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Cotton family reunion Saturday in Oskaloosa

The Cotton family is returning to its roots. Descendents of the three Cotton brothers, Henry, George Washington and John, will hold their biennial family reunion at the Oskaloosa City Park from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31.

The Cottons have done extensive research into their family's past. Family members and friends are invited to attend to exchange information and visit..

The Cottons were former slaves who emmigrated to the Oskaloosa area from Platte County, Mo., in January of 1888. They are related by marriage to many of the former black families of this area namely the Gaines, Hollands, Nichols, Bells, Irwins, Hamptons, Tompkins, Burnetts, and Todds.

Dorothy Reynolds, who died this year at the age of 92, was the daughter of Van Cotton and the granddaughter of George Washington Cotton. Prior to her death, she was the last member of the Cotton family still residing in Oskaloosa.

Platte County Enslavers:

Isaac Cotton, David S. Irwin, Elijah Hampton, and numerous Gaines/Gains, Hollands, Nichols, Bells, Burnetts, and Todds.

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