

EVANSVILLE BAKERY.

The Subscriber takes pleasure in announcing to the people of Evansville and vicinity that he has opened a

BAKERY,

where may be found at all times, pure and wholesome bread, of all kinds for family use.

Particular attention given to pastry cooking for private families and impromptu entertainments.

Meals furnished at all hours.

A good assortment of Confectionery, Pickles, Dried and Canned Fruit &c.

Two Doors East of the Post Office, Main Street, Evansville, Wis.

G. A. BACKENSTOSE.

June, 1868. 23v3

July 8, 1868, Evansville Review, p. 4, col. 3 Evansville, Wisconsin

EVANSVILLE BAKERY.—It is gratifying to note the success that has attended this branch of business in Evansville, since the time of its introduction here, although many promised it their support who have disregarded the importance of sustaining the business entirely, but others coming in affords it success quite as good as the commencement promised.

In addition to the baking business, Mr. Backenstose keeps well filled shelves of all kinds of preserved fruits, candies, jellies, flavoring extracts, &c., and a good article of tea and coffee. His bread is sweet, pure and wholesome. For the accommodation of evening parties and impromptu entertainments, the bakery is found a most convenient accessory, and we are pleased to see it so liberally patronized by our young people.

August 26, 1868, Evansville Review, p. 4, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

The bakery is now run by G. A. Backenstose & Son, the younger George becoming one of the firm, They are agents in Evansville for the Baltimore oysters, and are selling the bivalves by the case, box, or "stew."

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December 9, 1868, Evansville citizen, p. 4, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

—G. A. Backenstose has sold his bakery and confectionery establishment to Mr. Hubbard, brother of Hank.

July 20, 1870, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Millinery, Dress Making,
STRAW WORK AND
BLEACHING.

All kinds of Straw work, Gents' Hats, Bonnets &c. bleached, repressed or reseeded and made to look just as good as new.

Leghorn Hats and Bonnets reseeded and bleached. Warranted.

A good stock of Millinery Goods kept.

Millinery and Variety Store
next door below Griswold & Co's Drug Store.
BACKENSTOE & BASSETT.
Evansville, May 13, 1875.

May 12, 1875, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. Backenstoe is about to build a house on "Albany" street, south of the High School building.

March 6, 1878, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Freddie Backenstoe, aged ten years on the 17th day of September next, youngest son of Geo. A., and Ellen M. Backenstoe, died at 4 o'clock, Monday morning, July 19th, 1880, of malignant scarlet fever. Little Freddie was first attacked on Sunday evening, July 4th, with severe vomiting, but soon recovered and kept about most of the following day, witnessing the various sports of the celebration, and attended the fireworks in the evening; but feeling quite weak was supported by his father. The next morning he was more feeble with evident signs of scarlet fever, when a physician was sent for, but he continued to grow worse, and despite of all that kind friends and the best of nursing could do, an angel came and beckoned him away, "while the last star of evening yet lingered in the west, as a messenger to carry the glad news, that another star has risen to gild the constellation of

heaven."

Freddie was the pet of the household, and a favorite with the boys of the neighborhood, and generally beloved by all. It was a sad blow to parents and loving brothers and sisters, and friends will long cherish his memory. We think it was Dickens who said, "Oh, it is hard to take to heart the lesson that such deaths will teach; but let no man reject it, for it is one that all must learn, and it is a mighty universal truth. When death strikes down the innocent and young, for every fragile form from which he lets the parting spirit free, a hundred virtues rise, in shapes of Mercy, charity and Love, to walk the world and bless it. Of every tear that sorrowing mortals shed on such green graves, some good is born, some gentle nature comes."

The funeral was held at the residence, at 3 o'clock, Tuesday afternoon, and largely attended by citizens and friends of the family, and playmates of Freddie. The services were conducted by Rev. W. F. Brown, of the Congregational church choosing for his subject: 2d Kings, 4: 24: "It is well with thy child, and she said it is well."

The family express many thanks to the friends for their many acts of kindness shown during this, their trying hour of sorrow.

July 21, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 5, Evansville, Wisconsin

Geo. Backenstoe & Son have the job of painting the Seminary building and have been at work on it the past week.

August 11, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Charley Backenstoe, who has done excellent service in the Pioneer Drug store for the year or more past, resigned that position Saturday for a more lucrative one in the foundry. Charley has a great genius for mechanics than he has for pills and pukes.

July 13, 1881, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 5, Evansville, Wisconsin

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MR. G. A. BACKENSTOE'S.

A PLEASANT surprise and impromptu gathering was held at the residence of Mr. G. A. Backenstoe, on Friday evening last, on the occasion of the fifty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. B. It was a real surprise. Friends of the family had circulated about the neighborhood and gathered up some very nice presents of domestic utility—spoons, table linen, &c., that gladdened the hearts of the recipients, not so much for the real value of the articles possessed as from the recognition of love and esteem of friends and neighbors. The honor of presentation was assigned to Mr. A. S. Baker, who made a nice speech. Mr. and Mrs. B. both responded with words of thanks. No refreshments were served, but a pleasant time was enjoyed by all, and many a hearty wish exchanged for a repetition of the same should life and prosperity again favor such an opportunity.

