

Bemis Family researched by Ruth Ann Montgomery

Burials from Evergreen Cemetery, Colorado Springs, Colorado:

BEMIS	ADDIE C.	1858	14 NOV 1896	T-032
BEMIS	EDWARD	1814	09 JUN 1883	T-032
BEMIS	HORACE G.	1848	1923	-032

The Storm. We understand that the storm in Porter was quite severe. A house was unroofed, fences were prostrated, and crops injured to some extent. At Fulton the dam across the Catfish was carried away. Loss about \$500. At Evansville a barn belonging to Edwin Bemis was blown down.

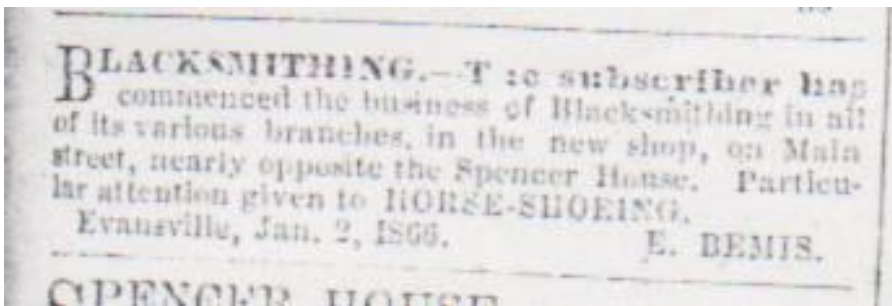
June 8, 1860, p. 4, col. 3, Janesville Weekly Gazette and Free Press, Janesville, Wisconsin

October 11, 1862

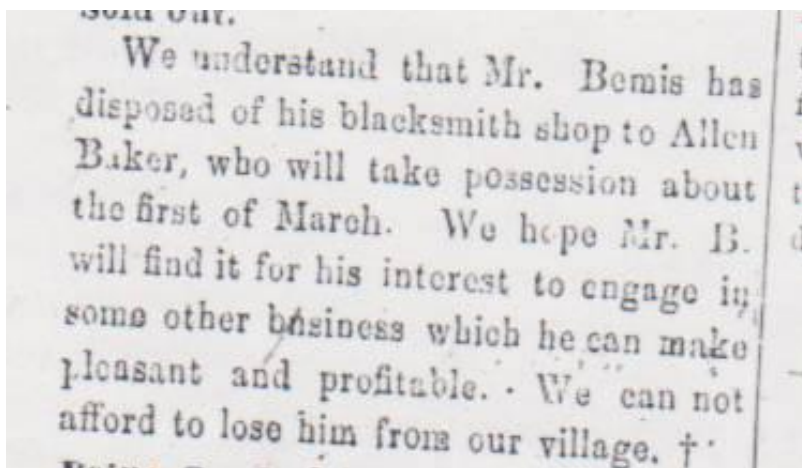
Mrs. Emma Evans writes to Dr. John M. Evans that a blacksmith below Millspaughs has a child sick with diphtheria and must die. Many are sick and Dr. Quivey is riding day and night. Men hanging the blinds broke 5 panes of glass and there was none in Evansville. Sent to Janesville by Henry Spencer to get glass for \$1. "Henry Spencer's house is raised." They are painting the blinds in Hiram Spencer's shop. Winston has bought a great many nice goods and has a nice price for them.

October 13, 1862

Letter to Emma Evans from Dr. Evans. Dr. had learned of the death of "little May Bemis". Dr. Evans had Railroad stock. He mortgaged some property to get it. He had put deeds of property in Emma's name, owned warehouse lots that he had given Spencer authority to sell, if opportunity came up.



January 2, 1866, Evansville Citizen, p. 1, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin



February 14, 1866, Evansville Review, p. 4, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

Great change in the appearance of things along Main Street. The old Methodist Church that was erected nearly twenty years ago, as the boasted pride, and quite an ornament to the village & almost the first church edifice erected in the Territory of Wisconsin, west of Rock River, now grown into rather insignificance by the more elegant buildings around it, and became quite too small for the present demands, has been dismantled, removed from its foundations and brought up on a line nearly to the street and taken a stride west, to accommodate aspiring neighbors and associates, for future and commercial uses. Fifteen feet is to be added to the front, making the entire length 60 feet, beams are put in and another story added to be used as a public hall, 30 by 60 feet. The eastern portion of the lot is being excavated, preparatory to the erection of two stores; one by Mr. J. B. Bemis, for a boot and shoe store, and the other by Mr. Stillman Parker, for general mercantile purposes.

The store now occupied by Mr. Bemis is rented by Judge Conner, of Beloit, who will put in a stock of Dry Goods.

July 25, 1866, The Evansville Citizen, p. 4, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Judge O'Connor and partner also, intend to fill with dry goods and groceries, the store now occupied by Jerome Bemis, as a shoe store. They take possession we are told in September, when Mr. Bemis removes to his new store.

