

...to look better and prettier?
—Mr. W. H. H. Johnson has purchased his father's interest in the grocery business here. Hereafter the firm will be Johnson Brothers—W. H. H. & D. M. Johnson.
—Had the gentleman the

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NEW OPENING.
Be it known throughout this ballywick that we the subscribers hereof, have opened a comfortably large and well selected
STOCK OF GROCERIES
at the old stand of Ransom Griffin.
We shant advertise to undersell everybody in town; nor have combined with them against the people, but we have
Got a Good Article
and shall sell as low as we can afford to.
CALL AND SEE US.
Daniel Johnson & Son.
Evansville, Oct. 14 1874.

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County Board of Supervisors.

OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK,
JANESVILLE, Sept. 27, 1875.
2 o'clock p. m.

Board met in special session pursuant to call issued by the clerk on the request of a majority of the members, and was called to order by Daniel Johnson, chairman.

The roll being called the following members were present:

- Town of Avon, H H Shirley.
- " Beloit, J W Hirst.
- " Bradford, Wm Gardner.
- " Center, Wm J Owen.
- " Clinton, D G Cheever.
- " Fulton, Wm Taylor.
- " Harmony, James Menzies.
- " Janesville, Silas Ward.
- " Johnstown, John Harvey.
- " La Prairie, W H Stark.
- " Lima, S Morgan.
- " Magnolia, S S Bagley.
- " Milton, E B Rogers.
- " Newark, H L Skavlen.
- " Plymouth, Edward Inman.
- " Porter, Alex White.
- " Rock, Chas. Noyes.
- " Spring Valley, R R Harper.
- " Turtle, Chauncey Ross.
- " Union, Daniel Johnson.
- Village of Evansville, D L Mills.
- City of Beitoit, 1st ward, C O Keeler.
- " 2d ward, S J Goodwin.
- " 3d ward, Chas H Parker.
- " 4th ward, John H Hackett.
- Janesville City 1st ward,
- " 2d ward, Jessie Miles.
- " 3d ward, O Guernsey.
- " 4th ward, L B Carle.
- " 5th ward, T M Lynch.

On motion of Mr. Harvey the Board proceeded to ballot for the election of chairman.

Messrs. Keeler, Stark and Inman were appointed tellers.

First ballot, whole number of votes cast was 28.

- Daniel Johnson received 14.
- S. Morgan received 8.
- W H Stark received 5.
- John Hackett received 1.
- No choice.

Second ballot, whole number of votes cast was 29.

- Daniel Johnson received 18.
- S Morgan received 8.
- W H Stark received 2.
- Blank received 1.
- Daniel Johnson having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected.
- By Mr. Hackett.

Resolved, That the rules of the last Board be adopted as the rules of this Board, with the following addition of Rule 11. on equalization, to consist of one member from each assembly district and two from the county at large.

Which was adopted.

The Board then adjourned for one hour, at the expiration of which it was called to order, and the committee on equalization announced, consisting of the following members:

- John Hackett, L B Carle, Jas Menzies,
- Wm Taylor, S S Bagley, D G Cheever, and D L Mills.

On motion the Board adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Tuesday, 10 o'clock a. m.
Board met.
Roll called.

by the said name of Helen Lee in all courts and places. And the name of her daughter, Rowena Lee Barre is hereby changed to that of Rowena Lee, and that hereafter she shall be known and called by the latter name in all courts and places.

Sec. 2. This order shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

The report was adopted and the order passed.

The per diem of members was then adopted.

Ayes 28.
Noes 00.

As follows:

	Miles.	Days.	
H L Skavlen.....	25	2	\$5 08
S S Bagley.....	28	2	5 68
L B Carle.....	2	2	4 12
R R Harper.....	30	2	5 80
J W Crist.....	22	2	5 32
O Guernsey.....	2	2	4 12
D L Mills.....	35	2	6 16
John Hackett.....	25	2	5 68
Chauncey Ross.....	25	2	5 68
John Harvey.....	22	2	5 32
Jesse Miles.....	2	2	4 12
Edward Inman.....	22	2	5 32
C C Keeler.....	28	2	5 68
T M Lynch.....	2	2	4 12
Wm J Owen.....	20	2	5 20
S J Goodwin.....	25	2	5 68
James Menzies.....	14	2	4 84
S Morgan.....	30	2	5 80
Chas H Parker.....	25	2	5 68
Chas White.....	26	2	5 56
Chas Noyes.....	6	2	4 36
D G Cheever.....	36	2	6 16
Wm Taylor.....	28	2	5 68
E B Rogers.....	16	2	4 96
Wm Gardner.....	22	2	5 32
Wm H Stark.....	22	2	5 32
H H Shirley.....	42	2	6 52
Silas Ward.....	22	2	4 72
Daniel Johnson.....	26	2	6 16

On motion the board adjourned.
E. L. CARPENTER,
County Clerk.

