

1860 census – Union township, Rock County, Wisconsin :

A. Pettigrew, farmer age 50, born in Vermont  
Hannah Pettigrew, 44, born in Vermont  
Hannah Pettigrew, 23, born in Vermont  
Justin A. Pettigrew, 22, born in Vermont  
Luella B. Pettigrew 20, born in Vermont  
A. J. Pettigrew, 16, born in Vermont  
Henrietta A. Pettigrew, 14, born in Vermont  
F. R. Pettigrew, 12, born in Vermont  
F. W. Pettigrew, 10, born in Vermont  
Lizzie M. Pettigrew, 4, born in Wisconsin

[Note: Richard F.'s initials are reversed and is most likely the 12 year old living in the household. According to his obit, his birth year was 1848.]

**PERSONAL.**—Mr. R. F. Pettigrew leave town for Sioux Rapids, Dakota, where he will at once engage in the real estate business. Mr. Pettigrew is a young man possessed of life, ambition, and real western pluck, and we have no doubt but that his success is clearly defined before him. He is the right stamp to help build up a Western town. May success attend you, Frank.

March 29, 1870, Evansville Review-Citizen, Evansville, Wisconsin

The Hon. R. F. Pettigrew, formerly of this place, now a resident of Sioux Falls, Dakota, is brought forward by the times of that place for Dakota's next representative in Congress. And the times seems to think that there is no doubt but that he will be the lucky man. Frank, you have our best wishes for your success.

February 4, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

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R. F. Pettigrew who was recently nominated by the Republican Convention, of Dakota, as deligate to Congress, was, until a few years, a resident of Evansville;—Worked on a farm here, went to school here and here is where he got his first lessons in Republicanism. Evansville has raised up a noble young man to represent Dakota's interests in Congress.

The Chicago Times says of him:

R. F. Pettigrew is one of the pioneers of Dakota, having located in Sioux Falls twelve years ago. He is one of the most prominent lawyers in the territory, and has figured extensively in Dakota politics for several years. He is a self-made man, and he has grown rich since his residence in the territory. He is President of the Cross Mining company, of the Black Hills, and Vice President of the First National Bank, of Sioux Falls, attorney of the St. Paul and Sioux City railroad, and is well known and popular. His nomination is regarded as a good omen by the Republican party, and he will be elected by a stupendous majority.

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TUESDAY, OCT. 15, 1889.

Hon. R. F. Pettigrew, who is one of the leading candidates in South Dakota for United States senator, formerly resided at Evansville in this state. He went to Sioux Falls in 1869 and engaged in business. In 1875, he commenced the practice of law; was elected a member of the territorial council in 1877, and was chosen delegate from Dakota to the 47th congress.

Later returns from Northern Dakota show a good majority vote on the new constitution in favor of prohibition. At first the returns come in so meager that the prohibition question was reported lost. Both Dakotas are solid on the liquor question.

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October 15, 1889, Evansville Review, p. 4, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

Senator Pettigrew of South Dakota has introduced a bill to appropriate \$15,000 to the widow of J. Boyd Jones of Evansville, Wis., one of the victims of the Ford Theater disaster. Senator Pettigrew was a schoolmate of Mr. Jones, who left a large family which has been entirely dependent on him for support.

October, 1893, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. R. F. Pettigrew, who has been spending a few days here with Miss Pettigrew, left for her home in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., New York for a brief visit with her elder son who is attending Columbia.

March 12, 1904, p. 1, col. 2, Badger, Evansville, Wisconsin

lagers did not hesitate to put down their names for hundreds of dollars to accomplish the erection of the first building. At one time when all looked dark, and hard times incident to the panic of 1857 made it impossible to collect subscriptions to go on with the work, the late Thomas Robinson and his wife mortgaged their all for \$3,000 to lend it to the trustees without security, for the property itself could not be encumbered. At last when all was done but the roof, Mr. A. C. Fish, who still lives in the outskirts of Evansville, mortgaged his farm for \$300 to buy the shingles.

