

—The cabinet ware manufacturing business of C. K. Landon & Co. amounts this year to nearly seven thousand dollars. About the same amount of business has been done by Boyer & Baker, in the carriage and blacksmith business.

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

an early day, to Denver, Colorado.
—Mr. Stephen Baker has on hand a good stock of lumber for druggs and cultivators, and invites the early attention of farmers to these articles before the work of Spring commences.

March 6, 1872,
Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. Stephen Baker left for Sioux Falls, Dakota, last week, with the hope that the salubrious climate of that region might have a beneficial effect upon her low state of health.

August 20, 1873, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. Stephen Baker is very low and but little hopes are entertained for her recovery.

May 27, 1874, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

S. J. BAKER,
Does General and Farm Blacksmith Work, Horse shoeing and carriage work a specialty. Shop next above the Postoffice.
Evansville, Sept. 9, 1874.

September 9, 1874, Evansville Review, p. 4, advertisement, Evansville, Wisconsin

re the best workman that has ever
 a driven a nail into a hoof, as we are
 — informed. This is really the most
 y important, as one unlucky nail may
 d cripple a valuable horse for life, or
 y detain a premeditated journey to the
 ge detriment of business or pleasure.
 l; The establishment is located just
 d above the Postoffice, opposite Gill-
 to man's Livery stable.
 to Call and see if our estimation of
 e- the men and their work is not true.

September 23, 1874, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

ls, Evansville, May 5th, 1875. 10-11f
CARRIAGE SHOP.
BAKER & GARFIELD,
 Manufacturer of Carriages,
Platform and Light Spring
WAGONS,
 Repairing Done With Neatness and Dispatch
 Also in connection
A Custom Blacksmith Shop.
 HORSE SHOEING A SPECIALTY.
 All Work Warranted.
 Shop two doors West of the Post-Office, Main St.
Baker & Garfield.
 Evansville, Wis. April 6, 1875. 48.
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July 21, 1875, Evansville Review,

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The following are the officers
elected for Evansville Lodge No. 32,
F. & A. M. for the current year:

M. Bargewell, W. M.
J. M. Ballard, S. W.
S. J. Baker, J. W.,
Nelson Winston, Treas.
W. H. Garfield, Secretary.
C. B. Morse, }
D. C. Griswold, } Stewards.

Chapter officers No. 35 R. A.
Masons.

J. M. Evans, H. P.
J. R. Whitney, K.
S. J. Baker, Scribe.
J. O. Sharp, Treas.
W. W. Garfield, Secretary.

Installations took place at their
Lodge room Tuesday evening, Jan-
uary 4th, conducted by Dr. C. M.
Smith, and was followed by supper
at the Spencer House.

—We have on one or two occa-
sions before, alluded to the claims of
the (Des Moines) *Western Farmer*,
upon Western farmers. It is a large
7-col sheet, well filled with choice
selections, able editorials, and prac-
tical correspondence. We should
be glad to see it more generally
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—Baker & Garfield, are really starting into plow making. They have been fitting up molds and presses, and the other day they received a quantity of steel from Pittsburgh, and Monday they had a monster grindstone unloaded at the depot for their business. They will manufacture the Bessemer steel beam, real "Magnum Bonum" plow. They know how to do it.

December 13, 1876, Evansville Review, p.3, col. 3,

Evansville, Wisconsin

ATTENTION FARMERS!

We are offering our

Steel Beam Plows

AT \$15.50.

We feel safe in saying that we have as good a Plow as can be found in the market, therefore we call upon all who contemplate buying to

Call and Examine
BEFORE PURCHASING ELSEWHERE

Please Bear in Mind,
We Will Not Be Undersold
by any house in Rock County.

BAKER & GARFIELD.
Evansville, March 28, 1877. 47ft

March 28, 1877, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

FIRE!
STABLE & CARRIAGES
BURNED.
LOSS \$2,000 — PARTIALLY INSURED.

