

Acles Haven Fannon
Born April 17, 1800 Wythe County, Virginia

Acles Haven Fannon was born in Wythe County, Virginia on April 17, 1800. He was the son of Achilles Fannon, Jr. and Mary Havens of Wythe Co., Va. and was the grandson of Achilles, Sr. & Rosannah Fannin of Wythe County, Va. He was the great grandson of Bryan Fannen, Sr. & wife, Elizabeth, of Amelia County, Va.

Acles H. Fannon married Mary "Polly" E. Hart (Heart - not Heath) on September 17, 1823 in Wythe Co., Va. She was born in Virginia in 1805. The Federal & State Census records confirm these dates, with the exception of the 1860 Federal Census, which has the children's births correctly stated, but have Acles & Mary each born five years later. Mary Fannon's tombstone has her date of birth in 1805. Mary "Polly" Fannon was the daughter of Valentine Hart of Wythe Co., Virginia. In his Will in Wythe Co., Va., written on March 5th, 1842, Valentine Hart names one of his daughters as Polly, wife of Acles Fannon.

From the birth years of their daughters, Margaret & Christina, they left Virginia between 1836 and 1840 and went to Kentucky. They moved to Indiana between 1840 & 1843, according to the birth years of their daughter, Christina, and their son, James H. Fannon. They remained in Indiana until 1851 according to the 1856 Iowa State Census. Their son, William M. Fannon, joined them in Iowa around 1853. He had formerly been in Wells Co., Indiana where he married Lucy Gullam on February 18, 1845. William M. Fannon was born in Virginia ca.1825.

From the Wythe Co., Va. records we find the following:

On July 13, 1833 Acles, Sr. (formerly Achilles, Jr.) & Polly Fannon, his wife transferred land on Walker's Creek to Acles Fannon, Jr. (aka Acles Haven Fannon) and Bryant Fannon on the condition that Bryant & Acles should support Acles Fannon, Sr. and his wife, Mary, during the rest of their lives.

Acles H. Fannon sold his lands on Sept. 5, 1834 to James Havens & on Sept. 7, 1834 to Allen T. Newberry and failed to keep up his part in supporting Achilles Fannon, Sr's. widow, Mary Fannon.

Acles Fannon, Sr. had died around December of 1833 and his Will had been proven on January 13, 1834. By the time December 9, 1836 arrived, Mary Fanning, the widow & relict of Acles Fanning, Sr., deceased, was pretty much destitute and filed a lawsuit in Chancery Court in Wythe Co. (Chancery 1838-14) against Acles Fanning, son of Acles Fanning, Sr. James Havens, Allen T. Newberry & James Bruce to recover losses of rents she claimed was due on the land that Acles (H), Jr. Fannon had sold them unjustly. Around that time, Acles (H.) Fannon, Jr. hightails it out of the state. The Winneshiek County, Iowa History speaks about more of his deceit when he claimed that he was the first Sheriff of the county, which the records didn't support and his claim of having laid out the plat for the Town of Freeport, Iowa, where he lived. Also, there is the question about Acles H. Fannon possibly lying about his age when he joined the Union Forces in Company F of the 46th Iowa Volunteer Infantry. All in all, he seemed to be quite the rascal throughout his entire life. He must have been a real con man, since the people of Decorah, Ia. referred to him as "the jolly old constable".

From the age given on the Civil War record of Acles H. Fannon, he appears to be the son of Acles H. & Polly Fannon, He was listed as 44 years old in 1864, making him born in 1820. One would be hard pressed to believe that the Acles H. Fannon who was born in 1800 could be the same man who was in the Civil War. He would have been 64 years of age at enlistment. However, the Acles H. Fannon born in 1844 is not to be found in any census records.

Secondly, according to the Freeport Cemetery records, there is only one A H Fannon buried there. He has no dates given, but does have his Civil War unit listed on his stone and is buried with Mary Fannon. There remains the possibility that the old man lied about his age and was still fit enough to join the infantry in 1864. Hopefully, his military record will disclosed more information about him.

