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Observe 60th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Lowman observed their 60th wedding anniversary quietly at their home here on Sunday. That evening a group of neighbors and friends surprised them when they came for a social evening. The evening hours were spent at cards.

The Lowmans were married here Dec. 31, 1901, at the Presbyterian parsonage, by the Rev. Theodore Morning. They drove six miles with a team hitched to a top buggy, to get to town, on that occasion. It was a spring-like day, with no snow, as they recalled. Attendants were Mrs. Morning and Otto Remender, brother of the bride. Mrs. Lowman was the former Lucy Jane Remender. She was born Sept. 10, 1883, six miles south of Madison on a farm that her father Frederick Remender took as a tree claim. Mr. Lowman, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lowman was born Sept. 5, 1878 in North Carolina.

The Lowmans have one daughter, Mrs. A. C. (Dorothy) Anderson of Washongal, Wash., eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Excerpts from The Madison Star-Mail, Thur. Jan. 4, 1962, page 1.

Observe 64th Wedding Date

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Finkral observed their sixty-fourth wedding anniversary at their home here in Madison, last evening (Wednesday), when a group of about twenty-five relatives gathered for a social evening. At that time seven of their children and the families were present. Other members of the family visited in the parental home during the afternoon, in order to break up the crowd, somewhat.

Bessie Holy and James Finkral were married Jan. 31, 1898, at the Schoolcraft Church ten miles west and two north of Madison. They made their home on a farm a quarter mile west of this church for the next fifty-two years, having moved to Madison in 1950.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Finkral, who are 89 and 83, respectively enjoy pretty good health, and are up and about, doing for themselves, day by day. Their daughter, Mrs. Rose Sobotka makes her home with them. Source: The Madison Star-Mail, Thur. Feb. 1, 1962, page 1.

News Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Botsch Sr., visited Sunday in the home of his sister, Mrs. A. A. Aukerman in Leigh.

Irvin and Reinholdt Kohl of Meadow Grove were supper guests New Years Eve in the home of the former's sister, Mrs. Ed Ganser.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Copley and Gene Copley of Red Cloud were holiday guests in the home of their sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Drake. Mr. and Mrs. Leland Drake and Rita of Smith Center, Kansas were holiday guests in the home of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Drake. Source: The Madison Star-Mail, Thur. Jan. 4, 1962, page 6

President's Message

Greetings to our members,

We have created another year of memories for ourselves and for our families and relatives. We are starting out another year with a new white sheet of paper. What will be written on it over the course of this new year? Have you found all the things you have been searching for on your relatives? Take a pencil to that paper and write down the things you are looking for.

I know that spring and summer will be here before we know it. Organize your files now while we are inside from the cold. Take time to prepare your search materials so you will be ready for that trip. I know it is enjoyable to drive but even more so when a cemetery is the destination. My house should be next to a cemetery as I spend a lot of time there even in a cemetery I do not know. I have been known to stop while on a trip to see another cemetery. My eyes are always open to find the trees that surround a cemetery.

As you prepare now for those trips you will be better able to go on that visit to another location. You just never know when or where that next piece of information will be found. If you have any ideas for the newsletter or any submissions please send them to us. Join us when you are in this area. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

Richard Strenge

Society notes

The Society did not have a meeting in November. There were only two members who dared to drive on the ice that morning. It was not a safe condition to drive on especially in town. So we will hold our next business meeting on Feb. 18, 2012. We do not meet in December due to the busy time it is with Christmas and all the activities that happen with it.

Our Christmas party will be held on Jan. 21, 2012 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at The Granary here in Norfolk. We hope the weather will cooperate so we can be there to enjoy the good food and the fun we have with the games.

If you have something to share with our readers please let us know. As you can see from the prior issue and this current issue we do have some interesting material that was submitted by some of our members. Thank you for your submissions.

This packrat has learned that what the next generation will value most is not what we owned, but the evidence of who we were and the tales of how we loved. In the end, it's the family stories that are worth the storage.

