

BANK ELECTION.—At the annual meeting of the First National Bank, L. T. Pullen, I. M. Bennett, Nelson Winston, J. C. Andrews and J. T. Dow, were chosen directors;—L. T. Pullen, President, I. M. Bennett, Cashier.

January 25, 1871, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

At the residence of Mr. & Mrs. John C. & Agnes Andrews, of Evansville, Died March 1, 1876, Wm Wright in his 86th year. The deceased came from England to this country in 1848. Fourteen years ago he buried his wife. Since that time he has resided with his youngest daughter and her family, Mr. Andrews. The funeral service of the Episcopal church (of which he was a communicant, 73 years) was said at the house. After which the remains were conveyed to Argyle (in this state) there to await the resurrection of the just.
"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord"
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March 15, 1876, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. Byron Andrews, a suburban editor, of the Chicago Inter-Ocean, visited parents and home in Evansville, last week. He came principally to see a little sister who was very low with scarlet fever.

March 7, 1877, Evansville review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. Byron Andrews, the suburban editor of the Inter-Ocean, spent the day with parents and old-time friends, Saturday. He speaks of the late riot in Chicago as an event of thrilling interest to a popular city daily reporter.

August 15, 1877, page 3, col. 2, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

three horses on the same course
—Miss Nora Andrews, who has been living with her brother, Byron, in New York city the past year or more, came home to spend the summer, Friday.
Madison vs. Evansville

June 17, 1887, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

It is expected that Mr. Byron Andrews, one of the editors of the Chicago Inter-Ocean, and a co-excursionist in the late Industrial Excursion to the city of Mexico, will be on a home visit to his friends about Saturday, and if possible get

him to give a public talk in Morehouse's Hall, on that evening, of something he saw in Mexico, and relate some of the traits and habits of that people. An early notice will be given by bills if such arrangements can be made.

March 12, 1879, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

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Mr. Byron Andrews, one of the editors of the Chicago *Inter-Ocean*, came up from Chicago Saturday afternoon, and gave a running hour and a half's talk that evening upon the Republic of Mexico—her national and social amenities—that gave more than the usual interest of a studied lecture. He spoke of the late Industrial Excursion to that Republic, its starting, and its contemplated results. The excursion was wholly a private enterprise, but received the sanction of many of the prominent men of our government, and was courted by the Mexican Government itself, besides being composed of statesmen and men of high financial standing. Mr. Andrews went out as an ambassador of the *Inter-Ocean*, and wrote some very excellent letters to that paper as their journey progressed.

Mr. Andrews possesses a fund of information that we would think it hardly possible to acquire during his short stay in that country. Being among associates and friends of his boyhood, he pursued a running and rambling sketch rather than an elaborate didactic lecture, and he could not have hit upon a more satisfactory method of information.

Whatever may be the result of this Industrial Expedition, it can certainly be attended with no harm, either to the United States or the Republic of Mexico. Its tendency will be to dispel that spirit of filibustering and lawless foraging that

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John Clifford,	Cora Hunt,
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1ST YEAR.

Stella Prentice,	Geo. Albertie,
Jessie Blakley,	Henry Wheelock,
Linnie Hoyt,	Geo. Blakeley,
Willis Axtell,	Charles Backenstoe.
Harlie Pettigrew,	

2ND YEAR.

Alice Morehouse,	M. Broderick,
May West,	Ella Gibbs,
Helen Johnson,	Belle Morse,
Eva Jaynes,	Geo. Pullen,
Cora Hartley,	Arthur Hills,
Cora Cadwallader,	Minnie Bement,
Harrison Blakeley,	Minnie Montgomery
Wilbur Tupper,	Henry Winston.
Andrew McKeven,	

3D YEAR.

Maggie Williams,	Milton Cadwallader,
Lizzie France,	William Blakeley,
Charles Smith,	Emma Stearnes,
Flora Smith,	Frank Hubbard,
William Campbell,	Sherman Hubbard,
Fred Baker,	Arthur Aller,
Charles Lehman,	Marrilla Andrews,
Frank Gibbs,	Emma Hardin,
Kate Winston,	John Heron.
Belle Cadwallader,	

Some of the above are not fully

On with Grant!
Byron Andrews, of this place, but for some years one of the editorial staff of the *Inter Ocean*, writes us that he has been ordered to accompany Grant on his trip to Cuba and Mexico, and report events to the *Inter Ocean*. But he wishes his friends and every one else to understand that he is, and will remain a citizen of Evansville and will be here to cast his vote for the Republican candidate for President in November next.