A Penny Saved is A Penny Earned.
\$10.00 GIVEN AWAY.

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COURIER-JOURNAL

usual price \$2.00 postage prepaid on both papers, for one year, for \$3.00.

The Weekly Courier-Journal is the great NATIONAL FAMILY NEWSPAPER.

It will, on December 31st, 1875, distribute im partially 10.00 in valuable presents among its subscribers, and every subscriber will be entitled to a registered and numbered receipt for this distribution.
Send us \$3.00 and get both papers.

STOP YOUR COUGH.

The wonderful results and immense sale of Hale's Cough Cordial the past season, ought to convince the most skeptical; still we are going to continue the same liberal offer that we have made heretofore, viz: Any person suffering with a cold, cough or sore throat, who will call at D. C. Griswold & Co's Drug Store and purchase a bottle of Hale's Cough Cordial, use one half of it, and if they then conclude that it is doing them no good, they can return the balance and receive back their money. Who would not test this medicine on such liberal terms? No medicine ever sold in this vicinity that produced such wonderful results. All we ask is that you will try it.

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIAN

of all the votes cast, was declared elected.

By Mr. Hockett. Resolved, That the rules of the last Board be adopted as the rules of this Board, with the following addition of Rule 11. on equalization, to consist of one member from each assembly district and two from the county at large.

Which was adopted. The Board then adjourned for one hour, at the expiration of which it was called to order, and the committee on equalization announced, consisting of the following members: John Hackett, L B Carle, Jas Menzies, Wm Taylor, S S Bagley, D G Cheever, and D L Mills.

On motion the Board adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. Tuesday, 10 o'clock a. m. Board met. Roll called. Quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The chairman then announced the standing committees.

On Tax Certificates and Legal Taxes—John Hackett, H L Skavien, E Leavitt.

On District Attorney's Report—E B Rogers, B B Harper, S S Bagley.

On Charters and Incorporations—S J Goodwin, Wm Gardner, John Harvey.

On Ways and Means—Jesse Miles, J W Crist, Silas Ward.

On Change of Names of Persons, Towns and Villages—D L Mills, Jesse Miles, H H Shirley.

On Vacating Towns and Villages—Edward Inman, Wm J Owen, Chancey Ross.

On Public Buildings—W H Stark, Chas H Parker, O Guernsey.

On Appointing Jurors—Thos M Lynch, Wm Taylor, Alex White.

On Accounts of Receiving and Disbursing Officers—S Morgan, C C Keeler, Chas Noyes.

On Claims—L B Carle, D G Cheever, James Menzies.

On motion the board adjourned to 2 o'clock p. m.

3 o'clock, p. m. Board met. Roll called. Quorum present.

Mr. Hackett presented the petition of Helen Lee Barre for change of name which was referred to committee No. 5.

Mr. Hackett preserved the report of the committee on equalization.

On motion of Mr. Stark the report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Keeler the board went into committee of the whole on the report of the committee on equalization—Mr. Cheever in the chair.

Mr. Cheever, chairman of the committee of the whole reported, that the committee of having had under consideration the report of the committee on equalization had directed him to report in favor of adopting the county assessment of 1874 instead of the report of the committee.

Mr. Mills moved that the further consideration of the report be postponed till the first day of the November meeting and made the special order of 3 o'clock, p. m. of that day.

Which was carried.

