

This is the northeast corner of Union township and in section 2 is the Loomis estate. Evansville is located about 3 miles south of this area. The next article relates to this. This is an 1873 map. The entire map is on this website: <http://freepages.books.rootsweb.com/~wirockbios/1873/73Twp/73MapU.jpg>

The following Loomis family members are buried in Maple Hill Cemetery, Original Plate, block 1, lot 256 graves 1-8

- Hosington, Eliza J. (Loomis) born 1848, died April 21, 1952
- Lafayette Loomis, age 38 years 5 months 25 days. Died May 19, 1883, a Civil War veteran
- Hosington, A., 70 years, died September 10, 1911, a Civil War Veteran, private, company E, 12th Wisconsin Infantry.
- Loomis, Van Wyck, born 1836, died March 25, 1923
- Loomis, Winifred, G., wife of Harry, born 1881, died April 20, 1911
- Loomis, Harry Hopkins, born 1878 and died July 9, 1960
- Loomis, Clara (Kueltz) wife of Harry H., born 1894, died March 16, 1969
- Rowley, May L., wife of Warren J., born 1883, died June 30, 1953, member of the Daughters of the American Revolution
- Rowley, Warren J., born 1880, died December 10, 1942.

get ones, who want a new, clean outfit.

—Mr. L. F. Loomis, brother of our townsman, Mr. M. Loomis, of Oaks Corners, N. Y. just from that state, gave us a call Monday. The Loomis farm embraces section No. 2, and the brothers make stated visits to Wisconsin, to look after their interests here.

January 21, 1874, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2,

Evansville, Wisconsin

—Mr. Charles Rosmonsén, a Dane, laborer for Mr. Jas. Linken, near Union village, while assisting Mr. David Johnson, a neighbor, was stricken down and died from the effects of a sun stroke, on the 16th, inst. We are indebted to Mr. W. H. Loomis, for this item.

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July 24, 1878, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville,

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—Mr. Charley Loomis, after an absence of two years in Bay City, Mich., is again to be found in his uncle's, (C. B. Morse) Jewelry Store. Charley has grown older and bigger, and has become quite an expert in the jewelry business.

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April 23, 1879, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

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—Try my Ground Coffee. 12½c. Perry
—W. H. Loomis, owner of "Section 2," who has been spending the winter at his home in New York state, made us a call Saturday. He says everything down east is all right, and everybody is happy.

April 30, 1879, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Charlie Loomis is trying his hand at farming. He goes at it like an old hand. Charlie Loomis is rustivating on a farm for a few days. Rather hard work, but its healthy.
September 10, 1879, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

1880 Agricultural Schedule: L. F. Loomis, 628 acres
12 milk cows = 1,000 gals. Milk sold = 500 lbs. butter made on farm; 120 sheep; 28 acres barley, = 650 bu; 80 acres corn = 2,400 bu; 120 acres oats = 4,000 bu.

of pine with valuable premium.

—We have just received a letter from Charlie Loomis who left here last fall for the pine regions of Wisconsin. It is Charlie all over and we give it entire.

North Fork of James River
35 miles from the Wis. C. R. R.

Camp No. 3. March 19, 1880.

Friend Boyd:

Thought I would contribute to the REVIEW and tell you how they do business up here. Ed. C. Rutledge, (our boss,) is running 5 camps. No. 3, the camp where I am stopping, is doing the best work of all. We are running 2 sleighs, 2 pair of oxen each, who make five trips daily one and one-half miles to the river, hauling from 4000 to 5000 feet at each load. Yesterday the boys put up the "boss" load. Six logs on one sleigh—8070 feet,—and two yoke of oxen hauled it to the river. If some of you people around Evansville could have seen it, it would have finished you for this life. The boys all escorted it down and when it struck the landing such a shout went up as you never heard. Cheer after cheer was given.

Ed. has promised the boys an oyster supper, and to-night we are going to have a grand time. We have cleared the camp for a "Grand Ball," "Invitation party." None but "upper crust" admitted. First class music in attendance—2 mouth organs and a wind jewsharp. We will soon be tripping the "light fantastic." The boys are feeling good over the approach of spring. There has been from 1 to 2½ feet of snow on the ground since Dec. 1st. More lumber has been put up on the Chippeway and its branches this winter than ever before and times will be booming in all lumbering towns next summer if it "drives" well. Next winter Rutledge intends to cut 40,000,000 feet on the Flambeau. Will write you how they drive, when we start.

Yours truly,

CHAS. W. LOOMIS.

March 17, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 3,

Evansville, Wisconsin

Charlie Loomis returned from the wilds of the pinery, Friday morning. He can "Hush! Haw, Bright" to perfection.

April 7, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

We met Mr. W. H. Loomis of Oak Corners, N. Y., on the street Monday. He arrived Sunday morning and will remain during the summer on his farm near Union village.

June 9, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Charles Loomis of Beloit, was in town spending Christmas with his mother and friends. He expects shortly to leave his present position to take charge of a jewelry establishment at Beardstown.

December 28, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Union news. H. H. Loomis of Geneva, N. Y., Uncle of the Loomis Bros. section two is here visiting his nephew, Lafayette, who is very sick.

January 10, 1882, Enterprise, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. Henry Loomis of Geneva, N. Y., uncle of L. F. Loomis of Sec. 2, who is very low with consumption, arrived in this place last week to look after the business of the Loomis estate. May 8, 1883, Enterprise, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. Fayette Loomis, who resided on "Section 2" and has been sick there for a long time, was lately removed to Mr. James Lincoln's where he died last Friday. The funeral was held at Union and he was buried at Evansville.

May 26, 1883, The Review, p. 4, col. 5, Evansville, Wisconsin

DIED-- LaFayette Loomis died of consumption at the residence of James Lincoln in the town of Union, May 18th, 1883. Deceased was a native of Geneva, N. Y., being the third and youngest son of Austin C. Loomis who suddenly died at Janesville while on a business trip to this state when Fayette was only 12 years old. He sustained a great loss in the death of his father, which he continued to feel and to mourn until his death. About seven years ago he was surprised by the breaking of an abscess upon his left lung, which was the first premonition of failing health and of the malady of which he died. Hoping better to withstand the disease in a western climate he came to this State about five years since and settled with his newly married wife upon section two, where he continued for five years to fight the progress of the fatal foe with the best help that medical aid could render and with the tender and unwavering attention of his wife and the most fatherly assistance of his uncle Henry Loomis. He had a great desire to live, and he tenaciously cherished the hope of recovery until the last year, during which time he gradually transferred his affections to his heavenly Friend and treasure on high. He experienced great peace in the abounding grace of Christ and toward the last was anxious to depart and be with him who had so loved and long borne with him. His wife was nobly assisted in his last sad services by the uncle and the family where he died, together with many other deeply sympathizing friends. The infirmities of old age prevented his mother from visiting him in his last sickness.

