

1844, a Small group of Baptists met at the home of John Winston to organize a church.  
Baptist church history.

CIRCUIT COURT, ROCK COUNTY—WISCONSIN.  
*William A. Smith, William Steele, Jr., and Ira  
Smith, Jr., complainants, vs. Asa W. White, El-  
izabeth White, Nelson Winston and others, defen-  
dants.*

IN pursuance and by virtue of a decretal order  
made in the above entitled cause on the 18th day of  
June, 1854, will be sold by or under the direction of the  
sheriff of Rock county, at the Merchant's Hotel in the  
city of Janesville in said county, on Tuesday, the 22d  
day of August next, at two o'clock in the afternoon of  
said day, all and singular the mortgaged premises men-  
tioned in the bill of complaint in said cause and herein-  
after described, or so much thereof as may be necessa-  
ry to satisfy the amount mentioned in said decree, to-  
gether with all interest and costs which may accrue  
thereon up to the day of said sale. The premises men-  
tioned in the bill of complaint in this cause are de-  
scribed as follows, to wit: "All the following described  
lot and parcel of land that is situated in the county of  
Rock and state of Wisconsin, and is known as being the  
south half of the south east quarter of section twenty-  
nine, town four north, of range ten east; also, the west  
half of the north half of the south east quarter of said  
section number twenty-nine; also, the west half of the  
west half of the north east quarter of the south east  
quarter of said section twenty-nine, containing one  
hundred and thirty acres of land be the same more or  
less. Dated Janesville July 6, 1854.

WILLIAM H. HOWARD, Sheriff.  
HENRY K. WHITON, Solicitor. 45w7

July 14, 1854, Janesville Gazette, Janesville, Wisconsin

Nelson Winston 1855 - Board of Trustees of the Evansville Seminary

Winston & Sons: Bought from Winston & Son, items such as material, clothes lines, paint, etc. coat & vest, 1857 Levi Leonard diaries.

1860 census, Nelson Winston, Merchant

Evansville, May 20, 1862

Dr. Evans

Dear Sir

I received your letter about two hours ago and now I hasten to answer it.

There was nothing of any consequence transpired here in town since your last letter. Things here are moving along about as usual. Some seem to think that this war will come to a close within the next three months while others shake their heads and say three years. If England and France should recognize the independence of the rebel states (which there is some talk of at the present time, then we can all make up our minds here in the

northern states to one of two things either to expel all traitors from our army and the north stand firm and united until the last drop of blood is spilt. Or else see the glorious old flags of our country the constitution and all worn and trampled in the dust forever. I think it is as you say to some extent nothing more or less than a political swindle dreaming the pockets of honest people and fitting those of roages and knaves so goes the world. I hope for one that this war will soon be over and this country once more enjoy peace and prosperity.

Your horse I have not turned out yet when I got him he was so badly hide bound that I had to doctor him. I have been giving him brandy mashes with salurtus & salt.

I had him shod the other day down to John Winstons. I have drove him a little. I think that he has got the consumption at least his wind is not very good although I don't know but it is because he has not been used in so long. He seems to be doing well.

I have heard of a place down near Lockport. They say that it is a splendid place for a physician. I am going down to look at the place next week and if I like the place I shall locate there. Chas Smith has got back here and going to stop at Footville. Times are so hard here that I cannot attend a course of lectures next winter and I think under the present existing circomstances I had better try and get into practice as soon as possible. What do you think about it. Please write as soon as you receive this my best respects to all &c &c.

Yours truly E. H. Winston

Nelson Winston on buying trip to New York for goods for their store.

August 8, 1866, Evansville Citizen, Evansville, Wisconsin

1866 Subscription list from Baptist Church for building fund. Winston and Bennett and John Winston

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JOHN H. TUPPER.

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**Notice to Creditors.**

In the Matter of the Estate } County Court,  
of John Vandenburg dec'd. } Rock County.

Notice is hereby given that we, the subscribers, were, on the thirty-first day of August 1866, appointed and commissioned by the Judge of this Court, commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against the said deceased; that the time limited to creditors for the presentation of their claims will expire on the 28th day of February next, and that we, on the 20th day of October next, and 15th day of December next, from 9 o'clock, A. M., to 4 o'clock, P. M., at Winston & Bennet's store in Evansville, will attend to the discharge of our duties as commissioners aforesaid.

