

Arthur Gibson Family Information

Arthur Gibson was born in Buncombe County, North Carolina in 1803. While he was still young he moved to a farm near Greencastle, Indiana, now the county seat of Putman County Indiana. Here he met Jane Moore; she was born in Lawrence County, Indiana on October 5, 1811. There Arthur married her in 1830. In 1838 or 1839 with four children Arthur and Jane moved Westward by Oxcart into Illinois about 150 miles where they remained only a short time, probably just long enough to grow a crop with which to provide food and money to move on west. Then in December of 1839 they were over taken by very severe weather and they put up for the winter in a deserted long cabin. Some other settlers left the cabin in the westward movement. This cabin was located between the forks of the Little Hinkson Creek and the Big Hinkson Creek near Columbia Missouri in Boone County. Here James Alexander Gibson was born January 2, 1840. To keep the baby warm he was oiled with lard and placed in a pan near the open fireplace. In the spring of 1840 the family moved on westward to about 7 miles into what was then the Platte Purchase Territory which was opened to homesteaders by the United States Government. Buchanan County Missouri made up part of the Platte Purchase Territory. The homestead is described in the records as the SE Quarter Section 11 Township 55 Range 35W. This homestead was West of Gower Missouri on State Highway E. There Nancy Gibson was born in 1842, Clarissia in 1844, William Reynold in 1846 and George Wesley in 1848 the last of 9 children. In 1852 they built a new log cabin, It had hard wood floors and the logs were walnut with fireplace and chimney. All of the rocks and timber were on the homestead. Arthur Gibson died 1853 at the age of 50 years and his wife died January 13, 1884.

The Gibsons were all Frontier men and lived independent lives, farming and other pursuits, but never in the cities. They were prominent in the settlement of new counties in Indiana, Illinois, and Platte Purchase Territory. They raised hemp, sheep, and cattle. When Arthur Gibson died there was 600 acres of land in his farm.