Kiowa** circa 1890, then **Deshler** circa 1896. Horseshoeing and general repair. Partner with Nehrig in May 1893. (brother to P. C. Kammerer of Nelson)

Mr. Kasper (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Gilead** circa Oct. 1894.

Henry and Eileen Keller, Both him and her, were Blacksmiths in **Alexandria**, after August Wind. Same location, new building circa 1940s.

John Keller (b. 7-20-1862) (d. 9-2-1940) Blacksmith in **Gilead**.

Louis Kerl (b. 12-11-1923) (d. 6-8-1984) worked in **Hedden**'s Blacksmith shop in **Bruning** circa 1947. Born in Bruning NE.

John Kershaw b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Gilead**, helping in Knape's shop.

F. B. Kiersey (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Alexandria**. He partnered with B. W. Averill in Nov. 1898.

Frank C. King (b.) (d.) Blacksmith at the old William Tolles Shop, **Hebron**, circa Oct. 1878. William died in Jan. 1878, so maybe he took over the shop.

J. M. King (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Hebron** at Helfirch's Shop, Sept. 1887.

August Knapp (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Gilead** circa Mar. 1898. Took over Matheny's old shop.

Earnest P. Knappe (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Alexandria** for David Sherwood. He bought a shop in **Gilead** in Oct. 1894. Had shop till at least 1898.

Albert Knoeopke (b.) (d. 1-21-1944) Blacksmith in **Davenport** begining Mar. 1899.

Leon "Hank' William Krause (b. 3-26-1931) (d. 1-12-2015 Blacksmith in **Byron** circa 1954 on.

Wenzel Landkamer (b. 2-20-1852) (d. 11-7-1932) Blacksmith in **Alexandria** in June 1881.

Gregor Lang (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Deshler** March 1909 he opened a new blacksmith shop in Deshler at 5th and Bryson. In 1925, after the One-Man Manure Spreader factory was closed, he continued building for any orders that came in. In 1917, he was working on an idea for a spring wheel with solid rubber tires, possibly patentedby Vav. Nance, and became part of the Deshler Auto Spring Wheel Company.

Edward Ledoux (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Davenport**. He advertised in April 1889 that he did 39 plow lays and 7 lister lays this spring.

W. J. Lona (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Carleton**. Built a shop on the corner of 2nd and C streets in March of 1891.

Mr. Love (b.) (d.) Blacksmith and wagon shop in **Davenport** circa Oct. 1888.

Daniel Sheffield Lovercheck (b. 1-13-1859) (d. 5-5-1930) Blacksmith in **Hebron**. In Aug. 1898, he was building a new shop in **Carleton** and it burnt down with the Edwards Livery Barn. He then built a new shop in Hebron on 4th, north of the Haffner's Livery Barn. bur. Rosehill - Hebron NE.

Ed Ludell (b.) (d.) Blacksmith and horse shoer in **Davenport** circa Oct. 1888.

Rasmus Madsen (b. 4-3-1880) (d. 7-28-1956) Blacksmith in **Bruning** for many years. Then he moved to Fairmont NE. His shop was south of the Opera House, circa 1922.

Mr. Manard (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Hubbell**, shop got moved from wind in June 1881.

Matthew Mappes (b. 1871) (d. 1957) Blacksmith in **Hebron**. bur. Jefferson County CO.

Martin (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Belvidere** *(Grigsby, Martin and Smith - blacksmiths in Belvidere May 1884)*

Frank Matheny (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Hubbell** circa 1898. (possibly Otis Frank Matheny of KS)

John L. Matheny (b. 1857) (d. 8- -1941) Blacksmith from **Sickler's Mills** area, circa 1877. One of the pioneer settlers in the "Sickler Mill" area. Son was Odell 'Orry'. John died at Hubbell, bur. Republic KS.

William 'Odell' or 'Orry' Matheny (b. 10-20-1881) (d. 6-6-1922) Blacksmith in **Williams** for 21 years. (lots of relatives lived in Chester area, Stierwalt, Thurber, etc.)

John H. McCue (b. 10-20-1881) (d. 6-6-1922) Blacksmith in **Hebron**, on Lincoln Ave, between 2nd and 3rd, circa June 1893.