Dated Sept. 10, 1866.

LEWIS SPENCER. }  
NELSON WINSTON. } Commissioners.

September 19, 1866, Evansville Citizen, p. 4,

col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

### Seminary Roll of Honor.

The Roll of Honor for the Winter Term of the Evansville Seminary, as is herewith presented, comprises all the Students whose standing is seven or higher, and whose demerits are not over three.

#### GENTLEMEN.

Richard Adee,	B. B. Boynton,
Dwight R. Crowell,	James Carville,
George E. Champney,	J. Gillies,
Warren Howard,	W. H. Hauser,
Adam Luchsinger,	C. D. Manning.
George F. Martin,	T. Marty,
Geo. H. Brodrick,	Wm. T. Nott,
Seth H. Remington,	G. R. Mitchel,
Theo'd P. Robinson,	Fred H. Spencer,
Frank H. Winston,	John M. Tuller,
Hiram J. Tourtlott,	Henry A. Tolcott,
Willie Wheeler.	

#### LADIES

Anna G. Burdick,	Maggie Bonnett,
Maggie H. Clark,	M. Celia Clark,
Dora M. Campbell,	Aurora Dibble,
M. M. Davis,	Elvira Gilman,
M. A. Hoisington,	Julia A. Hersey,
L. Hayward,	E. F. Houser,
C. E. Mc Mullen,	M. J. Porter,
Ellen Starkweather,	R. M. Pike,
M. Amelia Straw,	M. E. Slawson,
C. J. West,	E. M. Warren,
E. S. Waldron.	

March 20, 1867, Evansville Citizen, p. 1, col. 7, Evansville,

**NOTICE!**

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**The New Firm  
Of  
Winston & Lovejoy**

(At the old Stand of J. Winston & CO.)

Are now prepared to furnish

**The Public**

*With GROCERIES,  
CROCKERY, GLASS And*

**WOODEN WARE**

*At Moderate Prices.*

*BUTTER, EGGS, AND RAGS  
taken in exchange for*

**GOODS**

*At Cash value.*

**Please give us a Call.**

Evansville, Sept 12, 1866.

REUBEN WINSTON, DANIEL B. LOVEJOY.

August 21, 1867, Evansville Citizen, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

Winston & Bennett, a new lumber office to accommodate the yard on the grounds just vacated by Mr. K. F. Randolph, whose yard and office building are located near the Evansville house.

October 3, 1867, Evansville Citizen, Evansville, Wisconsin

**ACCIDENT.**—Mr. Reuben Winston received an injury Sunday evening last, on the top of his head, giving an appearance as if done by a weapon in the hands of some person bent upon an ill design. He was knocked senseless, remaining so for some hours, and a wide, deep gash cut in his head. Rumors are conflicting as to the circumstances; but the whole matter is yet involved in mystery.

November 6, 1867, Evansville Citizen, p. 4, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

The friends of John Winston will be pained to learn that he has been confined to his bed for some days under an attack of typhoid fever, and that a recovery is regarded with much doubt at the present time. In fact, nearly all hopes for his recovery are despaired of.

November 13, 1867, Evansville Citizen, p. 4, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

## Memoir of Mr. John Winston.

Another of the pioneers of Rock Co. has gone. John Winston, Esq. died at his residence in this village, full of years, on Wednesday evening the 13th inst. He had been ailing for some months, but his last sickness was short, without much conscious pain, and his death gentle and peaceful.

Mr. Winston was born in the town of Westerlo, Albany County State of New York, the 19th of January, 1797. At the age of 21 he married Miss Amanda Bentley, and at 25 he removed to Chenango county, which was then considered far west. His new home was thinly settled, and thickly timbered. Here he lived 16 years, cleared up a farm, disposed of it and moved farther west into Genesee county, where he remained 4 years, and then in the year 1841 he removed to the Territory of Wisconsin, and settled in what is now the town of Porter, then the town of Union, which included Union, Porter, and parts of Magnolia and Centre. His location was fortunate, and his industry and forethought secured him a competence. Twelve years ago he removed to this place and with two of his sons engaged in the mercantile business. For two or three years before his death he had withdrawn entirely from business, enjoying the fruits of a long life of industry and economy.