August 22, 1866, Evansville Citizen, p. 4, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. J. B. Bemis has removed his stock of Boots and Shoes to his new store, opposite the Citizen office, where he may be found ready to receive his old customers and new ones too.

October 10, 1866, The Evansville Citizen, p. 4, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Mr. Bemis, opposite the "Citizen" Office, is receiving a large invoice of Boots and Shoes direct from the manufacturers. Thus by saving two or three jobber's commissions he can sell much cheaper and retain a larger profit to himself. All who need shoes or want to be booted will do well to call at Bemis'.

September 11, 1867, Evansville Review, p. 4, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

BOOTS & SHOES

J. B. BEMIS,

(Nearly opposite the "Citizen" Office, Swager's
New Brick Block.)

Has just received a fresh Invoice of

OF

BOOTS AND SHOES,

All the latest STYLES in great variety and of the
best quality in the market.

Ladies and Gents

will find a complete assortment of Boots, Shoes, Gal-
lorais and Slippers for

Spring and Summer Wear.

also Children's Shoes in great variety.

My Custom Department

remains under the direction of a competent foreman,
whose ability and experience is a sufficient recom-
mend that all work entrusted to his charge, will be
faithfully done to the entire satisfaction of customers.

Repairing Promptly Attended to.

My Sewed work is done by one of the best work-
men in the State.

All Work Warranted.

Give me a call.

Evansville, May, 1, '67.

J. B. BEMIS.

September 25, 1867, Evansville Review, p. 4, col. 4, Evansville,

Wisconsin

The Village.

Quite a number of changes have taken place in town since our last issue. Mr. Bemis has removed his blacksmith shop and attached it to the rear of one lately purchased by him of Mr. R. R. Winston. This improvement makes Mr. Bemis a grand point for the blacksmith business. Other parties are erecting a new shop below Owen's Photograph Gallery. On the old site of Mr. Bemis' Photographic rooms are being put up by Mr. McKinny.—Mr. Slauson has left his under ground room and will continue to give lessons to the long haired public, in the tonsorial art, in his new rooms lately occupied as Millinery store. —At the Depot we observe a new lumber office to accommodate the yard of Messrs. Winston & Bennett, on the grounds just vacated by Mr. K. F. Randolph, whose yard and office buildings are located near the Evansville House. Other new buildings are being put up in this neighborhood that gives it really a new and much livelier appearance.—Mr. Benj. Francisco assumes proprietorship of the Evansville House vice Wm. Winston, and caters to the gastronomic public.—Additions, we are told, are to be made to the Winston & Bennett block, to commence immediately.

✓ **SOLE OUT.**—Mr. J. B. Bemis has disposed of his interest in the Boot and Shoe trade in Evansville and will leave the multifarious cares of a mercantile life for a season. Mr. Geo. Shaw succeeds him in the business. Ms. Bargewell, and Mr. Clifford as foreman, are retained in the custom work department, as formerly.

October 30, 1867, Evansville Citizen, p. 4, col. 1,

Evansville, Wisconsin

Settle Up.
Having sold my interest in the Boot and Shoe business in Evansville, I call upon all who may be indebted to me by account or otherwise to settle up. I shall be found for the next two weeks at my old stand, Main street.
J. B. BEMIS.
Evansville, Oct. 28th, 1867.

October 30, 1867, Evansville Citizen, p. 4, col. 1,

Evansville, Wisconsin

COME AND EAT.—Mr. Hough having opened rooms in the basement of Bemis' Block, for the purpose of Confectionary and Restaurant, gives a general invitation to the patronizing public to call. All who like a plate of delicious bi-valves are particularly invited.
Evansville, Dec., 31st 52

January 1, 1868, Evansville Citizen, p. 4, col. 1,

Evansville, Wisconsin

Notice to Creditors.
ALL ACCOUNTS due me must be settled by the 10th, inst. or they will be left with a Magistrate for collection. I mean what I say.
J. B. BEMIS.
Evansville, Jan. 1st, 1868.

January 15, 1868, Evansville Review,

Evansville, Wisconsin

Continued. See story of to-day.

LITERARY.—A meeting was called on Monday evening last, with E. Bemis, Esq., Chairman and Mr. Butts Secretary, to take measures for organizing a Literary Society in Evansville. C. M. Tuttle, Rev. J. Watts and J. R. West were chosen a committee to prepare Constitution and By-laws, to govern the same. The meeting then adjourned to meet again on Saturday evening next at 7 o'clock.

Our columns are always open

February 12, 1868, p. 4, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Blacksmithing. "Patronize your old institutions." Thirty years of practical experience with "old sledge" has given me ample experience in the blacksmith business which I want the public and myself to profit by. The ring of my anvil is my sign, besides read, at the foot of Main St. E. Bemis.