James McClung (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Hubbell**. Leased D. B. Evan's shop in Aug. 1897.

Mr. McDawel (or McDowell) (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Byron** circa Nov. 1887. Sold his shop to C. C. Goble in March 1889.

Roderick Alexander McKenzie (b. 3-14-1849) (d. 7-8-1930) Blacksmith in **Hebron** at Tollles shop Sept. 1879, opposite the Sherman house. He learned blacksmithing in Scottland. March of 1894 he moved to **Stoddard** to open a blacksmith shop. (A shop in Stoddard was built to rent out, by Henry Gonzales in March of 1893. Not sure if R. A. McKenzie rented it, or if he was in another one.)
He lived in Chester his last 17 years. bur. Hebron NE.

David William Messing (b. 4-4-1871) (d. 11-13-1928) Blacksmith in **Gilead** circa 1898.

A. Meyer (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Friedensau**, opened a shop in Feb. 1879. (Meyer & Fulton were blacksmiths in Bruning circa 1890-1895) In May of 1895 he had a roof fire, but they got it out.

Henry Meyer (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Alexandria** circa 1883. Blacksmith in **Bruning** circa Oct. 1894. March 1897, he added an addition to his shop for an engine to run his emory wheel.

G. H. Meyers (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Bruning**, circa 1890-1900.

Henry Myers (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Hebron**, up to circa Feb. 1897.

Ed Miles (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Deshler**, in Albert Federspiel's shop circa July 1890.

Nathaniel B. Moore (b. 6-10-1846) (d. 8-21-1920) Blacksmith in **Rose Creek City** circa Dec. 1878.

(Grigsby, Moore and Gaunt - blacksmiths in Hebron May 1881)

Willard A. Morgan (b. 2-16-1850) (d. 12-16-1942) Blacksmith in ___ . Morgan & Trumbull Foundry. Bur. Belvidere.

Jacob Anton 'J. A.' Morrow (b. 5- -1862) (d. 5-2-1922) Blacksmith at **Carleton** and then **Davenport**. Jacob came from Fairfield in 1896. He died when a pump rod, he was helping a local plumber install, hit an electrical line.

F. Mosper (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Gilead** circa 1890.

Carl Mueller (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in north **Chester**, leasing Reed's shop, circa April 1899.

Frank Mueller (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in north **Chester**, at Carson Nesmith's shop, circa April 1899.

Clarence Muth (b. 8-18-1901) (d. 4-14-1969) Blacksmith in **Hubbell,** till 1934, when he sold it to Mr. Stradley.

Horace Nesmith (b. 8-31-1868) (d. 3-1-1957) Blacksmith in **Chester**, renting a shop from Charley Reed in Feb. 1899. bur. Belleville KS.

Carson Nesmith (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in north **Chester**, circa April 1899. Left after a very short time.

George Newberry (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Hubbell**, built an addition on to his shop in June 1887.

Henry Nehrig (b. 4-29-1871) (d. 5-18-1947) Blacksmith in **Deshler**. Partner with Charles Kammerer in May 1893. bur. Friedensau NE.

Charles Nickel (b. 1859) (d. 8-6-1918) Blacksmith in **Hebron** at 1st & Lincoln. It was a 24'x36'x12' blacksmith shop and foundry. They made the 'Hebron' cast anvils.

Francis Oliver (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Hubbell**. Partner with Fred Pratt.

Thos. Thomas Panter (b. 5-14-1837) (d. > 5-17-1932) Blacksmith in ___ . Step-Father of Mrs. E. L. Clemmens. He once shod the horse of Jesse James, but didn't know who Jesse was until later.

Benjamin Hale 'B. H.' Parker (b. 8-10-1827) (d. 8-27-1887) Blacksmith in **Hebron**, and plow repair, carriage repair and horse-shoer. Advertised as the Boss Blacksmith in Sept. 1884. bur. Hebron NE.

R. C. Partch (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Davenport** begining Nov. 1881. Got shop from A. A. Jacobs. He built a house next to it in Aug. 1882.

A. D. Pierce (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Hebron**, started in Feb. 1881.

Fred Pratt (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Hubbell**. Partner with Francis Oliver.

John Pratt (b.) (d.) Blacksmith formerly of **Belvidere**, started a shop at **Friedensau bridge**, in May of 1878.