-Ellen Goodman, The Boston Globe

Rush Floyd and Virginia Irene (Strange) Osborn/e

By Beverly Cox French and Donalee Collier Dietrich

Continued from the November/December 2011 issue

When Jennie got to her new home and found out that she would be using cow chips for fuel in her cook stove, she immediately ordered from Sears or Montgomery Ward—Mamie Osborn Collier told me this story and she had forgotten which one—a pair of metal tongs to use to throw the chips from the chip basket into the fire! The tongs were heavy and clumsy so we don't think the tongs would have been used long, at least for that purpose. We are thinking she probably used a glove after a short time using the tongs!

Many of their neighbors were from Grayson County also. To name a few surnames: Boyer, Long Pool, Phipps, Isom, Mitchell, James, McMillen, Osborn, Cox, Mink, Can*. In fact the community north of Mullen began to be called the "Virginia Community 59 (or Virginia Settlement) as there were so many settlers from Grayson County who had come to Nebraska to get land of their own. In Europe a person had to be wealthy to own land. The chance for an ordinary person to get land of his own, especially when it was being given away was very tempting and many came from the east coast as well as foreign countries to take advantage of this opportunity.

Jennie found the Sandhills of Nebraska much different than her homeland. She missed the trees, rocks and mountain streams. The family's oral history says she could see only one tree from the house—a red cedar on a hill some distance away. The story says that there was a prairie fire that burned close to the tree after Jennie and Colonel's son Charlie was old enough to save the tree from being burned up. Charlie knew how important that one tree was to his mother and managed to save it. Osborn's had by then planted other trees around the home site but they were still small. As of (2008) that tree is still growing on the hill. It has become the symbol (icon) of the Osborn family. Ken, Charlie's son has put it in his will that his ashes are to be spread under that tree and Kelly, daughter of Marty, has a tattoo of the tree on her back!

(see end of story for ID)

Osborn's son Charles was born in 1903. It was a hard birth and so Jennie's mother, Mary "Mollie" Mitchell, decided to move from Edgewater in Grayson County to Nebraska with her son, Wiley Mitchell, Jennie's half brother, and help the Osborn's out. Osborn's daughter Mary Irene "Mamie" was born in 1904 and their daughter Donna in 1911. Grandma Mitchell's help was definitely needed and appreciated, as well as Wiley's! Wiley built a house for his mother and himself. Eventually he got some land of his own.

Colonel and Jennie tried to think of ways to make money on the homestead and decided to start a country store. They also bought and tested cream and took it to the train depot in Mullen to ship to Ravenna, Nebraska. The cream was kept cold in the milk trough. (This was a wooden trough in the milk house that had cold water from a windmill piped through it. The water was only cold if the wind was blowing at sufficient speed to turn the mill.) In hot weather Colonel took the cream wagon the



12 miles into Mullen while it was still cool out. If the cream got too hot it "boiled" up out of the cream cans which not only made a big mess but wasted a lot of cream. One summer day it had gotten very hot by the time Colonel got to the Middle Loup River with his wagon load of cream. He stopped his team, peeled off his clothes and waded into the water where he sat in the water under the bridge until he was cool! Sometimes they ordered ice cream from the Ravenna Creamery for special occasions like the Fourth of July. It would come packed in dry ice. They would then sell it at Long's Grove or wherever the community was gathering that year in celebration. They also bought eggs. Sometimes they bought seeds to resell or took seeds or other produce against the customer's grocery bill. Colonel always planted large watermelon patches and he sold a lot of melons over the years.