June 2, 1883, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Monday evening, Jan. 7th, C. B. Morse received word by telegram that his nephew, Charley Loomis, of Quincy, Ill., had died of typhoid fever. Arvin Potter was sent to bring the remains to this place, and they arrived on Thursday, the funeral was held at the Methodist church at 2 p.m., conducted by Rev. H. Sewell.

Mr. Loomis was a resident of this place for several years, and had a host of friends, who heard of his untimely death with sadness.

Mrs. Oldfield, mother of the deceased, and her husband, were at the funeral.

January 15, 1884, The Enterprise, p. 1, col. 7, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. William Loomis and wife are receiving congratulations from their friends on their good fortune. Twin daughters. — Phelps Citizen.

December 19, 1884, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. H. H. Loomis, the great western land broker, made us another of his annual calls, Thursday.

February 13, 1885, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Fast Threshing. On Monday last the steam thresher Wide Awake belonging to Mr. Loomis, threshed on the farm of Mr. William Millbrant 2 ½ miles south of Evansville, over fifteen hundred bushels of oats in five hours and a half;

September 8, 1888, The Tribune, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

The following named students graduate at the Seminary next Tuesday; Wm. W. Loomis, Nettie J. Rickey, Evaline Dryer, Nora F. Adams, Claude J. Henricks, Eunice Budd, Jay B. Baldwin, Arthur J. Damon, Bert Campbell, Dean Dutton, Charles F. Hammer, J. Claud Conrad, James M. Robb, and Bessie Baker.

June 1, 1894, The Tribune, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

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—Roy Clark and Harry Loomis were brought before Justice Phillips today for taking cigars from Ralph Smith's store. Clark plead guilty and was sentenced to the state reform school for five years. Loomis plead not guilty and was placed under bonds of \$150, and the case was adjourned one week.

June 16, 1894, p. 1,

col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin, The Tribune

Harry Loomis stole some rings from the Grange store. He being a small boy was let off without prosecution by Manager Richardson with proper admonition and the returning of the goods.

November 2, 1894, The Enterprise, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

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November 9, 1894, The Enterprise, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin – May Loomis

Harry Loomis, who has been attending school in the Grammar room has stopped going to school and is messenger boy at the depot.

May 12, 1896, The Tribune, p. 1, col. 6, "High School Notes" Evansville, Wisconsin

Hymen

Married: -- At the home of Mr. James Hosington on First Street, July 31st at about 5:30 p.m. Mr. Henry H. Loomis and Miss Winifred C. Lamb, by the Rev. M. C. Miner.

After a bountiful supper the newly married pair left on the 7:00 o'clock train for Belvidere, Ill. Their friends wish them a long, happy and prosperous life. We understand that upon their return they will take possession of the Scandinavian hotel.

Aug. 4, 1900, The Badger, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

The marriage of Mr. Henry Loomis, with Miss Winnifred C. Lamb was celebrated at the home of Mr. Jas. Hoisington on First street, July 31st at about 5:30 p.m. Rev. M. C. Miner officiating. After a bountiful supper the newly married folks took the 7:00 o'clock train for Belvidere, Ill. Their friends wish them, a long, happy, and prosperous life.

August 4, 1900, The Enterprise, Evansville, Wisconsin

Notice, Whereas my wife Winnie C. Loomis has deserted me, I warn every person not to harbor or trust her on my account as I will pay no bills of her contracting. Harry H. Loomis.

July 15, 1902, The Tribune, p. 3, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Miss May Loomis left last Monday for several months visit at the home of her uncle, H. H. Loomis, at Geneva, N. Y.

August 26, 1902, p. 3, col. 5, Tribune, Evansville, Wisconsin

Lew Smith of Madison and Edith Loomis of Janesville were among the Thanksgiving guests at Ed. Smith's home.

November 26, 1904, The Badger, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

The following bills were allowed paid:—	
C. S. Baker salary.....	\$ 80.00
Harry Lee salary.....	63.00
Harry Loomis labor.....	3.43
Art Powers labor.....	21 20
W. & L. Dept. supplies.....	330.27
Albert Blunt salary.....	5.00
Purington paving brick Co.....	185.52
A. R. McKinney salary.....	12.00
F. W. Gillman salary.....	19.75
J. M. Owen board.....	4.00
H. W. Hamilton salary.....	33.84
C. M. Smith salary.....	35.00
O. B. Ballard fumigating.....	3.00
Chas. Fuller draying.....	5.05
Cal Broughton salary.....	35.00
Baker Mfg Co. material.....	2.00
D. E. Wood material.....	17.17
Bank of Evansville money adv..	114.40
L. L. Bagley material.....	.70

Evansville City Council minutes: published in Evansville Review, May 11, 1905, Evansville, Wisconsin

Harry Loomis and his sister May recently received a handsome present of 40 acres of land each in Chippewa county this state, from their uncle, Henry H. Loomis of Geneva, N. Y.

April 10, 1906, Tribune, p. 1, col. 6, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. H. Loomis of Geneva, N. Y., is here, the guest of his nephew, Harry Loomis, and other relatives. Mr. Loomis is ninety years of age, and is on his way to the Dakotas to attend to business interests.

April 26, 1907, Enterprise, Evansville, Wisconsin

Warren Rowley and Miss Mary C. Loomis were married Sunday, June 23, 1907, by Rev. E. A. Ralph. The happy couple took their departure on the 9:45 p.m. train for Milwaukee, where they will reside. The best of wishes from a host of Evansville friends go with them to their home in the Cream City, where they will be "at home" after July 12th, at 2714 Claybourn St.

June 28, 1907, Enterprise, p. 3, col. 6, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. J. E. Hoisington and son Harry Loomis left here Thursday evening for Geneva, N. Y., in response to a telegram stating that Mr. Loomis' aunt, Miss Cordlia Loomis, was dangerously ill.

