

Francisco Family

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Information in the Eager Free Public Library history files in Evansville, Wisconsin

The following letters are part of the Dr. John M. Evans Papers in the archives of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

Part of letter from Jacob West to Dr. John M. Evans, surgeon with the 13th Wisconsin Regiment. Benjamin Francisco had come back to Evansville from Lawrence, Kansas with the body of West's son, Stephen West.

“Mr. Francisco arrived here with his remains on Saturday night about 9 o'clock.”

Letter from Benjamin Francisco to Dr. John Evans (punctuation and spelling as written)

“Evansville, June the 9, 1862. Friend Dr. Evens, I rite these few lines to let you no that I am in the land of the living my lame back is about the same it was when I left Dr Bill has had a trial with his plaster but I can't see it doze enney good last Friday and satterday I thought that. I should come this weak but yesterday and to day I am in a grate dele of pane. I am not able to do duty I wish that you would rite if I must come back before I get able to do eney thing or not

Dr Bill has rote but has had no answer I am home wish to come there if I was able I would like to see one fight I hope these few lines may fiend you well and most of the rest of the rest my back aces so that I cant think of enny thing to rite so good helth and prosperity. B. Francisco

One word to Henry Peck I receved your letter of the 29 and was glad to heare from you I could reade all you rote and glade to reacve more be a good boy and take good car of old Bill rite often B. Francisco”

Letter from Emma Evans to her husband DR. J. M. Evans, January 11, 1863: “Francisco is keeping a saloon here, he bought Joe Smith.

“Francisco sent me a quart of beer” Letter of Emma Evans to Dr. J. M. Evans, January 29, 1863.

Mr. Benjamin Francisco assumes proprietorship of the Evansville House. Evansville Citizen, October 30, 1867, Evansville, Wisconsin



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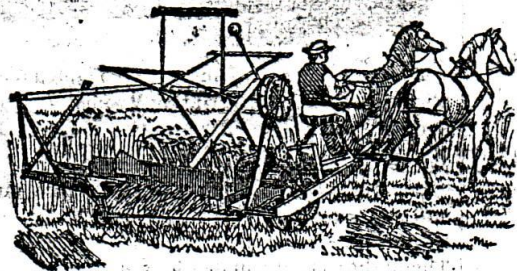
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**Call and See our Machine Before
You Order,**

BEN. FRANCISCO, Agent,
For the sale of these Machines. A full supply of both sizes of 'Reapers' and Mowers on hand.

B. FRANCISCO, Agent, Evansville, Wis.
Repairs for these Machines constantly on hand.

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SELLING OUT.— Mr. Francisco advertises his farm and hotel, in this place, for sale, reason: he wants to emigrate to Missouri. The Farm and Hotel will be held at private sale until the 3d of October, when if not sold before, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder.

On the farm there is a yard of hop roots, set last spring. This will be an excellent opportunity for some person to invest. in the growing village of Evansville,

September 16, 1868, p. 4,

col. 1, Evansville Citizen, Evansville, Wisconsin

Messrs. Greatsinger & Francisco are adding 32 feet to the length of their blacksmith shop, making the total extent 72 feet by 22 feet wide. Mr. Casler is occupying a portion as carriage shop to run in connection with the blacksmith business.

May 12, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

A subscription has been circulated on our streets to procure material aid for Mr. Benj. Francisco, who left Evansville a few years and settled in Kansas. His crops failed by cause of the drouth, no rain having fallen in that section for over a year. He was obliged to mortgage his team to obtain seed, last spring. A little aid from our generous people will do him abundant good just now.

September 1, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

ALBERT FRANCISCO

Albert Francisco has returned to his old love of horseshoeing in the shop he formerly occupied back of the Grange Store.

September 16, 1881, The Pudding Stick, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. Francisco has commenced a new building on the lot adjoining Winston & Tolle's lumber yard which is to be 40 x 50, 20 feet posts, the upper story he will occupy as a residence, the lower part as a shop.