Friday was "cream day" and was also a social gathering for the community. People brought in their cream and eggs and often used the money they received to buy groceries at the store. At the suggestion of their neighbors and relatives, Colonel and Jennie applied to have a post office to include with their country store. They applied for it in Colonel's name because they thought a man was more likely to be accepted as a postmaster. R. F. "Colonel" Osborn became postmaster August 20, 1907. Jennie named the post office "Cherry" after the county. It was located at T26, R32, S21 in the center of the southern portion of Cherry County, Nebraska. Maps from 1908 to the 1950s show "Cherry" as a dot on the map like a town would have. Because there was a post office there, it was put on maps as were other country post offices of the time even though only one family usually lived at the site. You could say, truthfully, that Colonel and Jennie put their part of Cherry County on the map! Jennie did almost all the post office work while Colonel was out working on the ranch. They had the post office for 33 years. The way postmasters in country post offices were paid was they got the money from all cancelled stamps. At a penny per postal card letter, that probably wasn't much income. They could mail off their own mail including their eggs for free, though. So many people sent money orders they bought at the post office to Sears Roebuck and Montgomery Ward that special stamps were issued for those firms. If someone was sending an order to one of these mail order houses, the postmaster just had to stamp the money order and envelope with the special stamp and the purchaser wouldn't have to write the whole name out by hand. No doubt this was a big help in an era when many people could not read or write well.

At first the store was a lean-to built onto the west side of Osborn's house. Later it was moved to a separate building southwest of the house. Some items sold in the store were: staples such as flour, sugar and other baking necessities; several brands of coffee which could be purchased ground or as coffee beans; tea; bananas sometimes—Mamie said they often had big spiders on them; oranges, lemons and apples sometimes; picture post cards; hat pins; candy in bins; canned meats such as sardines; a few patent medicines; hankies; crackers. Cookies came in large metal cans, were very hard and were sold by the pound. In later years the store sold soda pop but in the early years they sold SIZZ. It came in a cobalt blue bottle sealed with a waxed cork and was a powdered substance that effervesced when mixed with water. It came in four flavors—root beer, lemon, orange and celery! A few clothing items like gloves and overalls were in stock. One could order a pattern from the pattern catalog; there was a book of fabric swatches. Customers could pick a sample from the fabric swatch book, a pattern from the pattern book, be measured, send in the order to a clothing manufacturer and receive back a custom-made suit or dress.

Shortly after the post office was established, J. H. Welton, who was editor of Mullen's weekly newspaper, the Hooker County Tribune, established the U. S. Land Office there. He and A. G. Humphrey, Hooker County Attorney, came to take homestead filings and, later on, final proofs.

Here are some special stories about the store:

One day a man brought in some cream and while Colonel was testing it he sat on the sulfuric acid barrel to visit. He was soon up and running for the 10 horse tank which he sat in for some time! The

store sold a new pair of overalls that day! The acid was used to determine the butterfat content of the cream which, of course, determined the price.

One of the steady cream customers was Lorene Isom, a lady well known for her cleanliness. She was a single lady and did her own milking. Her cream was always very well strained and clean. One day she came to the cream testing shed and gave Colonel her cream can. She went in the house to visit with Jennie and whatever other folks had come to the store that day. Much to Colonel's surprise, when he stirred up Lorene's cream to get a sample out to test, his stirrer struck something hard—and it was a mouse! He couldn't let a chance for a good joke like that go unnoticed so off he went to the house holding the mouse by the tail to show everyone what he had found in Lorene's cream! I don't know if she ever forgave him! (She was also from Grayson County.)

The Osborn's became well known for their hospitality. Jennie commented to her daughter that it seemed as if someone was knocking almost every night in the early days to say they were lost and to ask directions. Often they were bedded down for the night. Sometimes travelers just stopped to rest their horses. Many times Jennie nursed the sick and assisted the neighbors when death came to their homes. She always had an interest in promoting education for the neighborhood children and Sunday school and church. She went to church whenever she could.

In later years she wrote a column for the Hooker County Tribune, a weekly newspaper published in Mullen. Many people admired her for her literary style and vocabulary. She wrote the news of her community but also wrote about living in Grayson County, Virginia, and about her early day experiences in the Sandhills of Nebraska.

Colonel died the 26th of June 1943 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Alliance, Nebraska. He is buried in the Cedarview Cemetery just east of Mullen, Nebraska, in Hooker County. He died after the nurses left him out in the sun too long while he watched a parade that went by the hospital. It was thought that getting too hot caused him to have a coronary embolism.

