

EXETER AND ATTICA LIVE TOWNS UNTIL AFTER THE REBELLION

(Continued from page one)

hogs from the residu of the grain used in the manufacture of whiskey. All of these cattle and hogs were butchered and sent to Milwaukee and Mr. King states that a large force of men were busy all winter butchering and cutting them up, so large was the number fed here. Dispite the fact, however, that this distillery was so large, it is stated that there were no saloons either in Exter or Attica, the only places where liquor could be bought being at the distillery and at the hotel, of which there was a large fine one at Exter and also one at Attica. The first hotel in Exter was built by William Gracy.

On one occasion, however, the rivalry between Exter and Attica was laid aside and they got together in the early fifties to hold a Fourth of July celebration which was a big affair, people coming many miles to take part, the most part of them coming on foot and in ox wagons with boards and chairs for seats. This celebration was held half way between the two towns and was a grand success.

Mr. King states that among the first settlers of this part of the country where George Magee Sr., (father of George Magee, of this city) Jabez Eggleston a man named M-Farland and Godfrey King, and that their farms were the only ones at that time which were settled between Exter and the place where the J. C. Robinson farm is now with the exception of a road house or tavern just west of what was then The Grove now Evansville, on what is now known as the Higday farm. Mr. Eggleston at that time was considered one of the big men of the country because he had a team of horses, one of the few in this part of the state and it is related that being a church man he made it a point to take his neighbors to church, either to Exter or at The Grove. The church services at Exter were held at the Magee home, and at The Grove in the log school house which Byron Campbell in "His Early Days in Evansville", states was built just north of The Bank of Evansville. The tavern called "The Prairie House" and was quite a large hostelry, it being a place where traveling shows stopped over

night, so there was something going on all the time.

Mr. King states that the first settlers around Exter were George Magee, hisfather, Jabez Eggleston and a man whom we shall not name because it is said that he was a wonderful man, having the ability to keep two wives in the same house at the same time and to have a happy home. These wives it is said made husk mats and rugs and sold them as far away as Mineral Point. These people however, went West in the late Forties, and it is not known whether they got into the divorce court later or not.

Both Exter and Attica prospered until the war of the Rebellion came and all the able bodied men were called to the war and many miners being southerners went south to enlist in the Confederate army and never returned. With the stopping of the mines the towns of both Exter and Attica slowly dwindled away until now there is nothing left but a few beildings at Attica and one large barn is all that remains to mark the place where Exter once was. However Mr. King states that the Magee buildings being built all of stone still survive and they are still in good shape when he visited them last summer.

M. King take issue with the field man who several weeks ago in the Rambler column stated that he did not believe there was ever such a thing as a "Good Indian". Mr. King states that in the early fifties there was one Winnebago chief who with his tribe camped for several seasons in the neighborhood of Union, who was an honest to goodness "Good Indian". That knowing that the white women were afraid of Indians he never allowed the young men of his tribe to go near a settler's house unless there were men around, and that they never stole. However, the settlers were kind to them and gave them almost anything they asked for and furnished them much of their meals and bread from their own stores. While they were camped there it is said on account of a death in the tribe an Indian funeral was held which was largely attended by all the settlers in this part of the country and that the grave still exists some place on the Ed. Ellis farm.

DEATH OF A PIONEER--The sudden death of Mr. Washington Higday, which took place at an early hour Thursday morning, took everybody by surprise, and many regarded the news as only a myth, as he was in town the previous day transacting business in his apparent good health. It seems that upon his return home, Wednesday afternoon, became suddenly prostrated with an attack of diarrhea but was soon relieved upon the arrival of Dr. Evans. The Doctor left him with the understanding that he should not return unless sent for. This was the last heard from him until a messenger came into town early Thursday morning saying "Washington Higday is no more,"--having died about 7 o'clock that morning. The disease was what is usually termed "heart disease," but of its precise nature doubts seem to exist.

Mr. Higday was one of the very earliest settlers of Union, having located upon the farm he so lately occupied as early as 1840--35 years ago. he was an industrious, hard working farmer, apparently just beginning to enjoy life. His premises betoken thrift, and his buildings are those of a farmer well to do in life. In his business transactions, we are told, he was methodical and always exact, and his religious sentiment, seemed to exist in his rectitude of life rather than in christian piety.

His funeral took place Sunday from the Baptist church, Rev. C. H. Kimball preaching the sermon. The house was filled to its utmost capacity, and a long line of procession followed his remains to the cemetery.

Of the family, two brothers resided in Union, but who died--the last, George about two years ago--suddenly, after a brief sickness. Another brother, Dr. Higday, resides in La Porte, Ind. A sister is the wife of Mr. Geo. Taggart. A son of age, is the only member of the family living at home. Mr. Higday had many friends and a large circle of acquaintances.