In the “History of Winneshiek and Allamakee Counties, Iowa” written by W. E. Alexander in 1882, there is found only one Acles Haven Fannon , who claimed to be the first Sheriff of the county, although the records dispute that statement. He was later elected Sheriff . He was mentioned, along with William M. Fannon, who was the County Recorder around 1876 & subsequent years. A. H. Fannon was one of the first settlers of Winneshiek County, arriving in 1849. Acles settled at Freeport, Winneshiek County and claimed to have laid out the town. He was engaged in tavern keeping for several years and was Constable at Decorah for consecutive years. There he was affectionately called “the jolly old Constable”. He was the first mail contractor for Decorah and was elected Coroner in 1875.

In 1882 William M. Fannon was the County Recorder and William H. Fannon was Deputy. William H. Fannon was listed as Orderly Sargeant of the 6th Iowa Cavalry, Company D that was mustered in February of 1863 to fight the Rebels, but ended up fighting against the Indians. William M. Fannon was born in the State of Virginia in 1825, the son of Acles H. and Mary E. Fannon, who came from Virginia and settled at Freeport, Winneshiek, Iowa in 1849. William M. Fannon was a merchant in Freeport from 1852 until October of 1862 when he enlisted in Company D, 6th Iowa cavalry in which he served until the close of the war. He was mustered out as 2nd Lieutenant. He was the Postmaster in Freeport for about fifteen years and by 1882 was serving his third term as Winneshiek County Recorder.

In the 1870’s and 1880’s there was a Law Firm in Decorah, Iowa by the name of Cooley, Fannon & Akers.

In 1882, J. Fannon was the Recorder of West Decorah, Iowa, across the river from Decorah, Iowa. This would have been Julian F. Fannon who is listed in the 1880 census as a bookkeeper in West Decorah.

James H. Fannon, son of Acles H. & Mary Fannon was born around 1845. He appears last in the 1856 Iowa State Census at age 11. He is not listed in the 1860 census. However, there is a J Fannon mentioned in the above mentioned history as the Recorder of West Decorah, Ia. in 1882.

Samuel D. Fannon, son of Acles H. & Mary Fannon, was born in 1849. He last appears in the 1860 census at age 11 years.

These are the children of William M. Fannin & his wife, Lucy P.

1. William H. Fannon and Hellen McKay had one daughter, May, born in 1883.
2. Julian F. Fannon & Lydia A. Tavener only had an adopted daughter, Mattie White.
3. George W. Fannon & Ida B. Allen had two boys who died in childhood, Willie G. & George A. Fannon.
4. Noble D. Fannon was born around 1856 and died before 1860.
5. Hattie M. Fannon was born in 1863 and married George W. Rankin in 1883.
6. Mary Fannon was born ca. 1847 and died before 1856.

There are no known living Fannon males descended from Acles H. & Mary “Polly” Fannon.

Acles H. Fannon died in Winneshiek Co., Ia. around 1880, according to the census records & ”The History of Winneshiek & Allamakee Cos., Iowa”. Mary “Polly” Fannon died on February 1st, 1873 in Winneshiek County, Iowa.

The following records are included here to support the above claims:

Wells County, Indiana Marriage Records

William M. Fannon to Lucy Gillam November 18, 1845

1850 Federal Census Winneshiek County, Iowa October 11, 1850 pg 582

House # 5

Aclis H. Fanning	51 m	Va.	Farmer
Polly Fanning	47 f	Va.	
Isabella “	16 f	Va.	
Margaret “	14 f	Va.	
Cristina “	10 f	Ky.	
James “	7 m	Indi..	
Samuel D. “	1 m	Indi.	

House # 6

William Day	56 m	Va.	(He was the first settler in Winneshiek Co., Ia. arriving in 1849)
Elizabeth Day	45 f	Va.	(Elizabeth Thompson married Wm. Day in Va. in 1824)

* Note: Some Days were connected with Va. & Ky. Fannins.