January 7, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col.

1, Evansville, Wisconsin

Cassius Andrews is at home making a visit. He and his brother, Jerome, have a claim in Dakota which they expect to work this summer.

March 24, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

—Mr. Byron Andrews, city editor of the *Chicago Inter-Ocean*, spent a few days with old friends in Evansville last week. He is almost sure of General Grant's nomination for Presidency, and thinks it will take place spontaneously upon the opening of the convention. Mr. Andrews was with General Grant in Cuba and Mexico, as private secretary, and speaks in high terms of praise for his benefactor. He gave many personal reminiscences of his tour with Grant and his party, with a marked degree of interest to his listeners.

April 28, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Misses Marrilla and Elnora Andrews leave for Dakota in a few days, to visit brothers who have large land interests.

June 17, 1882, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

We are informed that Mr. Byron Andrews, who went from this place a few years since as a reporter for the *Inter-Ocean*, has accepted the position of editor on the *National Tribune* at a salary of \$,000 a year, and a per cent of the profits. His many friends in this place will rejoice over his good fortune. His success is the result of hard work and he may well be termed a self-educated and self-made man.

February 12, 1884, *The Enterprise*, p. 1, col. 5, Evansville, Wisconsin

Miss Eleanora Andrews is home from Dakota.

December 2, 1884, *Enterprise*, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. Byron Andrews, city editor of the *National Republican*, New York, having business in Springfield, Ill., took a run home and stayed over Sunday with parents and friends.

April 3, 1885, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Miss Nora Andrews departed for New York City last week to spend the winter with her brother Byron, who is now city editor of the National Tribune.

November 3, 1885, The Enterprise, Evansville, Wisconsin

Byron Andrews, of the Washington (D.C.) Republican, made an overnight call at the old homestead at the head of Church street, Friday.

June 12, 1888, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

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We notice in the columns of the Washington *Post* that Mrs. Byron Andrews assisted Mrs. General John A. Logan, in receiving the Knight Templars at her residence on the evening of the 10th inst. Mr. Andrews is a Sir Knight, of Washington, No. 1, District of Columbia. General Logan is a brother of Chevalier Bayard, Commandery, No. 35 of Chicago. At Mrs. Logan's reception over ten thousand paid their respects. The Marine band rendered an elaborate programme, there was a grand illumination and every body broke bread in a great tent on the lawn. The affair surpassed in brilliancy the reception of the President the night before.

Mrs. Conger, of Akron, Ohio, and Mrs. W. L. Distin, of Quincy, Ill., guests of the house, who wore becoming evening toilets, the former a gown of silver-gray silk, with trimmings of Venitian point lace. A fan of fine workmanship, made of Irish point, was carried. Mrs. Distin wore a rich robe of black silk heavily trimmed, with jet and diamond ear-rings. Mrs. Byron Andrews, of New York, also assisted in a tasteful toilet of pale blue fassle, and Miss Burgoigue, niece of Mrs. Andrews, wore a dainty gown of evening white silk and tulle.

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October 1889, Tribune, Evansville, Wisconsin

evening.

—We were pleased with a call this morning from our old friend, Mr. Byron Andrews, now N. Y. City Editor of the *National Tribune*. He, with his wife, is visiting his parental home in this city since Tuesday last. They expect to leave for Dakota on Tuesday next where Mr. Andrews has large possessions of real estate and relatives.

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August 18, 1891, The Tribune, p. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

—Mr. Byron Andrews, one of the editorial staff of the great soldiers' paper, the *National Tribune*, also of the *American Farmer*, is visiting relatives and friends in this place, his former home. We were favored with a personal call, this morning, which we enjoyed very much.