The year after Colonel's death, Jennie bought a home in Mullen and sold the ranch to her son Charles. His partner Floyd Carr lived on the place and did the ranch work. Charles had worked his way through the University of Nebraska and had a career as a geologist. (One of his big projects was helping plan and supervise the building of Kingsley Dam near Ogallala, Nebraska.) Jennie lived in her home in Mullen until she broke her hip and it was necessary for her to go into a rest home. Her grandson Dan Osborn, Charles' son, and his family now own the Osborn ranch.

Osborn's daughters, Mamie and Donna, went to College several summers and taught in country schools until they both married in 1935.

Jennie died July 1, 1962, at the Alice Poole Rest Home at Mullen. She was the only daughter her mother had and the last of Mollie's children to die. She is also buried in the Cedarview Cemetery at Mullen. Only two of her brothers lived to adulthood. Both were born in Grayson County.

Jennie's only full blood brother, Robert Lee Strange, preceded her in death when he was in his twenties. He and his wife died very agonizing deaths from typhoid fever while living in Florida. Their young son, Eli Strange was taken to an orphanage in Florida. Robert had wanted Jennie to take Eli into her home but the cost of going to Florida to get him and the cost of raising him plus the fact that she had all the work she could do—two children and a husband to cook, wash, iron, and mend for plus gardening and raising chickens and so many other jobs. Eli grew up in the orphanage and then went to trade school in Michigan, married and had a son of his own. The son died while he was in the army. Eli died in 1999 in Michigan.

When Mary "Mollie" Mitchell died in 1915, her son Wiley Mitchell took her body back to Virginia for

burial. Mary "Mollie" Young-Nickols-Strange-Mitchell was buried in the Pugh Cemetery in Grayson County. While in Grayson County, Wiley married Ossie Shumate. They returned to the Sandhills and lived on the land Wiley had there while his mother Mary "Mollie" was living in Nebraska. Four children were born to them in Cherry County, Nebraska, Ossie didn't like living in Nebraska so far from family so they then returned to Grayson County to the Troutdale area where several more children were born to Wiley and Ossie Mitchell.

Colonel and Jennie were pioneers. They had to cope with drought, grasshoppers, prairie fires, financial hardships and so many other hardships. They did not have running water in their house until the late 1930s and never did have an indoor bathroom on their ranch in all the time they lived there. They never had a car until their daughters put their teaching money together and bought them one in the early thirties.

Their children were their most prized possessions and most of the time they kept a positive outlook on life which attracted people to them. Colonel especially had a great sense of humor. Jennie was well read and intelligent. They had many friends. We thank our grandparents for our Grayson County heritage. We are so pleased that the ranch is still in our family and we know Grandpa and Grandma would be so pleased to know that, too.

Colonel and Jennie had one son and two daughters as follows:

Charles Strange Osborn, born 15 April 1903, Battle Creek, Madison County, Nebraska, died 14 June 1980, at Alliance, Nebraska, is buried at Memorial Park Cemetery, McCook, Nebraska. He married Geraldine Lola Wyman on 19 May 1941 in North Platte, NE. They had three sons. Kenneth married Nancy Wolf in 1964. They had two sons, Kevin and Kendall, and one daughter, Kimberly. Kimberly died in 1973 from a heart defect. Secondly, Ken married Donna Mount. Floyd AKA "Marty" married Jacqueline Winston in 1968. They had 3 daughters, Cassandra, Rebecca and Kelly. Rebecca died in 1978. Daniel "Dan" married Shirley Radtke in 1978. They have two sons, Colby and Clayton and two daughters, Gerri and Jincy.

Mary "Mamie" Irene Osborn, born 18 Dec 1904, at the Osborn home in Cherry County, Nebraska, died 10 February 2002, at Broken Bow, NE, is buried in Cedarview Cemetery, at Mullen, NE, She married Kermit Keith Collier on 8 May 1935, in North Platte, NE. They had one son, Gwynne Keith, who died 14 May 1966, at Dunning, Nebraska, as the result of a car accident at the age of 19 years. All three are buried at Cedarview Cemetery at Mullen, NE. They had one daughter, Donalee Virginia Collier "Donna". She married David A. Dietrich of Milan, Michigan. They have three sons— Kenneth, Danny and Mark.

