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### **Mrs. Chas. Evans**

Isabella Warner was born April 27, 1841 at Rockford, Illinois. She was married to Chas. Evans on Dec. 7, 1860 at Rockford, Illinois. To this union six children were born, two of whom have passed away, namely, Mrs. Chas. Hutchins and Etta B. Evans. The surviving children are: Mrs. Frank Muffly of Orchard, Charley E. Evans of Omaha, Mrs. Alta M. Ahlman and Mrs. A. A. Deuel of Norfolk. Excerpts from Meadow Grove News, Friday December 30, 1921 on page 1.

Williams Evans, of the banking firm of Matheson and Evens, Oakdale, was drowned on Saturday last in the Cedar Creek at that place. It seems that he was fording the creek on horseback for the purpose of looking after some cattle, and that his horse slipped or stumbled while in the stream, and threw Mr. Evans into the water where he was drowned immediately. His body was taken to Wisconsin on Monday. Source: Norfolk Journal, Friday June 8, 1883, page 3.

### **Son of Mr. and Mrs. Farley**

The 7-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Farley died this morning. The little fellow had never been strong since his birth and was able to survive his twin brother but a brief period. The remains will be interred in Prospect Hill cemetery. Source: The Norfolk Weekly News-Journal, Friday Feb. 17, 1905 on page 6.

**James Francis Finkral** was born in Bohemia on December 7, 1835. He came to America in 1866 and lived in Tama, Iowa for 5 years. Then he went to Taylor county, Iowa where he remained for 12 years. In 1883 he came to Madison county, Nebraska. In 1866 he was united in marriage to Mary Vete and to this union were born three children, Joseph, James, and Mrs. Anna Sobotka. Mrs. Finkral passed away 12 years ago.

Mr. Finkral was a kind father and a good neighbor. He had a host of friends throughout this part of Nebraska. Until within a few months ago he enjoyed excellent health and bore a keen memory. His death came quietly and peacefully at the home of his son James on June 24 at the age of 89 years, 6 months and 17 days. The funeral services were held Friday at St. Francis De Sales Catholic church. The interment was made in a nearby cemetery. Besides his two sons and one daughter, he is survived by 22 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Source: excerpts from Madison Star—Mail, July 2, 1925, page 1.

### **A. J. Fish**

Andrew J. Fish, son of John and Pheba Ann Fish, was born in Ohio, Oct. 2, 1845. He emigrated to Charles City, Iowa, there he was united in marriage to Alice E. Keck. To this union were

born five daughters and two sons: Leona Justice of Norfolk, May McKay, Nellie Bush, and Ray Fish of Creswell, Ore., DessieSmith of Oregon City, Leta Williams of Everett, Wash., and George Fish of Herrick, S. Dak. He is also survived by two sisters: Sarah Phillips, Meadow Grove and Lucina Yerrick of Waterloo, Iowa.

The deceased came to Madison Co. 36 years ago. Fourteen years ago he went to Oregon where he resided until last Nov. when he returned and made his home with his daughter Mrs. Justice of Norfolk. His wife died Jan. 27, 1905. Both were laid to rest in the McCoy cemetery. Funeral services were held in the L. D. S. church Friday of last week, Rev. Wm. Self, officiating.

Source: Meadow Grove News, Friday, July 18, 1919 on page 1.

#### JEMIMA FROST

Grandma Jemima Frost, over 79 years old, died on January 5 at the home of her daughter in Meadow Grove. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon and interment was made at the Jackson cemetery. Two children survive, Mrs. Aaron Higbee of Meadow Grove and Mrs. Eugene Crook of North Platte, Neb.

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West Point Progress: WILLIAM T. FROST, formerly one of Cuming County's old settlers, died last week at Battle Creek, Madison County. Mr. Frost resided on Cuming creek in 1869 and 1870, afterwards removing to this place where he lived about three years finally removing to Madison county. He was a brother-in-law of John McKirahan, and our old residents who know him say he was excellent citizen.

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#### **Grandma Funk**

The death angel again visited Madison on April 29, 1920 and took from our midst that grand old lady Grandma Funk.

Mrs. Fredericka Funk was a native of Germany, being born at Borden, Germany, Oct. 13, 1836. She was married in 1860 to Mickall Funk and to this union, 10 children were born, four dying in infancy. Her husband died on March 21, 1886.

On March 13, 1889 she came to America with her family and located east of Madison on a farm, where she lived until March 1896, when she moved to Madison and made her home with her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Katterman, where she was still living at the time of her death.

The children who survive her are: Mrs. J. H. Katterman, Mrs. John Bauer, John, Fred, Henry and Jake Funk. She has one brother living in Portland, Oregon.

#### **Card of Thanks**

We desire to express our heart-felt thanks for the kindly assistance rendered us during the illness and death of our beloved mother, Grandma Funk.

Excerpts from: Madison Star-Mail, Friday, May 7, 1920, page 12.

Fred Bley and wife and daughter were over from Newman Grove Monday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Bley's aunt, Mrs. Funk.

Fritz Alstadt came down from Norfolk to attend Mrs. Funks funeral Monday.