May 2, 1893, Tribune, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

—Miss Hoskins, daughter of the incoming postmaster at this place, will take the position now occupied by Miss Nora Andrews, in that office, when the transfer is made. The public will regret the enforced absence of Miss Andrews for she has not only proved to be a competent and efficient clerk, but her pleasant ways in the discharge of the duties devolved upon her, has made many friends for her with the persons of the office. As Miss Hoskins is a pleasant young lady there is no doubt but when she has her duties learned she will prove as efficient and accommodating clerk as her predecessor.

October 20, 1893, Enterprise, p. 4, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

Miss Marilla Andrews, who has been in Washington acting as journalist for two years returned home Friday night for the summer.

April 12, 1894, Evansville Review, p. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

Died: At Erwin S. Dakota, Jan. 5, 1896, Mr. John C. Andrews, Aged 78 years. Mr. Andrews is well remembered by the older residents of this city, having lived here some 20 years ago. He leaves a wife and two daughters, Elnora and Marilla, here, two in Dakota and Byron who resides in New York City.

January 7, 1896, Enterprise, Evansville, Wisconsin

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Departed This Life.

JOHN C. ANDREWS.

It is hard to write of one's father "He is dead."

No child is born and grows to mature years, but knows that unless the round of nature be broken, he or she must sometime lay the parent to rest, but the blow is not softened because it is inevitable.

John C. Andrews, our father, was born at Norwalk, Ohio, April 25, 1817, and passed away at 10:30 o'clock, last Sunday night, January 5, at the house of his son Cassian, at Erwin South Dakota, after a brief illness from pneumonia.

The funeral exercises were held on Tuesday, the 7th, inst. at the school house which stands upon our brother Cassian's farm. The Rev. John Lewis, pastor of the Union Congregation at Erwin officiated. After a hymn "Floating out on the Sea of Eternity," the psalms appointed by the Prayer Book of the Protestant Episcopal church were read, and a brief address followed. The interment was made at the Erwin cemetery, the committal of the Episcopal ritual being used at the grave.

Major "Ves" Roberts, formerly of Fayette, LaFayette Co., Wis., who had known our father for nearly fifty years directed the ceremonies.

He died as he had lived, a pioneer. A more extended notice will appear in a later issue.

January 11, 1896, The Badger p. 1, col. 5, Evansville, Wisconsin

Eleanora Andrews.

Mingled with the enthusiasm caused by the success of our arms against those of Spain and the decoration of private and business houses, was another event which caused the residents of Evansville much pleasure viz; the appointment of Miss Andrews as Postmistress of this city. From time to time she had occupied the position of head clerk in the office and by her courtesy and geniality has become a favorite with the citizens and transients who have occasion to do business at the Post Office; coupled with her popularity, the expressed wish of President McKinley sealed the fate of all other aspirants and Miss Andrews received her appointment; much satisfaction is felt by all who know her as very few know the routine of office business better than she.

Miss Andrews was born on the 16th of May 1856 and came to Evansville in 1868, where she was educated; she went East to attend art school for two years, bought some property in Dakota which she still owns, acted as clerk in the Post Office during the time that Chas. Pullen was Postmaster 1890, when Mr. Pullen resigned Miss Andrews continued in the office under his two successors and from her former public career there is no doubt that her appointment will be a subject for rejoicing and general content.

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Miss Marilla Andrews left Friday morning for a visit to her cousin Capt. Edward Buchwalter, at Springfield, Ohio. August 4, 1900, The Badger, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Miss Marilla Andrews Attended the Teachers' Ass'n in Milwaukee, last week
January 3, 1902, Enterprise

Miss Marilla Andrews who is teaching in Viroqua was home over Sunday.
March 7, 1902 Enterprise

Miss Marilla Andrews returned to her school at Viroqua Monday morning having spent her vacation with her mother
in this city.
April 18, 1902, Enterprise

Mr. Jerome Andrews is visiting his mother and sister in this city.
June 19, 1902, Evansville Review

Evansville friends.
Byron Andrews has sold his interest in the National Tribune to his partners, Messrs. McElroy and Shoppell. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews will start next week on a trip to the West via Niagara Falls and the great lakes. Mr. Andrews has a big wheat farm in eastern South Dakota, and he is going out to see the harvest. They will return in October and pass the winter in Washington at the Mendota. It is rumored that Mr. Andrews' name may crop up next fall in connection with a daily newspaper.—Washington Star.

