

ing in 1901 with John McKee singing. R. B. Brown held a meeting in 1902 and preached there a few months while he was minister at Mt. Auburn. . . . Some joined with the Vinton Church. . . ."

We do not know the name of the writer of this letter to the congregation of this church, nor do any of the living relatives remember such a church.



Mrs. Anson Underwood



Mr. Anson Underwood

Anson Underwood - farmer, Jackson Twp. #6 - Benton Co., Iowa was born in Onondaga Co., New York in 1804 and at an early age left to become a Wagon Master.

He married Elizabeth Garrison at Dundee, Illinois and came to Iowa in 1854 and settled in Homer Twp. with their children: Amelia, age 7, Ensign - 5, Edgar - 2, Anson became a land dealer in the surrounding townships. They were active members of the Yankee Grove Church of Christ, which was organized in 1867.

Anson, Elizabeth and sons Ensign and Edgar moved to Jackson Twp. #6 in 1867. He died there in 1888 and was buried in the Vinton Cemetery.

Amelia Underwood was married to Wm. Tom Young, of Monroe Twp. in 1866, moved to Jackson #6 and later to Kansas.

Ensign married Martha Beatty Baker in 1870. They lived their entire married life in Jackson #6. During the winter Ensign made regular trips with oxen and wagon to Taylor Twp., crossing the Cedar River on the ice, to gather and bring wood home for fuel.

Their children were - Paul Anson Underwood, born 1871, married Estella Griffith in 1897 and moved to Kansas.

William Ray Underwood married Harriett Rose Wilson, of Homer Twp. in 1908. They lived in Jackson Twp. until they retired to Vinton in 1970. They have four sons - Ralph, Harold and Robert, all of whom live in Jackson Twp. and Elmer of LaPorte, Iowa.

In 1935 Robert purchased 55 acres of the original home place, from the heirs of Paul Underwood, and resides there, with his wife Clara (nee Maynard) and their daughter Rose Marie, in the same house in which the Anson Underwoods lived.

by Clara Underwood.