Ad in Evansville Review, April 27, 1870, Evansville, Wisconsin

—Mr. Peter Spencer has sold his lands South of town, comprising something over eighty acres, to Mr. Jarvis Bemis, for the sum of \$16, per acre. The same gentleman has bought that portion of the same premises belonging to Mr. E. B. Harvey.

November 3, 1875, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

JERVIS BEMIS, farmer, Sec. 3; P.O. Footville; son of Daniel BEMIS, of Spencer, Wooster Co., Mass.; was born in Hamilton, Madison Co., N.Y., in 1818; emigrated to Wisconsin in 1845; in 1849 was elected Chairman of the Town Board of Supervisors; was also on the Side Board of Supervisors in 1848, and has served as Town Assessor; Mr. BEMIS was one of the first settlers of Plymouth; there were no roads when he settled there; the town settled rapidly, and the next year after he came, they built a schoolhouse; he was the first Treasurer of the Board of School Commissioners. In 1841, he married Miss E. M. BUMP, daughter of Varney BUMP, a resident of New York; they have eight children - Daniel D. and George A., residents of Kansas; Elizabeth A., now Mrs. J. M. POOL, a resident of Richmond, Va.; Frank A., resident of Evansville, Wis., in the dairy business; Kiron J., traveling salesman; Fred H., John B. and Lottie, who still reside at home. Mr. BEMIS is a member of the Center Grange, No. 35, and also of the State and County Agricultural Society, and helped to organize the County Agricultural Society. He owns one-half section of land, all in good state of cultivation.

Taken from "The History of Rock County, Wis." (c)1879, p. 872.

Saw Frank Bemis loading lumber from Mr. Randolph's yard, Tuesday for his new house.

May 5, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Estray Notice.

TAKEN UP by the subscriber on land owned by me, section twenty-two, in the town of Magnolia, on the 27th day of September, 1880, two Steers, supposed to be one year old last spring. One of said steers is red and white spotted, and the other is mostly red with some white on the side. The owner is hereby notified to come and prove property, pay charges and take them away.

J. B. BEMIS.

Dated September 29th, 1880.

October 6, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

FARM AND MILK ROUTE FOR SALE.

Situated about one-half mile south from Evansville, containing 123 acres; 60 acres under plow the balance good pasture land. A creek runs through the pasture affording an unfailing supply of pure water. The milk route will support about 25 good cows.

Terms Easy. Apply to

49w4 FRANK BEMIS, Evansville, Wis.

Evansville, March 23d, 1881.

March 23, 1881, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 5, Evansville, Wisconsin

The Bemis Brothers are having a large pumping and grinding power windmill put up, and have enclosed it with a new addition to their barn. They will attach machinery for cutting feed, grinding and pumping water. They run a milk wagon.

September 23, 1882, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Frank Bemis, who is in the employ of the Evansville Creamery Co., has already established two milk routes here and is making up the third. It is the

farmers' delight and without doubt a good thing.

Success to it.

March 24, 1883, Evansville Review, p. 4, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

The many friends of Mr. Edmund Bemis in this, his former home, will regret very much to learn the sad intelligence in the following which we clip from the Longmont (Col.) Ledger.

During the day, on the night of which he died, which was Thursday June 7th, Mr. Bemis was in his usual health and engaged in doing some plowing. He returned to his house about six o'clock, saddled and mounted one of his horses, called his dog and started out to look up the cows. This was the last time he was seen alive. As the cows sometimes wander away in the timber, his wife did not feel any special alarm on account of his being absent longer than usual. But when about 10 o'clock, the dog returned alone, she felt certain that some serious accident had happened to him. The nearest neighbors were aroused, and a vigorous search was at once commenced. But there was no moon, and the sky soon became so thickly obscured by clouds of inky darkness, that it was impossible to see any object at the distance of five or six feet by the light of a lantern, and the search was of necessity abandoned until the appearance of daylight the next morning. But at the first show of light Friday morning the search was renewed, and the body was soon found at a distance of only about one fourth of a mile from the house. He was laying upon his face, with no indications of having been thrown from the animal he was riding, or of any struggle after he fell. His death was of course instantaneous, as he fell upon his face and forehead dislocating his neck.

The supposition is that he was suddenly attacked with faintness, which caused him to fall from his horse with the fatal result above stated. Some of the searchers during the night, passed within about fifteen feet of where the body was lying, but the darkness was so intense that the light of their lanterns did not enable them to discover it.

The deceased, Edmund Bemis, was born in the state of Massachusetts, and had attained the age of 69 years at the time of his death. The body was taken to Colorado Springs and given burial in "Evergreen Cemetery". He was a man of fine personal presence, well, informed on all general topics, possessing a genial temper, and highly esteemed by all his acquaintances.