The life of Mr. Winston was not an eventful one in itself, but he saw in the years he lived wonderful changes in our country. The war of 1812 with Great Britain was a vivid recollection with him. He saw the rise and growth of the country from that time—an unparalleled history. He watched the growth of the Northwest, of Wisconsin in particular. He was an eye witness of the prosperity of Rock county. When he first settled in it there were but two or three neighbors nearer than five miles. He saw Janesville and Madison in their infancy and watched them attain their present importance. He saw Rock county from its small beginnings in 1841 reach its present position and prosperity. He saw the one town in which he found a home become three. He lived to see the rise and fall of the great rebellion.

Mr. W. was happy in his domestic relations. A few weeks since he celebrated his Golden Wedding, surrounded by nine sons and two daughters, all married, all settled, all with children, with one exception.

Mr. W. was strong in his religious convictions. At the age of 22 he made a profession of religion, and 12 years after united with a Baptist church. A short time after his settlement in Porter there was a Baptist Church organized in his house with which he and his wife connected themselves. He has for some months past been deeply interested in the erection of a house of worship for the Baptist denomination, in this village; and he has given freely of his time and money for that object. His anxiety about it was so great that it wore upon him, and often when in great bodily weakness he was found busily engaged in the work upon which his thoughts and heart were set. His family were all present at his death, and filled fifteen carriages and buggies at his funeral.

The last services were attended in the F. W. Baptist Church by a large concourse of friends and acquaintances from the country and village. His death will cause a felt void in the extensive circle of his family and friends.

November 20, 1867, Evansville

**WINSTON & LOVEJOY,**  
**GROCERS**  
 AND GENERAL DEALERS IN  
 DRIED and canned FRUIT,  
 CROCKERY, GLASS  
 WOODEN, WILLOW.  
 ROCKINGHAM and  
**Stone Ware.**  
 We respectfully ask the public to call.  
 P. S. Those patrons whose accounts  
 are now due, will please call and settle.  
 R. WINSTON. D. B. LOVEJOY.  
 Evansville, Dec., 25, 1867. 51

December 25, 1867, Evansville Citizen, p. 1, col. 5, Evansville,

Wisconsin

**Notice to Creditors.**  
 In the matter of Estate } COUNTY COURT,  
 of John Winston, dec'd. } ROCK COUNTY.  
 Notice is hereby given that we, the sub-  
 scribers, were, on the 8th day of Jan'y 1868  
 appointed and commissioned by the Judge  
 of this Court, commissioners to receive, ex-  
 amine and adjust all claims and demands  
 of all persons against the said deceased;  
 that the time limited to creditors for the  
 presentation of their claims will expire on  
 the 8th day of July next, and that we, on  
 the 15 day of Feb'y next, and the 16th day  
 of May next, from 10 o'clock, A. M., to 4  
 o'clock, P. M., at the store of Winston &  
 Bennett in the Village of Evansville, will at-  
 tend to the discharge of the duties as com-  
 missioners aforesaid.  
 Dated January 13th 1868.  
 I. M. BENNETT, }  
 DANIE JHNSON. } Commissioners.

January 16, 1868, Evansville Citizen, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville,

Wisconsin

eral prayer meeting, Wednesday evening.

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**MARRIED.**

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At the residence of the bride's father,  
 March 4th, 1868, by the Rev. E. Robinson,  
 Mr. BYRON C. WINSTON, and Miss JENNIE  
 CRIST, both of Evansville.

March 11, 1868, Evansville Citizen, p. 4, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

## OBITUARY.

Died, Feb. 19th, 1868, of Typhoid fever at the residence of her parents, in the village of Evansville, CLARA E., daughter of Reuben and Helen Winston, aged 13 years, 3 months and 26 days.

Clara, by her urbane manners and kindness of heart, had won the affection and esteem of all who knew her. Her funeral, which was attended on the 21st., was one of the largest and most solemn ever witnessed in the village. The Faculty and Students of the Seminary attended her funeral in a body; not merely formal, but the glistening tears and heaving sigh showed that Clara was truly loved and will be missed by many. Her numerous relatives especially her parents, were deeply afflicted. But she is gone—she has escaped many, very many trials and temptations—she now sleeps, but she will awake to a holier and happier life. Parents, Friends, School-mates: Clara can never come to you, but you can go to her.

COM.