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July 26, 1902, The Badger, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Madison and Blanchardville.
Mr. and Mrs. Byron Andrews, of Washington, arrived Tuesday evening, on their way to their farms in South Dakota. They will remain till Monday with their mother on Third St. They are accompanied by two children, little Isabel Speers of Cincinnati, Mrs. Andrews' niece, and Master Donald Carroll, son of Dr. E. S. Carroll of Buffalo. The children are taking a lesson in Horace Greeley's 'go west' theory.

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August 9, 1902, Badger, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

The Andrews sisters received the news by telegram on Wednesday morning from New York City, that their brother Byron had just returned from Italy, and after visiting a short time in this country would join his wife in England.

April 14, 1903, The Tribune, p. 3, col. 5, Evansville, Wisconsin

Byron Andrews was an arrival Monday noon from Boston, Mass. For a short visit with his mother and sisters.

April 14, 1903, the Tribune, p. 3, col.2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Byron Andrews told the Seminary students about his travels in foreign countries, Wednesday forenoon, and took his departure for Dakota, Thursday, where he has extensive real estate interests.

April 17, 1903, The Enterprise, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

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CHAPEL ADDRESSES.
Friends of the Seminary as they visit Evansville from time to time are required to pay tribute of their stores of knowledge in chapel addresses before the students. One of the very best of such addresses was made last Wednesday morning by Mr. Byron Andrews, of Washington, D. C. His subject was Ancient and Modern Rome. The speaker in his introductory remarks referred to his having been a student in the Seminary thirty-two years ago. In his address he described the topography of Rome, gave delightful little pictures of ancient Roman history, and brought vividly to the mind the most interesting specimens of Roman archeology including the Circus Maximus, Aqueducts and the Colliseum. He also dealt with features of the modern city, describing St. Peters and the Vatican, and giving a most interesting account of the Pope and the ceremonies in connection with his recent jubilee. He had with him numerous maps and photographs with which he illustrated his lecture. Mr. Andrews has just returned from a trip abroad, having been gone since last November. The Seminary is indebted to him for a donation of a collection of structural marbles taken from the excavated ruins of Ancient

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Rome. His address was thoroughly interesting and was much appreciated by faculty and students.

April 18, 1903, The Badger, p. 1, col. 4-5, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. and Mrs. Cassian Andrews of Erwin, S. Dak., accompanied by two sons and three daughters arrived Saturday evening, to remain over Thanksgiving with Mrs. S. W. Andrews.

November 26, 1904, Badger, p.1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Cassian Andrews and wife and five children, who have been guests at the home of Mrs. S. W. Andrews, returned to their home in Erwin, S. Dak., Tuesday evening.

December 3, 1904, The Badger, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Byron Andrews of Washington arrived here Saturday, for a visit with his mother and sisters.

June 6, 1907, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Jerome Andrews arrived from the West recently for a visit with his mother and sisters.

December 16, 1908, The Enterprise, p. 1, col. 6, Evansville, Wisconsin

Jerome Andrews, who has been visiting his mother and sisters for some time, left yesterday morning for his home in Argyle, Wash.

January 14, 1909, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Miss Marilla Andrews went to Monroe yesterday to attend the funeral of her cousin, Colin Wright.

January 21, 1909, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. C. Andrews, formerly of Erwin, S. D., arrived here Tuesday night, the children having come last week. Mr. A., and son Cassian are expected to arrive tomorrow. They are on their way to their new home in Maryland. They will visit for a few days with Mr. A's mother and sisters and with the many old friends, as he was formerly a well known resident here.

March 24, 1909, Enterprise, and Tribune, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. S. W. Andrews is remodeling her residence. I. H. Brink is mason in charge and Herman Ayers is to do the carpenter work. This is another one of the many improvements in the building line going on in Evansville this season.

July 21, 1909, Enterprise and Tribune, p. 4, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

U. S. Cavalry in Evansville

Quite a little excitement was aroused in our city last Friday by the arrival of two troops of cavalry. They were in charge of Major McDonald and were enroute to Fort Sheridan. They left there several weeks ago, going to Sparta to drill with the state militia.

The troops went into camp on the fair grounds where they remained overnight, leaving for Janesville Saturday morning. The equipment comprised about 150 men and about 175 horses and mules, two machine gun platoons, Red Cross hospital accoutrements, etc.