Donna Grayson Osborn, born 15 August 1911, at the Osborn home in Cherry County, Nebraska, died 13 May 1994 at her home in Mullen, NE. She is buried in the Cedarview Cemetery at Mullen, NE. She married Donald Alexander Cox, s/o Alexander Bryant Cox AKA "A. B." and "Eck" and Minnie Louennis Kirk Cox. Both of Donald's parents were born in Grayson County and both homesteaded in Cherry County, Nebraska. Donald died 7 Oct 2000, in rural Hooker County and is also buried in Cedarview Cemetery as are his parents. Donald and Donna had one son Marvin who married Sherron Clegg. Marvin and Sherron had three sons, Donald, James and David. Marvin married second Linda Hughes Giles. Don and Donna had a daughter, Beverly, who married Roger French in 1959. They had two daughters Wanda and Anne and one son, Jerry.

Our immediate families have become scattered from Washington State to Pennsylvania and from Minnesota to Oklahoma as well as Colorado, Wyoming, Nevada and Nebraska, but there are still many relatives remaining in and around Mullen, Nebraska, and in the Madison County area of north-east Nebraska.

This history was taken from many sources: but mostly from the old letters Grandma saved and from our mothers, Mamie Osborn Collier and Donna Osborn Cox.

Written by Donna Collier Dietrich & Beverly Cox French June 9, 2008

Gleanings from the Madison Chronicle

By Karen Tiedgen Reed

These are obituaries, death notices, tidbits, and other interesting things going on as found in the Madison Chronicle. I'm not guaranteeing that I got all of them, but I tried.

1888---

1892

Jan 27

5 week old child, 3 miles w. of Madison, father-Henry Peterson-**Clausen cemetery**
Fred Wolf Sr. marries Mrs. Michaels of Ackley, IA
Walter Elly's mother died Schleswig-Denmark

Feb 3

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Al Holmes of Manitou Springs, CO., a girl on Friday Jan. 22, 1892. Mr. Holmes is a son-in-law of J F Henderson, formerly residing near Madison. (From New man Grove news)
Ernest Messerschmidt of Omaha, in charge of Uncle Ernest Messerschmidt's body, 87 years old, died in Omaha buried next to wife in **Green Garden precinct.**

Feb 10

Silas Lamb 64 yrs. buried **Clausen cemetery**

March 2

Margaret Lulow died Emerick, 58 yrs. Buried German **Lutheran cemetery**

March 16

Mary Wehenkle wife of Joseph , west of Madison, buried **Catholic cemetery**

March 23

Infant son of Herman Morris, brother of J G Morris, the blacksmith. Died in this city Sun day and was buried yesterday near **Hale Post Office.**

April 13

Mrs. John Lynch's baby daughter buried next to father at Browntown, Wis. Baby's name is Jeanne Wesley

Lynch. Mr. Yeasel accompanied them to, as far as, Sioux City.

May 4

Mrs E F Prince 62 years

May 11

Fred Wolf's 35th birthday

May 18

Hazel Cox Infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Cox, the only colored family in Madison. Buried at **Clausen cemetery**

May 25

Michael Bauch **Madison cemetery**, laid to rest next to wife, who died 10 years ago, children Phil and Ollie M

June 15

George Cox, 38 yrs. buried **Clausen cemetery**

July 7

Wm. C. Best peddelling without a license, fined \$1
William Dawson buried at Norfolk, sons-John, Charlie, and Isaac is from Bloomington, IL

July 14

Mark Ritta of Newman Grove, Liquor habit—Hagley Institute.

August 4

Mark Ritta and C L Bellinger, graduated from Hagley Institute

August 25

J H Smith, son of Charley, died from cholera at Burnett

List of teachers names

Sept 8

Mrs J F Tiedgen died Monday Aug. 26, at Pleasant view, MO

John Weber died at Richmond, VA. Uncle of Mrs. Frank Neidig-brother-in-law of H E Becker
Annie daughter of Robert Kilpatrick at Randolph, IA

Sept 15

Mae Vorhees, 28 yrs. daughter of Van Vorhees

Sept 22
Mrs Louisa W. Hayhurst, wife of Rev. Isaac W.