January 2, 1882, The Enterprise, Evansville, Wisconsin

Commencing the New Year. Chas. H. Wilder at the Pioneer Yard, is preparing for a large lumber trade the coming year. He has received during the month of Dec. fifty-six car loads over half a million feet. He says a large quantity bought before the rise last season is yet to come. His teams commenced the new year yesterday hauling the lumber for Albert Francisco's building, which will use over 25,000 feet.

January 10, 1882, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. A. H. Babcock has purchased Mr. Albert Francisco's residence in this city and is about completing a large new barn 30x40, 18 ft. posts. The Wilcox Bros. with the assistance of Jas. Ballard, are doing the work. Such winters as this cannot stop improvements in Evansville.

January 10, 1882, Enterprise, p. 1, col. 6, Evansville, Wisconsin

Land sale: A. Francisco to H. A. Babcock one lot in the village of Evansville, \$550.
January 10, 1882, The Enterprise

A Francisco to D. Greatsinger part of lot 7, blk. 9, village of Evansville, \$250.
January 31, 1882, The Enterprise, p. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

F. A. Baker commenced to lay tin on the roof of Francisco's new building Monday. It was not bad weather for that business either.

February 15, 1882, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

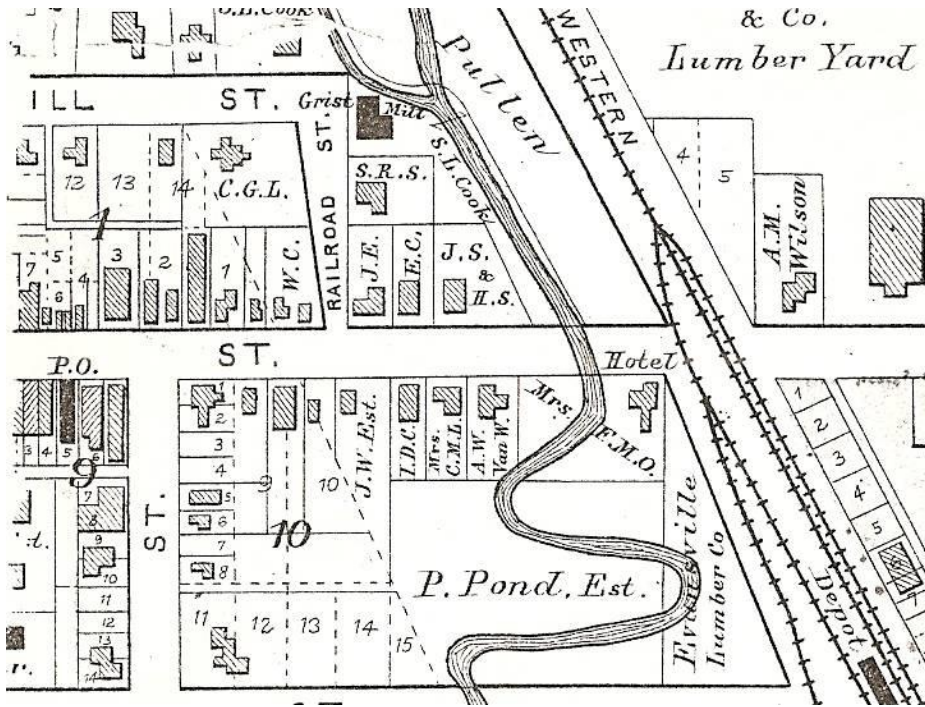
Jas. Bullard is arranging to go into the agricultural implement business in Francisco's new building soon as it is completed.

Albert Francisco to Harvey J. Smith part of lots 9 and 10, block 10, village of Evansville, \$3,000.

September 10, 1884, Janesville Gazette, "Buy and Selling, transfers of Rock County Real Estate," Janesville, Wisconsin

We learn that Albert Francisco recently sold to H. J. Smith part of lots 9 and 10, block 10 for \$3,000.

September 13, 1884, Enterprise, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin



1891 map of reported sale

Mr. McKinney now has his new quarters nicely arranged. He occupies both rooms in the Francisco Block. The west one is filled with his general stock of groceries and the other is used for a dining room, where a hot bite may be obtained at any hour. The building is light and roomy and make a good place for the business.

