

Union – Colin Robinson to Wm. Siver, 1865, 60 acres, \$1,500.

September 19, 1868, Janesville Gazette, “Sale of Real Estate recorded for the week ending Sept. 19.”

FIRE.—It is so seldom that our bells ring a fire alarm that a mere “tap” of the sonorous metal arouses the whole burg. Wednesday morning about 4 o’clock an alarm sounded from the deep-toned Episcopal bell that had something startling in its music especially coming at the depth of a crisp January night. The dwelling house of Mr. Jacob Siver, perhaps a mile west of the village, had taken fire and before the family,—consisting of the old gentleman and lady and a grand child, were aware of the danger, their very sleeping room was in flames. The alarm was given, but before aid arrived the fire had got beyond control, and but little of value was saved. There was no insurance on the property, and the house and effects were a total loss.

Mrs. Siver, in attempting to remove a heavy trunk down the stairs, by some unlucky turn, got the mastery of her and precipitated the old lady down the stairs, spraining her ankle and lacerating the flesh in a frightful manner. She now lies helpless at a neighbor’s house. It is thought the fire took from a box of ashes standing near the house, and the fire burned through the exterior, until it reached the division where the two buildings (an old and new part) were joined, and immediately gained the roof, and the upper portion of the house was in flames at once.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Siver lost their little infant, a child about eleven months old Tuesday night, and was buried Wednesday.

'Twas hard to lay thy darling
Deep in the cold damp earth,
Its empty crib to see
Its silent nursery
Once gladsome with mirth.

March 3, 1875, p. 4, col. 1, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Jacob Siver to Dean Burgess, 12 ½ acres in Union, \$700.00

February 9, 1882, p. 4, Janesville Daily Gazette. Janesville, Wisconsin "Real Estate Transfers"

The remains of the late Mrs. Jacob Siver were brought here for interment Friday afternoon and were taken to the M. E. church where funeral services were held, and were buried in the cemetery by the side of her husband who died several years ago. Her age was 87 years. Mrs. Siver was the mother of Mrs. Zenas Gibbs. She died at the home of her daughter, in Baraboo, Wednesday, Sept. 18, 1889, where she had made her home since the death of her husband.

September 24, 1889, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

An Old Settler Gone.

After a long painful sickness, Mr. George H. Taggart departed from this life at his home on Main Street, on Wednesday June 20, 1894, at 10 o'clock a.m. Aged 61 years.

He was born in Courtland County, New York, in 1833, came to this township with his parents in July 1844, where his residence has been continuous ever since, was married to Miss Celesta Siver of this place, on February 22d, 1855 at Albany, Wis., by Esq. Perry, and now leaves her his widow with two married children, Mrs. John Lemmel and William G., to mourn the loss of a good kindhusband and father.

It is needless for us to say much, for the old settlers all knew "George H." as he has been to us all since his and our early boyhood, greeting us with a pleasant word and friendly smile when and wherever we meet. We shall miss him very much from our streets, as we have since his sickness, and do many other good sold soles who have gone before, that were the friends of our childhood and can never be replaced in our hearts.

The funeral was held at the residence on Friday at 2:30 o'clock p.m. under the supervision of the Oldd Fellows society of which the deceased was a member. The Rebeccas were also in attendance as well as a large congregation of friends.

June 26, 1894, The Tribune, Evansville, WI

Celestia E. Taggart was born at Pillar Point, N. Y., June 6th 1837 and died in Chicago at the home of her cousin Mrs. A. R. Woodworth 1222 East Addison Ave, on Tuesday evening of hepatitis. The body arrived in this city by the 9:45 p.m. train last evening. She came west in 1852 at the early age of 13, going directly to Green Bay, this state, and from thence at a later date to Evansville.

She was married to George Taggart on Feb. 22, 1854. Her maiden name was Siver. Mr. Taggart died some years ago; two children mourn the loss of mother. Mrs. John Lemmel and George Welmer beside a number of grandchildren and a host of warm friends. Her character was above reproach, she was a christian lady, and had been a member of the Methodist church for many years; whenever her health permitted she always attended the church; her deeds were filled with kindness, and she will be much missed. The funeral will be held from the

home of Mr. John Lemmel at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, and from the Methodist church at 10:30. Rev. James Churm her pastor officiating.

January 7, 1904, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

January 8, 1904, The Enterprise, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. Lester T. Blackmun died at her home in Morgan Park, Chicago, Tuesday, May 21, 1907. The remains arrived in this city, Thursday, and were taken to the home of her niece, Mrs. John Lemmel, and interment was made in Maple Hill cemetery this Friday forenoon. Mrs. Blackmun was Miss Armina Siver before her marriage and besides her husband, she leaves three daughters, Mrs. Lettie Hyde, Mrs. Alice Gibbs, and Miss Abbie, all of Morgan Park.

May 24, 1907, Enterprise, p. 3, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

LESTER P. BLACKMUN

Lester P. Blackmun died at his home in Morgan Park, Ill., on Tuesday morning, November 30, 1909, at 3:45 o'clock, after an illness of several weeks. Funeral services were held at the late home on Thursday and the remains arrived in this city on Friday afternoon and were taken to the home of his nephew, Charles Blackmun, on Liberty Street. Burial services and interment took place in Maple Hill Center, Saturday morning.

Mr. Blackmun was born in Seneca county, Ohio, seventy-five years ago last August. At an early age he removed to Wisconsin, and for many years resided in this place. He was well known as a musician, and during his residence in this vicinity won a wide circle of friends.

In November 1855, he was married to Miss Armina Siver, who departed this life May 21, 1907.

About thirty-seven years ago the family moved to Chicago, and that city and its suburbs have since been their home.

He leaves three daughters, Mrs. Lettie Hyde, Miss Abbie Blackmun and Mrs. Alice Gibbs, all of Morgan Park, Ill.; also one brother, Gilbert Blackmun of Eldora, Ia. Orin Foster of Baraboo, a brother-in-law was here to attend the funeral.

December 9, 1909, The Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Lester Blackmun Buried

Lester Blackmun a resident and business man in Evansville thirty years ago, died in Chicago last Tuesday and the body was brought here on Friday for burial in the Evansville cemetery. The funeral had been in Chicago and the only service here was the burial services at the grave.

Mr. Blackmun was well known to many of the older residents of the city.

His three daughters, Mrs. C. H. Gibbs, Mrs. Hyde and Miss Abbie Blackmun, accompanied the remains here. The deceased was a cousin of Jonathan Blackmun, who resides on a farm not far from this city, and Chas. Blackmun, who resides in town is a nephew.

December 9, 1909, Enterprise, Evansville, Wisconsin

Evansville, Aug. 5. The remains of F. O. Foster, who died at his home in Baraboo Thursday afternoon at 4:30, were brought to this city this afternoon for interment. Brief funeral services were held at the grave. Interment being at Maple Hill cemetery. Mr. Foster spent his childhood and youth on a farm a few miles west of this city, and is remembered by most local residents. He was 79 years of age and is survived by his wife, who was formerly Miss Harriet Siver of this city; three daughters and two sons; also two sisters, Mrs. Frank Gibbs and Mrs. Hannah Sievers. He was an uncle to Frank Tupper, Mrs. O. C. Colony, Frank Bullard and Mrs. H. G. Smith, all of this city.

August 5, 1916, Janesville Gazette, "Evansville News", Evansville, Wisconsin