TOWNS.	Valuation of Towns for 1874.	County Assessment for 1874.
Avon.....	\$870,146	\$359,913
Beloit.....	471,139	438,456
Bradford.....	731,733	737,115
Center.....	735,784	650,616
Clinton.....	910,653	987,373
Fulton.....	654,222	783,737
Harmony.....	704,817	708,862
Janesville.....	498,961	529,623
Johnstown.....	713,223	711,500
LaPrairie.....	682,098	620,900
Lincoln.....	310,408	354,504
Lima.....	444,835	505,958
Magnolia.....	719,305	693,728
Milton.....	415,877	345,286
Newark.....	354,273	543,989
Plymouth.....	539,263	583,149
Porter.....	527,134	535,578
Rock.....	476,089	645,919
Spring Valley.....	723,039	771,551
Turtle.....	908,038	1071,378
Union.....	1,230,540	1,269,714
Beloit City.....	2,641,640	3,024,559
Janesville City.....	17,543,473	18,400,000

By Mr. Ward. Resolved, That a tax levy of the following sums and for the purposes be made, to wit:

For general purposes \$30,000.
For county school of one 7-8 mill on the dollar of the valuation.

Superintendents' salary and expenses, \$1,800.

Which was referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Mills, from committee No. 5, made the following report:

Committee No. 5, on "change of names" to whom was referred the petition of Helen Lee Barre, have had the same under consideration and respectfully ask leave to report the accompanying order and recommend its

to convince the most skeptical spirit we going to continue the same liberal offer we have made heretofore, viz: Any person suffering with a cold, cough or sore throat who will call at D. C. Griswold & Co's Store and purchase a bottle of Hale's Cough Cordial, use one half of it, and if they conclude that it is doing them no good, can return the balance and receive back the money. Who would not test this medicine on such liberal terms? No medicine ever in this vicinity that produced such wonderful results. All we ask is that you will try it.

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR HEIRS OF JOHN KEESER—County Court Rock County.—October term for 1875 of this Court, he the office of the Judge thereof, in the City of Janesville, in said County, on the 1st day of October, 1875, Amos P. Pritchard, Judge of said Court being present, the petition of John Furse, the General Guardian said minors, praying for license to sell real estate of said minors to pay their comes on for hearing and determination pursuant to order and notice.

And the affidavit of L. A. Hoxie, the clerk of the Evansville Review, a weekly printed and published in the Village of Janesville, in said county, showing that notice of the hearing of said petition quired by court has been published in paper being read and filed, also the petition of service of same by the mother of said minors, Mary Furse, the only next of kin of said minors in, in all, \$181.00 against said minors is, in all, \$181.00 against Mary A. and \$55.00 against Sarah, and \$40. against Ellen, the guardian has fully complied with the provisions of chapter 94 of Revised Statutes of 1858, proceedings, Sect. 12, that the petition is made and justly due, and that the personal estate of said minor efficient for the payment of said debt said amount can not be raised advantageously to the interest of said estate by mortgaging the same, that a portion same can not be sold without serious

It is order that the said Guardian be is hereby licensed and authorized said real estate as follows, viz: being to the right of Dover, and being sit mother of said minors, and being sit the town of Union, Rock County & of Wisconsin, and being the Southeast Quarter of the North East Quarter Number Three (3) in Town Four (4), Range Ten (10) East, containing to more or less.

And it is further ordered that the said shall before the sale of said real estate a bond to the Judge of this Court sufficient security in the sum of six hundred dollars conditioned that after the payment of debts and charges and dispose of proceeds of the sale in the manner provided by law.

And it is further ordered that the said Guardian shall before making sale of said real estate, take and subscribe an oath as prescribed by the statute in such cases provided, and that the said Guardian cause notice of the time and place of the sale of said real estate (in writing notice, the premises to be sold shall be subscribed with common certainty,) to be up in three of the most public places of the Town of Union aforesaid, in which estate is situated, and to be published three weeks successively, next to the sale in the Evansville Review, a weekly paper, printed and published in the City of Evansville, Rock County, Wisconsin.

And it is further ordered, that the said shall be in the County where the estate is situated at public auction the hours of nine o'clock in the morning setting of the sun of the same day after the expiration of one year from the date hereof, unless the term is extended, and that immediately after the sale of said real estate or any part thereof said Guardian shall make report of the proceedings to this Court.

By the Court. AMOS P. PRITCHARD, Judge.

STATE OF WISCONSIN, ss. ROCK COUNTY, ss.