About 10 o'clock Monday night, as a young man was going home from the Spencer House, he discovered fire issuing from the crevices of the rear stable of the hotel and immediately gave the alarm. The stable contained several horses, a number of carriages, harnesses, hay, feed &c., amounting in all to between one and two thousand dollars. By a speedy effort the blaze was subdued, doing no essential damage other than burning the front part of a buggy. The fire proceeded from a bunch of hay that was piled beneath the carriage.

After the fire was subdued, the horses were all removed, and people generally repaired to their homes, and most were in bed.

About half past four, morning, another alarm was given and the bell on the F. W. Baptist church sounded ominously that a fire was going on somewhere. People rushed out, but to find the building, which but a few hours before had narrowly escaped, all in flames, and beyond all possible mean of saving any of its contents.

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The total loss is variously estimated from \$2,000 to \$3,000, mostly in carriages and livery stock, belonging to Mr. Ed. Fellows.

The barn belonged to Mr. Case, and was insured in a St. Louis Co., Guernsey agent, for \$200. Mr. Fellows lost seven carriages, several sets of harness, buffalo robes, feed &c, probably amounting to \$1,000 or \$1,200, on which was a small insurance. Mr. Garfield's building was worth, probably \$100. The hardwood lumber was mostly commission stock, not owned by Mr. Garfield. West & Potter lost \$60, in cabinet and show case stock. No insurance.

The origin of the fire was evidently the work of design. The time was most favorable: the fore part of the evening it had rained, and snowed most of the time during the fire, and the wind blew gently from the south, driving the flames clear from any other building.

Everybody said how lucky it was to worse.

Mr. Stephen Baker is getting lumber on the spot to build a house early in the season. He locates on a portion of Dr. Robinson's premises, fronting on Liberty Street.

March 19, 1879, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

1880 Industrial Schedule of Union township:

S. J. Baker – wheel wrighting, \$1,000 capital; 4 hands employed, 10 hour days; \$2.50 average wage for skilled labor. \$.85 unskilled labor.



April 14, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 2, col. 6-7, Evansville, Wisconsin

S. J. Baker turned out a handsome and well made buggy for Dr. Roberts of Albany, the other day.

September 22, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

can seasonably do.

—We dropped into Mr. Snow's paint shop the other day and saw some of the fine work he was turning out, and were told that the platform wagons there belonged to Mr. S. J. Baker, and were his own individual work, gotten up expressly for his customers. The one that was painted and ready to leave the shop was for Mr. Henry Sperry. A light single horse buggy, already to hitch into, belonged to John Robinson, and was also Mr. Baker's niece. Mr. Baker is not only a blacksmith by trade, but can do as nice job of wood work as the tradesmen of that profession. He works to order and turns out carriages or any thing in that line in the most substantial manner.

WE TOOK a walk down around the depot Thursday and found every thing moving along briskly in that lively section. The tack factory was rising fast under the efficient foremanship of Mr. Steve Baker and Messrs. Brink & Fidelier. George Hall was painting and cleaning up his show car and had the monkeys and the lions out sunning them and talking show to his friends; Sat Barnard's house was about ready to raise; surveyors were laying out a couple of streets; the foundry and tobacco houses and mills were banging and clattering away as though hosts were at work inside, and the lumber wagons were flying along in every direction. Every body was on the go. The frame work of one of Magee's houses was up, and not a loafer could be seen any place. It puts new life into one to watch such evidences of prosperity and justifies the remark made by every one, that we are on the high road to success. We are proud of Evansville and will do all in our power to keep the ball rolling.

—The directors of the Tack Com-
 pany under the new organization, are
 Caled Snashall, A. C. Gray, A. S.
 Baker, S. J. Baker, A. Eager. The
 stock holders met and elected the
 following officers: A. C. Gray, presi-
 dent; C. H. Spencer, secretary; W.
 H. H. Johnson, treasurer; S. J. Ba-
 ker, superintendent.

