

Friday Funny: Spellbinding Entertainment

—The Young People's Societies of the M. E. Church will hold a union sociable on the church lawn Saturday evening, Aug. 3. Cake and ice cream will be served from 6 to 10 o'clock. Spelling contest between Senior and Junior Leagues at 8 o'clock. Don't fail to attend this spell-binding entertainment.

"Spellbinding entertainment" in Monroe, Iowa. 2 August 1895 "Monroe Mirror," Vol. 23, No. 40, Page 3, Column 3.

Roberts Family *(Click for Family Tree)*

Our ancestors Elizabeth Ann Murrell and her husband John Roberts lived in/near Monroe, in Jasper County, Iowa. It has always been a small town, and they made their own entertainment, as people still do in small towns. They were also members of the M. E. (Methodist Episcopal) Church there, so may have been chaperones or otherwise involved in this "sociable" on the church lawn.

Of course, don't miss the pun. Many of us know an incredibly wonderful man who was born in Jasper County, and who would never miss a chance for a pun... Maybe he came by that ability/terrible trait honestly by growing up in its midst? (Though this 'sociable' was way before his time.)

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