The Enterprise, June 26, 1883, p. 4, col. 1-2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Antes Bros., furniture dealers, sold to Mr. Bemis, the milkman, a beautiful parlor set and other furniture this week.

February 22, 1884, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. J. B. Bemis is preparing to build on the lot bought of Mrs. Smith, on First street. Several fine buildings are going up on this street this season.

June 19, 1885, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. Kingsley, a relative of Jerome Bemis, has purchased a lot adjoining Mr. Gillies on 1st street, where he will proceed to erect a residence.

July 3, 1885, Enterprise, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

Messrs. Potter and Garfield assisted by Geo. Hayward have the job of building Jerome Bemis' new residence on First Street.

July 28, 1885, The Enterprise, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. Bemis has let the job of building his house to Messrs. Potter and Garfield. They have in their employ, Henry Hubbard, Wm. Martineus, George Hayward and Mr. Bement. They will make quick work of it.

July 31, 1885, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. Arthur Bemis, who is selling the Torry dress model, called at Delavan on a recent trip out. He found "our" people there well, and drove "to death" in the tack business. Always glad to hear from Messrs. B. & C., and their families.

January 1, 1886, Evansville Review, p. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. Arthur Bemis who has been in Minnesota working for the interest of the Northwestern Mutual Benefit Association, came home the latter part of the previous week. He contemplates moving his family to Owatonna, Minn., nearer to the headquarters of his business.

May 13, 1887, Evansville Review, p.1 , col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

Jacob Bemis opened his silo Monday, and found its contents in the best of condition. He showed us an ear of corn taken from the pit which besides being a little discolored, is perfectly sound and healthy. He says his cows are ravenous for it.

February 14, 1888, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. J. B. Bemis returned Saturday from a couple of weeks tour in Iowa. He noted the season on his journey but slightly in advance of ours.

April 29, 1887, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

—Mr. Jacob Bemis, of Mason, Neb., dropped in again upon his many friends here last Thursday, looking much better and healthy than we ever saw him before. He improved the present opportunity for a short visit home while Mr. Jerome Bemis, his uncle, looked after his affairs in Neb. Jerome will return to his home here as soon as Jacob relieves him of his charge which will be soon, as Jacob's visit will be short. He reports crops in that country as being fully equal to any other, even Wisconsin.

August 25, 1888, The Tribune, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. Jerome Bemis returned from Mason Neb., Saturday. He reports the general business situation and prospects there about the same as in Wisconsin.

June 1, 1889, The Tribune, p. 4, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

—Tobacco setting has fairly commenced in this section and it is said that the best and most rapid thing on earth for this purpose is the machine sold by Mr. Albert Fessenden and patented by our former citizen, Mr. Frank Bemis, now of Lodi, but Mr. Bemis, himself, is now at work in Messrs Fuller and Johnson's shops at Madison, manufacturing this famous machine. The above named very reliable manufacturing Co. having taken hold of it with him, a sample of ~~the machine~~ ~~has~~ ~~been~~ ~~sent~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~Central~~ House Park. We prophesy for Mr. Bemis a snug little fortune out of his invention and hope it will come true.

June 19, 1889, Enterprise, p. 1, col. 5, Evansville, Wisconsin

Kittie Bemis is visiting her Uncle Mr. Frank Bemis and family at Dane.
 July 27, 1889, The Tribune, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

—Mr. Jerome Bemis arrived at his home in this city from his western possessions last week Thursday, where he expects to remain during the winter.

November 27, 1889, Enterprise, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

—Mr. Frank Bemis, of Dane, was a caller last Tuesday while we were working off the Review, but were not so engrossed but that we stopped to receive arrearages and advance subscriptions for the Review. For the past year or more Mr. Bemis has been very busy getting out his new tobacco planter. It is a machine that does away with much of the bone, back-aching work of tobacco growing—setting the plants properly in the spring. The machine is drawn by two horses and the planting is done by a couple of boys who sit on convenient seats for that purpose. The machine furrows the ground and supplies each plant with water as it is placed in the ground and while moving along. A number of the machine were sold in this place last spring and gave the best of satisfaction. They are manufactured by Messrs Fuller & Johnson, of Madison. Mr. Bemis is about going east and into Pennsylvania and Virginia, to introduce the machine among the tobacco growers of that section.

The machine is equally adapted to sweet potatoes and cabbage planting.

Mr. Bemis realizes he has a good thing and is determined to make some money out of it and we don't blame him.

Mr. A. H. Fessenden is his agent for Evansville and Rock county.

January 28, 1890, Evansville Review, Evansville,

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February 11, 1890, Evansville Review, p. 1, c. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

—Mr. Albert Bemis, a sufferer for a long time from a carbuncle on the back of his neck, and recovering so he could just be about, is prostrated again with typhoid fever. He will have a hard pull even if he recovers. His system was pretty well reduced which made him an easy victim for anything else that might come along.