**WINSTON'S COMPANY**  
 GENERAL DEALERS IN  
**GROCERIES,**  
 DRIED and canned FRUIT,  
 CROCKERY, GLASS  
 WOODEN, WILLOW.  
 ROCKINGHAM and  
**Stone Ware.**

Having recently purchased the entire interest of D. B. Lovejoy in the Grocery business, and made extensive additions thereto, I shall keep constantly on hand all classes of

**FAMILY GROCERIES**

—WET AND DRY—

and invite a continuance of the public patronage.

We have a lot of pure Maple Sugar recently purchased from the "sugar bush" of New York, and will warrant it to be the sweetest thing in town.

Evansville, April 29, 1868. 3-16

April 29, 1868, Evansville Citizen, p. 1, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

**GO AND TAKE A LOOK AT**  
**R. Winston & Co's**  
 the finest stock of  
**GROCERIES**  
 AND  
**Crockery-Ware!**

to be found in town. Call and see,  
**R. WINSTON & CO.**  
 Evansville, April, 13, 1870.

July 6, 1870, Citizen-Review, p. 2, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

NEW ANNOUNCEMENT!

**WINSTON &  
BENNETT**

are in the field again; and are now receiving their  
new styles of

**Spring & Summer**

**DRY GOODS,**

**DRESS GOODS,**

Ready-made Clothing

AND

**Gents' Furnishing Goods.**

—  
ALSO,

**Groceries**

**Crockery Ware,**

**Hats, Caps, &c.**

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**Geo. H. Palmer**

will continue charge of our

**Tailoring Department,**

And we are able to make to order Gentlemen's  
first class Clothing and warrant to fit.

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IN OUR

**Millinery Department**

Will be found a well selected stock at low price.

We intend to sell goods so cheap that there will  
be no necessity to go abroad to trade.

**I. M. BENNETT, NELSON WINSTON.**  
Evansville, April, 13, 1870.

Nelson Winston sold his opera house in Stoughton to parties in Minneapolis.

October 12, 1870, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

1870 Census, Nelson Winston, Dry Goods & Grocery, age 50

—Gentlemen Dr. and Edwin  
Winston, who have been on a tour  
of adventure among the auriferous  
regions of the West, returned to  
Evansville, last Saturday night.  
They speak encouragingly of the  
prospects of that country.

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Mr. Landon has just returned

July 20, 1870, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Corporation formed to get a National Bank Charter – Met at Winston & Bennett’s store. Needed capital of \$100,000. When half the stock was sold the Corporation could organize and obtain a charter.

October 5, 1870, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

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**ORGANIZED.**—The organization of the First National Bank of Evansville was perfected on Wednesday of last week, by the election of L. T. Pullen, President; Nelson Winston, Vice-President, and L. M. Bennett, Cashier. It is expected that the business of the institution will be so far perfected as to assume operation about the middle of November.

October 10,

1870, Evansville Review, p. 4, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin



and decide, and then rest.

The First National Bank of Evansville, having received their bills by Monday's express, will go into immediate operation.

Until their building can be fitted up, temporary business will be opened in the room lately occupied by Dr. Beebe, as office, adjoining Winston & Bennett's store. After the first of January the building now occupied by L. T. Pullen will be fitted up in complete style and fully devoted to the banking business.

We shall have more to say of this institution hereafter.

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[note: according to an ad in the Evansville Review, Dr. E. W. Beebe's office was next door to Winston & Bennett's store. Winston & Bennett were at 1 West Main Street]  
 December 14, 1870, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

CHARTER FIRST NATIONAL BANK,  
EVANSVILLE.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT }  
OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY. }

WASHINGTON, October 31st, 1870.

WHEREAS by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that The First National Bank of Evansville, in the Village of Evansville, in the County of Rock and State of Wisconsin, has been duly organized under and according to the requirements of the Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide a National Currency, secured by a pledge of United States bonds, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof," approved June 3d 1864, and has complied with all the provisions of said Act required to be complied with before commencing the business of Banking under said act.

NOW THEREFORE I, John Jay Knox, acting Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "The First National Bank of Evansville, in the County of Rock and State of Wisconsin, is authorized to commence the business of Banking under the said Act aforesaid.

\*\*\*\*\* IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF witness my hand and seal of office this 31st day of October, 1870.  
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JOHN JAY KNOX,

Acting Comptroller of the Currency.