February 3, 1885, Enterprise, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. Benjamin Francisco surprised his many old friends by appearing upon our streets yesterday and all were greatly pleased to shake the old fellow's hand once more. It has been over 18 years since he moved from here and it seems good to see his old honest phiz again. He looks well, of his age, and is now located in the state of Kansas about 200 miles west of Omaha. September 11, 1886, The Enterprise, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. Al. Francisco has rented the old shop opposite Gilman's livery stable and started in the Blacksmith work.

October 15, 1886, Evansville Review

cemetery.

—Mr. Albert Francisco, succeeds Mr. Joseph King in the blacksmithing business in the rear of Mr. John Evans' wagon shop, Mr. King having gone into the same business in Soux City, Iowa. Mr. Francisco is having a rush of horse-shoeing during this icy slippery weather, he informs us that he completed the work of putting on 54 shoes last Saturday afternoon and 41 on Monday afternoon, he also states that he has secured the patronage of the lively and principal horse dealers in town, he is undoubtedly one of the best horse shoers in this part of the country.

January 23, 1889, The Enterprise, Evansville, Wisconsin and January 26, 1889, The Tribune, p. 4, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin (note this is not the same John Evans who was the physician in the Civil War. There were two John Evans' in Evansville.)

Mr. Albert Francisco is able to resume his work of blacksmithing again at John Evans' shop.

October 12, 1889, The Tribune, p. 4, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

—Mr. Albert Francisco is able to be out upon crutches, but his injury which occurred last Saturday by a horse throwing and stepping upon him is more serious than was at first expected, his improvement being very slow.

November 16, 1889, The Tribune, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

ADELBERT FRANCISCO

DIED: In Fayette Iowa, Oct. 2, '90 of Congestion of the Lungs and bowles, resulting from LaGrippe, Adelbert, Beloved son of Benjamin and Lucia Francisco, aged 26 years.

This young man was at work in the west when his parents started for a visit among relatives and friends, while they were in Fayette Iowa, they received a letter from him stating that he was sick. They immediately sent him word to come to them, which he did as soon as he was able and received all the care that kind parents and loving friends could give him and died one week later leaving his parents in their declining years to mourn their great loss, also a large family of brothers and sisters and numerous friends.

October 21, 1890, The Tribune, Evansville, Wisconsin

—Mrs. A. Francisco created great excitement this p. m. by attacking Mr. John McGill while he was at work in his blacksmith shop by striking him in the face and threatening his life with a revolver pointed at his breast alledging that Mr. McGill had furnished her husband liquor to become intoxicated. Later: Mrs Francisco has been placed under arrest and is now in charge of the city marshal, who has requested us in Mrs. F. behalf not to mention her name in conuccion with this affair, which we cannot do.

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aFebruary 26, 1892, Enterprise, p. 4,

col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

John McGill vs. Mrs. A. Francisco. Assault and Battery

Mrs. Francisco came into court Wednesday afternoon of her own volition, when Sheriff Broderick read the warrant of arrest to her and took the lady into official custody. The action charged was simply for assault and battery. No complaint was made for carrying concealed weapons or threats to shoot, although that much was brought out on the trial.

The woman's husband, Mr. A. Francisco was sent for and took his seat by the side of his wife, then followed John McGill, the State of Wisconsin in the case, Justice Phillips opened court and read the warrant of arrest, and asked the question, was the defendant, "guilty or not guilty," to which the prisoner responded in a clear firm voice "not guilty." An adjournment until Friday was called for, and was concurred in by the state. The prisoner was required to give bail in the sum of \$300, for her appearance, which was furnished by D. E. Stevens, and the court adjourned until 3 o'clock Friday, March 4th.

Friday at three o'clock, p.m., the court opened in Magee's Opera House, with T. Noland, of Janesville for the plaintiff, and T. C. Richmond, of Madison, for the defendant. There was considerable wrangle on calling a jury, the defendant objecting to Dep. Sheriff Broderick, and it was finally agreed that Mr. McCoy should do it, and presented eighteen names of which twelve were stricken off, leaving six, via.: A. Thorpe, Wilson Brown, Amsey Lewis, John Gillies, Jas. Van Patten and Jas. Powles.