George C. Prehn (b. 10-6-1864) (d. 6-25-1925) Blacksmith in **Deshler**, working at Albert A. Federspiel's shop, circa March 1896. bur. Dickinson KS, sister bur. in Deshler.

Charles C. Reed (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Chester**, south of the tracks, as Short & Reed, circa Sept. 1888 to July 1898. He rented out his shop to Horace Naysmith in Feb. 1899. Leased the shop of C. Blanchard & son, with D. W. Evans in May 1890.

Willie Reed (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Chester**, with his dad in Jan. 1893.

Chas. H. Rowe (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Hebron** June 1881.

John F. Schuster (b. 12-23-1857) (d. 3-5-1917) Blacksmith in **Belvidere**, came from Geneva in May of 1878. Moved to Lincoln in 1910.

Kelly Schneider (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Brunning**. (per Jerry Hopken)

C. S. Scott (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Gilead** circa Aug. 1899.

James Scriven (b.) (d.) Blacksmith one and a half miles northeast of **Alexandria** in March 1897.

Alfred Otto Albert Seidel (b. 7-21-1870) (d. 7-15-1926) age 55 Blacksmith in **Deshler.** May 1902 he purchased the blacksmith and wagon shop of Charley H. Kammer. He built a modern blacksmith shop at 3rd and Bryson in March of 1913.

Willis E. 'Pop' Shane (b. 3-30-1914) (d. 5-25-1970) Blacksmith shop in **Alexandria**, with Ray Warnock. bur. Fairbury NE.

David Albert Sherwood (b. 2-7-1844) (d. 12-18-1908) Blacksmith in **Alexandria** 1874 to at least 1890 Was a county commissioner for 2 terms. Sold his shop to Charles Fulton in Sept. 1887, and bought it back in 1889. In Mar. 1895, had a bad accident riding on a hay rack. bur. Alexandria NE.

Short (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Chester**, south of the tracks, as Short & Reed, circa Sept. 1888.

Adophus Frederick "Fred" Siebrass (b. 4-7-1864) (d. 1-21-1941) Blacksmith in **Davenport** from 1890 to 1898, then went to Blue Hill NE. He bought Ed Ledoux's shop in Feb. 1890. He then built a new, larger shop, on the same site that was 24 x 32, with plank floor, 9 foot posts, and 2 forges. bur. Blue Hill NE.

Smith (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Belvidere**. *(Grigsby, Martin and Smith - blacksmiths in Belvidere May 1884)*

Smith (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Hebron**, having rented J. C. Helfrich's shop in July 1892

Washington Squires (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Chester** at the shop Horace Naysmith rented from Charley Reed in Feb. 1899.

Dale Edward Stetina (b. 4-14-1926) (d. 6-19-1997) worked in Hedden's Blacksmith shop in **Bruning** circa 1947. His wife Gwenith, at age 25, had just been given a ride in a midget race car around a dirt track on Sunday. Getting out, she remarked, "My, it was exciting. It takes your breath away." She climbed onto the tailgate of a truck to rest, apparently fainted, and fell to the ground. She was soon pronounced dead at a doctor's office.

Alonzo W. Stiles dba Stiles & Co. (b. 11-28-1824) (d. 1-22-1881) Blacksmith in **Hebron** with Adolph Bethscheider cica Aug. 1880.

Carl Stradley (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Hubbell** with his dad, Harry.

Harry E. Stradley (b. 12-19-1903) (d. 2-14-1996) Blacksmith in **Hubbell** from 1934 to ? Business card said: Stradley Blacksmith, portable welding, chain saw sales - custom saw mill, General Blacksmith & Repair, Hubbell Nebraska 68375 Phone, Day: 402-436-2321 Night: 402-436-2655.

Clint Strain (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Davenport**. Had his blacksmith shop moved from where the billiard hall was later put, to the vacant lots west of Murphy's Livery Stable on 2nd Street, circa Sept. 1885.

G. W. Sterner (b.) (d.) Blacksmith at **Bachelor's Ranch** starting Jan. 1893. (Possibly George W. buried in Elmwood NE.)

Alonzo W. Stiles (b. 11-28-1824) (d. 1-22-1881) Blacksmith in **Hebron.** Repairing Machinery and Plow Work are my Specialties. Shop is near Sherman House. Circa 1877 to 1881.