MR. GEORGE PARKER'S. ✓

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March 10, 1883, Evansville Review, p. 1,

Mr. Backenstoe is putting a nice warm spring coat of drab, trimmed with darker hue, on Byron Campbell's new house.

May 22, 1885, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Miss Mary Backenstoe took her departure last Thursday, for Dakota, where she expects to spend the remainder of the summer with her sister, Mrs. Geo. Richardson. She will also make her sister Lizzie, at Spring Green a short visit.

July 7, 1885, Enterprise, p. 1, col. 5, Evansville, Wisconsin

—House breakers were at their little business again Friday night quite to the discomfort of several citizens. Mr. G. A. Backenstoe's house was entered by removing the wire screen from the side of the bay window, his watch was taken and some change, found in his pant's pocket. Miss Maud lost her purse containing two dollars. The greatest hoodle was in the watch. The theft was not known until the family was seated at the breakfast table, when some article was wanted and found to be absent when search was instituted with the above result.

Mr. C. B. Morse's house was entered by unfastening the blind and raising the window. Mr. Morse lost a watch chain and a few dollars in money, kept in his pant's pocket. A charin marked with his own name and a watch, were left. The value in either case was not materially large, but neither family are very fond of visitors at such an unseasonable hour of night. Mr. Morse found his bifucated garments on the back stoop.

August 26, 1887, Evansville Review, p. 2, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Married at the residence of the bride's parents, on First Street, September 22d 1887, by Rev. B. F. Brown of Janesville, Miss Lizzie M. Backenstoe and Mr. Edward B. Ensign, conductor on St. Paul Railroad, both of Spring Green, Wis.

September 23, 1887, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Monday.

—Mrs. Johnson and family, of Janesville, were in town Sunday, visiting Mrs. J.'s brother, Mr. Edward B. Ensign and his new bride. Mrs. Johnson rode up Thursday to attend the wedding, but mistook the time, returned only to meet her brother in her own house at Janesville, who took the 2:10 p. m. train for Janesville, while his sister was riding across the country, to be present at his wedding.

September 30, 1887, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

<p>—The many relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Campbell, to the number of about 20 enjoyed a reunion with them at their spacious and handsome residence east of this city on Friday, the party included Mr, B. S. Hoxie and family, Mr. Backenstoe and family, and Mr. I. A. Hoxie and family, from this place.</p>	<p>re of fe in ce in n</p>
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December 1, 1888, The Tribune, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. E. P. Sawin on the next lot South (of Harry Blakeley on South Madison Street) is having his house newly painted. G. A. Backenstoe wields the brush, and by the way, Mr. Sawin has the finest field of strawberries of any man in town.

June 13, 1893, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

MARRIED

Another quiet wedding took place on First St., at the home of Mrs. Geo. Backenstoe on Thursday, June 23, 1898, at 5 o'clock p.m. when Mr. William Magee led to the marriage altar Miss Mary D. Backenstoe and were pronounced husband and wife by Rev. W. M. Short.

This is the third one of Evansville's fair daughters who has taken upon herself the solemn vow within a few days, all residing on the same street. It may be well for those in fear of a life of single blessedness to look for a residence on this street at once ye editor resides on the same street and is always ready and willing to help his friends and neighbors into as happy a condition of life as possible: and we will further state that there are no better girls for wives than still reside on the same street. The three mentioned are fair specimens and the last, but not least, will be sadly missed as a teacher in our public school, where she has served long faithful and satisfactory, endearing herself to all and especially to the children in her department. Both of the contracting parties have been residents of this place so long and are so well known that there is no words of praise necessary for us and we can only wish them a long life of happiness and prosperity with all the rest of their friends.

The wedding party was made up of relatives residing in this city, aside from Charles, a brother of the bride, and his family, Mrs. Lizzie Ensign, a sister of the bride and her husband, all of Beloit and Mrs. Maud Hoisington, another sister of West Salem.

June 24, 1898, Enterprise, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

There will be a mother's meeting at Mrs. Backenstoe's, Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, under auspices of the W. C. T. U.

December 16, 1890, Evansville Review, p. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

ANOTHER CITIZEN CALLED

A Sudden Shock, Followed by the Dreamless Sleep

DIED: In Evansville. Wis., January 17, 1895, Mr. G. A. Backensto, of heart failure. Aged nearly 70 years.

Mr. Backenstoe was born in Buffalo, N. Y., in 1824, and went to Conneaut, Ohio, with his parents, where they lived until coming west in 1847. For a time he occupied a clerkship in a store in Cooksville, marrying Miss Ellen M. Hoxie in March 1848. Mr. Backensto came with his family to Evansville, in 1869, and for a time ran the only bakery in town, his real occupation, however, being that of a painter, which business he followed until his death.