The company is well organized and
 is running with a good show for bus-
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January 23, 1885, Evansville

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

—Mr. S. J. Baker, superintendent
 of the tack-factory, received a very
 painful accident Wednesday. He
 was truing up one of the monster
 grindstones, when in some way, har-
 dly known to himself, his hand caught
 between the grinding rest and stone
 and before he could extricate it,
 ground off the little finger of his right
 hand, tore the flesh and muscels off
 the second finger and injured the
 middle finger considerably. Dr. Ev-
 did what he could to save the
 maimed finger and hopes to do so.
 Mr. Baker has suffered considerable
 from the wound.

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March 13, 1885, Evansville

Review, p. 2, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

Baker Family
Alva + Margaret



mentioned, he came to Grant county. For a short time he lived in Section 32, in what is now Patch Grove township, but in the spring of 1837 located on land he had pre-empted, there making his permanent home. His was the fifth family in what is now Patch Grove township. In his house was conducted the first school of that township, and the first post-office, he serving as postmaster; the office was given the name of Patch Grove in his honor, and later the township and village took the same name.

Mr. Patch became one of the most prominent and influential men of Grant county, and being public-spirited and progressive was called upon to fill various local offices, the duties of which he always faithfully and conscientiously discharged. He also ably represented his district in the lower branch of the State Legislature. He was a man of more than average ability, and always took a leading part in promoting those enterprises that were for the best interests of the community. Generous and sympathetic by nature, no one was ever turned from his door without assistance, and no man in the county was more highly esteemed or more sincerely respected than Henry Patch. He died in the village of Patch Grove, Jan. 2, 1867, and in his death the community realized that it had lost one of its most valued and useful citizens. As a business man he had steadily prospered, and became possessed of a large amount of land, both by pre-emption and by purchase.

The wife who had accompanied Mr. Patch from her New England home to what was then the wilds of the West departed this life March 14, 1856, and he was again married, July 24, 1858, his second union being with Mrs. Louisa Nelson McConnell, whose maiden name was Dunbar. She died June 20, 1900. By the first marriage there were eight children, four sons and four daughters, but only three are now (1901) living, Mrs. Cornelia W. Anderson, Reed Patch and Mrs. Emma Gilpatrick. Those deceased were Harriet, William H., Henry W., Thomas B. and Almira. Of the three children born to the second union only Mrs. Jennie Lewis, born in 1861, is living, Jessie and Ada L. having passed away.

STEPHEN J. BAKER, of Evansville, Rock county, holds the responsible position of foreman of the Baker Manufacturing Co., in that city, and is one of the leading men of the

community. He understands his business thoroughly, and is a straightforward and manly character.

Mr. Baker was born in Stephenson county, Ill., Feb. 13, 1840, and is a son of John T. and Jemima (Robinson) Baker, both natives of Ohio. They were the parents of seven sons and three daughters, and six of their children are now living, David, Edward, Francis, Stephen J., Allen, and Caroline (who is the wife of John Davenport, of San Rafael, Cal.). John T. Baker was a farmer, and one of the pioneer settlers of Rock county, coming to Wisconsin in 1840, and settling in the town of Union, where he improved a farm, and reared a family to be honorable men and women. He spent the last few years of his life in Evansville, dying in 1876, at the age of seventy years. His wife, the mother of Stephen J., died in the town of Union in the fall of 1851, aged thirty-nine years. John T. Baker was a man of prominence in his time, and served as town clerk, treasurer, and in other offices in the town and district during his active years. His father, Daniel Baker, was a native of West Virginia, and died in Ohio at the age of sixty-five years.

Stephen J. Baker was reared on the farm, and gained moral character and vital force from the close touch of nature and the quiet life he lived. He attended the district school, and was a young man of patriotic thought and feeling at the breaking out of the Civil war. He enlisted in Company D, 13th Wis. V. I., and followed the flag of the Union for three long and bloody years; he was on patrol duty much of the time. He was at Decatur, Ala., where his regiment was under fire four days while Gen. Hood was crossing the Tennessee at Mussels' Shoals. The 13th had a share in many expeditions; and captured many Rebel prisoners, making a good record, and the old veterans recall with pride the scenes and perils now long past. When the war was over Mr. Baker learned the blacksmith's trade, which was his occupation for a number of years. Later he went into the employ of the Evansville Manufacturing Co., principally engaged in the production of tacks, and in 1888 he became foreman of the Baker Manufacturing Co., a position he still fills. The concern is a large one, and produces many different articles largely in demand in an agricultural country, such as windmills, pumps, grinders, wood saws, and other goods in the same line.