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Evansville, Wisconsin

—We met our old friend, neighbor, and fellow-townsmen, Mr. Alex. Winston, of Fayette, Iowa, on the street, the other day. He speaks confidently of the completion of the Davenport & St. Paul R. R. to that place next season. He is on a visit and business trip to Wisconsin.

February 8, 1871, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Bible Society Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the American Bible Society was held Sunday evening, at the Methodist Church, and elected the following officers for the present year:

- Rev. C. H. Morchouse, President.
- Jacob West, Vice-President.
- Homer Potter, Secretary.
- J. H. West, Treasurer.

LOCAL AGENTS.—Mrs. L. T. Pullen, for the Methodist District; Mrs. Nelson Winston, for the Congregational District; Mr. Joel Smith, Welch District; Mrs. Alice Bishop, for the Bishop District.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Bible and Testaments on hand	\$28.54
Purchased during the year	100.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>128.94</b>
Amount sold from Depository	\$44.66
Delivered to Local Agents	28.70
Now in Depository	55.58
<b>Total Amt. books sold and donat'd</b>	<b>128.84</b>
Cash on hand at beginning of year	\$71.20
" rec'd during year as donations	21.83
Books sold by Treas. and Agents	57.61
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$150.64</b>
Cash paid Co. Dep.	\$85.35
Cash paid Treasury	65.29
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$150.64</b>

J. H. WEST, Treasurer

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—A most complete surprise was held at the residence of Mr. Nelson Winston and lady, on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of their wedding day. A large company were assembled, and we are told, the occasion was fraught with the highest pleasure to all. Impromptu remarks were made by several gentlemen present, and a bountiful repast with a familiar interchange of cordialities, concluded the interesting occasion. It would afford ourself and the public much pleasure, could some one of the party give us a more extended item for publication than what our knowledge of the event will permit at this time.

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March 29, 1871, Evansville Review, p. 4, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

### A China Wedding.

The "china wedding" of Mr. and Mrs. N. Winston, Monday eve. Mar. 27, to which a brief allusion was made in the REVIEW last week, was to the partakers in the affair most pleasant, agreeable and felicitious.

The arrangements for surprise had been so *clandestinely* managed that neither Mr. or Mrs. W. had caught an inkling of the matter. At an early hour, during their absence at a neighbors, their own capacious residence, was filled almost to overflowing. The dining tables loaded with the choice viands of a wedding entertainment—then a pressing invitation was sent them to return, and upon their arrival, were greeted with such clapping of hands that a stranger to the affair might have suspected them to be European tourists of royal note to whom an ovation of popular respect should be paid as a testimony of their distinguished merit. Passing through the parlors, receiving the salutations of friends, a most agreeable surprise awaited them in a distant room, in the shape of a beautiful set of China, spread in full view upon a table. Hon. I. M. Bennett made a brief and appropriate introductory speech, followed by Revs. Bradley, Farnham; Bryant, Wilderman and Morehouse, of whose speeches it may be said, all had the excellence of brevity. The presentation speech proper, was made by Rev. E. Robinson, and was capitally appropriate, excellent in

capitally appropriate, excellent in tone, and rich in thought.

Mr. W. responded with expressions of hearty appreciation of these tokens of respect of which himself and wife were made the recipients. The remaining portion of the evening was pleasantly spent in a social manner, closing with prayer, and all joining in singing the Doxology.

The moral influence of that evening's entertainment can hardly be otherwise than profitable in strengthening the bonds of friendly regard and inciting in us increased appreciation of that precious boon—pure friendship.

#### REV. E. ROBINSON'S REMARKS.

E. Robinson being called for, said, Mr. and Mrs. Winston: being called upon by these friends, it becomes my pleasant duty to present to you a few words of cheer.