* Albert Bemis—Obituary

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Mr. Albert Bemis whom we had several times made mention of as being a great sufferer from a carbuncle on the back of his neck, but had recovered so as to be about. But a relapse came on and his system being weak made him a susceptible victim for almost anything and everything that might come along.

He died Thursday night, February 13th 1890, at the age of 73 years. Mr. Bemis was one of the early settlers of Rock county having moved from Madison county, N. Y., in 1842, and settled in the town of Plymouth, afterwards living in Janesville and coming to Evansville about six years ago; built a fine residence on the south side of town and enjoyed his septennial years in quiet and plenty. He was of a family of seven brothers and one sister; the sister and four brothers are his survivors.

The funeral services were held at his late residence Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. W. W. Stevens of the Methodist church, but his burial did not take place until Monday, waiting for his son Jacob, from Nebraska, who was detained in Chicago until the 9:38 Sunday evening train.

February 18, 1890, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 5, Evansville, Wisconsin

Sale of Realestate.

STATE OF WISCONSIN, COUNTY SCOURT ROCK COUNTY.

In the matter of the Estate of Albert Bemis.

NOTICE is hereby given that by virtue and in pursuance of an order of license made in said matter on the 20th day of May 1890 by the County Court of this County, the under-signed Martha A. Bemis and Louise B. Hayner will on the 21st day of June next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the office of H. N. Simons, Attorney over the bank of Evansville, in the village of Evansville, Rock county, Wisconsin, sell at public auction for cash the following described Real Estate, To Wit:

The N. W. 1-4 of the N. E. 1-4 of Sec. 34, town of Union, Rock C. Wis. except a piece in the N. E. corner thereof, described as follows: Beginning at the N. E. corner and run thence West on Sec. line 21-2 rods thence S. E. to east line of said lot at a point 2 1 2 rods South of the N. E. corner thereof, thence north 2 1 2 rods to place of beginning Containing 39 7-8 acres. Also part of the N. E. 1-4 of the N. W. 1-4 of said Sec., No. 34 bounded as follows: Beginning at the quarter post between Sec. 27 and 34, running thence South on said centre line 5 rods, thence north-westly 7 rods to the north line of said Sec. 34, thence east along said line to place of beginning. And also part of the S. E. 1-4 of the S. W. 1-4 of Sec. No. 27 described as follows: Beginning at a point on the south line of said Sec. 3 1 2 rods west of the southeast corner thereof, thence north 12 rods and seven feet, thence west 2 rods to the east line of lands owned by Benjamin Davis, thence south on said Davis' East line 12 rods 7 feet to the South line of said Sec., thence East 2 rods to place of beginning. All in town 4 Range 10 East, containing about half acre, and containing in all about 40 3 8 acres of land.

Dated Evansville, Wis., May 27, 1890.

MARTHA A. BEMIS.

LOUISE B. HAYNER,

H. N. SIMONS, Atty. for Estate.

June 24, 1890, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 6, Evansville, Wisconsin

Nathaniel Bryan bought the Bemis farm at the administrator's sale, Saturday, paying \$1,000.

June 24, 1890, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 5, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. A. B. Bemis having bought the grocery business of the late John Budlong has rearranged his store and will endeavor to keep a first class stock of family groceries. Give him a call. See adv. In another column.

August 26, 1890, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

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ASA B. BEMIS,

(Successor to John B. Budlong.)

Having bought out the grocery business of the late John B. Budlong, I shall aim to keep a

FULL & COMPLETE STOCK

—:OF:—

Family Groceries,

CHOICE CANNED FRUIT,

and everything in the line of

Wet and Dry Groceries:

Having rearranged the store and put in additional shelving, I shall endeavor to keep a good assortment

OF FIRST CLASS GROCERIES.

Give me a call.

Evansville, Aug. 26, 1890.

September 2, 1890, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Groceryman Asa Bemis comes out with a handsome new delivery wagon today. The hand work of the J. W. Morgan Mfg. Co.

September 16, 1890, The Tribune, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

ROCK COUNTY

VILLAGE OF EVANSVILLE

} ss. In JUSTICE COURT.

To A. D. Bemis.

You are hereby notified that a garnishee summons has been issued against you and your property attached to satisfy the demand of Reed, Murdock & Company, a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Illinois, amounting to One Hundred and ninety-nine dollars and nineteen cents. (\$199.19) Now unless you shall appear before W. K. Phillips, a justice of the peace in and for said county at his office in said village on the Seventh (7th) day of January, A. D. 1893, at one (1) o'clock in the afternoon judgment will be rendered against you and your property sold to pay the debt.

Dated Evansville Wis., Nov., 26 A. D. 1892.

NOLAN & CUNNINGHAM,

Dec 13 to Jan 7:4

Plaintiff's Attorneys.