1850 Federal Census Rockcreek Twp., Wells Co., Indiana October 25th, 1850

House # 41

Wm. H. Fannon	25 m	Virginia	Farmer
Lucy Fannon	28 f	Carolina	
Wm. H. “	1 m	Indiana	
Mary “	3 f	Indiana	

House # 42

Lorenzo Hart	27 m	Virginia	
Mary Hart	19 f	Indiana	

- Note: Valentine Hart’s daughter, Polly, married Acles Fannon in Wythe Co., Va. on Sept. 17, 1832. For years this marriage has been recorded as Polly Heath. This was a typo when the records were copied. The minister’s return Polly Heart and Valentine Hart’s Will in Wythe Co., Va., states his daughter, Polly, is married to Acles Fannon. There may be no connection here to Valentine Hart’s family, but I mentioned it because of the sheer coincidence.

1856 Iowa State Census Freeport Village, Decorah Twp., Winneshiek Co., Iowa pgs 587 & 588

A.H. Fannon	56 m	Married 1	Va.	5 years residence in State
Mary “	52 f	Married 1	Va.	5 years residence in State
Christina “	16 f	Married 1	Ind.	“ “ “ “ “
James H. “	11 m		Ind.	“ “ “ “ “

Saml M? “ 6 m Ind. “ “ “ “ “

1856 Iowa State Census Freeport, Decorah, Winneshiek Co., Iowa pgs 585 & 586 #4

Wm. M. Fannon	31 m	Married 1	Vir.	3 years residence in State	Mer (Merchant)
Lucy Fannon	33 f	Married 1	NC	3 years residence in State	

1856 Iowa State Census Freeport, Decorah, Winneshiek Co., Iowa pgs 623 & 624

William Fannon	7 m		Ind.	3 years residence in State	
Noble D. Fannon	0 m		Iowa	0 years residence in State	

Ia Genweb Winneshiek Co., Iowa Marriages 1856-1869

Fannon, Margaret A. to Harvey Miller 1860 (See 1860 Census below)

1860 Federal Census Freeport P.O., Decorah Twp., Winneshiek Co., Iowa June 6, 1860 pg 33

House # 242

Acles H. Fannon	55 m	Va.	Hotel Keeper
Mary Fannon	51 f	Va.	
Harvey Miller	28 m	Ohio Saddler	Married within the year 1
Margaret Miller	24 f	Ky.	Married within the year 1
Samuel Fannon	11 m	Indiana	
Agnes Harvey	77 f	US	Pauper
Agnes Anderson	26 f	Norway	Domestic

House # 243

William M. Fannon	36 m	Virginia	Merchant
Lucy Fannon	38 f	North Carolina	
William H. Fannon	10 m	Indiana	
Julian F. Fannon	4 m	Iowa	
George Fannon	1 m	Iowa	

Civil War Records Winneshiek County, Iowa

Source: Roster & Record of Iowa Troops In The Rebellion, by Guy E. Logan

Source; National Parks Service: Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System

Volume 5 Acles H Fannon

46th Iowa Infantry Company F (Co. F formed in Delaware & Winneshiek Counties)

Corporal

Served 100 days in 1864

Film M 541 Roll 8

Age 44

Resident of Freeport, Nativity Virginia
Enlisted May 9, 1864 as 5th Corporal
Mustered June 10, 1864
Mustered Out Sept. 23, 1864 at Davenport, Iowa
Expiration of term of service.

Volume 4 William H. Fannon (This should read William M. Fannon)

6th Iowa Volunteer Cavalry Company D

Age 37

Residence: Freeport, Nativity Virginia

Enlisted October 6, 1862 as 1st Sergeant

Mustered October 28, 1862

Promoted 2nd Lieutenant May 31, 1865

Mustered Out October 17, 1865 at Sioux city, Iowa

Civil War Pension File:

Fannon, William M. Company D 6th Regiment Iowa Cavalry

Widow: Lucy P. Fannon

Date of filing: Feb. 1, ? Invalid Application # 561565 Certificate # 352996 State from which filed ----

Date of filing: 1896 Widow Application # 646575 Certificate # ----- State from which filed: Nebr.

“The History of Winneshiek & Allamakee Counties, Iowa” by W. E. Alexander
1882 Sioux City, Western Publishing Company.
Pages 125, 196, 579 and others.

