

Scenes From Princeton's Past

Martin Van Buren was born in the State of New York in 1805, and died in 1896, he was 91 years old. Martin was married to Julia *Naff* Van Buren who was also born in the State of New York in 1804, and she died in 1889, at the age of 85. Martin and Julia had one daughter Esther and three sons, John, Peter, and James. Martin was born on the Van Buren homestead in New York. For years he was a boatman on the Erie Canal. He was poor, and that is why when President Van Buren, went to Fort Plain, hearing his second cousin and namesake lived near, sent an invitation for the young boatman to visit him, Martin declined and they never met. In 1850, Martin moved his family to Pleasant Valley, Marquette County, Wisconsin, which is now the Township of Princeton, Green Lake County. Martin spent the rest of his life there. Martin was a farmer his whole life. Martin and Julia are both buried in the City of Princeton Cemetery.

James Van Buren was born on September 20, 1836 in the State of New York, and died on September 14, 1910. James first wife was Mary *Stacy* Van Buren, who was born in Massachusetts on May 10, 1841, and died on January 18, 1884, in Princeton, WI. James and Mary were married on November 20, 1861. They had seven children, five daughters, Julia, Aurelia, Kathryn, Hattie, and Mary and two sons, James and Vern. James and Mary's daughter Mary was born on December 25, 1883, in Princeton, and died February 23, 1884, about five weeks after her mother died. After Mary's death, James married Betsy *Johnson* Van Buren on June 15, 1891, in Waushara County, and they had one child, and daughter Esther. Betsy was born in 1849 and died on April 24, 1899. After Betsy's death, James married Frances D Coursey, on November 28, 1901, in Green Lake County. Frances was born in 1851 and died in 1935. James was 64 years old when he married Frances, who was 50 years old. James and Frances eventually divorced. Buried in the City of Princeton Cemetery are James, his first wife Mary, and their daughter Mary and James second wife Betsy.

James Van Buren was a farmer in the Township of Princeton. He came with his family to Wisconsin when he was thirteen years old. James served in the Civil War as a Private, Co. 1, 11th Regiment, Wisconsin Infantry from February 2, 1865 to July 15, 1885, During the war James suffered from measles, stomach problems, and was hospitalized for five months. He applied and received a Pension in 1890 because of his stomach problems and rheumatism, and heart disease.

When James died his obituary stated, James was highly respected, he had excellent character, he was a kind old neighbor and friend, and was held in the highest regard by everyone who knew him. James Van Buren is also buried in the City of Princeton Cemetery.

The information for this article came from findagrave.com, Ancestry.com, and from the Van Buren Family. If anyone has any information or photos of the Van Buren Family or anyone else buried in the City of Princeton Cemetery, please contact City Hall at 920-295-6612 or mail to PO Box 53 or bring to City Hall at 531 S Fulton Street or email mneubauer@cityofprincetonwi.com or cnickel@cityofprincetonwi.com. A relative of Michael, Albert, and Rosina Krueger is looking for information about the family. If anyone has information please contact City Hall.

The City of Princeton Cemetery Walk is August 25, 2018, at 1:30 PM and 4:00 PM. The Band Mother's Cook Book is still available and can be purchased at City Hall in Princeton or at the Berlin Journal Newspapers Office. The City of Princeton is in the Milk Moola Program from Kwik Trip, and is saving the caps from milk products. If anyone has any caps that they are not saving for another organization, the

milk caps can be dropped off at City Hall. The money from the milk caps is going toward buying the cleaning solution to clean the gravestones in the cemetery. The re-published Princeton, WI, Quas Qui Centennial Books, which is the history of Princeton from 1848 to 1973, are available and were recently reprinted by the Berlin Journal Newspapers. The Quas Qui Centennial Books can be purchased at City Hall in Princeton or contact Mark Judas or Patty Wianecki at US Bank. The Quas Qui Centennial Book will be the companion Book to the 2023 Quarto Sept Centennial Book that is being compiled and will be printed and available with the History of Princeton from 1973 to 2023. The Quarto Sept Centennial Book will be available later in the year 2022.



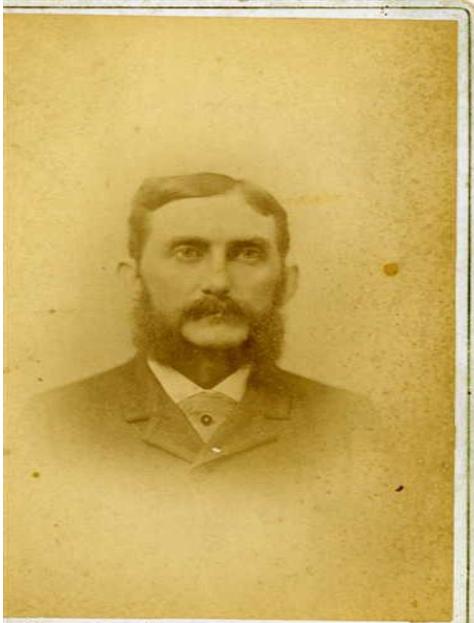
Children of James & Mary



James & Mary Later in Life



James & Mary Younger years



James



Mary Stacy (First Wife) of James



Mary Stacy