On Oct. 6, 1868, Stephen J. Baker married Miss Flora C. Allen, daughter of Heman M. and Caroline (Anderson) Allen, and they had one child, deceased in infancy. Mrs. Baker passed away in 1874. Mr. Baker remarried March 2, 1875, Miss Clare Sherman becoming his wife, and they have an attractive home on Liberty street, Evansville. They have two children, Clarence S., born Feb. 3, 1876, and Flora Ethel, born April 14, 1881. Clarence chose a position as fireman on the Madison division of the Northwestern railroad. Ethel is fitting herself to teach school. Mr. Baker is a member of Union Lodge, No. 32, A. F. & A. M., and Chapter No. 35, R. A. M., at Evansville. He is a Republican, and was alderman of the Second ward in Evansville two terms. He has been a resident of Rock county sixty years.

Mrs. Clare (Sherman) Baker, wife of Stephen J. Baker, was born May 27, 1852, near Menasha, Wis., later moving to Evansville, Wis. Her parents, Erin and Mariam B. (Stevens) Sherman, had three children: Elisha, who died in infancy; Eva E., Mrs. Albert Snashall, of Evansville, and Clare, Mrs. Baker. Her father, Erin Sherman, was born in Le Roy, Genesee Co., N. Y., in 1820. He was a contractor and builder in his native place. Later, coming West, he settled in Milwaukee, where he owned a dry-goods store, and was proprietor of the same for several years, afterward moving onto a maple sugar farm near Menasha. At the time of the gold fever, in 1857, he, with several companions, went to the gold fields of California. In 1846 Mr. Sherman was married to Mariam B. Stevens, who was the daughter of Joseph and Phoebe (Eastman) Stevens, and was born in Concord, N. H., June 7, 1828, coming West with her mother and brothers when thirteen years of age. She died in Evansville, Wis., March 4, 1875. She joined the United Brethren Church, of which she was a member in good standing until her death. Erin Sherman's father, Thomas Sherman, was born in the State of New York. He and his wife, Sallie (Van Gilder) Sherman, were the parents of nine children, seven sons—Thomas, Benjamin, William, Walter, Erin, Elisha and Lucius—and two daughters—Clarissa and Susan. All were born in Le Roy. Joseph Stevens, father of Mrs. Mariam B. (Stevens) Sherman, was born in Andover, Essex Co., Mass., in 1784, and was engaged in the lumber

business, owning and operating a sawmill. He died in Concord, N. H., of typhus fever. He and his wife, Phoebe E. Stevens, were the parents of seven children, Joseph, Phoebe, William, Serena, John, Thomas and Mariam. Mrs. Phoebe (Eastman) Stevens was born in Londonderry, Rockingham Co., N. H., in 1785. After the death of her husband she was advised by his cousin, Charles Stevens, who lived in Janesville, Wis., to come West with her family. She did so, and bought government land situated north of the city of Janesville, where she lived several years. Two of her sons, Thomas and William, settled on farms in the town of Porter, near Fulton. John settled in Janesville, where he kept an hotel for a number of years. Serena married and went to Michigan. Later Mrs. Stevens moved to the town of Porter, where she spent the remainder of her life. She died in 1878, at the home of her son Thomas. William Eastman, father of Phoebe (Eastman) Stevens, was born in Concord, N. H., in 1757. He served in the Revolutionary war under Capt. Livermar and Col. Campbell, and was granted a pension for three years' actual service. The Eastman family were all quite patriotic.