Sutton Brothers (b.) (d.) Blacksmiths in **Hebron**, from Guide Rock, circa Jan. 1892. They built a 20 x 27 addition for wagon work and a second forge, circa Sept. 1892. It was west of the water works power house, so on Lincoln Ave, west of the river. Sold to E. L. Brewer of Shickley in Jan. 1894. In March of 1894, they built a new shop at the corner of 4th and Jefferson in Hebron.

William Frederick Tolles (b. 1-5-1816) (d. 1-19-1878) Blacksmith in **Hebron** circa 1876, also did wagon and carriage repair. Worked until 4 days before he died, at age 62.

William Ellsworth 'W. E.' Tripp (b. 12-11-1862) (d. 1-27-1940) Blacksmith at his shop in **Belvidere** from 1892 to 1904. It got robbed in May of 1895 by robbers blowing the door off the safe with gun powder. He learned from his father of **Dewitt,** in 1880. In Jan. 1893, he got new tools for his new shop. He estabished a blacksmith shop in **Hebron** in 1904, it was on the west side of 4th, between Jefferson and Lincoln. That shop got destroyed by the tornado of 1953. His son W. C. 'Bill' Tripp then built a new building north of Yost warehouse, near the Rock Island tracks. (W. E. is a brother to Charles Tripp)

William Curtis 'Bill' Tripp (son of W. E. Tripp) (b.4-10-1885) (d. 6-18-1965) Blacksmith in **Hebron**. Went work with his father in 1906 to 1964. He held the National Horse Shoer Champion record, making 212 horseshoes in one day.

Charles 'Charlie' Addison Tripp (b. 9-9-1872) (d. 1-6-1971) Blacksmith in **Belvidere**, then went to **Hebron** to work with his nephew Bill Tripp. (Charles is a brother to W. E. Tripp)

Malcolm Trumbell (b.) (d.) Morgan & Trumbull Foundry.

Fred Walters (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Bruning** circa 1897-1899.

Raymond Warnock (b. 2-12-1886) (d. 2- -1972) Blacksmith in **Alexandria** with Willis E. 'Pop' Shane.

W. C. Weddle (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Alexandria** begining Mar. 1899.

Henry Weimer (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Alexandria** circa 1883.

Mr. Werkmeister (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Deshler**. In May 1889, after being here a short time, he moved to Oak, where he said he will do more business in one day, than in a whole week in Deshler.

Vern D. Willard (b. 7-10-1921) (d. 11-25-1999) Blacksmith in **Alexandria**. Leased Mr. Keller's shop.

Joe Wili or Wiley or Willy, father of John (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Carleton**.

Joseph A. Willy (b. 1864) (d. sunday before 8-13-1952) Blacksmith in **Hebron**, and **Carleton** circa 1895-1899.

John B. Willy or Willey, son of Joe (b. 1840) (d.) Blacksmith at **Kiowa** 1870-1874, then **Carleton** through 1896 and on. Helped out Albert A. Federspiel of Deshler in 1896.

W. C. Wilson (b.) (d.) Blacksmith in **Chester** circa Aug. 1899, he is putting in a 3 HP engine.

August Wind (b. 9-28-1868) (d. 1-28-1939) Blacksmith in **Alexandria** on east side of street, north of a gas station.

Fred Wolter (b. 9-2-1873) (d. 4-15-1963) Blacksmith in **Bruning** circa Oct. 1896. Blacksmith for 22 years. Bur. Strang NE.

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From Hebron Journal 10-23-1896:

	Pay per week		
	America	England	Per Cent Difference in favor of America
Angle Iron Smiths	$13.50	$8.16	53%
Blacksmiths	$14.52	$9.84	47%
Bricklayers	$16.02	$7.92	102%

From Hebron Journal 10-23-1896:

Water Rates for the City of Hebron

Banks, including one wash basin	$3.00
Bakeries, each oven	$5.00
Barber shops, one chair	$3.00
Barber shops, each additional chair	$2.00
Bath houses, public, per tub	$10.00
Bath houses, private, per tub	$2.00
Blacksmith shops, one fire	$2.00
Blacksmith shops, each additional fire	$1.00

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