January 27, 1909, The Enterprise and the Tribune, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

J. E. Hoisington is having an addition built on his residence on Second street, which will improve the place in the way of convenience and appearance. Harry Loomis is the head push on the job.

April 7, 1909, The Enterprise and The Tribune, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Henry Loomis has purchased a lot west of the Christman residence, paying three hundred dollars for the same and will erect a modern house which, when completed will be for sale.

November 18, 1909, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Harry Loomis has purchased a lot on Lincoln Street and has started the erection of a house thereon. The building will be about 24 x 30 built on the square house plan and it will be a roomy and desirable place.

November 17, 1909, Enterprise, Evansville, Wisconsin

Harry Loomis' new house on Lincoln street is rapidly nearing completion, and is going to be one of the most desirable places on that street when finished.

May 25, 1910, Enterprise & Tribune, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Harry Loomis has sold the new house on Lincoln street which he has been engaged in building this spring, to his sister, Mrs. Rowley, of Milwaukee. Harry is quite a different Loomis from what he was a few years ago, and the good work he is doing in building up the town shows it.

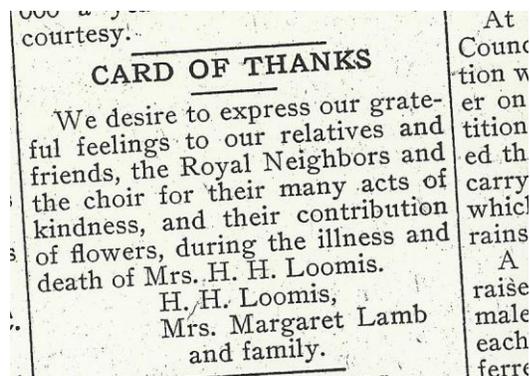
June 15, 1910, Enterprise & Tribune, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

Harry Loomis still has the building fever. He has purchased a lot from Fred Janes and will build a residence. Harry has taken the advice of the Enterprise given a few months ago in regard to furnishing houses for the new arrivals who wish to locate here.

June 29, 1910, Enterprise & Tribune, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

Harry H. Loomis is building a bungalow on First street above Garfield avenue. The dwelling will contain six rooms, is of frame construction and will be completed some time this fall. This is the first bungalow ever built in Evansville and illustrates a new departure in home construction which may set a popular example.

September 1, 1910, Evansville Review, p. 5, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin



May 4, 1911, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Harry Loomis has gone to Sterling, Illinois, where he has accepted a lucrative position.

July 13, 1911, Evansville Review, p. 5, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

Harry Loomis took a trip Wednesday to the Green County fair at Monroe and had as his guests Warren Rowley and wife of Milwaukee and Geo. Hoisington of Kilbourn. Mr. Loomis recently purchased a Reo automobile of the popular firm of Durner and Coutier in this city and his friends are commending his good fortune in the choice of his car.

September 14, 1911, Evansville Review, p. 5, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

James Hoisington died at his home Sunday evening at 5:30 o'clock, of paralysis and tumor on the brain. The funeral was held at his home on Second Street at 2:30 Tuesday, and the services were conducted by Rev. D. Q. Grabill. The pall bearers, comrades in the local G.A.R., were J. W. Morgan, John Tullar, John Cole, Theodore Shurrum, Clinton and David Johnson. The interment was in Maple Hill cemetery.

The deceased was born in Wyoming county, New York, April 28, 1841. He came to Wisconsin with his parents at the age of eight and resided in Sauk county until he moved to Evansville, twenty-five years ago. He was married twice, the first time to Miss Martha Rice. Two children remain from this marriage to mourn the loss of their father, Rev. L. E. Hoisington, of Black River Falls, and Mrs. Bertha Ragt of North Freedom. Twenty-two years ago he married Mrs. E. J. Loomis of Evansville. A brother, Geo. H. Kilbourne also survives him. When the war broke out, Mr. Hoisington joined Company E of the Twelfth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry.

September 14, 1911, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

Harry Loomis and his mother, Mrs. Hoisington, accompanied by Herman Tucker, took an automobile trip to Milwaukee Sunday returning Monday morning.

October 12, 1911, Evansville Review, p. 5, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. Harry Loomis has bought out Frank Harrison of the Central House. The price of Sunday dinner will be 35 cents.

June 20, 1912, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

CENTRAL HOUSE	C.
A new telephone booth has been installed in the Central House for the use of the public. All local service will be free.	Lt
Mr. Loomis intends to use his auto in taking patrons of the hotel to and from dinner on Sundays. If you want to go to the hotel for dinner call up and give your name and the time you will be ready and the auto will call for you, and take you home after dinner.	At we co lia to co ch ev ni

June 27, 1912, Evansville Review, p. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Rowley and little boy of Milwaukee are spending a few days with Mrs. Rowley's mother, Mrs. Hoisington and with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Loomis.

December 23, 1913, Evansville Review, p. 5, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Rowley and son Clifford of Milwaukee are visiting Mrs. James Hoisington and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Loomis at the Central House.

July 9, 1914, p. 5, col. 4, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Loomis and little daughter and Mrs. Lathrop are camping at Lake Waubesa. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Rowley of Milwaukee are here taking charge of the Central House during their absence.

July 30, 1914, Evansville Review, p. 5, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

H. H. Loomis and family, Mr. L. Lathrop, C. A. Fuller and wife motored to Madison and Sun Prairie Sunday. October 29, 1914, Evansville Review, p. 5, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Miss Clara Kuelz spent Sunday at her parental home at Brooklyn.

December 10, 1914, Evansville Review, p. 4, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Rowley and son, Clifford, of Milwaukee, motored here Sunday to spend a few days with Mrs. James Hoisington and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Loomis.

December 10, 1914, Evansville Review, p. 4, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Warren Rowley motored back to Milwaukee Sunday evening after a brief visit here. Mrs. Rowley left yesterday for Geneva, New York, where she is called by the illness of a cousin. She will be gone a week or ten days and during her absence, her son, Clifford, will visit his grandmother, Mrs. James Hoisington of this city.

December 10, 1914, Evansville Review, p. 4, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. Gertrude Eager entertained at New Year's dinner. Among those from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Bliss, H. H. Bliss and family, and Dr. and Mrs. Loomis of Janesville.