January 3, 1893, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 5, Evansville, Wisconsin

Jerome Bemis is taking a Nebraska business trip.

September 1, 1891, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

A small residence known as the Frank Bemis' house at the south end of First street, occupied by Mr. Michael Holden family, burned this Tuesday morning about 11 o'clock. The extreme cold prevented the engine from working readily, therefore it was only possible to save the household goods. Covered with insurance.

December 15, 1893, Enterprise, p. 4, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

TO CONGRESS HOUSE.

—The Gold Medal Contest at Magee's hall last evening was very largely attended and one of the very best ever held in this city. The contestants were so nearly equal in their recitations that it was a very hard matter to decide who should have the medal, but after long and deliberate consideration it was awarded to Miss Kittie West of this place. Little Mattie Irish of Brooklyn, more than pleased the audience with her recitations, she is certainly a little jewel who none can help but love. The ladies' quartette consisting of the Misses Grace Bemis, Blanche Brigham, Letha Clemmer and Grace Colton, sang very nicely, being encored and called back at each appearance. Kittie Clark and Miss Clemmer sang beautifully together, calling forth the greatest applause. The Misses Gertie Eager and Elsie Baker favored the audience with a very pleasing duet on the piano, while the Mandolin club entertained the audience during intermissions, which made all pass off very pleasantly.

Evansville, Wisconsin

August 31, 1894, The Enterprise, p. 1, col. 7,

Mr. J. B. Bemis and Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Little, are to try California's balmy climate for the remainder of the winter.

February 2, 1895, The Badger, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. and Mrs. Little, who have returned from California, report a delightful winter spent in that state. Mr. Jerome Bemis, who was their traveling companion going, did not return with them.

March 30, 1895, The Badger, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome B. Bemis, 1708 West First Street, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Saturday and in honor of the occasion gave a reception in the evening which was attended by 50 of their friends. Fifty gold-colored lanterns lighted the way from the street to the residence, and the interior of the home was profusely decorated with golden glow and goldenrod.

In a bower of yellow blossoms there was stationed a string orchestra which rendered the wedding marches and other appropriate music and played accompaniments to the singing of old melodies. Vocal solos were contributed by Miss Garfield and dancing and singing numbers were rendered by Lillian Off and Ruth Bemis, two of the younger grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Bemis.

Refreshments were served at small tables grouped about the large central one at which the host and hostess presided. This had as a centerpiece a golden basket filled with flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bemis were married fifty years ago at Footville, Wis., and have five children, three of whom are residents of this city--a son, Asa D. Bemis, and two daughters, Mrs. Maranville and Mrs. Charles F. Off. The other daughters are Mrs. Fred Fellows and Mrs. Louis Fellows of Wisconsin. Of the thirteen grandchildren, the youngest is Carl Off, four years of age, who was present at the anniversary reception.

The many beautiful gifts received by the couple bespoke the loving regard in which they are held by their friends and neighbors. -- Los Angeles Times

Mr. and Mrs. Bemis are the parents of Mrs. Lew and Mrs. Fred Fellows. They lived here for a good many years before moving to California. The Review joins their many friends here in congratulating this worthy couple.

September 19, 1912, p. 1, col. 2 Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Fellows entertained at dinner Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Bentley Bemis, Fred Bemis and Kiron- Bemis of Footville and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fellows of Evansville.

