Blackwell hall corruptly so called, properly Bakewell-hall, formerly belonged to the antient family of the Bassings, and thence called Bassing’s-hall, as the Wards of Coleman-street and Farringdon, from the names of the principal families there. Thomas Bakewell dwelt in this house in 36 Edw. III. Being burnt in 1666, was re-built by Christ’s Hospital in 1672, to whom the City gave the profits, about 1100l per annum.
Origin of the
Iowa Bakewells
Stowe, Staffordshire

Gen. 
# 
20 John = Sarah
Bakewell Hill
married October 18, 1769

21 James Thomas = Ann Arthur Anne
Bakewell Hill Ellen Mary
Leigh, Staffordshire
married February 1, 1812

22 Thomas William John James Edwin Ann
Hill
married Sarah Ann Hunt married Margaret Walsh
on August 5, 1844 on March 28, 1853
Birmingham, England New Orleans, Louisiana

Issue:
John (1848-1906) John Walter (1854-1922)
Edwin (1850-1874) William (1856-1941)
James (1851-1919) Martin (1860-1933)
William (1853-1855) Peter (1864-1935)
Samuel Hunt (1855-1915) Edward Sidney (1866-1933)
Thomas Hill (1857-1952) Thomas (1868-1913)
Charles (1858-1898) Charlotte (1858-1860)
× Reuben (1860-1936) Mary Ann (1861-1953)

24 George Son of Reuben
73
25 Maria Vermon
John Bakewell of Allamakee County
(1820-1879) Early Iowa Pioneer
An Uncompromising Republican

Above portrait of Mr. Bakewell from
W. E. Alexander’s 1882 history was
included on page 64 of Part I.
John Bakewell
(1820-1879)
Early Iowa Pioneer

In all his relations with his fellowman, Mr. Bakewell was considerate and straightforward. Politically, he was an uncompromising Republican, and his vote and influence were cast in that direction. He was gifted with unusual musical ability, and those who have heard him sing the familiar ballads of years gone by have enjoyed a rare and pleasing privilege. He was an indulgent father, and an exemplary man, and will be missed in a large circle of true and devoted friends.

— from The Lansing Mirror, published Friday, April 25, 1879 at Lansing, Iowa.

The year was 1844. "Honest John" Tyler, tenth U.S. president (1841-1845) was in the White House negotiating a treaty for the annexation of the Republic of Texas, and deep in the heartland of North America, the newly erected Iowa Territory was recording a total human population of 75,152. Meanwhile in September of that year, a light, three-masted sailing vessel, The Great Britain of New York, having set out from Liverpool, England, was slowly approaching the Port of New York on our eastern seacoast.

Aboard this comparatively small ship with a burthen of 724 93/95 tons were 44 immigrant passengers and considerable cargo. Inspection
of the ships manifest shows that passenger No. 30 was Mr. John Bakewell of Birmingham. See the accompanying illustration. We now continue this chapter with an account first written on the 150th anniversary of Mr. Bakewell's birth:

**Sesquicentennial Highlights**

The year 1970 marked the 150th anniversary of the birth of John Bakewell an early pioneer in the State of Iowa. Mr. Bakewell is mentioned in an old county history published in 1882 wherein it states he was born in Worcestershire, England in 1820. This shire is one of three Midland counties that interlace geographically to form the City of Birmingham. The other two counties are Staffordshire and Warwickshire.

It is on record that John was the (third) son of Thomas, Schoolmaster and Ann (née Hill) Bakewell. Existing records indicate that the Bakewells moved southward to Highgate, Worcestershire from the center of Birmingham shortly before John was born. Furthermore, about this time the family became actively non-conformist and because of this reason it has been difficult to find an official parish record of John’s birth and thereby confirm the precise date which is said to be April 20, 1820. Fortunately, we do have baptismal records from the Established Church for his older siblings.

John’s father, Thomas Bakewell, who was descended from a very old and armigerous English family, is not only referred to frequently in English civil records as schoolmaster, but is also said to have been a minister. Parish records of the day in that area show the family was affiliated with the Wesleyan movement.

John’s wife, Sarah Ann Hunt, was born in Erdington, Warwickshire, now part of Birmingham, in 1817. Her parents, Samuel Hunt, shoemaker and Ann Clamp, were married in January of 1814 in the Parish of Aston (Juxta Birmingham) where Hunt family entries are recorded as follows:

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<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Participants</th>
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<tr>
<td>3 Jan. 1814</td>
<td>M Samuel Hunt &amp; Ann Clamp</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Witnesses: Edward &amp; Mary Clamp</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>11 Dec. 1814</td>
<td>C Eliza d/o Samuel &amp; Ann Hunt, of Erdington, Cordwainer</td>
<td></td>
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</table>

10 Mar. 1816  C    Joseph, son  
(born 22 Feb.)
23 Nov. 1817  C    SARAH ANN, daughter  
(born 24 Oct.)
13 June 1820  C    Mary, daughter  
(born — not stated)
23 June 1822  C    Harriett, daughter  
(born 30 May)  M-married  C-Christened

We see from the records, it was in the parish of Birmingham at St. Philip's Church\(^2\) where, at age 24, our John Bakewell married Sarah Ann Hunt on August 5, 1844. Facsimile copies of the marriage certificate which lists John's occupation as groom, can be obtained from Somerset House, London, England. Official witnesses at the ceremony were Emma Hunt and Julius Caesar Bradford. Marriage register entry by B. Spurrell, Curate.