1870 Federal Census P.O. Decorah, Decorah Twp., Winneshiek Co., Iowa June 30, 1870 pg 36

House # 241

Fannon, Wm. M.	45 m	Virginia	Dry Goods Merchant
Fannon, Lucy	48 f	North Carolina	
Fannon, Wm. H.	20 m	Indiana	Clerk in Bank
Fannon, Julian	14 m	Iowa	
Fannon, George	11 m	Iowa	
Fannon, Mattie	7 f	Iowa	
Wedson, Mary	16 f	Norway	Domestic Servant

House # 242

Fannon, A. H.	70 m	Virginia	No occupation
Fannon, Mary	66 f	Virginia	Father's mother foreign born

Freeport Methodist Church Cemetery, Winneshiek Co., Iowa

Fannon, A R (A H) --- --- Co.F 46th Iowa Inf. (Note: WPA spelled A H Farman)
Fannon, Mary b. 1805 d. Feb 1, 1873 (Note: WPA spelled Mary Farman)
Fannon, William H b. Nov. 19, 1849 d. Dec. 19, 1882 (Note: WPA spelled Wm H Farnon)

Usgenweb Pictures from Freeport Cem., Winneshiek, Ia. pictures of the following stones:

A H Fannon Co. F 46th Iowa Inf.
William H Fannon Born Nov. 19, 1849 Died Dec. 19, 1882 Aged 33 yrs & 1 Mo.

1880 Federal Census Sherman Pct., Antelope Co., Nebraska June 7th, 1880 pg 6

House # 65

Thayer, Geo. O.	30 m		Ills	Ny.	Ohio	Married 1	Farming
" , Martha	29 f	wife	Ills	Va.	?	Married 1	
" , Maud	4 f	dau	Iowa	Ills	Ohio		
Fannon, Wm. H.	28 m	--	Ind.	Ills	NY	Lawyer	
Fannon, Geo W	21 m	Bro	Ind.	Ills	NY	Farming	

1880 Federal Census Decorah & W. Decorah Pct., Winneshiek, Iowa June 1, 1880 pg 10

House # 103 Listed in West Decorah

Fannon, William	55 m	Head	Va.	Va.	Va.	Married	Recorder
" , Lucy P	59 f	Wife	NC	NC	NC	Married	Keeping House
" , William H	31 m	Son	Ind.	Va.	NC	Attorney at Law	
" , Julian F	24 m	Son	Iowa	Va.	NC	Bookkeeper	
" , George W	21 m	Son	Iowa	Va.	NC	Barrister??	
" , Hattie M	17 f	Daughter	Iowa	Va.	NC	Clerk in Office	

Winneshiek Co. Iowa IA GENWEB Marriages 1881 – 1890

Wm. H. Fannon to Helen McKay 1881

Julian F. Fannon to Lydia A. Tavener 1882

Hattie H. Fannon to George W. Rankin 1883

1885 Iowa State Census pgs 16 & 17

Hellen Fannon	25 f	Widow	Winneshiek (Parents both naturalized citizens)
May Fannon	2 f	Single	Winneshiek

Civil War Pension Application

William M. Fannon 2nd Lieut. Co. D 6th Regiment Iowa Cavalry
Date of Filing: February 9, 1886 Invalid Application # 561.565 Certificate # 352.996
Widow " # 646.575

1895 Iowa State Census Frankorlls, Winneshiek Co., Ia pgs 411 & 412

House # 59

ET Wilcox	43 m	Pennsylvania	Married
Helen Wilcox	35 f	Win. Co., Iowa	Married (Probably the widow of Wm H.)
Frankey E Wilcox	17 f	Wisconsin	
Hattie M. Fannon	12 f	Win. Co., Iowa	(This is May, d/o Wm. H. & Hellen Fannon)

1900 Federal Census Clearwater Village, Clearwater Twp., Antelope Co, Nebraska June 3 & 4, 1900

House # 41

Fannon, Julian F	Head m	May, 1856	44	Married 18 yrs	Iowa Va.	NC	Merchant
Fannon, Lydia A.	Wife f	Sept, 1854	45	" " "	Iowa	England NY	
Fannon, Mattie B.	Step Dau	Nov, 1884	15	Single -----	Iowa ----	Ohio	