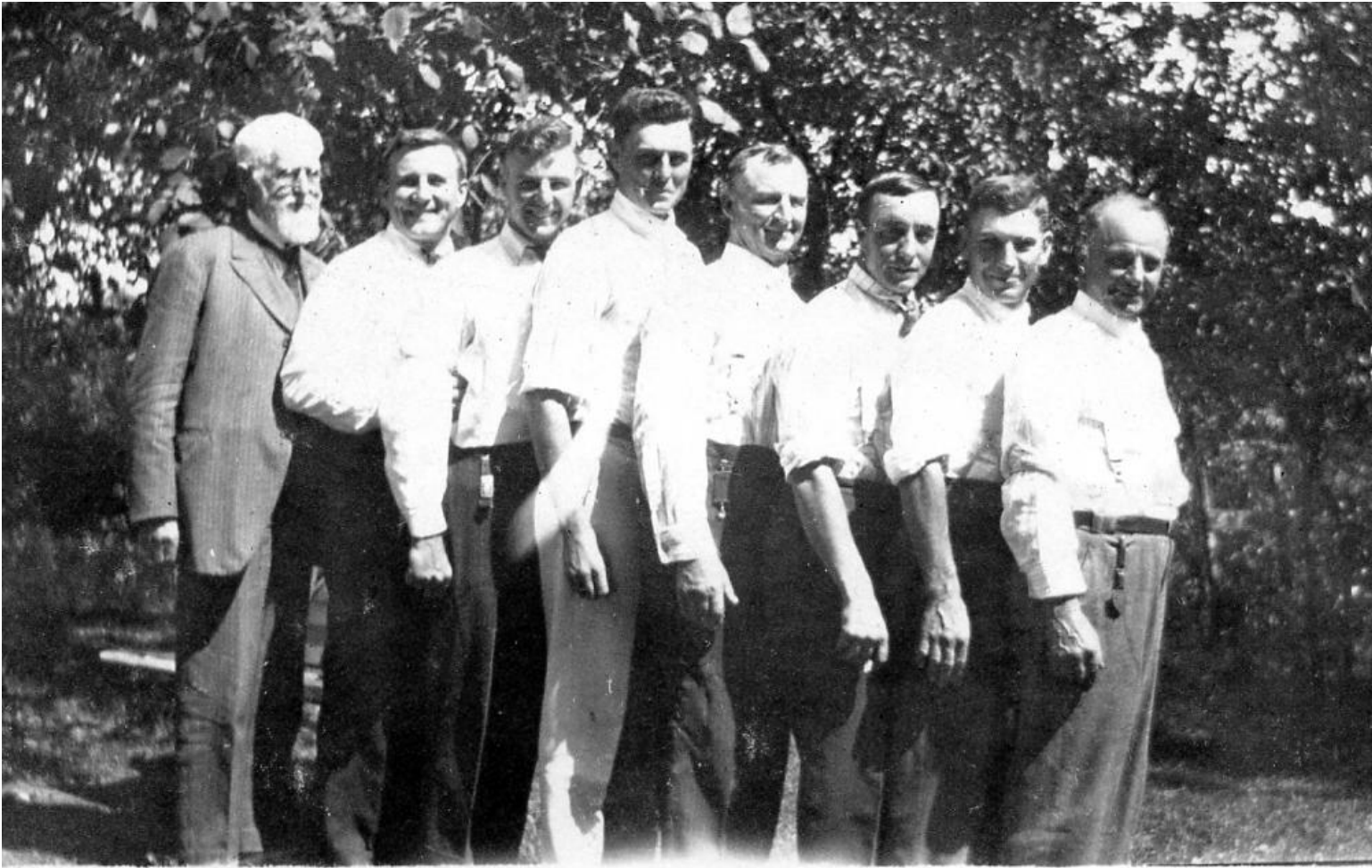
April 18, 1916, p. 9, "Fellows Station" news, Janesville Gazette, Janesville, Wisconsin

Friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bemis gathered at their beautiful home east of town, 'on Saturday evening for a farewell party. A complete surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Bemis, who, however, -were equal to the occasion. The evening was spent in merrymaking and the self-invited guests departed at a late hour, expressing regrets at losing their old neighbors and friends, yet extending to them the best of wishes in their new home. This has always been Fred's home, he having spent his entire life in the home he is soon to leave. Mr. and Mrs. Bemis, however, may rest assured that a warm welcome awaits them in their new home at Footville.

February 28, 1917, Janesville Gazette, Janesville, Wisconsin

Tuesday.—Mrs. Garnett Bemis and son Allan who have made their home in Janesville during the past month's—are' leaving that city and are now visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bemis, preparatory to going to the home of her parents in South Dakota for an indefinite period. They expect to leave this coming week for that state. Her daughter Cora is now in Dakota with her grandparents, -where she went with the mother when they returned after the death and burial of Cora's father, the late Parker Bemis. Mrs. Bemis was quite sick at her home in Janesville for some weeks, but is now in excellent health.— Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Bemis are entertaining today, having as guests, Fred Bemis and son, Dean, together with his wife, daughter Louisa and son, Herbert, also Mrs. Parker and son Allan,

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I to right: Jerome Bemis, Herbert Durner, Earl Fellows, Asa Fellows, Lewis Fellows, Grant Howard, Roy Fellows, Fred Fellows
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to r, Ollie Bemis Fellows (age 47), Grace Bemis Off, (age 34), May Bemis Fellows (age 49), Bessie Morrison Fellows (Mrs. Roy), Neva Fellows Howard (Mrs. Grant), Blanche DeVoine Bemis (Asa's wife), Bessie Fellows Durner (Mrs. Herbert) and Kittie Bemis Miranville (age 41). The four underlined were sisters. I tend to believe that they look their ages here...do you?

Jerome Bemis Former Resident Dies at Los Angeles

The announcement reaches friends in this city of the death at Los Angeles of Jerome Bemis, formerly of this city, where he suffered a paralytic stroke, October 31.

Mr. Bemis was born in Genesee county, N. Y., Feb. 17, 1833 and came to Evansville with his parents, the late Daniel and Charlotte Bemis in 1844 settling in the town of Plymouth, Rock County. He was married Aug. 30, 1862 to Mary E. Clifford, Magnolia.