We are here, not as representatives of any religious sect or order, but as your neighbors and friends, to join with you in the celebration of the 20th anniversary of your wedding day. You believe in the sacredness of the marriage relation and have no sympathy with the would be philosophers and infidel socialists who base the obligations of the married on human enactments only, and allow men and women on the merest pretext to leave

ments only, and allow men and women on the merest pretext to leave their companions and seek their affinities wherever they can find them. You were married, not as an experiment, but as believers in the Bible doctrine that the marriage relation is of God's appointing, and should only end with death. In gathering here to-night we bid you all hail, as you come to this important landmark on your prosperous journey. We say prosperous, for you have secured, by the blessing of the Lord, a competency of this world's goods. You have not only retained the love you mutually shared as you commenced this pilgrimage together, but it has increased with your increasing years. Finally, God has given you children; they came to you as the "heritage of the Lord" and have been like "olive plants around your table." They may have increased your anxious cares, but they have brought sunshine and joy into your home—children to love, and to have their love in return. I envy not the man or woman who does not love little children, and whose heart and life is not made better by their presence.

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better by their presence.

We present to you these gifts, not as an act of charity; but as testimonials of our friendship. May the future of your life be as pure, and gilded with a band of hope as bright as this china we now present to you; and may you live to celebrate your silver, yea, your golden wedding. I will not say may we all be there, for many of us will be sleeping with the dead. But at the Marriage of the Lamb when the bride hath made herself ready, may we be there, and not one name left out.

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Evansville, Wisconsin

**A. CARD.**

Mr. and Mrs. N. Winston would gratefully acknowledge the very pleasant surprise which they received on Monday evening the 27th ult. and also the beautiful gift of which they were the recipients, and wish their friends all may be as pleasantly remembered.

April 5, 1871, Evansville Review, p. 4, col. 1,

Evansville, Wisconsin

BURGLARY.—For a long time the light fingered gentry have allowed the good people of Evansville to repose in quiet. But on Monday night of last week the residence of Mr. Nelson Winston was entered and some \$16,00 in money belonging to the Congregational Mite Society, of which Mrs. Winston is treasurer, was stolen.

The theft was not discovered until Wednesday morning, when the following verbatim note was picked up, by Mrs. W. on the verandah:

“Winston go to hell and do the best yoo can yoo Cant Cath me as I hav the start of yoo When yoo miss it yoo will be sad and i will be glad.”

The writing in style and orthography, pointed directly to a servant girl who had been employed a year or more in Mr. Winston's family. Notwithstanding her persistent and stubborn denial, the proof is unquestionable beyond peradventure. We understand the money will be refunded by the girl's friends, and no prosecution is to follow.

## MARRIED.

PULLEN—WINSTON.—At the Methodist church, Thursday evening, May 1st, 1873, by Rev. Jas. Craig, Mr. Charles P. Pullen, son of L. T. Pullen, Esq., President of the 1st National Bank, and Miss Eva Winston. Both of Evansville.

"I saw two clouds at morning,  
Tinged with the rising sun,  
And in the dawn they floated on,  
And mingled into one;  
I thought that morning cloud was blessed,  
It moved so sweetly to the west."

I saw two summer currents  
Flow smoothly to their meeting,  
And join their course, with silent force,  
In peace each other greeting;  
Calm was their course through banks of green,  
While dimpling eddies played between.

Such be your gentle motion,  
Till life's last pulses shall beat;  
Like summer's beam, and summer's stream,  
Float on, in joy, to meet  
A calmer sea, where storms shall cease,  
A purer sky, where all is peace."

The ceremony was consummated at the church in Methodist Episcopal style. Although a heavy rain prevailed at the time, the house was well filled. The parties, from childhood, have been known to our people who were earnest attendants upon this occasion. The bride was richly attired in a delicate peacock green silk, trimmed with white lace, with fichu of the same, neatly fastened in front with a group of orange buds; on her head was a wreath of orange blossoms and buds. The groom wore black pants and coat, white vest, and necktie of the color of the bride's dress. Both wore flesh colored gloves.

Mr. Perry H. Wilder and Miss Delia Harris; Mr. Frank Winston and Miss Ellen Adams, assisted as bridesmaids and groomsmen.

The ladies were dressed in white, with blue sashes, and blue gloves. The gentlemen wore suits of black with white vests, and blue gloves and neck ties, to correspond with the ladies' sashes.

At the close of the services, invited guests and personal friends, repaired to the house of the groom's parents, where sociabilities were interchanged until near train time, when the party broke up and the newly wedded pair took the cars for a bridal tour.

Thirteen pieces of elegant Silver-Ware were presented to the Bride, costing over one hundred dollars.

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General agency, 110 Reade Street New York.