January 7, 1915, Evansville Review, p. 4, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Van Wart Loomis of Geneva was the recent guest of his nephew, Harry Loomis, and wife of this city and of Mrs. James Hoisington. He has gone to Milwaukee for a visit with Mrs. Warren Rowley.

September 30, 1915, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

V. W. Loomis of Geneva, N. Y. is making an extended visit with Harry Loomis.

July 5, 1917, Evansville Review, p. 5, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

Harry Loomis went to Detroit the latter part of last week and drove back a new Saxon Sedan, which was sold by the Saxon Garage to a Belleville party.

July 15, 1917, Evansville Review, p. 4, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

School has started in the Butts' Corner school with Mrs. Harry Loomis as teacher. September 22, 1921, Evansville Review, "Jug Prairie" news, Evansville, Wisconsin

The office interior of the old Davis Bros. Garage is being redecorated and painted by Harry Loomis, who owns the building and will one of the new firm which will reopen the place at a near date.

November 23, 1922, Evansville Review

Van Wyck Loomis 87, died early Sunday morning at his home, 308 South Second Street, after a short illness. He was born in Geneva, N. Y. and came to Evansville in 1916. Mr. Loomis was unmarried. He leaves four nieces and a nephew, among whom are Mrs. Warren Rowley and Harry Loomis, this city. Services were

conducted Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the home, the Rev. O. W. Smith officiating, with burial in Maple Hill cemetery.

March 29, 1923, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Harry Loomis and Miss Clara Kuelz gave their friends a surprise last Saturday in slipping quietly away to Rockford and getting married. The ceremony was performed at the Methodist parsonage there, the Rev. King officiating. The young couple will make their home for the present at the home of the groom's mother, Mrs. E. J. Hoisington, on 2nd street. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kuelz, of North Fourth street of this city, while the groom is one of Evansville's business men who is known to all.

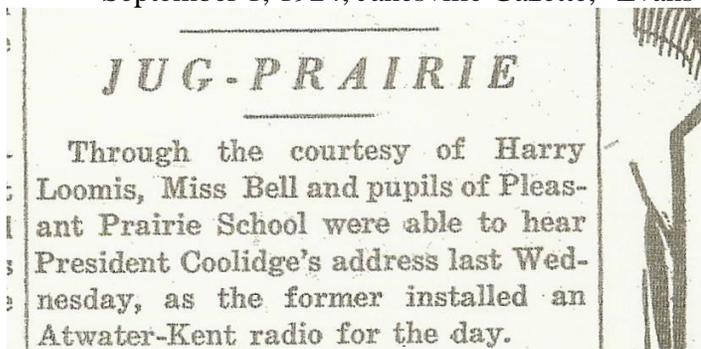
December 20, 1923, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 6, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. Irene Loomis left Sunday for Madison where she will enter the University summer school.

July 3, 1924, Evansville Review, p. 5, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kuelz, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Loomis and Mrs. Flora Gibbs left Sunday for long Lake for a two weeks' outing at the Kuelz-Kluge cottage.

September 1, 1924, Janesville Gazette, "Evansville" Janesville, Wisconsin



March 12, 1925, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2,

Evansville, Wisconsin

The Loomis garage is this week putting in something new in gasoline pumps, with which to handle Wadham's high and low test gasolines. These new pumps not only show the gasoline as it comes to the top of the pump, but also ring a bell each time a gallon is drawn. The new tax law on gasoline is likely to help the Evansville filling stations, as it is likely that tourists will fill in South Beloit before entering the state and will be getting to the danger point of empty tanks by the time they reach this city.

April 2, 1925, Evansville Review, "Local News" Evansville, Wisconsin

Through the efforts of Lester Thompson and the Izaak Walton League, Wednesday 15 cans of Black Bass fry were turned loose into Lake Leota, where it is hoped they will thrive and multiply, which they should do, as the lake is all new water and there is no years of accumulation of carp and turtles to destroy the young fish. Harry Loomis went to the hatchery at Delafield in his truck to procure the fish and a number of local fishermen helped put them in the lake.

July 8, 1926, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 7, Evansville, Wisconsin

The Moore school opened Monday with Mrs. Irene Loomis as teacher.

September 3, 1925, Evansville Review, p. 5, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. Irene Loomis and son, and Mother, Mrs. L. Lathrop, moved to Walworth Friday where Mrs. Loomis will teach this year.

September 16, 1926, Evansville Review, p. 5, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

TUESDAY

PUBLIC SPIRIT SAVES GROUNDS FOR CITY USES

Holding Committee Consisting of Thirty-three Business Men Buy Fairgrounds to Save the Property for Community Uses

At one o'clock Saturday, according to the published notice, The Evansville Fair grounds were sold to the highest bidder at public auction.

For a while the bidding was lively but as the price began to go up the bidders one by one dropped off until the property was sold to R. M. Antes for \$3,300, Mr. Antes acting for a holding committee of thirty-three business men who bought it to hold until the city is able to buy it next year, which it could not do this year because the matter did not come up until the city council had made up its budget for this year and set the tax levy.

The holding committee who were public spirited enough to put up the money to buy the property and save it from going into the hands of private parties or speculators is composed of the following men: R. M. Antes, H. H. Loomis, F. W. Gillman, W. F. Biglow, C. J. Pearsall, E. H. Libby, S. E. Barnard, W. J. Clark,

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The grand stand, the fine arts building, the judges stand and the stand at the gate and the secretary's office, one horse barn and one cattle barn were reserved from the sale of the barns and sheds which followed the sale of the real estate.

Fred Luchsinger bought one horse barn for \$455. A cattle barn was sold to Clifford Ellis for \$225.50 another cattle barn to Lon Smith for \$240; a sheep barn to Ernest Miller for 128; and three old pig pens for \$50 each.

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June 14, 1928, Evansville Review, p. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

OFFICERS NAMED AT CHAUTAUQUA MEET

H. H. Loomis was elected president; E. S. Cary, vice-president; Miss Lila B. Ludington, secretary; and Mrs. Gertrude Eager, treasurer, at the annual Evansville Chatauqua meeting held Monday night in the city hall. The chairmen of the various committees were named as follows:

Lighting, E. S. Cary; advertising, R. M. Antes; tickets, Mrs. Harry Roderick; grounds, F. W. Hansen; decorating, Miss Myrtle Green; platform, R. B. Gates; and seating, R. P. Richardson.