The cavalry is required to make a 250 mile march each season which keeps them in readiness for emergencies. They were averaging nearly twenty- miles per day.

Miss Marilla Andrews was commissioned to provide the necessary provisions for the troops while here, which she very ably did.

September 14, 1910, The Enterprise and Tribune, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

MISS MARILLA ANDREWS MARRIED

Evansville Postmaster For Twelve Years

Miss Marilla Andrews resigned her position as postmaster of the Evansville office Saturday, turning the office over to her bondsmen. That evening she left on the 6:30 train, accompanied by her sister, Miss Nora Andrews, for Baltimore, where she was married Monday to Mr. Edward H. Buchwalter.

Mr. and Mrs. Buchwalter immediately left Baltimore for Havana, at which place they intend to spend a month. After April 6 they will be at home at 805 East High Street, Springfield, Ohio.

For twelve years Miss Andrews has conducted the affairs of the Evansville post office in a most business like way that was at all times acceptable to the patrons of the office. It was largely through her efforts that Evansville was made one of two cities of its class in the state where the experiment of free elivery has been tried out for the last year.

Miss Andrews has been prominent in many of the activities of the community. The Review joins her host of Evansville friends in best wishes and sincere congratulations.

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March 5, 1914 ER

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MRS. BUCHWALTER ENTERTAINS D. A. R.

We clip the following account of an entertainment given in honor of the Daughters of the American Revolution, by Mrs. E. I. Buchwalter, at her home in Springfield, Ohio, from a Springfield paper: Mrs. Buchwalter will be remembered as Miss Marilla Andrews, of this city:

Mrs. E. L. Buchwalter entertained with a reception at Oak Hall Farm Saturday afternoon in honor of Mrs. J. S. Heaume, regent and the following officers of the D. A. R.: Mrs. Frank W. Harford, Mrs. William McCullough, Mrs. Caroline Clarke, Mrs. E. Forrest Babb, Miss Carrie Zimmerman, Mrs. William Roberts, Mrs. Arthur Thumb, Mrs. A. O. Huffman, and Mrs. E. W. Sawhill. Mrs. Buchwalter was assisted in receiving her guests by Miss Eleanor Andrews and Mrs. George A. Briggs.

Mrs. Buchwalter read a telegram from Mrs. Lowell Hobart, state regent, dated at Washington, D. C., expressing her regret in not being able to attend.

Judge James G. Johnson was the speaker of the afternoon, his subject being, "The Colonial History of this part of Ohio." He talked first of Governor Duncan MacArthur, who had much to do with the granting of tracts of land to soldiers who had rendered valuable services to the country.

The speaker called special attention to the fact that the famous "Ludlow Line" traced by Israel Ludlow lies not far from the Buchwalter home. Particularly interesting was the fact that one of these tracts of land was granted to George Washington for military service. The judge also reminded his hearers that George Washington, at the suggestion of Alfred Galatin, young French soldier, selected the present national road as the best "lane across the continent." Judge Johnson then told of the elegance of the stage coaches used on this road in earlier days and the vast amount of traffic. He told also of the splendid manner in which the road was constructed by farmers who hauled rocks for many miles to make the road bed. These rocks were of uniform size and had to pass through an iron ring used for their measure.

He spoke of the many little villages and inns along the old road and said that these were instrumental in bringing about great friendliness among people of various parts in the country. While the judge was glad of the

CAPT. BUCHWALTER CLAIMED BY DEATH

Civil War Veteran, Well Known
Here, Dies in Springfield,
O., After Long Illness

Capt. Edward L. Buchwalter, 92, well known in Evansville, died yesterday morning at his home near Springfield, O., following a lingering illness, according to a telegram just received by George L. Pullen. He had been failing in health for the last two years, but was confined to his room only six days and to his bed only four days. Funeral services will be held at 3 p. m. tomorrow in the home with burial in a Springfield cemetery.

Capt. Buchwalter and Miss Marilla Andrews, this city, were married March 6, 1914 in Baltimore, Maryland, after which they made their home in Springfield moving to their present farm near the city ten years ago.

