

—Mr. Peter Murray, of Brooklyn, has returned from his annual tour to the head waters of the Missouri with a large lot of choice buffalo robes, which he is offering in lots to suit purchasers. Everybody knows Pete Murray, and when you find him without a buffalo robe to sell, it is because he has not returned from his annual hunt.

September 26, 1877, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. Dennis Murray, of Union, recently informed us that he had just received a letter from his son Charley, of Townsend, Montana, located 12 miles from Diamond City, stating that he had hired out to work upon a ranch getting \$35 per month for his services until the expiration of his time contracted then he should turn his attention to teaching school for which he could get from \$50 to \$80 per month according to the amount of labor attendant upon different schools.

June 8, 1889, The Tribune, p. 4, col. 6, Evansville, Wisconsin

#### MEMORIAM

#### PETER MURRAY

Peter Murray was born in Milltown, Westmeath county, Ireland, in the month of September 1836. Together with his parents and a family of eleven children, four of whom were younger than himself, he sailed from Ireland on the ship "Refuge" in the month of March 1861. They arrived in New York, May 10, of the same year, with ample means, intending to leave the city at once and locate on a farm.

The father and several of the children taking sick soon after their arrival, they were at once removed to a hospital. They were forced to part with all they brought from home, being told that they were destroyed. The ready money they had brought with them soon disappeared they knew not where. The boys that were old enough to work commenced the struggle to gain a livelihood in a new world and a strange city. Part of the family who were fortunate enough to escape the sickness, at once found homes outside the city. They thus became lost to each other and did not learn of their father's death until at the end of three months when they were found by means of advertising.

Peter found work in an iron foundry, first as an errand boy, and afterwards learning the moulders trade, working every day, and often late at night to aid in the support of his widowed mother.

In the year 1856, he came to Wisconsin where he found a home with his brother-in-law, James Flood, of Green county, and also with Herman Allen, in whose family he was ever cherished as a warm friend.

He has had an eventful career, having crossed the plains several times. The first was in the year 1859. On the morning of the 25th of March, together with his ever cherished friend George Smith, he bade farewell to home and friends and started for the gold fields in search of the shining dust, which so many have sacrificed their lives to obtain.

After being exposed to the dangers and privations of the early travelers in crossing the plains, they arrived in San Francisco May 1st, 1859, with less than a dollar between them. After a time he engaged in mining where for a long time the reward was the luck of the average miner--hard work and small pay. At last success crowned his efforts, and he turned his face homeward to meet his friends once more, arriving in Brooklyn in November 1863. Twice afterwards he crossed the plains, once going as far as Boise City and again in 1867 going as far as Montana, where he invested the proceeds received for the sale of a herd of mules in buffalo robes, being the commencement of an occupation which he has since followed.

He has had many miraculous escapes. On one of his return trips he rode the entire distance on his favorite mule, often being compelled to ride all night and hide during the day to escape the Indians. Once when he supposed he was riding in perfect safety he suddenly came within full view of an Indian camp. He saw at once by the actions of the Indians that he was discovered, and that retreat would be certain death, so, with his characteristic bravery, he assumed a bold front and rode into the camp. The red men gathered about him, inspecting his weapons of defense. He warned them not to touch them as he was big chief. Selecting the one whom he thought to be the chief of the tribe, he made him understand that he was in search of a good camping ground for another tribe of which he was chief, on this pretense he gained their confidence, and telling him where to go they allowed him to depart in safety.

Two years later, on the 18th of September 1869, he married Miss Adelaide Rolfe, of Brooklyn, Wis., and settled in the village of Brooklyn in 1875. Their twenty years of life together have been years of happiness and content to both. He was ever a kind husband and indulgent father. He leaves a wife and three children to mourn his loss and also a large circle of friends.

During the last three years of his life, a disease which baffled the skill of the most eminent physicians gradually but surely wasted him away. He had twice gone by railroad over the scenes of his former western travels, hoping, but in vain, to find some relief from his dread disease. With great courage and patience he has endured these three years of suffering, and as his frail form of clay is before us today, we who knew him best, sincerely hope and believe that his immortal soul has been received by that Father who giveth eternal life. Although he has often expressed his doubts, yet he has been searching for more light with regard to the unknown world, and we trust that he may have found that peace with his God in his last moments and that we may be permitted to clasp his hand on the other side.

Four weeks ago last Monday he left his home and family and started for Buffalo, N. Y. He made this remark while seated with his family at the table for the last time. "I am going to try this ?ame and if I do not get help I will not try again." At first encouraging word came that his physicians were in hopes of sending him home greatly relieved. Then on Monday last at 1 p.m., the sad word came that he was very much worse, and again at a little past three that he was dying. A.

