

Audlem Emigrants to America

John Cheney Baddeley was baptised in Audlem on June 5th 1818 along with a sister Sarah. Their parents were Josiah described as 'gentleman' and Sarah Baddeley of Audlem.

He emigrated to America in June 1832 with his parents going to Cleveland Ohio first then LeRoy, Kansas in Oct 1835 and to Champaign, Illinois in 1853.

it is reported that when Abraham Lincoln was a young lawyer suggested to represent them in a case of theft in 1837 he was turned down as too rustic.

He had at least two sons. He was the first dry goods merchant and postmaster in Champaign. He continued in business until about 1880 and died on March 30th 1895. He was one of the oldest settlers and highly respected. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.