WILLIAM ELGAR, a well-to-do and prominent citizen of Platteville, Grant county, and ex-postmaster at that place, is one of the adopted sons of America, for he was born in London, England, in 1829. His parents, William and Ann (Hambrook) Elgar, were natives of Kent, England, and the mother died in 1841, in London. The father, who was a business man in England, came to the United States in 1851, settling in Grant county, Wis., where he followed farming for some time. He died in Platteville in 1875. His children were William; John, a resident of Wisconsin; Viroqua; Stephen, who died in Platteville in 1891; Elizabeth, Mrs. William Cowduroy, who died in the same place in 1879; and Anne, Mrs. Kolb, a resident of Platteville.

The early life of William Elgar was passed in his native land, and he attended school in London. In 1851 he sailed for the New World, and after a voyage of twelve weeks landed in New York. After spending a short time in Mineral Point, Wis., he came to Grant county, where he has since made his home. For some years he was successfully engaged in mercantile business in Platteville, but on being appointed

1889

Carpenters Wm. Libby and son are at work upon S. J. Baker's residence, which is to be improved by raising the east wing up the same height of the main part, making it two stories high.

May 6, 1890, the Tribune, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

S. J. Baker received the sad intelligence yesterday by telegram that Mrs. Caroline Allen, of Sioux Falls, S. D., was dead. Mrs. Allen was Mr. Baker's first wife's mother. The remains are expected here on the 2:03 p.m. train today.

September 11, 1894, The Tribune, p. 1, col. 6, Evansville, Wisconsin and
September 14, 1894, Enterprise, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

The remains of Mrs. Allen, formerly of this place were buried at the Stone School house on the Prairie, Wednesday.

September 18, 1894, The Tribune "Brooklyn Items", Evansville, Wisconsin p. 1, col. 3.

Mrs. S. Baker went to Baraboo last Saturday to see her son Clarence Baker, who is ill. Upon her arrival there she found his disease to be typhoid fever. He is now under the care of a skilled physician and trained nurse and his many friends are hoping for a speedy recovery.

March 16, 1901, The Badger, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Miss Ethel Baker, who is teaching in Albany, is home to spend her vacation, and her mother is in Baraboo caring for her son, Clarence, who is very sick with typhoid fever. His many Evansville friends hope for his early recovery.

March 19, 1901, The Tribune, p. 3, col., 5 Evansville, Wisconsin

Ethel Baker took her departure, Tuesday morning for Arizona; she was accompanied to Chicago by her brother Clarence. She will be with Mrs. Mattie Taggart, at Yuma, who is well remembered here, having spent some months here with relatives at different times.

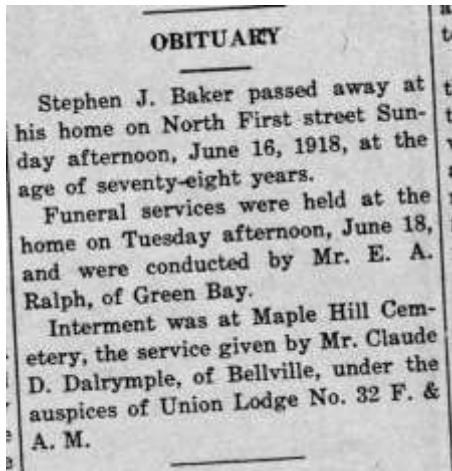
December 17, 1904, The Badger, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

—Evansville friends extend sympathy to Dr. and Mrs. Leon Patterson (nee Ethel Baker) of Green Bay, who mourn the death of a little son, born Oct. 22nd. Mrs. S. J. Baker is at Green Bay caring for her daughter.

October 26, 1906, Enterprise, p. 3, col. 7, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. Leon Patterson of Green Bay, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Baker, and other relatives.

May 10, 1907, The Enterprise, p. 3, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin



June 20, 1918, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Clarence S. Baker of Janesville was in the city the fore part of the week, visiting his sister, Mrs. Leon Patterson, who is here from Green Bay.

April 5, 1920, Evansville Review, p. 5, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin



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