Sept. 29
County Fair winners

Oct 13
Mrs. M B Elliott, services at Fairview School house,
Mrs. Craig is a daughter

Oct. 27
Morris Richards died at Norfolk.
Charles Herden from Kalamazoo, died at Platte Co.

Dec. 1
Ruth N. Wycoff, daughter of George and Jessie
Wycoff, buried **Clausen cemetery**
Ambrose Malone, buried Catholic cemetery
James Ridgely Wagner buried Clausen cemetery
both these young men drowned in Taylor
Creek, on their way to school

Dec 8
Cecil Thompson and Lulu Potter, married Methodist
church in Madison, they are both from Battle
Creek

Dec 15
Wm Jones died, father of Mrs. H C Church, he was
from Ransom, IL
F E Cramer, father of Mrs George Chittenden, west
of Madison, Methodist church

Dec 22
Son of Ralph Palmer, 10 months, now of Newman
Grove
Kittie Dawson wife of John Dawson, 44 yrs. Born
Jan. 15, 1848, Indiana, buried **Clausen ceme-
tery**, 2 daughters and 1 son

1893

Jan 12
Pearlie George, sister of Mrs Cal Gillem, 20 yrs
old. One year ago Monday, her mother died.
Buried **Fairview cemetery**
Mable C Sprout, 6 yrs. daughter of Charles and
Mary Sprout. buried at **Clausen cemetery**

Jan 19
Richard Athen - alias - Ashen, died at Nebraska
Penitentiary-had robbed saloon in Newman

Grove
Feb 2
Mr and Mrs Fred Wolf- a son

Feb 16
Rev Gottfried Allstadt died at Oakdale

March 2
Mrs Dennis Flynn nee- Maud Taylor, died at
Newman Grove, buried **Catholic cemetery**
-leave a husband and one week old

March 23
Wm Mailler, father of Mrs. Isaac Powers, died at
his home at St. Joseph, MO
Carrie Dale died at Chicago, buried Columbus,
her dad is Will B Dale

March 30
Howard Miller sisters are Mrs. Dr. Long and Mrs.
M C Garrett
Harold A Bender, 2 yr old of Mr and Mrs A B
Bender

Apr 6
John Dawson moved his family into Mrs.
Bohannon's residence in West Madison
Thomas Blakely accidentally shot himself with
revolver, his uncle and aunt are, Wm
McMahon and Mrs. James Johnson

Apr 13
Bertha, daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Gross,
buried **Clausen cemetery**
Mrs. Louisa Wilberger died at Scottsbluff, her
son is Ed
Wm Besk, 6 miles northeast of Madison, buried
at **cemetery** near his home.

Apr 20
Andrew Hanson of 3 miles north of Hoskins,
hung himself

Apr 27
Jesse Fields and daughter, Hattie, of Deer Creek
visiting W C Elley's home in Madison
Mrs. Wm Springstube of Broken Bow, daughter
of Mr and Mrs Valetine Schmitt of Kalamazoo

May 11
Mr. Frank Barnes of San Diego, founder of

Madison

Child of Earl Fichter, living 11 miles west of
Madison, buried **Clausen cemetery**

Mrs Delora L Prather 29 yrs. buried **Clausen
Cemetery**

May 25

Mrs. Cramer and children taken to Poor Farm

June 1

Infant of Jens Jensen-his wife died 6 days earlier
Patrick O'shea, dad of Micheal, Thomas and Ed,
buried **Catholic cemetery**

June 8

John Dawson bought Bohannon property
Fred Sargent shot and killed his wife in Battle
Creek, leaving her son an orphan

Jul 6

Mrs Edith Hurlburt, wife of Railroad conductor

Jul 13

Elias E Marquardt, son of Julius-sent to Asylum,
3 miles north of Norfolk

Jul 20

Chris Madsen died at Monroe, Wis. died from
alcoholism and morphine, buried in Norfolk

Aug 31

Mrs Sarah E Barnes, wife of Richard. buried
Clausen cemetery, funeral at Methodist
church

Sept 7

Mrs Cole visiting Mrs W Forsaith, both of Elgin,
IL

Sept 14

Fred Wolf and wife came from Murdock, Ne to
visit son-Fred and go to the fair.

