

four miles west of Columbus, and began to build up a home for himself and family. The first thing he did was to fell the trees and clear off a spot on which to erect his cabin. It took years of hard work to clear up the land so that he could begin to live, having to work in the meantime by days work in order to earn a little money. He would get up early in the morning, walk a mile, or a mile and a half and do a hard day's work and return home at night with fifty cents in his pocket. That was considered "good wages" in those days. He remained on this farm until his children were all well nigh grown; then, after all his labor and after enduring all the privations of a pioneer's life, he sold out and moved farther west, crossed the great "Father of Waters" and settled in southern Iowa, Appanoose county, about five miles from Centreville, the county seat. Here he remained until his death, which occurred June 8, 1876. He was buried at Centreville. His fifth and last wife, Lavina survived him some two years.

While none of the descendants of William and Ose Garrison have amassed great wealth, there are many well-to-do people among them, and are comfortable liver. They are an industrious people and are blessed with what may be called good health and live to a good age; many of them beyond man's allotted years of "three score and ten," and their longevity may largely be owing to their habits of industry.

I will now give a short sketch of of the sisters of J. R. P. Garrison, Ura (Ursula) Abigail, Sarah and Naomi, and their families.

Ura Skillman was a widow for many years and made her home with her children. She was a very kind hearted, liberal woman and did much in relieving the wants of the needy. "Ura Skillman was the friend of the poor and distressed." This was the tribute paid to her memory, after her death. William Garrison, her eldest son, had three daughters,