



The

MINION

Family History



Took info from genealogy charts, wrote text to tell the story

A. ARTHUR MINION

NAME *Arthur Minion* NO. _____

BORN *May 15 - 1811* PLACE *Carlow, Ireland*

MARRIED *April 24 1837* PLACE _____ SOURCE OF INFORMATION _____

DIED _____ PLACE _____

DECEASED AT _____

RESIDED AT _____

OCCUPATION _____ CHURCH AFF. _____

MILITARY SERVICE _____

OTHER SPOUSE _____

FATHER _____ MOTHER (Maiden Name) _____

SPOUSE *Rhoda (Griffing) Minion*

BORN *East Lombard, Canada* PLACE *May 25 - 1818*

DIED _____ PLACE _____

DECEASED AT _____

OCCUPATION _____ CHURCH AFF. _____

MILITARY SERVICE _____

OTHER SPOUSE _____

FATHER _____ MOTHER (Maiden Name) _____

CHILDREN	BORN		DIED		MARRIED	
	DATE	PLACE	DATE	PLACE	DATE & PLACE	SPOUSE & PARENTAGE
<i>Mary Ann M.</i>	<i>May 15 - 1838</i>				<i>Henry Veale</i>	<i>March 6 - 1855</i>
<i>William M.</i>	<i>June 10 - 1839</i>		<i>Aug 2</i>		<i>Mary Ann Spore</i>	<i>June 9 - 1867</i>
<i>Sarah Jane M.</i>	<i>June 2 - 1844</i>		<i>East Lombard Canada</i>			
<i>Robert M.</i>	<i>June 8 - 1845</i>					
<i>Arthur M.</i>	<i>Oct 18 1845</i>					
<i>Eliza Jane M.</i>	<i>June 2 1847</i>				<i>George Heritage</i>	<i>Sept 25 - 1863</i>
<i>Charlotte M.</i>	<i>March 6 1849</i>					
<i>Amanda M. V. M.</i>	<i>May 8 1851</i>				<i>Eda Fairbank</i>	
<i>James Stephen M.</i>	<i>April 23 - 1855</i>				<i>Jan 13 - 1882</i>	
<i>Martha M.</i>	<i>June 20 1857</i>		<i>Keokuk Iowa</i>		<i>Augusta Burton</i>	<i>Nov 20 - 1881</i>
<i>Nathaniel P. M.</i>	<i>June 6 1859</i>		<i>Nov 11</i>		<i>Lucy de Wolf</i>	<i>Nov 11 - 1881</i>
<i>Sarah Maria M.</i>	<i>July 11 1861</i>				<i>March 20 - 1881</i>	<i>Harriet</i>

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Arthur Minion was born in Carlow, Ireland, on May 15, 1811. When he was 20 years of age, in 1831, he left Ireland to settle in Canada. He had been trained to the trade of weaver in Ireland, but became a farmer when he moved to Canada.

On April 24, 1837, Arthur married Rhoda Parks Griffing. Rhoda was born on May 25, 1818, in Canada. They were the parents of twelve children: Mary Ann, William, Sarah Jane, Arthur E., Robert H., Eliza Jane, Charlotte, Amanda E. V., James Stephen, Martha M., Nathaniel P., and Sarah Mariah.

Arthur and Rhoda sold their land in Canada in 1865. They moved to the United States, settling in the vicinity of Clinton, Iowa. They farmed there until June of 1871, when they moved to Minnesota. Arthur took a pre-emption on 80 acres, and homesteaded another 160 acres in section 4 of Carson Township, Cottonwood County. He paid \$2.50 per acre for the 80 acre parcel of land. His payment of \$200 was made to the receiver's office in New Ulm, Minnesota, on August 3, 1878. He was granted his pre-emption at that time.

The Homestead laws were enacted after the Civil War. They were meant to especially benefit Civil War Veterans, although they were open to all. The Homestead laws provided a settler with the right to 160 acres of land. They had to build a home of some sort, and prepare at least 10 acres of land for farming use. They could leave the land for a certain number of months, if they so desired. After a certain period of time, they could prove up their claims by paying a small amount of money and receive title to the land. The usual payment was a \$14.00 filing fee.

Acquiring land by pre-emption was a little different. All that was necessary was to file a claim and pay for it at government prices. There were no restrictions or requirements to meet.