I Amos P. Pritchard, Judge of Court of said County, do hereby have compared the above copy of the said real estate in the matter of the guardianship of the minor heirs of John Keeser, now on file and record in the City of Janesville in said County, and that said copy transcript thereof, and of the whole

Mr. Wm. H. Johnson, one of our most enterprising and successful farmers, is making extensive preparations to build him a first class barn early in the spring. Huge piles of lumber of various kinds indicate that we are to have one barn at least of large dimensions, and we have no doubt it will be a model one. Mr. Johnson's farm paid him the past year more than 25 per cent. gross on his entire investment, and yet some men will tell you farming can't be made to pay even 10 per cent.

March 1, 1876, p. 2, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

—The directors of the Tack Company 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, president; C. H. Spencer, secretary; W. H. H. Johnson, treasurer; S. J. Baker, superintendent.

The company is well organized and is running with a good show for business.

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Evansville, Wisconsin

January 23, 1885, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 3,

President Johnson's Inaugural.

Gentleman of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Evansville:

I think it will not be out of place at this our first meeting to outline the policy that we are called upon to pursue. In the first place we should have no special policy of our own, but to adopt and carry out such measures as our constituency demands, and the well being and good government of our village requires, and in doing this we should avoid as far as practicable the adoption of any new rules or the passing of any ordinances unless there is an imperative demand for the same and then to see that the laws and ordinances are enforced and if there are any ordinances now passed that the good order of the village does not demand, repeal them.

It is a universally admitted fact that a few necessary human laws rigidly enforced are much better for the good of society than a multiplicity of laws without any attempt at enforcement. While the people demand and have the right to demand the economical expenditure of money raised for various purposes; yet I do not believe they wish to adopt a stingy and parsimonious policy. We are all doubtless proud of our beautiful and moral village; it has a reputation not only for its beauty but for its intelligence and sobriety. So let us as far as our acts are concerned guard well that reputation. For our present prosperity we are largely indebted to our predecessors in office.

The unanimity of our election seemed to have a special significance and makes special demands upon us. The opinion had become quite gener-

ous as our constituency demands, and the well being and good government of our village requires, and in doing this we should avoid as far as practicable the adoption of any new rules or the passing of any ordinances unless there is an imperative demand for the same and then to see that the laws and ordinances are enforced and if there are any ordinances now passed that the good order of the village does not demand; repeal them.

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The unanimity of our election seemed to have a special significance and makes special demands upon us. The opinion had become quite general that the excise laws governing the sale of intoxicating liquors had not been rigidly enforced, let us guard well the rights of the people and reputation of our village as regards the same.

The people by a respectable majority voted to build a town hall although we might some of us have differed with the majority yet I conceive it to be our duty (if provided with the necessary means) to carry out the wishes of the people. We can be informed of our financial condition by referring to the books of the

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Our predecessors considered it an advantage to the village to purchase an addition to the cemetery and the town hall, the purchase of which I heartily concur in, and for which there was indebtedness incurred which it will be our duty to pay as fast as it becomes due.

Gentlemen, my position as president of trustees makes it my duty to preside over your deliberations and I assure you it is with a great deal of diffidence that I attempt it, but knowing that you will counsel me when I need counsel and forgive me when I err, I assume the duty promising to discharge it as I have taken my oath so to do, to the best of my ability.

W. H. H. JOHNSON,
President of Village Board.

April 8, 1890, Evansville Review, p. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

Elmer Rosa of Union moved his family and household goods into the tenement house of W. H. H. Johnson, recently vacated by Mrs. Partridge, the first of the week.

November 1, 1906, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

A. C. Gray took census a part of one day and returned sick and has been scarcely able to leave his house since, or is unable to pursue his work and W. H. H. Johnson has been appointed in his stead, who will complete the enumeration.

June 10, 1890, p. 1, col. 5, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

W. H. H. Johnson is building a milk house on his farm. John Winston, of Evansville is doing the work.
"Union" news, October 28, 1915, p. 3, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

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PIONEER RESIDENT ANSWERS FINAL CALL

W. H. H. Johnson Dies Saturday -
In Home on W. Church Street
Buried Here Tuesday

W. H. H. Johnson, 92, the oldest living native born citizen of Union township and known throughout the city as "Uncle Bill," died at 9:10 p.m. Saturday in his home at 224 West Church street. Although he had been in failing health for the past several months, a fall in his home a week ago was a contributing cause of his death.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Johnson residence with the Rev. L. M. Kitzmiller, pastor of the Baptist church, officiating. Music preceding and following the service was presented by Beauford Nance, pianist.