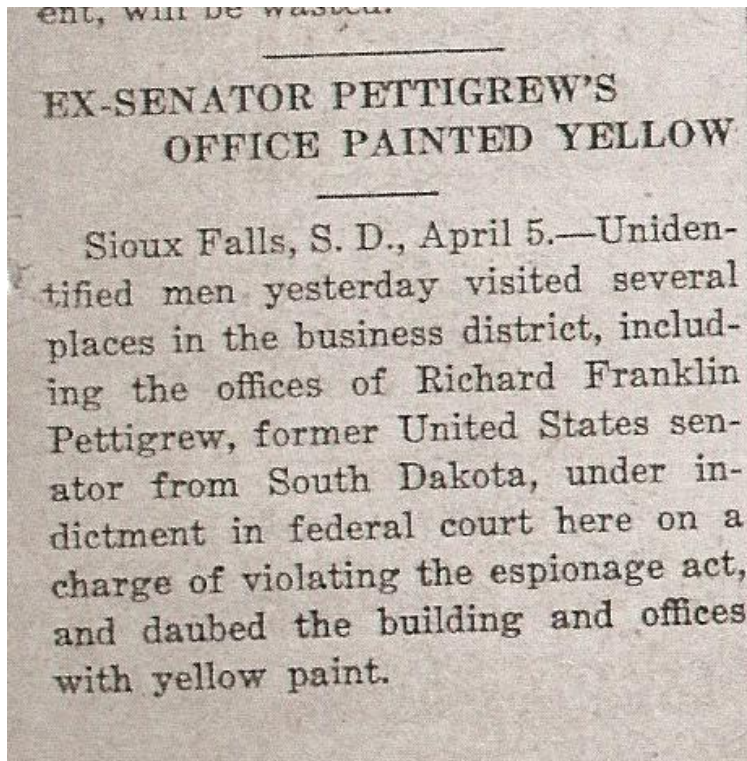
Mr. David L. Mills gave the land but there was a debt which involved it, so that many years afterwards, when the question of the reversionary right to the site came into the courts, it developed that this right was vested in the Winston estate. Still the credit for the gift is none the less due to Mr. Mills and he deserves a high place in the list of benefactors.

Among the professional men and women who have been at one time or another students at the Seminary may be mentioned Ex-Senator R. F. Pettigrew, Governor and Senator-elect Robert M. La Follette, Hon. Burr W. Jones, Judge J. W. Sale, Judge Zala Church; the late J. Boyd Jones, and the late John W. West, county superintendents of education; President Charles R. Van Hise of the University of Wisconsin; Mrs. Alice Ilgenfritz Jones, the novelist; Dr. J. H. Taggart, scientist; the late Dr. John Spencer, naturalist; the Rev. William Spencer of Boston, the late Fred W. Faulkes, journalist; Byron Andrews, journalist and author; Barney Standish, the poet-naturalist; the late Theodore P. Robinson, eminent throughout the world as a painter of the impressionist school; and a long list of physicians, clergymen, lawyers and educators.

Among the students at the opening term was the late Hon. Almeron Eager, founder of the Eager Library of Evansville and a conspicuous benefactor of the Seminary.

All the above were students or alumni prior to the present régime.

Oriole, 1905, annual of the Evansville Seminary, Evansville, Wisconsin from article about the history of the Seminary.



April 11, 1918, Evansville Review,  
Evansville, Wisconsin

# SEN. PETTIGREW GREW UP HERE

Dakota Senator, Evansville  
Raised. Self-made Man Who  
Achieved Distinction.

The old settlers of Evansville were somewhat surprised to read in the columns of the daily press of the death of Senator Pettigrew, of South Dakota, who for many years has been one of the outstanding figures of Western and National politics, being always a man who done his own thinking and submitted to the party lash of no political party, in 1896 sacrificing his office as U. S. Senator and his further political prospect by reading himself out of the Republican party because they would not accept the free coinage of silver idea, casting his political lot with William Jennings Bryan, and with him going down to defeat.

While he was born in Ludlow, Vermont, July 23, 1848, he came to Evansville with his parents at an early age, receiving his education in the city schools and at the Evansville Seminary, finishing at Beloit College and Wisconsin University.

For many years the Pettigrew family made their home in Evansville, the Pettigrews living where P. D. Pearsall now lives and the Sawtelle family, the parents of Mrs. Pettigrew, living just across the street, in the home now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Asa Fellows. Both Mr. and Mrs. Pettigrew died here and a fine monument was erected to their memory by their son, Senator Pettigrew, near the summer house in Maple Hill cemetery.

Regarding the life and achievements of Senator Pettigrew, the Chicago Tribune in its issue of yesterday says:

Sioux Falls, S. D., Oct. 5.—Richard Franklin Pettigrew, former United States senator and one of the outstanding statesmen of the pioneer northwest, died here today. He was 78 years old. Death was due to a stroke of apoplexy. The senator was apparently in the best of spirits and health this morning.

Active up to his death in business and political affairs, Senator Pettigrew had a record equaled by few men in the Dakotas. He was one of the earliest pioneers, coming to Sioux Falls in 1869, when there were no frame buildings here and only a few settlers.

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## Walked Out of Convention

Always a non-conformist in politics and religion, Pettigrew became for a day a figure of national note when he walked out of the Republican national convention in 1896 upon its adoption of a platform ignoring his belief in free coinage of silver. He supported Bryan in that election, and always thereafter was without a real political home, joining often in the support of independent party movements.

He was the first senator from South Dakota on that state's admission to the Union in 1889, having previously served as a delegate to congress from Dakota territory.

Born in Ludlow, Vt., on July 23, 1848, he came to Rock county, Wis., with his parents, entered Beloit college at 16, studied law in Iowa and taught school, and finally finished his legal work at the University of Wisconsin. He came to Sioux Falls in the spring of 1869, and was an independent candidate for the territorial legislature. He served on the territorial councils of 1876, 1878, and 1884.

He was beaten for the senate after his break with the Republican party. He announced his conversion to the populist party and the Republicans retired him from office at the next election. Thereafter he never held public office.

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