

Email to all the Spectacular Cousins from Cousin JMB dated 9 April 2015

I had the following notes on Isaac - thought I'd better share them before I forgot. JMB

Source: Debbie Hoover Rasch of Athens, IL in a letter of Jan 1981:

"Isaac Engle Sr. is buried in Fulton Co., IL. His gravestone is still readable (a/o1981) and there is a man still living who claims to remember his wife Cynthia Powell. How much truth there is in that I don't know, but he did have a picture of Cynthia Powell in his collection. He evidently has a great many photographs. Dwight Eddington of Astoria, IL has copies of these. He (Dwight) also suspects that Isaac Engle Sr. was married twice. He feels that Isaac Jrs. mother was not Cynthia Powell although I have no proof of this. When I saw Leland Engle in October, he felt that Nancy Ann's maiden name was BURR.

All the babies born to Isaac & Cynthia are buried, according to Alice Wise, in a family cemetery near Astoria, IL. The same cemetery as their father, back in the middle of a farm. Cynthia is in another cemetery, Alice's grandfather held the theory that Cynthia lived much longer and realized the family cemetery would be hard to get to with no road nearby."

Source: WFT CD Vol 35#0588: "Isaac Engle came to Illinois & located in Menard Co. On 8mar1831 he m. Cynthia Powell in Sugar Grove, IL. In 1836/37 they came to Fulton Co. where they settled in sec. 10 of Astoria tp. which later became the Engle Cem. They moved into a round log cabin, where all the experiences of pioneer life were passed through. Although for a number of years the family lived in frugality, game was abundant upon the pioneer table, & wild honey was gathered in large quantities which served to sweeten their humble repast, yet for many years Isaac Engle struggled hard for a livelihood in his forest home, and not until the whistle of the locomotive startled the trapper & hunter into a sense of the fast approaching tribunal than exists upon earth, & thus having made peace with his Maker he awaited the summons that called him to a 'home not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens', which occurred 21apr1875, & he was laid to rest amid the scenes of his eventful pioneer life. With his wife, who had contributed not a little to their prosperity, he left a family of 9 children."

Source: Walt E. Engle 7/2001

"Isaac Engle, b. VA? grew to manhood in OH (Pickaway Co?) migrated to IL in 1826. Settled in Swings Grove, Sangamon Co., and made the first settlement there in 1830 (this area of the orig. large Co. of Sangamon became in 1841, Mason City Precinct in Mason Co. Mason Co was formed of parts of Menard & Tazewell Cos.) Moved to Fulton Co 1838 sold this place to Michael & Abram Swing. Isaac built a 2nd place of 40a at Big Grove, Sangamon Co (now Mason) in 1835. Sold this place to Edward Sikes, Sr. in 1837. March 8, 1831 at Sugar Grove, (now Sweetwater) m. Cynthia Powell, of OH. @1838 they came to Fulton Co settling in Sec 15 of Astoria twp, which later was the location of the Engle farm cem (now Raymond Woodruff farm). They moved into a round log cabin where all the experiences of pioneer life were passed through. Although for a number of yrs the family lived in frugality, game was abundant upon the pioneer table, & wild honey gathered in large quantities served to sweeten their humble repast. Yet for many yrs Isaac struggled hard in his forest home, & not until

the whistle of the locomotive startled the trapper & hunter into a sense of the fast approaching civilization, did he bring his farm into anything like cultivation. He was a very religious man (member of the Christian Ch), & awaited the summons that called him to a "home not made with hands, Eternal in the Heavens". He d. 21apr1875. He was laid to rest amid the scenes of his eventful pioneer life in a cemetery on his farm near Astoria, IL. Cynthia who helped lead them to prosperity was laid to rest Jan 1900 in the Salem Cem., Astoria, IL. She left a family of 9 living children. They had had 13 children. (source: History of Menard & Mason Cos IL 1879 by O.L. Baskin & Co.; History of Fulton Co., IL 1879 by Chas C. Chapman & Co.)