R. D. Hartley was authorized to obtain the speaker for the union church service to be held Sunday morning, July 14. The chautauqua season will open here Wednesday, July 10.

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May 20, 1929, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Loomis and Mrs. Harry Kueltz and daughter Lorraine, plan to leave Monday for Louisville, Ky., where the former will attend the national convention of the Lions club.

June 13, 1929, Evansville Review, p. 5, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

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HARRY LOOMIS AT LIONS CONVENTION

Harry Loomis, former president of the Evansville Lions club, is the local delegate who is attending the national convention of the Lions club which convened in Louisville, Ky., Tuesday. He is accompanied by his wife and Mrs. Harry Kueltz and daughter Lorraine. They are expected back in the city Saturday.

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Public DELEGATE RETURNS FROM LOUISVILLE, KY.

**H. H. Loomis Describes His Trip
To International Convention
Held in Southern Metropolis**

H. H. Loomis, delegate of the Evansville Lions club to the International Lions convention held in Louisville, Ky., last week, returned Monday night with Mrs. Loomis and Mrs. Harry Kueltz and daughter Lorraine who accompanied him on the trip.

He reports that some 7,000 delegates and visitors were present at the convention and that 415 Lions clubs have been added to the international organization since a year ago. Ray L. Riley, Sacramento, Calif., was elected president of the association and the city of Denver was chosen as the 1930 meeting place.

The convention delegates were addressed by several prominent speakers, entertained at banquets and theatre parties, and given sight-seeing tours through the city of Louisville and surrounding country.

Among the points of interest which the local delegate visited was the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln at Hodgenville. The log cabin, according to Mr. Loomis, is now protected by a beautiful marble structure built when Roosevelt was president and dedicated during Taft's administration. Not far from the cabin is the spring around which Lincoln played as a child.

The birthplace and home of Don Stephens Foster, writer of "My Old Kentucky Home" was another interesting place which Mr. Loomis visited. The large southern mansion located at Bardstown is owned by the government and has the same furnishings that were used by the composer and his parents. Near the home is the old family cemetery in which Foster and his parents are buried.

"On leaving Foster's home, I drove through a small village that had been deserted following the passage of the Eighteenth amendment," said Mr. Loomis in commenting on his trip. "There were at least 20 large brick buildings from two to four stories in height all vacated and weather beaten. The walls of some of them were crumbling and many of the roofs had collapsed. The town was called "New Haven" and prior to the prohibition act had three of the largest distilleries in the United States."

Moonshining is still carried on extensively in the Kentucky mountain districts, according to Mr. Loomis. "I was told by one Kentucky resident that if you inhabit these districts, the less you say the better off you are. The moonshiner is never seen distributing his liquor. He has a big tree back in the woods on which are fastened hooks. The customer places money in a jug, hangs it on the tree, and returns the following day for his liquor," he explained.

On returning to Evansville, the local delegate visited President Harding's tomb at Marion, O., which was erected at a cost of \$500,000. He also went through Harding's home which is literally filled with presents given to the president during his administration. The collection includes 25 canes, 50 jackknives, 30 pipes, robes, rugs, chests of cigars and tobacco, and scores of other items.

E. H. LIBBY DEFEATS HARRY LOOMIS FOR OFFICE OF MAYOR

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police justice; W. J. Clark, alderman from the second ward; Peter Baird, alderman from the third ward; and Mrs. Sylvia Colony, justice of the peace, were unanimously re-elected without any opposition.

The number of votes cast in Evansville for the judicial officers were as follows: For justice of the supreme court, Chester A. Fowler 238, John W. Reynolds, 233, and Raymond J. Cannon 49. For circuit judge, twelfth judicial circuit, George Grimm 529. For municipal judge, Chester H. Christensen 413.

Potter Porter was re-elected chairman and H. S. Spooner was again elected clerk at the Union township

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PEOPLE YOU KNOW

This Week H. H. Loomis. Next
Week Who? Who Knows,
It May Be You!

H. H. Loomis, proprietor of the Tourist garage, is a life-long resident of Evansville. He followed the carpenter trade here for 12 years after which he purchased the Hotel Central conducting the business for four years.

Mr. Loomis built the Tourist garage in 1916 and after operating the business for one year leased it to the Davis brothers for five years during which time he was employed as salesman for Hitchcock Hill and company of Chicago.

He again took over the management of the garage in 1922 and has conducted the business since that time. One of Evansville's most active citizens, Mr. Loomis is a member and former president of the Lions club, and present chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias. He was a candidate for mayor at the municipal election last April.

July 19, 1930, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 7, Evansville,

Wisconsin

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Loomis spent the weekend in Marion, Ohio, with Mr. and Mrs. Warren Rowley. Mrs. Ella Rowley and Mrs. Hoisington, who have been visiting there, returned home with them.

August 28, 1930, Evansville Review, p. 5, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

MRS. E. J. HOISINGTON SUCCUMBS IN OHIO

Funeral Rites Held Here Sunday With Rev. Clark Officiating; Burial in Maple Hill

Mrs. E. J. Hoisington, 84, former Evansville resident and mother of Harry H. Loomis, this city, died at 7:15 p.m. last Thursday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. J. Rowley, at Marion, OHIO. She had been confined to her bed for four weeks with influenza.

Funeral services were held here at 3:30 p.m. Sunday in the Roderick funeral home, the Rev. Grant V. Clark, pastor of the Congregational church, officiating. Burial was made in Maple Hill Cemetery with Martin Paulson, A. E. Harte, Fred L. Janes, Silas White, William Brown, and Harvey Graves as pallbearers.

Mrs. Hoisington, formerly Jennie Cox was born in New York City, March 28, 1848 and was married to La Fayette Loomis at Geneva, N. Y. about 55 years ago. Following their marriage they moved to Wisconsin settling on a farm three and one-half miles northeast of Evansville. Mr. Loomis died May 19, 1882, at the age of 38.

Following her husband's death, Mrs. Hoisington moved to Evansville and five years later was married to J. E. Hoisington of Baraboo. Mr. Hoisington died September 10, 1911. Mrs. Hoisington continued to make her home here until a year ago when she left Evansville to visit her daughter. She was a member of the local Congregational church.

Besides a host of friends she is survived by one son, Harry Loomis, this city; one daughter, Mrs. W. J. Rowley, Marion, Ohio; and three grandchildren. One son died in infancy.