July 7, 1875, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

—Treasurer Eager has kindly furnished us a list of tax payers of Union, who pay \$100,00 and over; there were a number of persons whose tax come within a few cents of that amount, but are omitted in this list. There is a much larger number than the above, whose tax is \$50, and upwards, likewise omitted.

It will be seen that Union (Evansville) has a pretty fair representation of money men.

Geo Magee.....	\$120.42
Wm. Stevens.....	112.31
Levi Leonard.....	145.72
J. M. Evans.....	136.36
A Eager.....	233.49
W. S. Smith.....	124.25
H. Prentice.....	151.59
C. H. Wilder.....	153.01
R. W. Johnson.....	118.80
B. Campbell.....	113.12
P. A. Pond.....	130.78
Geo Higday.....	115.78
L. M. Mygatt.....	138.72
C. Snashall.....	161.28
C. F. P. Pullen.....	163.95
L. T. Pullen.....	241.28
D. M. Rowley.....	109.60
Mary S. Potter.....	148.80
Nelson Winston.....	220.63
Winston & Sons.....	116.20

February 6, 1885, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 3,

Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. Higday, wife of the late Washington Higday died at an advanced age at the residence of her son, Mr. Geo. Higday Friday January 7th, of blood poison, and was buried from her late residence, Monday, Rev. E. R. Curry officiating. Mr. Higday, it will be remembered, died very suddenly supposed heart disease, some twelve years ago. These people were early settlers here, and Mrs. Higday's funeral was attended by a large collection of the older

people of the vicinity, and filled some thirty sleighs who followed the remains to her last resting place.
January 14, 1887, Weekly Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

The stable in the Hiram Spencer building is run by Dr. H. W. Higday, a Veterinary Surgeon and his sons, who come to us very highly recommended, in fact Mr. Higday has been in the horse business with our brother Harrison in Illinois.

November 24, 1888, The Tribune, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville Wisconsin

In 1851, the town meeting was held in a school house in the village of Union, resulting as follows: Supervisors, A. B. Vaughn, chmn., Wm. Lovejoy and Myron A. Rowley; Clerk, Chas. P. Hoskins; Assessors, Allen Miner, John Dawson, Ira Jones; Treasurer, Chas. Wardall; School Supt., Thos. Wardall; Justices, A. B. Vaughn and John Dawson; Constables, Samuel Naismith, Washington Higday and Allen Miner. Sealer of weights and measures, A. Moore.

May 17, 1898, The Tribune, p. 4, col. 2, 3, and 4. Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. B. A. Higday will have a public sale on his farm west of this city Feb. 23. Mr. Higday has rented the D. E. Stevens house on S. Madison St. after March 1.

Feb 11, 1899, The Badger,

John Higday who a couple of weeks ago began work in the creamery here, was badly scalded last Saturday while rinsing a vat. He was made as comfortable as possible by physicians and then taken to his home two miles west of town.

The Badger, 1899? Evansville, Wisconsin

Died: Saturday morning, Jan. 27, Mrs. Phoebe Maria Bullis Higday, aged 51 years, of rheumatism and heart failure.

She was born in the Town of Albion in 1848 where she spent her life until December 18, 1876, when she married Mr. Geo. A. Higday and moved to the brick house on the Washington Higday farm just west of this city, and lived there until a few years ago when Mr. Higday built a larger house farther west.

The deceased has been battling against a complication of diseases for several years but owing to a remarkable constitution has been spared to her family until the above date.

She was a sympathetic and helpful neighbor and loving wife and mother.

Mrs. Higday leaves besides a husband, a father eighty-six years old, five children, John, who is attending the dairy school at Madison, Alice, who has been the faithful housekeeper and constant companion of her mother for the past four years; Robert, who attends school at the Seminary and Jane and Elma who are at home district school.

Mrs. Higday was a very ambitious, hard-working woman and though an invalid for several years was very hopeful of being restored to health.

The funeral which was held from the late home Monday afternoon was largely attended by sympathizing friends. Rev. Mr. Millar of this city officiated. Interment was made in Evansville cemetery.

February 3, 1900, The Badger, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

Lyman Gillies, John Higday and Hugh Robinson who are attending the Madison Agricultural school came home for the holidays.

December 29, 1900, The Badger, p. 1, col. 5, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. B. A. Higday and family, have moved into their new residence on First St., which they recently purchased of Mr. Thomas Gleave.

The Tribune, p. 3, col. 2, March 12, 1901, Evansville, Wisconsin

Marriage licenses were granted Wednesday to Clyde Courtier and Dora Patterson-Ballard and Charles Cushman and Alice Higday of Union township.

