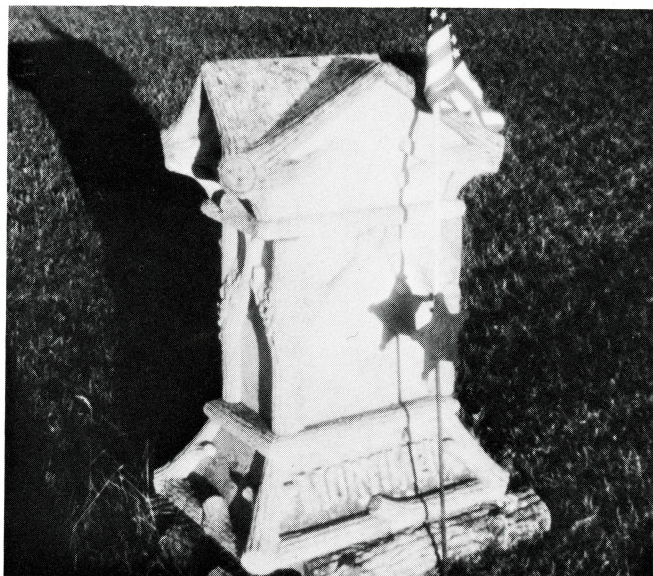


Cup and Plate and Civil War Pistol of Daniel Branson



Grave of Reverend Mortimer, Civil War Veteran



Daniel Branson's tombstone in Morgan Cemetery



Grandpa and Granny Johnson.

state highway. He butchered for the local meat markets, sorted potatoes in the fall of the year and plowed gardens for the villagers in the spring. One of his greatest pleasures was fiddling and all the community dances honored John by hiring him to play for the evening's entertainment. In 1924, he lost his wife, Mabel, and moved back to the homestead at School Section Lake. Indebtedness forced him to sell the heirship homestead property in 1929, and he moved his family back to Mecosta Village in 1930. He bought the dray business from Joe Detzler that same year and served the community as its official "hauler" until automotive transportation became an individual thing and

everyone hauled for himself. He shared the ice and bait business with Dave Lewis. Again progress slowly deminished the ice business as individual homeowners purchased electric refrigerators. Of the six children born to John and Mabel, five graduated from Mecosta High School. The youngest died at infancy. John was the last of a rugged, independent, individualistic people, who found joy in living and accepted the ups and downs of life as character building. His descendants have been happy to have shared his life.

— Marguerite Berry Jackson