April 28, 1932, pp. 1 & 8, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

**LIONS TO HONOR
HARRY H. LOOMIS**

Harry H. Loomis, proprietor of the Tourist garage here and former alderman of the second ward, is being awarded the highest honor given by the Lions club's international organization. He is being awarded a gold key and plaque for securing ten new members for the local club within the past year.

Mr. Loomis has served as president of the club and has been an active member of several of its committees. He served as alderman here until last April and at present is manager of the Evansville city band which he reorganized some five years ago.

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November 8, 1934, Evansville Review, p. 4, col. 2,

H. H. LOOMIS HONORED AT LIONS MEETING

Awarded Master Key Monday For Securing 12 New Members During Past Year

Symbolic of his sincere efforts and deep interest in Lionism and for bringing 12 new members into the club during the past year, Harry Loomis, proprietor of the Tourist Garage here, was presented with a master key at the weekly dinner and meeting of the Evansville Lions club held Monday night in Frank' cafe.

Preceding the presentation, a fake letter was read by Secretary Lester Bullard assuming to be from the International headquarters of the Lions stating that because of certain irregularities in other groups the international organization had decided to cease the awarding of the keys. This, of course, stirred the members to high indignation, especially Mr. Loomis who with great difficulty suppressed his wrath with profound silence.

However, some of the members arose and a motion was passed to send a committee to national headquarters to intercede in behalf of Mr. Loomis' master key which he had faithfully earned and deserved. After considerable merriment the following letter from the international headquarters was read:

"It is with profound pleasure that Lions International enters your name upon its rolls as a Master Key Member. The officers and directors of the international association extend their heartiest congratulations and convey

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H. H. LOOMIS HONORED AT LIONS MEETING

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their sincere thanks for the high service which you have rendered.

"This key is awarded as symbolic of your sincere effort and deep interest in Lionism. It is a privilege presented to you. We hope that you will derive considerable pleasure from wearing this master key. We know it will be an incentive for others to strive to emulate your outstanding achievement. We value you as a distinguished Lion.—Vincent C. Hascall, president Lions International.

January 31, 1935, Evansville

Review, p. 8, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

HIGH HONOR GOES TO HARRY LOOMIS

Harry Loomis, who was awarded a master key at the weekly meeting of the Lions club here Monday night for securing twelve new members during the past year, is one out of only 407 members in the world who have earned that distinction. The number of the gold key which Mr. Loomis was awarded is 407.

January 31, 1935, Evansville Review, p. 8, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

Harry Loomis and mother, Mrs. Albert Kueltz, Mrs. Henry Biessman and children motored to Hustler Thursday where Mrs. Biessman and children visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Talg, and Mr. Loomis and Mrs. Kueltz met Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kueltz and daughter, Lorraine, Eau Claire. Mrs. Harry Kueltz and daughter returned to Evansville with them for a 10 days visit.

June 11, 1936, Evansville Review, p. 5, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin
(note: Mrs. Kueltz, should be his mother-in-law)

Completion Of New Belfry At Park Culminating Extensive Program

RUSTIC STRUCTURE

Antique Rescued From Razed Grade School Building and Presented to City

Culminating Evansville's extensive park improvement program which has continued for several years through first the CWA and FERA and later the WPA administrations, is the erection of a 20-foot stone tower housing the historic bell rescued from the recently razed old grade school building erected back in 1874.

Built of lime rock quarried from the Milbrandt quarry, south of the city, the rustic tower has an eight-foot square base tapering to six feet square at the top where the massive gong has been installed. A cement floor is being laid at the base this week and a door and lock installed.

New Shelter House

The tower is located across the park drive from the recently erected Henneberry Memorial shelter house which building was dedicated to the public at a special ceremony here last August. A WPA crew of ten men is completing the tower and two foot bridges crossing the park stream this week in an effort to wind-up the entire park program the fore part of next week.

When the old school building was razed here last summer to make room for the city's new \$225,000 high school structure, the historic bell was offered for sale as scrap iron. Through the efforts and forethought of Harry Loomis, public spirited citizen, the antique was rescued and arrangements were made with the WPA administration to have it preserved and mounted on a special tower in the park.

Cost \$200

The bell, according to old Review files, was purchased at a cost of \$200 by the school board when the old grade school was erected in 1874. For nearly a century its gong summoned generation after generation to "reading and writing and arithmetic taught to the tune of a hickory stick."

Quoting the minutes of the school district's annual meeting of July, 1874: "There is no one item that will express its value so sensibly as a bell—it will do away with much of the tardiness by pupils living at a distance from the school building."

Useful Addition

The bell and new tower will not only enhance the appearance of Evansville's park, acclaimed to be southern Wisconsin's most popular playground, but will be of great value in summoning residents for religious services, band concerts, and other community activities held at the park during the summer months.

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Former Resident Reported Missing

The Evansville friends of LeRoy Loomis who was formerly employed on a farm west of the city, have received word that he is missing in the Philippine Islands.

Mr. Loomis enlisted in February, 1941. He was transferred to Angel Island, California, and landed in the Philippines in April. He was transported on the boat with William Schuster and Ralph Knappenberger of this city.

Loomis, whose parents are now residents of Libertyville, Ill., was last heard from December 4. The missing man's brother, George M. Loomis, who is stationed in an army camp at Mitchell Field, New York, recently called on local friends while on a furlough.

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June 11, 1942, p. 8, col. 5, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Harry Loomis returned to his home here Wednesday evening from Marion Ohio, where he had spent a few days with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Rowley. Mr. Rowley underwent a major operation a few weeks ago.

December 10, 1942, Evansville Review, "Local News" col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

A planning board meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday in the city hall auditorium for the purpose of forming a committee to be known as the Veterans' Council. It will be the duty of the council members to give advice to the veterans of the current war when they return home and are desirous of re-entering civilian life and taking their places in the community. Many of the men and women who have served in the armed forces will have questions to ask about compensation, educational facilities, jobs and many other inquiries to be answered. With J. C. McKenna heading the group members of the committee are H. F. Brunsell, Bernie Christensen, Rev. C. W. Bloedow, Arthur Templeton, L. P. Eager, P. D. Pearsall, Ben Green, Mrs. Ray Hubbard, M. L. Paulson, C. W. Hyne, M. V. Allen, J. S. Pullen, Wilson Brown, and H. H. Loomis.