The lateness of the hour prevented anything being done, J. B. Hartley going bail for the defendant, and the court adjourned until 10 o'clock Saturday morning. The

forenoon was consumed in taking testimony and wrangling over points of law until five o'clock in the afternoon when the case was given to the jury, and the court stood adjourned until seven, but it was eight and after when the jury reported they could not agree—three for the plaintiff and three for the defendant.

It was understood that the first on the list were for the plaintiff, and the last three were for acquittal. The court issued a new venire and announced another hearing today at 3 o'clock.

March 9, 1892, Evansville Review

N. D. Wilder has moved his cigar business to Oregon, himself and family going Saturday. His house on Liberty street, will be occupied by Al Francisco.

February 28, 1893, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Francisco & Reckord, Blacksmith (ad in the 1895 Enterprise)

A Francisco has moved his blacksmith shop into the building vacated by Chas. Winship.

August 18, 1896, The Tribune, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

A. Francisco has opened a blacksmith shop in the McCarthy stand.

August 22, 1896, The Badger, p. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. William Woodard and family now occupy the Albert Francisco house at the end of S. Madison street. Mrs. Francisco having joined her husband at Belvidere for the winter.

December 5, 1896, The Badger, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. Albert Francisco has moved his household goods to Rockford where he is employed as manager of a blacksmith shop.

September 18, 1897, The Badger, Evansville, Wisconsin

A. Francisco and wife, of Beloit, have been visiting old friends in our midst, this week.

September 6, 1902, The Badger, Evansville, Wisconsin

Passed Away

The sad news was received the first of this week, by A. Francisco, notifying him of the death of his mother which occurred at the home of a son at Douglas, Wyo.

Mrs. Benjamin Francisco was at one time a resident of Evansville, and afterwards located at Franklin, Neb., where her husband died and was buried. Since his death she has made her home with her children in Kansas and elsewhere. She was on a visit to Wyoming with a son, where she badly injured a hand, gangrene setting in, it finally ended her life. She leaves six sons and two daughters to mourn her loss.

The remains were taken to Franklin, Neb., and placed beside those of her husband.

March 14, 1907, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin


BLACKSMITHING.

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A. Franciso,

Who does all kinds of work in that line in First-Class Style, including

Guaranteed

 **Horse-Shoeing**

Makes a specialty of treating Horses for

**Contraction,
Quarter Crack,
Sand Crack, Etc.**

PLOW REPAIRING

Done in Season.

August 18, 1909 and February 9, 1910, Enterprise & Tribune, Evansville, Wisconsin

A. Franciso has sold his house and lots to M. J. Fisher and has purchased 5 ½ acres just south of the city where he expects to move in September. June 8, 1911, Evansville Review.

A. Franciso is closing up all of his business here preparatory to moving to Iowa to make his home with his brother.

October 8, 1914, Evansville Review, p. 5, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

George Golz has purchased the Dick Carson property on First Street better known as the A. Franciso place.

January 14, 1915, Evansville Review, p. 5, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

Al Franciso of Camanche, Iowa spent the first part of the week in town, while having a monument erected on his lot in Maple Hill Cemetery.

May 6, 1915, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

EVANSVILLE MAN DIES SUDDENLY

Albert Franciso died suddenly Saturday afternoon at the John Apfel home, where he had been living, death resulting from heart failure. He was ill on Thursday night, but

on Friday seemed to have recovered. Saturday afternoon his body was found in an outbuilding by one of the Apfel family, he having dropped dead.

Mr. Francisco, who was seventy-two years old, was born in New York state. Practically all his life had been spent in Rock County, having come here when a small boy. He learned the blacksmith trade, and at one time was in the blacksmithing business for himself. At the time of his death he was assisting Mr. Apfel, janitor of the public schools. He was a member of the I.O.O.F.

The deceased is survived by three brothers and two sisters, all of whom live in the West, the exact location not being known by Mrs. J. B. Runey, a cousin of the deceased, and the only immediate relative living in this vicinity. His wife died over two years ago. A brother, Charles, died at Comanche, Iowa, about four weeks ago.

Funeral services will be held at the Baptist church Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. William P. Pearce officiating. Interment at Maple Hill cemetery.

November 16, 1916, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin