

not far from Lexington, Kentucky, went to Illinois at the end of the year 1822. ISAAC and his brother, John, went to join their brother, Jacob, who was the first permanent settler in the small community of Fosterburg, Illinois. The first graveyard in Fosterburg Township was located on the Jacob Deck farm. ISAAC bought a farm and settled on a

place on Wood River, 3 miles northeast of Upper Alton, Madison Co. He lived there until 1853. He and his wife were connected with the Christian Church and his house near Alton was listed as being a stop on the church circuit. (1,7) ISAAC and HANNAH had eleven children.

On July 24, 1840, HANNAH died and was buried in the Deck cemetery on the Jacob Deck farm at Fosterburg. After HANNAH's death, ISAAC married Sarah Senecker. She died September 11, 1843. He then married Leodicy D. Cawood March 8, 1846, and they had six children, making ISAAC the father of 17 children. In 1853 he moved to Gillespie Township in Macoupin County, Illinois, just north of Madison County. Following Leodicy's death on September 5, 1859, it is believed that ISAAC married Catherine Smith sometime in the 1860's. (1) ISAAC died in Macoupin County March 3, 1873. ISAAC DECK was an industrious and energetic man, attended closely to his business affairs, and led the quiet and respected life of a farmer, without any wish to engage in public affairs. (7)

**JOHN E. DECK**, son of ISAAC and HANNAH, was born in Alton on May 1, 1832 while the family resided on Wood River. (1) At the time his father located there the Wood River settlements marked the frontier, all the region to the north being uninhabited except by the Indians, with perhaps now and then in this wild waste a solitary pioneer, who had ventured to establish himself remote from civilization. His father gave him and the others every opportunity in his power of going to school, but the schools were of so inferior a character, and compared so poorly with the facilities of the present day, that he had but little chance to obtain a thorough education. (7)

JOHN DECK's obituary indicates that he was married three times. The marriage of JOHN DECK to ISABELLA HALL on February 21, 1855 is recorded in Macoupin County, Illinois. (10) To this union six children were born. MILLARD FILLMORE, James M., Cordelia C., Mary E., Florence, and Lewis. (12,13) ISABELL died on April 17, 1868. JOHN next married Susie Droke, March 4, 1869. Three children were born to them but only Clara B. survived past childhood. Susie died on August 29, 1873. JOHN married his third wife, Mary F. Compton, on April 25, 1875.

JOHN and Mary came to Sumner County in the spring of 1884 after his son MILLARD F. had moved his family here in 1883. (13) He and MILLARD FILLMORE DECK are listed in the 1886 Sumner County directory. JOHN's brother Abraham brought his family to the area in 1888. (15) JOHN died March 31, 1902, and is buried in Eden Cemetery, Sumner County, Kansas, next to his brother and sister-in-law, Abraham and Mary Deck. (16) The Eden Township Cemetery records lists his name as JOHN E. DECK. (17) JOHN and Mary Deck are found on the 1900 Kansas State Census of Sumner County, Conway Township and JOHN's obituary states that they were still married at the time of his death. Nothing more is known about his wife, Mary, or when and where she may have died.