Five children were born to them, one son, Asa D., who died March 31, 1927 in California and four daughters who survive, Mrs. L. B. Fellows and Fred Fellows, both of Evansville, Mrs. Katheryn Maranville and Mrs. Charles Off, both of Los Angeles. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

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RESIDENTS PURCHASE 13,000 ACRE RANCH

The following news article concerning the purchase of a 13,000 acre ranch was published in the Cotulla (Texas) Record and will be of interest to local residents and relatives of Evansville persons.

Mrs. Charles F. Off, formerly Miss Bemis, former Evansville resident, is a sister of Mesdames Lou and Fred Fellows, this city. Ben Clifford is a son of Ike Clifford who at one time operated a blacksmith shop here near the present location of the Chevrolet garage:

"The deal on the 13,000 acre Sutton ranch, situated 5 miles Southwest of Cotulla, which has been pending for some time, was closed this week, the property being acquired by the Los Feliz Investment Co., of Los Angeles, California.

"The Los Feliz Investment Co., is a family corporation composed of Chas. F. Off, Sr., Howard J. Off, Theo. R. Off and Chas. F. Off, Jr.,

"This deal has been delayed in closing several weeks pending the perfection of titles to some of the land."

"The Californians arrived here Tuesday and have taken charge of the property and are already making arrangements to start some development. Work on a \$10,000 residence on the Highway will be started within ten days, plans now being drawn by a San Antonio architect. This will be a 10 room, Spanish style, tile roof building. A well will be put down immediately and land clearing will start.

"In the party that arrived here from Los Angeles Tuesday were Chas. F. Off, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Off, Mr. and Mrs. D. Ben Clifford, and Robert Emory. Mr. Emory is a son of Archibald Emory, organizer of the Hamilton National Bank of New York City, and has been in the banking business in Los Angeles for several years. Mr. Clifford will have charge of the Company's interests here and he and Mrs. Clifford expect to be here permanently. They are temporarily located in the W. W. Reeves home, where they will be until the new building on the ranch is completed."

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Will Develop Ranch

"Talking to the Record Thursday Mr. Off, Sr., stated that he had spent more than a year investigating this section of Texas, and particularly this ranch, the soil, water supply, climate and many other features and that he was convinced that this territory can be made as famous as California for citrus growing by proper methods. It is the intention of the new owners to ultimately develop the greater part of the ranch into citrus orchards. There will be no high pressure selling methods, and demonstrating development in a small way will probably be carried on two years before any real efforts will be made to place actual settlers on the land. This spring about six acres of citrus will be put on land adjoining the new home to be built. "It is too late to try to do much this year," he said. He has had years of practical experience in California in growing citrus and in all has put out 1200 acres in orchards in oranges, lemons and walnuts. Just before leaving California he finished putting out an orchard of 80 acres in walnuts, in the Los Angeles and San Joquin valleys."

"Understand the Company did this" said Mr. Off, "Up to five years ago I could say that I did it, but the family corporation was organized then and now the boys do most of it."

48 Years in California

"Chas. F. Off went to Los Angeles 48 years ago for his health. After spending five years in business his doctor told him he would have to get out, so he tried dry land farming which proved unsuccessful. He purchased a well rig and began drilling water wells in Southern California. In 1894 he went into the oil game and has drilled a total of 66 wells, 64 of which were profitable producers. He brought in what was known as the Lake View gusher, which came in with 36,000 barrels and at the end of 90 days was flowing 96,000 barrels. After flowing for 17 months the well plugged itself. The day this occurred it produced 16,000 barrels. In October a well producing 450 barrels was brought in on Signal Hill. This well is 4300 feet in depth. On December 19th another well was brought in producing 650 barrels. Some of the producers were as deep as 7,000 feet."

"In 1894 Mr. Off formed his first oil company and since that time he has been one of the organizers of nine oil companies, all paying dividends on production."

Mrs. Fred Fellows Dies Here Monday

Resident Of Evansville For
Many Years Succumbs In
Home On Church St.

Mrs. Fred Fellows, 82, died at 11 a.m. Monday at her home here.

The former Ollie Bemis, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Bemis, was born April 1, 1865, in Plymouth, and was married to Fred Fellows of Fellows Station on Oct. 7, 1884. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary 12 years ago. After residing on a farm near Fellows Station for several years, they moved to Evansville where Mr. Fellows died in March, 1940. Mrs. Fellows was a member of the Christian Science society, and was a past officer of the Eastern Star.

Surviving are a son, A. B. Fellows, Evansville; a daughter, Mrs. Herbert Durner, Sr., Janesville; six grandchildren, and a sister, Mrs. Charles Off, Los Angeles.

Services were held Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in the Allen funeral home, with Mrs. Grant Johnson, reader, in charge, and burial was in Maple Hill cemetery.

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Wisconsin