1900 Federal Census Royal Twp., Antelope Co., Nebraska June 22, 1900

House # 152

Fannon, George A?	Head m	Apr, 1859	41	Married 13 yrs	Iowa Va.	Va.	Gen. Merchant
Fannon, Ida B.	Wife f	Dec, 1867	32	" " "	Wis.	Mass. Mass.	
Fannon, George H ?	Son m	Oct, 1899	0	Single	Nebr.	Iowa Wis.	

1910 Federal Census Royal Town, Royal Twp., Antelope Co., Nebraska May 7, 1910

House # 241

Fannon, George W.	Head m	51	Married 23 yrs	Iowa	Ind.	NC	
Fannon, Ida B.	Wife f	43	" " " 2 0	Wis.	Mass.	Mass.	
Shannon, Tom	Servant	60	Single	Pa.	Ireland	Ireland	

House # 232

Fannon, Julian F	Head m	54	Married 28 yrs	Iowa	Ind.	Ind.	
Fannon, Lydia A.	Wife f	55	" " "	Iowa	England	NY	
Fannon, Mattie B.	A. Daughter	25	Single	Iowa	Iowa	Ohio	

1910 Federal Census Clearwater Village, Clearwater Twp., Antelope, Neb. April 10, 1910

Fannon, Julian F. Head m 53 Married 1 25 yrs? Iowa Va. Va.
(Apparently, Julian was counted twice in 1910)

1920 Federal Census Royal Village, Royal Twp., Antelope Co., Neb. January 21, 1920

House # 40

Fannon, George W. Head m 60 Married Iowa Ind. NC Merchant
Fannon, Ida B. Wife f 53 " Wis. Mass. Mass.

1920 Federal Census Clearwater Village, Clearwater Twp., Antelope Co., Neb.

House # 122

Fannon, Julian F. Head m 63 Marital Status unreadable Iowa Va. Va.

1930 Federal census Royal Village, Royal Twp., Antelope Co., Neb. April 22, 1930

House # 35

Fannon, Ida B. Head f 64 Widow Wis. Mass. Mass. Proprietor
Allen, Thurston Brother m 62 Single Wis. Mass. Mass.

Antelope Co., Nebraska Vital Records 1900 - 1930

George W. Fannon b. April 16, 1859 Location unknown d. Nov. 6, 1921 Antelope, Neb.
Cemetery: Royal, Neb.

George A. Fannon b. 1899 Location unknown d. 1907 Antelope, Neb.
Cemetery: Royal, Neb.

Ida B. Fannon b. Dec. 18, 1866 Location unknown d. May 3, 1958 Antelope, Neb.
Cemetery: Royal, Neb.

Jules Fannon b. 1856 Location unknown d. 1923 Antelope, Neb.
Cemetery: Laurel Hill, Neligh, Neb.

Lydia Anna Fannon b. Sept. 1, 1854 Location unknown d. Nov. 19, 1913 Antelope, Neb.
Cemetery: Laurel Hill, Neligh, Neb.

Willie G. Fannon b. 1893 Location unknown d. 1894 Antelope, Neb.
Cemetery: Royal, Royal, Neb.

USGENWEB Antelope Co., Nebraska

Mattie Barrett White Fannon was born in Clarinda, Iowa, on November 2, 1884. Her parents were Benjamin & Jossie West White. She was adopted when she was four years old by Jules & Lydia Fannon of Clearwater, Nebraska. Jules was a clerk in the District Court in Lincoln. Mattie graduated from Lincoln

High School in 1905. The family moved to Royal, Nebraska and ran a hotel. Mattie married Guy Earl Thornton in Sioux City, Iowa on June 10, 1910. They had five children: Florence, Gretchen, Benson, Janis & Phyllis. After Guy's death, Mattie moved with her daughter to Washington, D.C. She later moved to San Diego, California where she died on July 28, 1972.

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