

History of Clarendale
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CLOVERDALE, OSCEOLA COUNTY, IOWA.

At the time the BCR & N, soon to be and now known as the Rock Island, branch line from Sibley to Gowrie was built, in about the year of 1900, J. T. Greenfield owned the West $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 34 and the East $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 33, in East Holman Township. A village was platted at this time in the S/E corner of the S/E Quarter of Section 33 with the intention of naming it Greenfield. It was soon discovered that a Greenfield, Iowa already existed in Adair County so the name of Cloverdale was selected. At the beginning there were established a depot, two grain elevators and a general store and postoffice. The store owner, George A. Romey, had an apartment in the back of the store, the railroad provided living quarters in the depot for the agent and a small residence was built east of the store for the manager of the south Stockdale elevator. Soon George B. Brunson, manager of the north Davenport elevator, moved his house in from $\frac{1}{2}$ mile south and located it where Martha Monier now lives. This house was later damaged by fire and torn down. About 1904, Ernest Grewe quit farming and built a home one block south of the store. This home is now occupied by James A. Heronimus. Also in 1904, Peter Sharbondy purchased the general store from Geo. A. Romey and employed Sebastian Miller and Clark Greenfield as clerks to operate it until 1905, at which time he had a farm closing-out sale and moved to Cloverdale, living in the rooms back of the store. About 1910, Peter Sharbondy built a residence west of the store and lived there as operator of the store and postmaster until his death in 1934. Later, a Lampert lumber yard was established and then a builder's hardware store of which Geo. B. Brunson became manager. A residence was erected for the Davenport elevator manager at about the site of E. C. (Bud) Mitchell's present home. Other managers of the Davenport elevator were Glen Brunson and A. E. Davis. The elevator business was later discontinued, the elevator torn down for salvage and the home sold and moved out of Cloverdale.

After World War I, about 1919 or 1920, Alvin L. Sharbondy, son of Peter Sharbondy built a garage and repair shop east of the store, sold gasoline, oil, tires, etc. and did general repair work. Automobiles serviced in those days included Model T Ford, Overland, Chalmers, R-C-H, Chevrolet "490", Allen, Metz, Luverne, Chandler, Cleveland, Jackson, Mitchell, Oakland, Maxwell and many others. This business was discontinued in 1930 and the building moved to Sibley where it was located on the C. St. P. M. & O. right-of-way and used by the Sharbondy Oil Company as an oil warehouse for 33 years. It was sold in 1964 and is now owned by Mauch Oil Company of Sibley. The Cloverdale depot, Davenport elevator, Lampert yards and hardware store are now gone. The general store has been converted to a residence and is the home of Romanas Monier. The Stockdale elevator residence, enlarged many years ago, is the home of Mrs. Le Roy (Marge) Renner. The only business place remaining in Cloverdale is the Stockdale elevator, now owned and operated by the Allendorf Co-Operative and is managed by Dennis Bosma of Allendorf. Other Early residents of Cloverdale who remained there for a considerable length of time were I. E. Crane and Mary Chew (now Mrs. A. A. Bishop) depot agents, Andrew Sharbondy, brother of Peter Sharbondy, F. E. Hankins and Barney Graves, elevator managers. Other old time residents were A. E. Smalley, Walter Pohlman, Herb Hayes, Clyde Greenfield, Clark Greenfield, Ernest Grewe and Ed Frary. Present residents are Dayton Monier, Mrs. Le Roy (Marge) Renner, Romanas Monier, Mrs. Andrew (Martha) Monier, Edward C. (Bud) Mitchell, James A. Heronimus, Daryl Renner and Omke Engelkes.

This history of Cloverdale is not the final copy that will be enclosed in the time capsule or published in the paper as I have made a few additions as follows -

1. and a blacksmith shop. The blacksmith, Louie Bruillette, lived above the shop, access by an outside srairway. The shop was equipped with a vertical steam boiler and a one cylinder horizontal engine belted to a grinder for plow and sickle sharpening. A forge, bellows and anvil completed the main part of the equipment. The shop was located one block west of the store. The lack of business, poor management or both soon doomed this enterprise. Mr. Greenfield had built and equipped the shop and, for lack of rent payment, came one morning and put an extra padlock on the door, thus ending the business. Mr. Bruillette moved away and in more recent years some of the family were operating an automobile body shop in Sioux City. The building remained vacant for several years and was finally torn down.

Pat Sharbondy
2. His daughter, Mrs. L. C. Dummett, operated the store for several years thereafter. The postoffice was discontinued about 1935. A Lam-pert lumber yard was established about 1915 and a builder's hardware store was added later of which George B. Brunson became manager.

3. Several years ago, Mr. & Mrs. Omke Engelkes opened a greenhouse and garden supply business two blocks east of the store location. This busniess and the Stockdale elevator are the only two business places remaining in Cloverdale.

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