Otto Emrich and sons and sister Mrs. Scheer were over from Tilden to attend the funeral of their Grandma, Mrs. Funk. Source: Madison Star-Mail, Friday, May 7, 1920, page 12.

GEORGE HARDENBROOK, who had run a farm six miles northwest of this place, and who was taken sick some two weeks ago with measles, which run into pneumonia, died Tuesday night at W. W. Cloyd's place, where he was taken sick. The funeral was conducted at Mr. Cloyd's home on Wednesday and the remains were interred in the J. H. Jackson cemetery. Mr. Hardenbrook was a hard working young man and while he had but few, if any, relatives living in this vicinity, he left a host of warm friends to mourn his demise. BATTLE CREEK ENTERPRISE March 12, 1897 page 2

**Charles Henry Harris** was born at Hagerstown, Indiana March 17, 1850 and died at Lawton, Oklahoma July 14, 1925 at the age of 75 years, 3 months and 26 days. He was the second son of Warren H. and Mary Susan Harris. Five other children graced his home. Wm. T., Mrs. Jennie Wills, Mrs. Henrietta Wilbauer, Edward and John J. of Ft. Wayne, Indiana the only surviving number of this family. Mr. Harris came to Nebraska with his fathers household in 1871 and took a homestead, adjoining the city of Madison and also adjoining the cemetery which is to be his last resting place. He was married to Carrie S. Barney on New Years day 1873, and together began housekeeping on their homestead where they lived until their departure to Oklahoma about 15 years ago. To this union 3 children were born, Maude, Warren and Dick of which Dick is the only surviving child. His remains shall rest in the family lot, in Crown Hill cemetery which originally was a part of his father's homestead. Source: Madison Star—Mail, July 23, 1925, page 1.

### **Reverend and Mrs. John Hotskin**

In the spring of 1873, John Hotskin with his wife and several children left Harrison County, Iowa for a homestead on the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of section 4, Township 21, North, Range 3 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> prime meridian in Kalamazoo Township of Madison County, Nebraska. It was a hard trip over muddy and bridgeless roads in bad weather. A short distance south of Madison they encountered the terrific blizzard of Easter Day, April 14, 1873 but were lucky to find shelter at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Horsham. This storm lasted three days and nights. After the storm they continued on to the wild, unimproved prairie homestead. They found temporary shelter with a neighbor while preparing a dug out on their own land. Mrs. Cynthia Hotskin's brother, a Mr. James and his family came out at the same time and located on a nearby homestead.

In September of 1873, a son, Marion Hotskin, died after a protracted ailment. His father set apart a tract in the North East corner of his farm for a cemetery, now the Iowa Valley Cemetery, and Marion was the first one buried there.

John Hotskin was an ordained United Brethren church minister and a leader, not only in the religious activities, but also in promoting the social and material welfare of the Iowa Valley community. He was an eloquent speaker and a fine singer. His wife was Cynthia Ann James an accomplished woman with a soprano voice. They held revival services, preached in homes, school houses and churches in (Burnett), St. Clair, Walnut Grove, Fairview, Looking Glass and other frontier localities. He had the ability to inspire hope and cheer where he appeared – a great benefit to depressed settlers during the grasshopper years in the middle seventies. He promoted the building of the Iowa Valley church. His social service among the young people on the frontier effectively established a higher standard of morality in business and civic behavior.

The most lasting monument to Rev. Hotskin's memory was the founding of the Iowa Valley Cemetery Association on August 17, 1912. The incorporators were F. K. Panek, James Adamek,

Tom Panek, F. A. Franek, F. G. Dvorak, C. Olson and F. K. Pospisil. It is one of the prettiest country cemeteries.

Rev. John Hotskin was born in Sweden, became a sailor in his teens and located in Harrison County, Iowa, after the Civil War. In early manhood he became devoted to Christian work and was ordained minister of the gospel in the United Brethren church. In 1884, he moved with his family to Rock County, Nebraska, where he continued his Evangelistic work on a new frontier as long as his health held out. At the age of 89 he died in Rock County. Funeral services were held at the home in charge of the Methodist minister of Bassett. He was buried in the Iowa Valley cemetery, where services at the grave were conducted by Rev. C. W. Clifton of Meadow Grove, Nebraska. Mrs. Cynthia Ann Hotskin moved to Long Pine, Nebraska and lived there with her son, until her death in 1917. She too was buried in the Iowa Valley Cemetery. Their daughter Mary Hotskin married Charles Olson on December 8, 1878.

Source: H. Halderson, Tri-County Pioneers: A Frontier Days History of Boone, Madison & Platte Counties. Rpt 1940. 146-151.

**Mrs. Frank P. Hughes, Sr.**, died Oct. 10, 1935. Funeral services were held at St. Patrick's church with burial at St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery at Battle Creek. Her husband passed away October 29, 1933. Sarah Agnes Donahoe was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, August 6, 1866 and had reached the age of 69 years, 2 months and 4 days. Survivors were one son, Joseph E., three daughters, Mrs. George Kent, Missess Lucile and Margie, Mrs. John J. Hughes is a sister, and two sisters and three brothers reside in Pennsylvania. There were also seven grandchildren.

Source: excerpt from Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, October 17, 1935, page 1.