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Hi all,

Just received the cemetery records from Haines Township Marion County Illinois today. No Romine's listed, but will be glad to look for other surnames if you have had anyone living in Marion County from about the early 1800's to now.

They also sent me Richland County Marriages 1840-1915. It did verify the dates of marriages for three of my Romine's.

Abraham Romine married Sarah E. Fletcher 09/27/1857 Ephraim Romine married Eliza J. Henits 07/05/1868 John Romine married Nancy A. Odell 11/06/1863

There was also:

Michael Rominger married Sarah Wiseman 01/26/1862

There are several "RONEY" listed if anyone is interested in those names let me know.

Marion County Illinois Marriages Alphabetic Page 318 1831-06-30 Romine, John -Wallace, Levinia 1830-12-03 Romine, Sally - Jones, Zachariah and there are a couple of Rooney's listed.

1860 Census Richland County Illinois shows Romins, A. 29 M Laborer born in IN Romins, Sarah 20 F born in IL

ROMINE TOWNSHIP, ILLINOIS

Town I, range 4 east, is known by the name of Romine. It lies as its numbers indicate, in the southeast corner of the county. A portion of this township is rough, broken land, and nearly all was originally heavily timbered. A small section of Donoho Prairie lies within this township. Skillet Fork is the principal stream. It takes a meandering course across the township from near the middle on the north to near the east line on the south. A small branch on the west is known as Paint Rock. The soil in the lowlands is very good, that of the hills not so productive. Most of the timber of value has been cut off and now nothing remains of the once magnificent forest but "tie" timber, and coal props. The township was named after Abram Romine, one of the early settlers. It is said that a man named Adams was the first white man to live in Romine, but no trace of him remains. Joseph Helms and ${\tt John}$ Dillon came to the township in 1826. Helms located on section 28: Dillon did not enter any land and left the township. William Brewer, of Kentucky, brought his family in 1827 and settled on section 29. W. P. Byers, born in Virginia, moved to Kentucky and then to Tennessee, where he married Nancy Sutton in 1827 moved with his family to Marion county and settled in Romine. He left eleven children at his death in 1873, a few of whom are still living. William Donaho settled on the strip of prairie extending into this township from Haines and his memory is kept alive by the name of the prairie where he first settled. Ellis Branson came from Tennessee and settled on section 30 in 1838, in Haines, but

moved into Romine in 1881. Ephraim Meadows moved by ox teams from Tennessee in 1829, bringing his wife and six children to Romine. He was the first County Surveyor and a man of character.

Joseph Stonecipher, the founder of the numerous family of Stoneciphers of this county, came with his mother and sister from Tennessee in 840. They traveled by ox team and settled on section 31. The first school was taught at the home of Benjamin Litteral, with Henry Darnell as teacher. Another very early school was taught in a miserable log hut by Thomas Cohorn. He "boarded round" and received ten dollars per month. The first school house was a log house with a sawed plank floor. It was near the Stonecipher home. The first church was on Donaho Prairie and was built of logs. There are two Baptist, one Methodist Episcopal and one Christian church in the township.

This township, on account of the rough, hilly character of a portio of its territory, was a favorite hiding place for criminals in past days, but it is fast becoming settled so thickly that the hiding places are disappearing and the law-abiding element is largely in the ascendant and crime is not as frequent as in the more populous centers. The people are a virtuous, industrious class of farmers, who are content to live at peace with each other and the world. There were two post offices in the township until the establishment of the rural free delivery, which now supplies the best mail facilities to the people. There are no towns in the township and the only industry is agriculture and the day is not far distant when this township will lead in farm products.

So now we know how Romine Township got its name and some about the earlier people. Thought maybe some of these names might tie in with other surname that some of you might be researching.

Linda

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