December 21, 1901, The Badger, Evansville, WI

A very pretty wedding occurred last evening at the suburban home of George Higday, when his daughter, Jane Evelyn, was united in marriage to John Warren Rodd. The wedding took place at eight o'clock, and the wedding march played by Mrs. T. W. North announced the nuptial hour. The guests consisted of relatives only, and the ceremony which made the happy couple one was performed by the Rev. T. W. North. The bride wore a beautiful gown of tan silk and carried pink carnations. Following the congratulations, a bountiful three-course supper was served, the tables and dining room being tastefully decorated with ferns and carnations. Mr. and Mrs. Rodd will commence housekeeping at once in the handsome residence which Mr. Rodd recently purchased of Henry Asmus on Garfield Avenue. Both young people are well known and popular and hosts of friends will wish them much happiness in their wedding life.

January 16, 1908, Janesville Gazette, p. 2, col. 1, "Pretty Wedding Near Evansville," Janesville, Wisconsin

The marriage of Mr. Warren Rodd and Miss Jane Evelyn Higday will take place at the bride's home this Tuesday evening.

January 17, 1908, The Enterprise and Tribune, Evansville, Wisconsin

Marriage of Evansville Couple

Miss Elma Higday weds Mr. John M. Shreve

Wednesday, December 18, Miss Elma H. Higday and Mr. John M. Shreve were united in marriage at the country home of the bride's brother, Mr. Robert Higday, in the presence of over fifty guests.

The bride is one of the most popular of Evansville young ladies and for the past few years has been housekeeper for her brother Robert Higday. The groom is employed with the Baker Manufacturing Company as machinist and numbers of his friends by the score.

Just at the hour of three, Miss Fern Ball sang the solo, "Oh Promise Me," accompanied by Miss Marjorie Wallace at the piano. To the strains of the Lohengrin wedding march the bridal party entered the parlor and took their places before a bank of ferns, white carnations and a canopy of smilax. Here the bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Robert Higday, and the impressive ring service was read by Rev. Chas. E. Coon.

The groom was accompanied by Mr. Frank Lewis and his sister Miss Mina Shreve acted as bridesmaid. Catherine and Evalyn Rodd were flower girls.

The bride was very prettily gowned in white crepe de chene and carried an arm bouquet of white roses. The bridesmaid wore a gown of pink and carried a bouquet of pink roses.

After the happy couple had received the congratulations of their friends, all sat down to an elaborate four course dinner, served by four of the girl friends of the bride.

The wedding gifts were many and very beautiful. Mr. and Mrs. Shreve are going to housekeeping immediately on Liberty street where the groom has fitted up a home for his bride. Here they will be "at home" to their many friends.

Those present from away were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shreve, Richland Center; Mr. and Mrs. John E. Shreve, Mr. Vern Kegly, Miss Laura Kegly, Hillsboro; Mrs. Chas Cushman and daughter Bernadine of Taylor; Mr. O. C.

Gray and daughter Mrs Fincher of Oregon, Mrs. Earl Addimson, Madison; Miss Mina Shreve, Viroqua.

December 19, 1912, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

The wedding of Miss **Mina Shreve** of Viroqua, Wis., to Mr. **Robert W. Higday** will occur today at high noon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Caleb H. Shreve of Viroqua, Wis.

Rev. I. H. Beckholt, pastor of the Church of Christ, will read the marriage service, and little Harold Smith will act as ring bearer. There will be no other attendants.

Only a few near relatives and friends of the bride and groom will be present.

The bride will be gowned in a dress of white voile and lace, and carry an arm bouquet of white roses.

The house is tastefully decorated. The parlor in pink and white carnations. In the dining room a basket of spring flowers serves as a center piece for the table.

Miss Shreve attended school at the Evansville Seminary and then taught a number of years in the rural schools. Her success as a teacher made her many acquaintances and her charm and manner won her a multitude of friends.

Mr. Higday is a prosperous farmer and held in the highest esteem by his associates.

Mr. and Mrs. Higday will go immediately to their home near Evansville where they will be at home to their friends after May 1.

March 27, 1913, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

John Higday has just installed a four-unit Hinman milking machine.

December 17, 1914, Evansville Review, p. 5, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Higday and their guests spend Sunday at Lake Kegonsa.

June 17, 1920, Evansville Review, "Personal" Evansville, Wisconsin

OBITUARY

Mrs. B. A. Higday

Mrs. B. A. Higday, 68, died at 2 a.m. Tuesday at her home on South First street, after several months' illness from complications.