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Burial was made in Maple Hill cemetery with William Johnson, Albion; Ray Elwood, Eau Claire; and Fred Chapin, Orrin Johnson, Fredus Johnson, and Elmer Rosa, this city, as pallbearers. Among those from out-of-town who were here to attend the services were Miss Ethel Frost, South Bend, Ind.; Mrs. Mae Evans, Cleveland, O.; Ray Elwood, Eau Claire; and William Johnson, Albion.

Mr. Johnson remembered many interesting events of the early days here and greatly enjoyed relating his experiences to his many friends. He bought and paid for his first farm in Union township in four years purchasing it at only \$40 per acre. He sold his farm in 1868 after which he purchased 140 acres adjoining which farm is now occupied by George Severson.

Mr. Johnson also remembered when P. T. Barnum exhibited his show on land adjoining the Johnson farm and recalled as one of the show's feature attractions a team of 40 white horses driven by one man. He remembered

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PIONEER RESIDENT ANSWERS FINAL CALL

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seeing Tom Thum sitting in the village hotel at Union, and Indians and wild animals which roamed the countryside at that time.

According to Mr. Johnson, a stage line ran through the village before the railroad came, and during the Civil war news was brought to the residents of this vicinity by a stage running between Janesville and Madison. Mr. Johnson's first home was 14 by 20 feet, built of logs and held together by wooden pegs.

Always taking an interest in civic affairs, Mr. Johnson served one year as president of the village board before Evansville was incorporated as a city, and eleven years as assessor of the town of Union. He represented the first ward as alderman soon after Evansville became a city, and was treasurer of the Town of Union Mutual Fire Insurance company for nine years.

Mr. Johnson's father, Daniel Johnson was born in Clark county, Ohio, Nov. 30, 1821 and in January, 1839, he reached Walworth county. In June he returned to his home in Ohio and married Miss Angeline Courter Oct. 22, 1839. They came to the wilderness of Wisconsin in May, 1840, and entered a claim May 15, 1840, in Union township. The following December the elder Johnson built his first home, a log cabin. He used only an axe, no nails, and there was no glass to the windows.

Here William Henry Harrison Johnson was born July 13, 1842, named for the president of the United States. He was considered a frail child, but heredity apparently aided his long life, for his mother lived to be 93 years old. William H. H. Johnson grew to young manhood in Union and married Nancy Vernelia Frost, Nov. 1, 1863. They quietly observed their 70th wedding anniversary Nov. 1, 1933.

They were married in the Baptist

church in the town of Union and after their marriage went to their farm home in the town of Union. The day after the ceremony at 6 a.m. he was plowing in the field and she was busy churning in the cellar. Several years later they took a so-called wedding trip, a vacation to Niagara Falls.

They retired and moved to Evansville about 56 years ago to their present home on West Church street. Their home was a center of hospitality for church associates and friends. Mrs. Johnson died Nov. 27, 1933. They were both members of the Baptist church and when they were able took an active part.

Mr. Johnson was kind and gentle of disposition. He never used liquor or tobacco in his life and as he grew to young manhood did not approve of it in any way. Theirs was a life of devotion. For years they could both be seen in their garden and as time weakened them physically it strengthened them spiritually.

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"Mr. Johnson liked to visit and until the last two years was always ready to recall an almost limitless number of experiences from pioneer times. He remembered when his father took wheat to Milwaukee by ox team, the trip requiring a week one way. He had a contract with his father to haul wood from Union to Janesville in exchange for lumber, from which his father's house was built. That house is now Millard's Home school. It took 15 hours to go from Union to Janesville and back and load and unload and he hauled 50 loads.

February 7, 1935, Evansville Review, p.1 & 8, Evansville, Wisconsin

CLAIMED BY DEATH



W. H. H. Johnson, pioneer Evansville resident, who died in his home here Saturday at the age of 92. Mr. Johnson, the oldest living native born citizen of Unon township, served one year as president of the village board before Evansville was incorporated as a city and was one of the first aldermen of the first ward.