March 15, 1945, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

Edwin H. Loomis Is Promoted In Army

United States forces in Austria—Edwin H. Loomis, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Loomis, 429 South Madison Street, Evansville, Wisconsin, has been promoted to the grade of staff sergeant while serving with the 222nd Infantry Regiment of the famous 42nd (Rainbow) Division in the city of Vienna, Austria.

Sergeant Loomis is a veteran of front-line duty. He participated in the Rainbow Division's 450-mile drive from the Hardt Mountains, through the Siegfried Line to the Rhineland, through Franconia, Bavaria, and the major cities of Schweinfurt, Wurzburg, Furth, Dachau, and Munich. He has been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge in recognition of his performance of duty in ground combat, and wears the European Campaign Ribbon with two battle stars.

Sergeant Loomis was assigned to the 42nd Division at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, in October, 1944, and came overseas with his Regiment late the same year.

His organization, the 222nd Infantry Regiment, is a unit of General Mark W. Clark's United States Forces in Austria. It is the Regiment's mission to function as a part of the Army of Occupation, exercising military control over governmental agencies during the period of rehabilitation.

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**Lt. Col. J. L. Loomis Completes
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Lt. Col. J. L. Loomis former local resident and son of H. H. Loomis, Evansville retired from active duty with the U. S. Army at Bolling field separation center, Washington, D. C., May 27.

Before enlisting Lt. Col. Loomis was a member of the Delavan high school faculty. During the war he was stationed in the China-Burma-India theatre as a military intelligence staff officer. After V-J day he was located in Morocco and France, and since July of 1946 he has been stationed in Washington, D. C. Col. and Mrs. Loomis plan to remain in Washington where the former is attending law school at George Washington university.

June 17, 1948, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

H. H. Loomis Named I.O.O.F. Noble Grand

H. H. Loomis has recently been elected noble grand of the Odd Fellows lodge to serve a term of six months and at the same time Herbert Blum was named vice grand. Within the next few weeks both new heads will appoint other officers all of whom will be installed at a regularly meeting early in July.

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Harry H. Loomis Is New I. O. O. F. Head

Officers Are Installed In The Odd Fellows Hall Here Last Tuesday Evening

In an installation ceremony in the I.O.O.F. hall Tuesday evening Harry Loomis was seated noble grand of the Odd Fellows lodge succeeding Edward Weber. Other officers are Herbert Blum, vice grand; Ray Hubbard, right supporter to noble grand; Bernie Christensen, left supporter to noble grand; Leo Nehls, right supporter to vice grand, and A. R. Williams, left supporter to vice grand.

Kenneth White, conductor; C. S. Franklin, warden; Floyd Benway chaplain; Willis Sands, outside guard; John Feldt, inside guard; Lloyd Gleason, left scene supporter; Leroy Elmer, right scene supporter, and W. S. Spratler, Jr., Harry Roderick, Jr., and Edward Weber, finance committee. The Rev. C. W. Bloedow, district deputy grand master, was the installing officer and Ray Hubbard was the marshal.

July 8, 1948, Evansville

is to Resist Site for School

Make Known Intention to Fight Attempts of District 6 to Obtain Properties

Keith Williams and H. H. Loomis, owners of the two properties that School District 6 voters have directed the school board to purchase for the site of the proposed new grade school building, have made it known to the board that they will resist all attempts to obtain the properties for the school.

If Williams and Loomis maintain their present stand, the board will be forced to initiate condemnation proceedings on the homes now situated on the properties.

The two property owners have retained E. P. Agnew of the firm of Thronson, Roethe and Agnew, Janesville, to represent them. The board voted to appoint Albert Gill, of the law firm of Gill and Eager, to represent the board in the case.

The latter move was necessitated by the fact that Richard Eager, of Gill and Eager, who is the board's regular attorney, is also the clerk of the board and would have to testify in the event that the properties must be condemned. In Wisconsin, condemnation cases such as this must be tried by jury. Donald Whitmore, Mrs. Floyd Miller, Orris Krause, Les Patterson and Bruce Townsend voted for the appointment. Eager abstained and Howard Brunzell was absent.

Both Loomis and Williams were contacted twice by the board. Whitmore spoke with the latter on Wednesday, March 31, and was told that Williams would fight sale of his property to the District. Townsend conferred with Mr. Loomis the following day and was informed that the Loomis' would cooperate with the board on the sale.

However, when Whitmore and Eager visited Williams on Saturday, April 3, Williams reiterated his determination to resist the sale and said that Loomis would follow suit. A resultant visit by Loomis confirmed his latter statement.

In an attempt to avoid going through the lengthy and costly necessity of condemnation proceedings, the board directed the building and grounds committee of the group to investigate the possibilities of moving the two homes intact, to different sites acceptable to the two families in question. They also instructed Eager to consult Agnew as to the possibility of the latter's client accepting such a proposal.

The board also referred suggestions by A. R. Page, assistant state superintendent of the department of public instruction, on the matter of improvements to the present grade building and the building and grounds committee. The committee will meet with the board's architects, Weiler and Strickland of Madison, to obtain their opinions on the suggestions.

Krause was appointed to the building and grounds committee, replacing Willard Waeffler, whose position on the board Krause is filling following Waeffler's resignation from the board.

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Miss Bakke, a graduate of Evansville High School, University of Wisconsin and St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, Chicago, is on the teaching staff of St. Luke's Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing.

Mr. Martin is a rhetoric teaching assistant at the University of Illinois while working for a doctorate in English.

A September wedding is planned.

Stanley Natstad

Stanley E. Natstad, 52, former Evansville resident, died in his Chicago home Friday, July 8.

Born May 3, 1908, in Rockford, he was the son of Fred and Lydia Natstad. He married Sylvia Hoffman in 1945.

Mr. Natstad is survived by his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Constance McDonough, Denver; his mother, Mrs. Lydia Natstad, Evansville; two sisters, Mrs. Virginia Leer, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Mrs. Leon Yeagle, Miami, Fla.; a stepson, Conrad Spohnholz, South Bend, Ind.

Services were held Monday at the Cooksville Lutheran Church, the Rev. A. M. Romstad officiating. Burial was in the Cooksville Cemetery.