Peter Murray died at Buffalo, N. Y. where he went for medical treatment Tuesday, September 10, 1889 and his remains were brought home for interment in his own beautiful cemetery on the following Sunday, the Masonic fraternity of which he was a member taking full charge of the services.

His wife and family desire to express their gratitude to friends and neighbors for their efficient services in this their sad hour of affliction.

September 24, 1889, Evansville Review, p. 4, col. 2-3, Evansville, Wisconsin

The funeral of Peter Murray was held on Sunday at Brooklyn. The weather was all that could be desired. Something about 140 members of the Masonic fraternity were in attendance from all the surrounding lodges. No. 32, of Evansville, the lodge of which he was a member took charge of the funeral. The services were very impressive. There was a very large concourse of people present. Mrs. Murray was sick and confined to bed, so that she could not attend the funeral services. The members of the I. O. of O. F., of Brooklyn, Wis., kindly gave the use of their lodge rooms to the Masonic fraternity for the occasion, for which they have many thanks. Such fraternity between the various orders is to be applauded.

September 21, 1889, The Tribune, p. 1, col. 5, Evansville, Wisconsin

Geo. Wolfe has sold his meat market to Wm. Murray.

July 11, 1896, the Badger, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Henry D. Lockwood to John A. Murry, part lot 1 McEwen & Pullen's addition to Evansville, \$200.

Real Estate Transfers. December 16, 1890, Janesville Gazette, Janesville, Wisconsin (northwest corner of Lincoln and Third.)

Delbert Murray is advertising a sale of household goods and garden tools at his place on Water Street, Saturday, April 24. Mr. Murray expects to go to California soon where he will spend some time at the home of his son at Los Angeles. At this sale a credit of six months' time will be extended on sums over \$10.

April 22, 1926, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

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# Mrs. J. A. Murry, Evansville, Dead

[State Journal News Service]

EVANSVILLE -- Mrs. John A. Murry, 79, died today at her farm home three miles northeast of here after a two week's illness.

Formerly Jennie McCarthy, she was born in Porter township in 1854, where she grew to womanhood, and where she continued to live after her marriage to John A. Murry. Mr. Murry died 20 years ago.

She is survived by four daughters, May, Jennie, Alice, and Inez, and two sons, Charles and Leo, all of Evansville; and one brother, C. W. McCarthy, Porter township. Another son, John, died in the service during the World war.

Mrs. Murry was a member of St. Mary's Sodality of St. Paul's Catholic church.

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## RITEs HELD SATURDAY FOR MRS. JAY MURREY

Mrs. Jay A. Murrey, 85, of Madison, former Evansville resident, died in Palm Springs, Ga. on Wednesday of last week. Funeral services were held Saturday in Madison at the Frautschi Funeral Home with the Rev. J. Kalas, pastor of the First Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in Forest Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Murrey, formerly Miss Lulu Maude Weaver, spent her girlhood in Evansville, and after her marriage to Mr. Murrey, resided in Madison. She was a graduate of Lawrence College and was a retired grade school teacher. Mrs. Victor Tullis and members of her family and Donald Weaver and family are among Mrs. Murrey's relatives in Evansville.

Mrs. Murrey's immediate survivors are her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Arnold J. Schmitz, Madison; and Mrs. Robert Koch, Columbus; a brother, Dewey Weaver, Madison and six grandchildren.

### MISS INEZ MURRAY

Miss Inez Murray, a native and lifelong resident of this area, died Saturday in the Stoughton Hospital after a long illness. She was born Dec. 5, 1884, in Union Township. Her parents were the late John and Jane McCarthy Murray. She spent most of her life on the Murray farm in Union until she and her brothers and sisters moved to Evansville a few years ago.

Miss Murray attended the Whitewater Normal School and she was an elementary school teacher in this area until her retirement several years ago. She was also a correspondent for the Evansville Review for many years and wrote the Tupper News. She has been a resident of the Nazareth House in Stoughton for the past year. She was a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church.

Miss Murray's survivors are two brothers, Leo, who resides in the Continental Manor Nursing Home in Evansville and Charles, a resident of the Nazareth House, and one sister, Alice, who also resides at Nazareth House.

The visitation and rosary were Tuesday afternoon in the Allen Funeral Home and funeral services were held at 11:30 am Wednesday in St. Paul's Church with the Rev. Mr. Finnegan officiating. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery in Evansville.