John and Sarah apparently began their journey to America almost immediately after their marriage, proceeding to Liverpool where they boarded the *Great Britain*, captained by Augustus Proal and with a burthen of some 725 tons. In the ship's manifest, John and (Sarah) Ann are mentioned (passengers No. 30 and No. 31) on the first page. This historic ocean voyage for the Allamakee Bakewells was completed on September 14, 1844 when John and Sarah landed in the Port of New York.\(^3\)

**The Great Britain of New York**

Record Group 41, Stock Area 15E3
Vol. 170, Register, Sail, Steam, Unrigged 3-9-1826 to 6-17-1826 Register #234 — Jeremiah Thompson of the city, county and State of New York, registers the *Great Britain of New York*. He is the owner. Frances French is the master. The ship was built at NYC in 1824 as per certificate of Messrs. Brown and Bell, master carpenters, under whose direction she was built. The ship has 2 decks, 3 masts, is 138'6" long — breadth is 34'2", depth is 17'1". She measures 724 93/95 tons. She is a square sterned ship, has a round tuck, no galleons, and a billet head. Dated 6-14-1826

This is, indeed, the ship cited in Microcopy M237, Roll 56, list 802 — i.e., the one on which your people came. You will note that list 802 shows Augustus Proal was the master of that ship and you will note in

\(^2\)Known today as the Cathedral Church of St. Philip's, it was designed in the Italian Baroque style by Thomas Archer and consecrated in 1715. With the formation of the Birmingham diocese it became the Cathedral about 1905.

\(^3\)See *Panoramic View of New York in 1844* by Robert Havell, Jr. Courtesy of the New York Historical Society.
Sarah A. Bakewell
(1817-1898)
née Sarah Ann Hunt

Earlier photograph of this lady in Part I of Bakewell series, page 65.
In the U.S. Census of 1850, we have an official government record of the Bakewell party: Census Record of the family of John Bakewell as it appears in the 1850 Census Returns for the County of Allamakee, State of Iowa, Volume 28, Page 12, Line 1:

<table>
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<th>Age</th>
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<th>Birthplace</th>
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<tr>
<td>John Bakewell</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>England</td>
<td>Farmer</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sarah A. Bakewell</td>
<td>33</td>
<td>F</td>
<td>England</td>
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<td>Emma Bakewell</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>New York</td>
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<td>John Bakewell</td>
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<td>Edwin Bakewell</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>Wisconsin</td>
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<tr>
<td>James Bakewell</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>England</td>
<td>Farmer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Robert Colhoun</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>Scotland</td>
<td>Farmer</td>
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Census returns filed November 2, 1850.

The reader will note that James Bakewell (1822-1873) was living in the household of his brother John and family in 1850. Just when, precisely, James joined the party in America is not known. However, family tradition tells us that James first married in England before leaving for the United States and that his wife died on the voyage to America and was buried at sea.

It is said that James landed in New Orleans although no records have been found to confirm this. An exhaustive and costly search was made in an attempt to find the passenger list for his ship but with no success. It is reported by those in a position to know that some of the early Port Authority Records from New Orleans were destroyed by fires. Further, in searching the available or existing passenger lists for the period, our researcher in the National Archives checked all the names of people who died en route. "A surprising number; some of the ships were really plague ships."

James later remarried and settled in Center Township. See Chapter 10. This fine collateral Bakewell family is deserving of a separate and more definitive genealogical treatment.

The U.S. Census of 1860 reflects, at least in part, the growth of the John Bakewell family during the preceding decade: Census Record of the family of John Beckwell as it appears in the 1860 Census Returns for the township of Lansing, County of Allamakee, State of Iowa. Vol. 69, page 9, line 24:

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<td>Sarah Beckwell</td>
<td>39</td>
<td>F</td>
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After her husband’s death, Sarah Ann Bakewell lived on for nearly two decades at the Bakewell home in Lansing Township. Her son Reuben had taken over operation of the farm. Subsequent census reports refer to Sarah simply and with dignity as a “retired lady.” The *Lansing Mirror* of Lansing, Iowa published Friday, January 21, 1898 records her passing thus:

**SARAH A. BAKEWELL DEAD**

After a Continuous Residence of Nearly Fifty Years in the County

Sarah Ann Hunt Bakewell was born on the 24th day of October, 1816, at Erdington, Warwickshire, England. She died on the 14th day of January, 1898, at the Bakewell homestead in Lansing township, at the age of eighty-one years, two months and twenty-two days. She married John Bakewell in 1844 in England, and the same year emigrated to America, stopping in New York city about one year, and again in Illinois a few years, reaching this place in February, 1850, where she has resided forty-eight years and eleven months. She was the mother of nine children: Emma, John, Edwin, James, William, Samuel, Thomas, Charles and Reuben, seven of whom are now living. She leaves twenty-nine grandchildren and one great grandchild. She had been a member of the Methodist church for more than half a century, and died in the faith of our Lord.