Infant of Mr and Mrs Chris Schwank, 9 days old,
Clausen cemetery

Charlie Olmey died at Norfolk, son of J E Olmey,
13 yrs

Infant of Mr and Mrs Wm Jilg

Murder in Newman Grove-mystery-Johnny shoe
maker of Bloomfield-hermit

Sept 21

Delia Johnson -Newman Grove married B F Witt
Sept 28

Cyrus Barnes, brother of Edward Barnes, 77 yrs old

Frank Young son of Claus 27yrs, buried **Clausen
cemetery**

John Quincy infant of Mr and Mrs J J Adams, 2 yrs,
buried **Clausen cemetery**

Oct 5

Mrs Peter Knapp 52 yrs **Green Garden cemetery**

Oct 19

School reports

Father of Bud James, about 70 yrs. died 4 miles
southwest of Battle Creek and was buried in
Clausen cemetery

Gottlieb Schauer 62 yrs, lived in Madison 5 years,
buried in **Clausen cemetery**

Oct 26

Ada Brown-nee Spence, buried at Stanton
Wm Arnold incest, married niece, Bertha Tucker
from Battle Creek

Nov 16

May E Bley wife of A A Bley, 22 yrs, her parents
were Mr and Mrs Phillip Lacormu, buried
Clausen cemetery

John Knull, Emerick precinct, about 70 yrs.

Nov 23

Mrs Adelia Lewis, sister of Dr Heath, buried at
Meadow Grove

Nov 30

Miss Perwilla J Cypher, 53 yrs. buried at **Clausen
cemetery**

Dec 7

Mary A Hewett - aunt of Mrs Wm Robertson died at
Forreston, IL

Clara Brewer about 20 yrs old, buried at **Fairview**

Joe Choutka 11 yrs, 11 miles south and 2 west,
kicked by a horse-may prove fatal

Dec 14

John Dawson sold home

1894

Jan 18

Infant child of Capt. Brown died at Grand-

mother's. Mrs A Spence at Stanton

Jan 25

Born to Mr and Mrs A Spence of Stanton, Saturday January 13, 1894, a daughter

Feb 8

George Schwank died. George's wife died in 1882, buried in **Clausen cemetery**, son-in-law Charles Gross

Feb 15

3 week old son of Mr and Mrs R A Lewis died, buried **Clausen cemetery**

Feb 22

Infant son (Ralph) of Mr and Mrs N A Cleveland, buried **Clausen cemetery**

Mar 1

Death of Mrs Mary A Searles-mother of Judge Searles formerly of Madison, died at Medera,CA Father Wells-John Wells-son J F Well, 83 yrs, Ed his son, Mrs Frances Lewis a daughter, buried **Clausen cemetery**

Mar 8

Jack Giltner, 8 yrs, buried **Clausen cemetery**
Sam Fletcher and wife owned hotel in Battle Creek

Mar 22

Mr and Mrs Ralph Palmer of Newman Grove lost son

Mar 29

Mother of Altstadt, 80 yrs
Grace May Bley 18 months, buried next to mother at **Clausen cemetery**

Apr 5

Miss Clemmie Dawson got burnt, will recover
Clara Maurer 3 yrs old of Mr and Mrs Henry Maurer, buried at **Green Garden**
Mrs Wm Pasewalk died at Norfolk

Apr 12

22 month old of Frank Humlicek buried at **Clausen cemetery**

Apr 19

Arch Best witness fees in commission Proceedings
W B Ray didn't show up in Court, he used foul language in front of Mrs George F. Myers
Frank C Huyler 22 months, son of Mr and Mrs C A Huyler, buried **old cemetery**

May 10

Daughter of Mr and Mrs W E Kinsella, 2 days old

May 24

Mrs S B Glen, 89 yrs., her sons are John, Charles, and George, buried Clausen cemetery
Son of Albert Coleman, 4 yrs old, lost 4 ends of fingers in cornplanter, 5 miles NW of Madison