Capt. Buchwalter served in the Civil war during which time he was active in several engagements including the Siege of Vicksburg. Since the war he was very active in the Grand Army of the Republic holding various offices in that organization.

Capt. Buchwalter organized the American Seeding Machine company at Springfield and for many years was its president. He also served as president of the Springfield Citizens bank and when it was merged with another bank was offered the presidency of the new organization. However, he declined, but was made honorary president of the new bank.

Interested in public affairs, Capt. Buchwalter contributed generously to civic enterprizes, and educational institutions in various parts of the

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country among which were Tuskegee Institute, Berea college, and the Martha Berry schools at Rome, Ga. In fact, no good cause ever failed to interest this philanthropic man and his donations were always generous. His integrity and square dealing in all his business transactions were never questioned.

October 5, 1933, Evansville Review, p. 8, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

ELEANORA ANDREWS CLAIMED BY DEATH

Prominent Local Woman Succumbs Here Monday Following Ten Day's Serious Illness

Miss Eleanora Andrews, 83, former local postmaster and prominent Evansville club woman, died at 1 a.m. Monday in her home on West Church street following a serious illness of ten days. She had been in failing health for the past several months.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. John's Lutheran church with the Rev. William Dawson, archdeacon of the Milwaukee diocese of the Episcopal church, officiating. Burial was made in Maple Hill cemetery with E. H. Libby, Bert Hungerford, George Magee, Delbert Jones, Lyell Richardson, and Everett Combs as pallbearers.

Miss Andrews, daughter of the late John and Sarah Wright Andrews, pioneer Evansville settlers, was born in a log cabin at Argyle near the Pecatonica river May 16, 1855 and

December 15, 1938, Evansville Review

Byron Andrews, 63 Dies In Baltimore

Member Of Pioneer Evansville Family Is Interred In Janesville Tuesday

Byron Andrews, 63, a member of a pioneer Evansville family, died in his home in Baltimore, Md., Friday night, and funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Overton funeral home in Janesville with the Rev. John Estes, pastor of the Janesville First Baptist church, officiating. Burial was in Oak Hill cemetery.

Mr. Andrews is survived by his wife, the former Mrs. Mary Millard, Evansville; three sisters, Belle Andrews of Ohio and two sisters in Maryland; two step-sons, Wayne Millard, Salina, Kas., and Pvt. Gerald Millard, Camp Robert, Calif.; two step-daughters, Mrs. Rollin Golz and Mrs. Gordon Doering, Janesville, and three grandchildren.

Restoring this home was his lifetime ambition

by Jane Whitmore

When Walter Spratler was a small boy he spent many hours at the Andrews home, 262 W. Church St., and playing in their yard. Not only were they neighbors, but Eleanora Andrews was his godmother. As he grew older he dreamed of some day living there himself and in 1951 the dream became a reality.

Because of his boyhood memories and his love for the house he has been meticulous in restoring it. Every door added, or piece of woodwork replaced, has been custom made to match the original—even the headers over the doors, windows and archways.

The home had 16 rooms, which the Spratlers cut to twelve by making four larger bedrooms in place of six, and adding closets, a modern day necessity which older homes lacked. One thing that does remain the same upstairs is the large and beautiful pedestal washbowl in the bathroom.

Downstairs there are two living rooms, a dining room, study, kitchen and a front entry. They removed many unnecessary doors and added a few in more convenient places. They redid the front of the fireplace by paneling all the way to the ceiling in the same design as the doors, so it looks as though it has always been that way.

Outside they shortened the porch which had run the full width of the house, then added a new entrance. To make it blend with the style of the house they added sidelights and a fanlight above the door.

The style of the house is Italianate, has a hip roof, pilastered corners and scroll brackets under the eaves. When Walt bought the house he missed the many trellises in the yard he had admired. They had all been either removed or had fallen down, so he replaced part of them, just enough to give the yard some of its original charm.

The same Indiana land speculators, Allen and Steenberg, who bought other parcels of land in the area, owned the square block from Main to Church and First to Second streets buying from the U.S. government before 1852.

Jacob West bought a portion of the block. He, and early pioneer, was a charter member of the Methodist church and the first class leader. He and his sons started

building the house in 1864. It wasn't quite completed when he sold it to John Andrews in 1868.