Harry Loomis

Harry Loomis, 82, owner and operator of the Electric Appliance store in Evansville, died at home Saturday night after a long illness.

He was born near Evansville June 13, 1878, and attended Evansville High School. He was married to Clara Kueltz, Evansville in 1923.

Mr. Loomis was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge and, formerly a member of the Knights of Pythias. He was a past-president of the Lions Club.

He served on the Evansville City Council for several terms and on the city board of health.

He is survived by his wife, and one son, Jerome, Washington.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, in the Roderick-Ward Funeral Home, with burial in Maple Hill Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rowin and son Johnny, age 10, have been receiving treatments in the Beloit Hospital, for injuries suffered in an automobile accident July 1 near Beloit. Mr. and Mrs. Rowin were discharged Saturday and returned to their home. Johnny was transferred Monday, from the Beloit Hospital, to Madison General, in Madison.

Three Local Teachers

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 ing to many students who have made commercial work their career. Mrs. Higgins has been hired to teach in the Janesville

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Loomis Building Is Sold

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The building at 12 West Main St., Evansville, owned by Mrs. H.H. Loomis, has been purchased by William Bewick, attorney, and Robert Erstad, insurance man.

The new owners plan to completely remodel the entire structure into a modern office building. It is hoped that construction will begin about May 1 and be completed by Sept. 1.

The present building was constructed just before the first World War by H.H. Loomis. Loomis together with his brother-in-law, W. J. Rowley operated a Saxon automobile agency for about three years before leasing the building to the Davis Brothers who subsequently operated a Nash and Chevrolet agency for a number of years.

Loomis then returned to the building again selling Oakland cars and Atwater-Kent radios. It was then leased to Perry Burnett for a repair business for several years.

About 14 years ago part of the structure was converted to the paint store which stands there today. During the past 14 years, the Brunsell Brothers and several other tenants have used the building. Currently, in addition to Mrs. Loomis and her paint business, Ralston-Purina operates a farm supply store managed by Gordon Page.

Mrs. Loomis plans to cease operating the paint store. No decision has yet been made regards the farm supply business.

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On June 11 it was announced that George Loomis had been appointed as the new Postmaster for Brooklyn. Mr. Loomis had been acting postmaster for the past two years. Previous to that he was employed at the mill in Brooklyn, 15 years with Borst and 2 years with the Union Cooperative Ass'n. He also served in the Air Force for 4 1/2 years. Mr. and Mrs. Loomis and their family have lived in the Brooklyn area for the past 25 years. They have four children, George Jr., a student at Madison Business College; LaVerne and Louise who will be Juniors at Oregon High School; and Mary who will be a second grader at the Brooklyn Elementary School. Left to right Louise Loomis, LaVerne Loomis, Mrs. George Loomis, George Loomis, George Loomis Jr., and Mary Loomis front and center.

June

24, 1965, Evansville Review, p. 7, Evansville, Wisconsin

Hi Ruth Ann,

Thanks so much for forwarding the newspaper articles about our family to me. There are some interesting articles that connect to stories he related to me in passing over the years. One involved my Grandmother, Irene, with whom my Grandfather had a rather stormy marriage. Dad recalled one of his earliest memories being in an automobile when he was just a small boy – maybe two years old. They were in a minor automobile accident where Henry had apparently run off the road and dad was ejected from the car. He remembers his Mother and Father yelling "Where's the baby?" and looking around for him while he was comfortably seated on some soft grass near the roadside. I wonder if this was the Rio?

I knew my step-grandmother Clara, so I really appreciated the article on her. I met her about three times in my life, and I have dim memories of sitting on her lap and both of us digging into an enormous bag of M&M's together, sorting out the different colors. She was an elderly woman at the time with a severe back problem that forced her to walk all hunched over. She also sent me a "Play Dough factory" for Christmas which allowed me to shape the clay into different shapes. I remember being very upset when she died in, I think March 16, 1968, a day before my own birthday. She was a wonderful woman. Funny how we remember people even though our contact with them is so limited.

Life goes on here. I did get the copy of the newspaper – thanks for following up for me with the publisher. I especially enjoyed your column of things that happened in the city over the past century. Mom was involved in another auto

accident on November 9 that totaled her car and made her realize that she probably should no longer be driving. This time she hit a city bus and was lucky she was not injured. Three feet more and I think I might have been going through the events of last September all over again. She was again charged with "failure to yield the right-of-way". Since this is the second time she has been in an accident in the past five months with the same charge, we both feel that the time has come to give up her license. I thought there would be some opposition, but she seems to actually enjoy calling a cab to come and take her where she wants to go.

I had an enjoyable discovery in Dad's files the other day that you will find interesting. In the 1950's after the death of Irene, my Mother encouraged a grudging relationship between Henry and my Father. According to my Mother, Henry did much more reaching out than Dad seems to have reciprocated. But I found all his letters to my Father tucked away in an old leather briefcase with files on individual members of the Loomis family. The files on other individuals had pictures and newspaper articles, but Henry's only had the letters. I think that the divorce of Henry and Irene really damaged my Father and was maybe a reason that he never wanted to really return to Wisconsin after Clara's death. Henry talks about the mistakes he made in raising Dad and offers some very heartfelt apologies to him, especially about his childhood Christmas celebrations. The letters are very touching, and he talks a lot about Clara and their life together and the divorce with Irene – some sort of attempt to explain the circumstances of their marriage. It is too bad Dad didn't come to terms with this part of his life.

We went to North Carolina for Thanksgiving to the Grove Park Inn in Asheville. It seemed like a good idea to get away and travel for the holiday as this is the first holiday we have spent without Dad. It was a good idea, and it was nice to be around so many people and a roaring fireplace. We met some nice people there and enjoyed the holiday in a relaxing manner.

How are you doing in light of your family's loss? It must be difficult for you as well at this time of year. I have been gaining strength visiting Dad's grave and talking out loud to him about all the things that are going on in the family and how Mom is coping. I feel he is here, but it may well be my imagination too. I brought his dog to the cemetery even though you are not supposed to bring pets. Dad was so close to our dog Kirby that I wanted him to have a visit as well. I thought, let them talk to me if they don't like it – I always clean up after the dog and it was important to both of us.

Please know that your thoughts and prayers as your family also adjusts to a difficult time during the holiday season. I truly appreciate your sending me information from the past about my family and save all the information in a file. Take care, and I will write again soon.

John