

Rusco Township

Location – Second tier, third from west

Extra column of sections on west to adjust for earth's curvature so it is 6 miles n-s and 7 miles e-w.

No towns – Peake community in southwest corner

Pleasanton north of township line in northeast corner

Loup River winds through most of the top tier of sections within a half mile of the north township line.

Cemetaries

Fairmont – In section 34 (about 3-4 miles east of Peake)

Began as the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Association (Known by that name in 1886)

2 acres sold to Church of Christ in 1893, cemetery still owned by them in 1978

Peake – In section 30

St. Pauls Lutheran (Peake) Church built in 1906. Cemetery beside it. Grave of child there before cemetery started.

Settlement – officially began in 1873

1873 - E. M. Holly

1875 - A. Peake, John Wilson, L. H. Johnson, J. L. Scott, L. Allen, B. L. Graham, A. M. Morse, F.

Boyer and J. H. Lockard

25 claims filed by 1880.

The Lady Who Was Buried Before She Died

Township Name – Warren Rusco (family history)

1818, July 5 – Abigail born in Pennsylvania

1826 about – Warren Rusco born in Ohio

1837, May – Abigail (18) married John C. Brown

1843 – Abigail & John Brown have son, Abram

1850 – Warren (24) In Ohio with widowed mother and younger siblings

1852 about – Warren (age 26) married Abigail Brown (36) in Penn.

[Second marriage for Abigail. Where did she leave her children?]

1853 – Laura born in Penn.

1857 – John J. born in Michigan

1859 – Abram (16) left home – maybe all of her children (2-3?) had left by now

1860 – Warren (age 32) In Ohio with wife Abigail (42) & 2 children, Laura 7, & John J. 3

1860 – William W. born in Ohio

1870 – Laura (17) married James Hunter in Iowa

1870 – Warren (age 45) In Iowa with wife Abigail (53) & 2 children, John 13 & William 10

Between 1876 & 1880 - Both Rusco & Hunter families moved to Buffalo Co., Rusco Township

1880 – Warren (age 54) In Nebr. with wife Abigail (62) & 2 children, John 22 & William 20

(Not listed in Bassett so probably arrived in 1880)

Land patent for land in Sec. 4 – about 3 miles west of Pleasanton

William homesteaded land in Sec. 30 about 6-7 miles south of dad.

Probate Record for Warren Rusco

March 6, 1889 – William W. Rusco petitioned for guardianship of his father who “has become by reason of excessive drinking, imbecile and mentally incompetent to take care of himself or to have the management of his property...:”

March 22, 1889 – W. W. Rusco asked that the case be dropped.

Kearney Hub – July 12, 1889

Wm Rusco of Rusco township was jailed in county jail, sentenced by the justice of peace of the township for violent and long continued intoxication.

1892 – [according to two cemetery readings] Abigail died, buried at Pleasanton

1893, Oct. 23 – Warren died, age about 67.

Probate Record for Warren Rusco, cont.

October 31, 1893 – Abigail petitioned to be administrator of the estate

December 5, 1893 – William W. Rusco was named administrator

March 6, 1894 – Abigail petitioned to be given \$25 per month for living expenses and that the household goods (valued at \$17) be set aside for her use.

April 17, 1893 – Petition granted

October 23, 1896 - Abigail petitioned to have the land set aside for her use and at her death it go to her heirs – William., John, and Laura

November 11, 1896 – Petition granted. This was the final decree, the probate case was closed.

1896 – Letter written to son in Ohio by granddaughter Mary Hunter, dictated by Abigail

Personal visit to Pleasanton Cemetery – Abigail died in 1897, on Aug. 12 at age 79, 1 M, 12 days.

Meanwhile - John J. Rusco

March 31, 1891 - adjudged insane and sent to the Insane Asylum in Lincoln. Later moved to Hastings where he spent the rest of his life.

August 19, 1904 – John died, buried beside mother at Pleasanton

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Abigail Rusco - The Lady Who Was Buried Before She Died

Birth

1st Marriage

2nd Marriage

3 Children, 4 States

Came to Buffalo County between 1876 & 1880

Family Problems

Abigail died

Warren died

Visit to Pleasanton Cemetery