During Rev. J. W. Harris' pastorate, in Evansville, Mr. Backensto experienced religion and united with the Congregational church of this place, continuing a worthy member thereof until his death.

Mr. Backensto leaves, besides his wife, a son, Chas. W., who lives in Beloit; Lizzie M. Ensign, who lives in Janesville; Kate E. Richardson, who lives in Vermillion, S. D.; Mary, who is a teacher in a parochial school in Jonesborough, Tenn., and Maud, the sole one of the children, who was at home at her father's death.

Mr. Backensto was apparently as well as usual, going to his work early Thursday morning, but was soon attacked with a shock, and was brought home in an insensible condition, from which he never rallied. Dr. Smith was called but could afford no relief. He died without a struggle, (apparently sleeping) at twenty minutes to twelve o'clock. His sudden death was a shock of surprise to his family and also to the community and friends.

The funeral will be held at his late residence, on First Street, Sunday afternoon at two o'clock.

January 19, 1895, The Badger, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

The funeral of Mr. Geo. A. Backensto took place from his late residence on First Street Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. The house was filled with old friends neighbors and relatives. All of the members of the immediate family were present except Mrs. Kate Richardson of Vermillion, S. D., a daughter of the deceased.

The Rev. John Scholfield officiated and took for his text six verses beginning "In my father's house are many mansions."

The congregational choir rendered some appropriate selections. The following gentlemen acted as bearers: Messrs Nelson Winston, Byron Campbell, A. S. Baker, T. F. Shurum, Jas. Gleaves and E. F. Ellis.

January 26, 1895, The Badger, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. Geo. A. Backenstoe, aged 90 years, died about midnight Tuesday, March 6th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Magee of Beloit. Funeral services will be held in Beloit at 12 o'clock Friday and the remains will be brought by auto to this city for burial.

The family resided in this city for many years and will be remembered by the older residents here. Mrs. Backenstoe's maiden name was Ellen Hoxie and she was married to Geo. A. Backenstoe in 1847. Her husband died in 1895. She leaves five children; Mrs. Lizzie Ensign, Mr. Mary Magee, and Charles Backenstoe, all of Beloit; Mrs. Kate Richardson of South Dakota, and Mrs. Maud Hoisington of Dodgeville.

March 8, 1923, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

WILLIAM MAGEE DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Final Rites Held Here Saturday in Roderick Funeral Home; Burial in Maple Hill.

William Magee, 77, a resident of Evansville for the past 45 years, died at 4 p.m. last Thursday in a Janesville hospital following a lingering illness of six months. He had been failing in health for the past several years.

Funeral services were held here at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Roderick Funeral Home with the Rev. Grant V. Clark, pastor of the Congregational Church, officiating. Burial was made in Maple Hill Cemetery. Pallbearers were Ralph Smith, Harry Loomis, August Kleinsmith, George Branham, Nay Gillman, and J.B. Coleman.

Mr. Magee was born in Exeter, ten miles west of Evansville in Green County, and was married to Miss Mary Backenstoe, this city, about 35 years ago. They made their home in Evansville for several years, moving to Beloit about 20 years ago. Prior to his marriage, Mr. Magee was engaged in real estate business in Chicago for several years.

Besides his wife and several nieces and nephews, Mr. Magee is survived by one daughter, Miss Lucy Ellen Magee, and a son, Horace Magee, Beloit; and one brother, George Magee, this city. He was preceded in death by five sisters; namely, Mrs. Jane Sherger, this city, Mrs. Julia Patterson, Algona, IA; Mrs. Mary Lewis, Exeter; Mrs. Emma Case, Booklyn; and Mrs. Lillian Hopkins, Delavan.

Among those from out-of-town who were here to attend the services were Mrs. Mary Magee, Horace and Miss Lucy Ellen Magee, Beloit, and Mrs. Lucy Vogt and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hynman, Delavan.

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Transcriber's note: William was the son of Lucy Cecelia (Eggleston) and George Magee, Sr.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES IN BELOIT

Mrs. Elizabeth Ensign Succumbs Last Week Wednesday; Buried Here Friday Afternoon

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Ensign, 82, a native of Cooksville and a former resident of Evansville, died on Wednesday afternoon of last week in her home at Beloit where she had resided for many years.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday in the Rosman chapel with the Rev. H. A. Studebaker, Beloit, officiating. The body was brought to Evansville for burial in Maple Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Ensign, formerly Miss Elizabeth Backenstoe, was born Aug. 27, 1852 at Cooksville, six miles northeast of this city, and spent her early years here. She was married to Edwin B. Ensign at a ceremony performed in 1887 after which she moved to Beloit with her husband who died there in 1928.

Mrs. Ensign is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Mary F. Magee, Beloit; Mrs. L. E. Hoisington, Montford; and Mrs. Kate Richardson, Vermilion, S. D.

March 14, 1935, Evansville Review, p. 1 & 8, Evansville, Wisconsin