Andrews, his wife Sarah, their five children and his father came here from Argyle because of the better educational opportunities here. Four of the children attended the Seminary, two graduating from there.

John was a stock breeder and one of the founders of the Bank of Evansville. He was a native of Ohio. His wife had an interesting background as she was born and raised in England on the estate of the Duke of Rutland, where her father was master of the timberlands. They came to America in 1848.

In 1883 the Andrews built an addition to the house, including what is not the dining room and entry. Sometime during their tenancy they added a second story over the kitchen wing. Walt didn't realize this had been done until he started restoring the place and found more modern nails had been used in that part of the house.

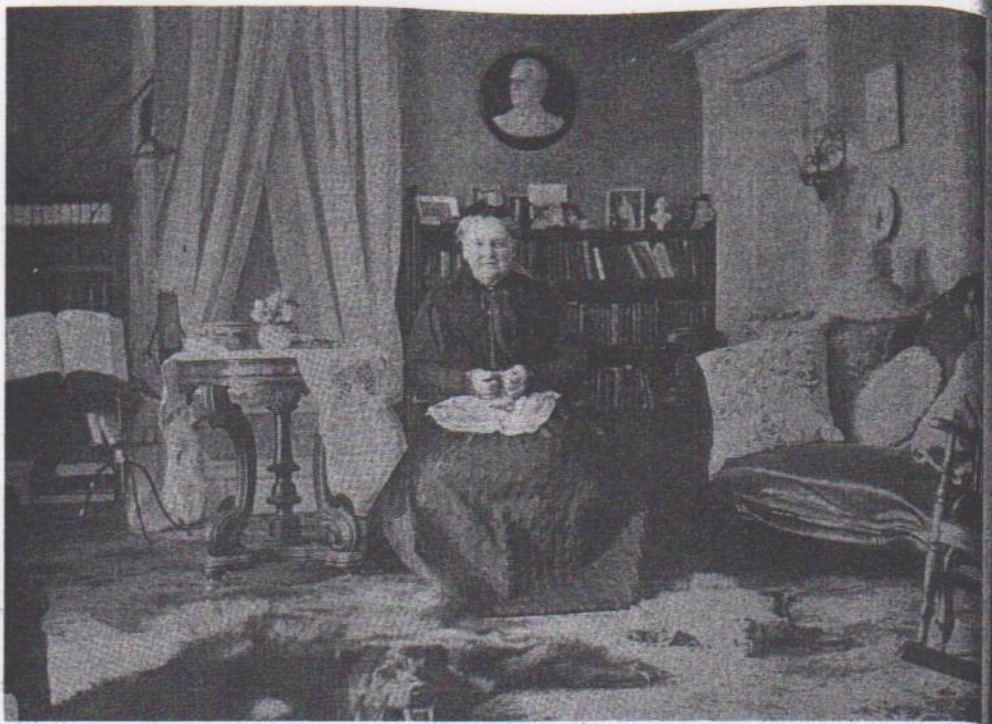
The Andrews family all loved trees and planted a variety on the two lots, including pines, elms, apple, walnut, butternut, and maples. Many of these are still standing.

The only other house in that square block was the Asa Fellows residence. On the other side of Church Street was the Phil Pearsall house so these three were built around the same time.

Two of the Andrews boys became farmers, their father having given them each a farm in Iowa that he owned. Marilla Andrews continued to live in the house until her death sometime in the middle 1930's.

Daisy Grow, wife of a former local pharmacist, bought the estate in the early 1940's but never lived there. She rented it until selling to the George Krebs in 1945. George and his brother, Ed, had bought the Bob Collins Drug Store. George bought another store in the state and moved from here in 1948, at which time he sold the house to Stan Rivers.

Walt's dream came true in 1951 when he and Mims bought the house from Mrs. Rivers. Walt thinks it most unusual that from 1864 when the house was built, until the time he bought it in 1951, there had never been a baby born or raised in the house. Any other children were school age when they lived there. He and Mims changed that as all three of their daughters can claim it as their birthplace.



Sarah Andrews is pictured busy with stitchery in a room in the home at 262 W. Church St. owned by Walter Spratler, sometime during the early part of this century. Below, the same room is pictured today, with the door shown above missing.

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