Mrs. Higday, formerly Miss Elizabeth George, was born in the town of Brooklyn, August 14, 1857, where she lived until 14 years of age, when the family moved to a farm in Albany Township. On March 5, 1879, she married Burton Higday and they settled on the Higday farm, four miles southwest of Evansville, in the town of Union, where they lived for 20 years before moving to Evansville 26 years ago. Mr. Higday died May 13, 1922.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Arhtur Jones; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild;

three sister, Mrs. William Price and Mrs. Orrin Parker, Ansley, Neb., and Mrs. William Donavan, McCovi, Nebr; two brothers, David George, Waco, Nebr., and Thomas George, Evansville.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in the home, the Rev. Robert H. Pratt, Baptist church, officiating. Burial was in Maple Hill cemetery.

Altho' not a member she formerly attended the Baptist church and led a Christian life. Thro' all the months of patient suffering she kept a cheerful spirit, meeting everyone with a smile and as one of her nearest neighbors has said "The world has lot a good woman."

July 8, 1926, Evansville Review, p. 4, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

LYNN JONES, 23, DIES
IN MADISON HOSPITAL

**Funeral Services Held Tuesday
In Home and in the English
Settlement Church**

Lynn Jones, 23, son of Arthur Jones, route 4, died in the Wisconsin General hospital, Madison, at 6:30 p.m. Sunday following an illness of seven weeks from pneumonia and complications.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Jones residence, five miles west of the city, and at 2:30 p.m. in the English Settlement church, Elder C. L. Vories, pastor of the Seventh Day Adventist church, Wausau, officiating. The song service was led by Mrs. W. A. Dake accompanied by Mrs. John Thurman.

Burial was made in the English Settlement cemetery with Edwin Croak, Ward Popantz, Louis Croft, Harry Reese, Ed Welthi, and Curly Carlson as pallbearers.

Lynn was born March 22, 1909 and attended the Tullar rural school. His mother, formerly Jennie Higday Jones, died two years ago. Besides his father he is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Helen Purinton, route 4; Mrs. Beth Hopkins, Brooklyn; and the Misses Dorothy and Elaine Jane Jones, at home; and four brothers, Clifford, Ralph, Merton, and Robert, all at home.

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June 23, 1932, Evansville Review, p. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

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February 2, 1939, Evansville Review, "Brown District"

Evansville, Wisconsin

RETIRED EVANSVILLE FARMER DIES FRIDAY

Robert W. Higday, 63, Succumbs Suddenly At Home On West Main Street

Robert W. Higday, 63, prominent resident and retired farmer, died in his sleep at his home on W. Main Street early Friday morning. He had been in failing health since January but had not been critically ill recently. He paid a visit to his farm Thursday afternoon.

Funeral services conducted by M. V. Allen were held at 4 p.m. Sunday in the Evansville Methodist church with the Rev. H. A. Graubner, pastor officiating. Mrs. C. W. Hazlett played the chapel music and accompanied Mrs. William Boode, who sang "Lead Kindly Light."

Burial was in Maple Hill cemetery with John W. Golz, Hugh Robinson, William Leeder, Walter George, George Mabie and Potter Porter serving as pall bearers.

Son of the late George and Phoebe Bullis Higday, he was born on the Higday farm west of Evansville, Nov. 10, 1880, where he grew to young manhood. He operated one of the two Higday farms in that vicinity until his retirement two months ago. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias.

He was married to Mina Shreve, Viroqua, March 27, 1913. His parents, two sisters, Mrs. Charles Cushman, and Mrs. John Shreve and a brother, John Higday, preceded him in death.

Surviving besides his wife is a sister, Mrs. Warren Rodd, Evansville and several nieces and nephews.

Out of town friends and relatives who attended the funeral were Raymond Shreve, Youngstown, Ohio; Howard Shreve, in the navy, Miss Peggy Potter, and Miss LaVonne Jackson, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Amos Kegley, Lake Beulah, Mrs. Lewis Olson, Hillsboro, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Cushman, Grand Marsh; Mr. and Mrs. Bela Van Gordon, Taylor; Miss Nora Olson, Madison; Mr. and Mrs. Steiner Haugen, Orfordville, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rowley, Whitewater.

July 6, 1944, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. Robert Higday

Mrs. Robert Higday, 90, Evansville and area resident most of her life, died Wednesday at Rock County Health Care Center.

The former Mina Schreve was born Feb. 8, 1884 in Vernon County. She and her husband operated the Higday Century Farm on County Trunk C for many years, retiring to Evansville, where Mr. Higday died some time ago. A brother, Raymond Schreve, Youngstown, Ohio is the only survivor.

Memorial services were conducted by Reverend Paul Stratton at Maple Hill Cemetery Saturday, August 31.

Arrangements were made by the Allen Funeral Home, Evansville.

September 5, 1974, Evansville Post, Inc. p. 2, col. 5, Evansville,

Wisconsin