June 7

Thomas McCurdy died at Stanton, buried at Leigh

June 21

E O Whitmore of Ransom, IL was murdered there
He is brother of Mrs. H C Church of Hale.
Mrs. Jasper S Robertson died after surgery. 37 yrs, obituary on page 5. Nee-Roda J Saylor, buried **Clausen cemetery**

July 5

Jacob Stege formerly of Madison, now living NW of Elgin, tornado did damage on his farm

July 12

Father and son by the name of Hill, from Holt Co missing and probably lynched for stealing cattle

July 19

Charles Wahl 18 yrs, buried at **Catholic cemetery**

July 26

Commissioners minutes: Poor Farm used to be Herman Hogrefe's land
Mrs Andrew Reed Newman Grove died
Claudie H Cole infant son of E F Cole 8 months buried
old Madison cemetery

Aug 16

Robbie Martin 15 yrs shot gun wound to thigh

Sept 6

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John Dawson lost horse, second one in several weeks

Sept 13

Mr Demmel accidently shot Mrs Demmel

Sept 20

Mrs F A Rubendall left for Susquehanna, Penn

with father's remains. Mr R Wood who died

Nov 11, 1890, reburied next mother.

Sept 27

Mr Marsh of Norfolk died, Mrs John O'Banion is his dau., buried at **Prospect Hill**

Battle Creek News write-ups

Oct 4

Battle Creek news write-ups

Oct 11

High School News

Battle Creek news write-ups

Mr A Antisdell, 54 yrs, his sons are Clark

and Dell

Oct 18

Battle Creek news write-ups

Funeral of A Antisdell buried at **old cemetery** next to his first wife and daughter

Nov 8

Madison Public school list of students, honor roll students listed

Charles Calmer auction

David Christian, brother of O S, died Sept 28, 1894, 44 yrs, \$2000 from A.O.U.W.

Inventory of a drunkard

Nov 15

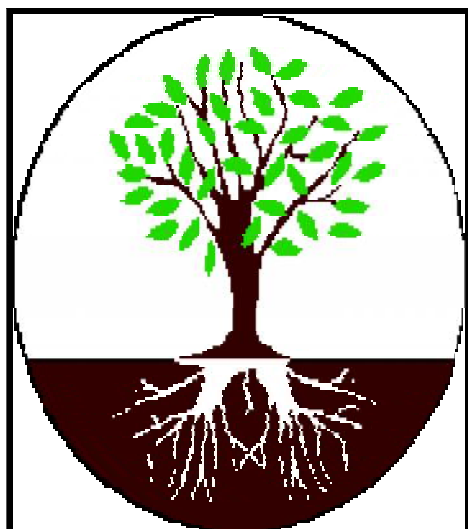
List of students

Nov 22

Mrs Olaf Johnson, 4 miles so. of Clearwater, 60 yrs, got lost

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Important note for you below and to the right side. Please attend if you are able.

Nov 29
John Phillips attempted assault and rape
Schools Dist. 44 and 70
Mathew Reeves, 8 miles n of Norfolk died, son-in-law of
James Bussey and his sons are Andrew and Edward,
buried at **Clausen cemetery**

Dec 6
School Honor roll and Dist. 56

Dec 13
School Dist. 19, 72, 74 and Madison High school

Dec 20
Carrie E Goodwin 24 yrs, died at Madison and buried at
Crete. Husband and 7 month old child survive her
Insane man-Ignatz Moykelvts-polish. One time was in
Norfolk insane asylum and later was at Hastings

Dec 27
P H Carberry of Warnerville sold carn to L B Baker of
Battle Creek
11 yr old son of D Wardenberger living on Underberg
homestead east of Madison, severely kicked by cow
School Dist. 28 and 70
Ed Neidig at Hastings Insane Asylum

Join us for our **Christmas dinner and party**. We will be meeting at **The Granary**, 922 S. 13th St. Norfolk, Ne. **from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.** The date will be **January 21, 2012**. You pay for your choice from the menu items available.

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