

# Family Group Record for Joseph H WEST

| Husband    |  | Joseph H WEST-[265]   |  |
|------------|--|---|--|
| Born       | 21 Jan 1842  | , , Champaign, OH <sup>1</sup>                              |  |
| Christened |  |   |  |
| Died       | 4 Mar 1928   | Evansville, Union Twp, Rock, WI                             |  |
| Buried     |  |   |  |
| Father     | Squire Jacob WEST-[2812] (1812-1882) <sup>2, 3, 4</sup> [MRIN:883] |   |  |
| Mother     | Margaret ROBINSON-[4073] (1814-1898)                               |   |  |
| Marriage   | 1875   | Evansville, Union Twp, Rock, WI [MRIN:6512] <sup>5, 6</sup> |  |



| Wife       |            | Mary J-[18684]                  |  |
|------------|------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Born       | Jul 1844   | , , , NY                        |  |
| Christened |            |                                 |  |
| Died       | 1933       | Evansville, Union Twp, Rock, WI |  |
| Buried     |            |                                 |  |
| Father     | [MRIN:883] |                                 |  |
| Mother     |            |                                 |  |

| Children   |                                 |   |  |
|------------|---------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>1</b>   | <b>M</b>                        | <b>Robert H WEST-[18685]</b> <sup>7</sup> |  |
| Born       | 16 Oct 1885                     | Evansville, Union Twp, Rock, WI           |  |
| Christened |                                 |   |  |
| Died       | Dec 1956                        | Chula Vista, San Diego, CA <sup>8</sup>   |  |
| Buried     |                                 |   |  |
| Spouse     | Katherine M-[18717] (1898-1974) | [MRIN:6529] <sup>9</sup>                  |  |

**General Notes (Husband)**

Joseph enlisted on 13 September 1861 as a Corporal in Company D, 13th Wisconsin Infantry. He contracted chronic diarrhia. He was Discharged on 24 November 1865, after serving 4 years, 2 months and 11 days. In 1870 he was working in a Book & Stationary Store. In 1934, his daughter Agnes Smith was living with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Floyd West in Whitewater, Wisconsin.

Major Floyd West died prior to 1934, from injuries incurred in WW I.  
Mrs. John Newell lived in Tampico, Mexico

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OLD SETTLERS' STORIES, VOL II NO. 5, 16 November 1895.

You wished me to write my early experiences and I will endeavor to do so as far as I can, but it must be remembered that I was but a boy in the early pioneer times of this country. I will mention some of the early time experiences that I have no remembrance of but what I got from my parents who emigrated from Champlain Co, Ohio, to Bloomington, Il., in the spring of '36 where my father lived and worked at his trade of brickmaking that summer. In the fall of the same year he moved with his family from Bloomington to Rock Grove, Il. Where he took a government claim and went to farming. Rock Grove is a few miles south of Monroe near the state line. In the spring of '40 he sold out his claim and came up here and settled on a claim just east of the cemetery on the place now owned by David Stevens, formerly owned by Otis Blackman. Here he built a log cabin and commenced life on a new place. In the fall of the year '41 Grandfather West died and my father was called back to Ohio to settle up the estate. He took his family in a one horse democrat wagon and made the trip all the way back to Ohio by land, camping nights by the way. He remained in Ohio during the winter of '41 and '42 where I was born January 31 1842. While my father was in Ohio, during the winter a Mr. Dorrance and family occupied the log cabin on our place in Wisconsin.

Father returned again in the spring of '43 coming back in a two horse covered wagon and camping out. When on the road their many experiences would almost fill a volume but I will only mention two or three as I may tire your readers. While walking away from camp

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## General Notes (Husband)(cont.)

one evening mother was terribly frightened at seeing a very large snake it must have been a monster as she could hardly make the rest of the folks believe the story of its size; at another time my brother next older, Stephen, fell out of mother's arms and the wagon wheel passed over his chest, they thought it would kill him but next day he began to get better and they went on their journey; at another time the horse was taken so lame they were afraid they would have to stop in the wilderness. The roads were terribly rough through Indiana. They made their way through swamps and what was called "corduroy" made by laying small trees across the road, and it was bumping along enough to shake the life out of a person. We arrived safe at home in the spring of '43 and again settled down to the life of farming. Father found on his arrival at home that a piece of land coveted by a number of people still lay unclaimed and he immediately hastened to the land office in Milwaukee and filed on it; it is the farm now occupied by Henry Searles and situated, all in the east part of the village of Evansville. Here he built another log cabin on the edge of the marsh by a big spring a few rods from the place where Libby's

slaughter house now stands and where my earliest recollections begin. At the time my father first settled here his near neighbors were Rev. Boyd Phelps, whose place joined ours, the place now occupied by R. Emery, our next nearest neighbor was Hiram Griffith who lived on the place owned lately by Mrs. Dora West near Mr. Mun ger. Our near neighbor north was Charles McMillen just this side of the village of Union our neighbor east was John Rhinehart who lived on the old place lately owned by Mr. I. Scofield.

J. H. West

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## General Notes (Wife)

1900 United States Federal Census; Evansville, Rock County, Wisconsin

Joseph H West 58

Mary F West 55

Robert H West 14

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Joseph and Mary were the parents of 4 children.

## General Notes for Child Robert H WEST-[18685]

In January 1919, Robert received an offer of a job in the mining region of South America.

1910 United States Federal Census; Robert West, age 25, Birthplace: Wisconsin

Father's Birth Place: Ohio, Mother's Birth Place: New York; Congress, Yavapai County, Arizona; Single.

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1930 United States Federal Census; Chloride, Mohave County, Arizona

Robert H West 44

Katherine West 32

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