The above information is kindly furnished by the family. To this we may add that the funeral from the home at 2 p.m. on Monday was one of the largest in the history of the county, thus testifying the high esteem in which the deceased lady was held. The remains were laid to rest in the little burying ground near by, Rev. Heath of New Albin conducting the service at the home. Mother Bakewell lived to see her large family of children grow up and prosperous, and her easy and painless death was a fitting close to a life well spent. Long will her kind acts and good deeds live in the memory of those who mourn, and her noble, Christian life will ever serve as a guide and shining light to be followed by those she leaves behind. Of her, it may truly be said, “Well done, good and faithful servant.”

Both John and Sarah Bakewell are buried in May’s Prairie Cemetery, Lansing, Iowa. Two or three years after Sarah’s death, about 1901, the graves of all deceased family members were removed and placed in a family plot in May’s Prairie. It is said that John’s brother James, who also came to Allamakee County, is buried in the adjoining plot.

**May’s Prairie Cemetery**

A tall, upright monument supporting the traditional urn is the focal point in the Bakewell family plot in May’s Prairie Cemetery across the road from the John Bakewell homestead. One elevation is inscribed to John; the opposite one to Sarah Ann:
JOHN BAKEWELL left this life
April 23, 1879
Age 59
born in England
I can no longer stay with you
My . loving crown appears within
All is well All is well

Because of the erosion from ordinary weathering over the years, it is
quite difficult to read the inscriptions. Yet this large stone is in reason­
ably good condition. Some restoration work has been done, cleaning
and remounting, and in 1972 we placed a marker there for James
Bakewell (1822-1873) where we have been told he is buried. Also, we
added the names of William (1853-1855) and Edwin (1850-1874) on a
clear surface of the big stone. At one time there was a small loose stone
bearing the initials, E.J.B., presumably for Edwin who died in 1874:

Died — Bakewell in Windsor Township, Fayette County, July 30, Edwin
J. Bakewell, aged 24 years, 6 months, 24 days. Deceased second son of
John Bakewell of Lansing township. He was a very worthy young man
and our loss is greatly lamented by a large circle of friends in both

**Legal Description of Cemetery**

Burial records for May’s Prairie go back only to 1898. Located on the
Lansing and Dorchester highway, the cemetery is across the road
from the old original John Bakewell homestead dating back to 1850.
His son, Reuben, succeeded to this property and the Bakewell cemetery
lot number 7 is under the name of R. Bakewell.

The May’s Prairie Cemetery is approximately .79 acre in the Southeast
Quarter of Section 20, Township 99 North, Range 4 West of the 5th P.M.
in Lansing Township, Allamakee County, Iowa. There is approximately
one-half acre in the Northeast part of the Southeast Quarter of Section
20, which is out of the present Opel Wendell farm and the adjoining
remainder of .29 acres is out of the Richard Weber farm in the Northeast
Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of such Section 20. It would be
approximately a mile and a half North of the little settlement of ‘Church­
town’ on Iowa Highway 9. — James E. Thomson, Attorney at Law,

Our commentary began with reference to the article on John Bake­
well in the 1882 history book. Now, finally, here it is en toto:

John Bakewell (deceased) whose portrait appears elsewhere, was born
in Worcestershire, England, in 1820. When he was 24 years of age he
emigrated to America. The first year he spent in the eastern portion of
the U.S., and then came to Allamakee Co., immediately procured land
and engaged in farming, which he continued until the time of his death, which occurred April 23, 1879. His first year in Allamakee was a rather unfortunate one, as he lost the greater part of his stock by their straying away the first winter, and he was unable to recover them until the following fall: but by hard work and good management he became one of the wealthiest farmers of Allamakee Co., and highly respected by all who knew him. He married Sarah A. Hunt the same year he left England. She was also born in England. They have 7 children, who have all reached maturity, and who are well situated, financially.

Regarding the progeny of John and Sarah Ann Bakewell, it is known that 10 children were born to them. One infant son died unnamed. Of the remaining nine siblings, eight grew to adulthood:

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<td>d. July 30, 1874</td>
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<td>James</td>
<td>b. October 19, 1851</td>
<td>d. Dec. 29, 1919</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>William</td>
<td>b. July 9, 1853</td>
<td>d. July 30, 1855</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thomas Hill</td>
<td>b. March 6, 1857</td>
<td>d. Jan. 10, 1952</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Charles</td>
<td>b. December 11, 1858</td>
<td>d. ca. Sept. 1898</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reuben</td>
<td>b. December 13, 1860</td>
<td>d. Nov. 15, 1936</td>
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S.E.B. April, 1970