

GEORGE FREEMAN SEIBERT



George Freeman Seibert

George Freeman Seibert was born on October 15, 1859 in Somerset County, Pennsylvania according to his death certificate and obituary. George was the third of four children born to Jonas Seibert and Ann Maria Flick. He was the only son as the other three children are girls.

The first official record we see George in is the 1860 census with his parents and two older sisters in Somerset, Somerset, Pennsylvania. In this record the head of household is listed as Jonathan, but as all other details are correct this must be the correct family. Jonas records his occupation as Farm Labor.

The 1870 Federal Census shows the family in Milford, Somerset, Pennsylvania with all the children and Jonas is working on a saw mill.

George's obituary from the Ida Grove Record Era states that they moved to Illinois in 1875.

In 1880 we see all the family in 124, South Dixon, Lee, Illinois. Jonas is farming, and George lists that he is a laborer.

George's Ida Grove Record Era obituary states that the family moved in 1886 to Coleridge Nebraska. They were there for a year, and returned to Ida County, Iowa. That implies a short stop in Ida Grove, but

On March 16, 1887 George married Mary Ellen Ambler in Ida County, Iowa. Sadly, Mary Ellen died on May 24, 1891.

George Seibert is listed in Blaine, Ida, Iowa in the Iowa 1895 census. That same year the Ida Grove Era reports that George Seibert and J Heywood moved to Chillicothe, MO. The obituary in the Ida Grove Record Era does report a short move to Missouri.

George's death notice in the Laurel Advocate states that they returned to Nebraska in 1898.

In 1900 we see him and the family in District 0037, Precinct 07, Cedar, Nebraska. At this point he and his two children are living with his parents Jonas and Ann. George reports that he is farming and that the boys are in school.

The Laurel Advocate on August 12, 1909 lists George Seibert as a signature for the Articles of Incorporation for the Laurel Mutual Telephone Company.

The 1910 census was a surprise to me when I saw a George Seibert in District 0040, Winnemucca, Humboldt, Nevada with Jonathan Haywood. The Laurel Advocate on June 10, 1909 reports that The Laurel Gold Mining, Milling and Leasing company was organized. They owned 6 claims of about 120 acres near Winnemucca, Nevada where ore was being mined. The Laurel Advocate on April 14, 1910 reports that G F Seibert has a claim along the east side of the company's ground. The Laurel Advocate on August 3, 1911 reports that George Seibert has returned from Nevada speaking highly of the prospects in mining. I have found several articles from Nevada papers also that talk about the Laurel mine and George Seibert's attendance there.

In December of 1915 George Seibert began the building of a barn. As he was helping the carpenter shingle the roof the scaffolding broke and George died because of a broken back and neck.

George died on December 14, 1915 in Cedar County, Nebraska and is buried in the Ida Grove Cemetery in Ida Grove, Iowa where his wife Mary is also buried. This information is recorded in his death certificate, his obituary and his headstone.

George and Mary had two children

- **Harry Jonas Seibert (1888-1969)**
- **Mark Bartelson Seibert (1890-1982)**



Mary Ellen Ambler Teaching Certificate

MARY ELLEN AMBLER



Mary Ellen Ambler

Mary Ellen Ambler was born in 1860 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. To date, I have found nothing more specific for a month or a day. I have not found specific documents to prove her parents, but have quite a bit of indirect evidence to point to her parents being Robert Ambler and Mary Louis Bartelson. Mary is the third child to Robert and Mary Louisa. The evidence points to her mother Mary Louisa's death in 1865. Robert then remarried Sarah Hamilton and they had 5 children.

The Ambler family is Quaker, and while I have found some good hints in the Quaker records specific records of Mary Ellen's birth or her parents marriage has escaped me. However, the Quaker meeting minutes are very specific. Further research is needed to put more specifics together.

Mary Ellen is not listed in the 1860 census, so the first record we see her in is the 1870 census. In this one she is listed in Horsham,

Montgomery, Pennsylvania, with her Aunt Sarah Ambler Conard and her husband Peter Conard. Also relevant on this census is Morris P Conard.

In the 1880 Federal Census we see Mary Ellen listed in 597, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This time she is listed with Robert Ambler who is identified as her father, and Sarah, who we believe to be her step-mother. Their house is listed as 1907 Montgomery Ave.

The Ida County Pioneer has a news item on August 31, 1882 noting that Mary Ambler will be coming to teach school and that she is a cousin of Harry Conard. The 1885 Iowa Census shows that Mary E Ambler is living with Martha P Conard. Martha is the wife of Morris P Conard. Their marriage is recorded in the Quaker Meeting Minutes.

We know from the Quaker Meeting minutes and from the Ida Grove Cemetery that Mary Ellen died on May 24, 1891. I haven't yet found any newspapers that were active at this time to search for an obituary and have put a request in to the State of Iowa to see if they have a death record.