# LUMBER! LUMBER!

THE undersigned propose to sell Lumber for the next year, and perhaps longer, to the people of Evansville and vicinity. We have now on hand, nearly

200,000 FEET,

and expect to receive more soon as cars can be obtained for shipment, when we shall have a general assortment for this market.

Examine our stock and get our prices.

REUBEN WINSTON.

Evansville-March 24, 1873. 49tf

May 13, 1874, Evansville Review, p. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. Nelson Winston left for Chicago again Tuesday morning for more new goods.

May 27, 1874, Evansville Review, p.1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

## SEMINARY MEETING.

The Seminary meeting that was called for Thursday evening July 16th, came off with hardly the enthusiasm of an ordinary town caucus. The meeting was called to order by Trustee J. M. Evans, and on motion Mr. Levi Leonard was chosen chairman, and Mr. E. W. Stearns, secretary. The call for the meeting was read from the REVIEW, as the Secretary, and no one present having the original call.

Inquiries were made by what authority the meeting was called, and no one being able to answer, the time was employed with desultory speeches on various subjects. Mr. Mills spoke at length to the action of five years ago—of our beautiful village, and how much we owed to the Seminary for what it had done for us; and we could not afford to lose it now.

He advised the appointment of a committee to confer with the Methodist, or any other order, to take the property and do the best with it they could.

Dr. Smith said we had a President

they could.

Dr. Smith said we had a President and board of Trustees, and didn't see how we had authority to proceed in advance of anything they might do.

Mr. Stearns "talked as he felt"—It is your school. The Free Baptist can do nothing else than to employ Professor Bradley. Some other denomination might think they could do better; but it was necessary for the school that they should act now.

To give the Trustees an expression of the sense of the meeting it was resolved that the Trustees take the necessary steps to have a school this fall. This motion was amended by Mr. Hall, to the effect that the Trustees should incur no expense for the school, beyond the receipts from tuition. Carried.

As it was getting late, and growing as dark as Erebus inside and out, Mr. Mills offered the following:

**WHEREAS,** The Yearly Meeting of the Free Baptist have surrendered the Seminary to the Stockholders. Therefore

*Resolved,* That a committee of three be elected to negotiate with the Conference of the M. F. Church.

Conference [of the M. E. Church] (to locate a Seminary) and get the best terms from them they can, and report the same to an adjourned meeting of the Stockholders; and that the board of Trustees cause a full report of all Seminary matters to be made at such adjourned meeting. Carried. The committee chosen to carry out the resolution were:

D. L. Mills, Nelson Winston, and Daniel Johnson.

The meeting adjourned to meet at the Seminary on the 1st Tuesday in Sept. next, at 6:30 o'clock, P. M.

A chap sought shelter of a Boston office, 'See cap'n, first my father died and my mother married again; an' then my mother died, an' my father married again; an' somehow or other, someway I don't seem to have no parent all, and no home, or no nothing.

July 22, 1874, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. Reuben Winston is making extensive repairs to his residence on Main Street. He is raising the roof of the ell part and remodeling that structure generally, much to its good appearance and general convenience.

Evansville Review, September 16, 1874, Evansville, Wisconsin

Asa Allen has erected an addition to John Winston's wagon shop to accommodate a blacksmith department. We understand a co-partnership has been formed with Mr. Winston for the purpose of manufacturing carriages. Mr. Winston doing the wood work and Mr. Allen the ironing. They are both counted among our first class work men, and Mr. Snow, occupying the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor can paint just as well as the next man. A whole team.

January 13, 1875, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

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# NOTICE.

The Firm of Winston, Woodbury & Co. is this day dissolved by mutual consent, by Mr. Vanhise withdrawing from the firm.

All persons indebted to the Old Firm are requested to call and settle their accounts as soon as possible.

The Books will be found at the old stand of Winston, Woodbury & Co.

Either member of the old firm is authorized to settle the accounts.

R. Winston. R. F. Woodbury. W. H. Vanhise.  
Dec. 21, 1874.

February 2, 1875, Evansville Journal, Evansville, Wisconsin

Nelson Winston is making quite extensive repairs and improvements on his house. A new wing is to run north, 28 x 16 feet, the east wing to be extended 8 feet and a fine bay window constructed.

May 11, 1875, Evansville Journal, Evansville, Wisconsin

Frank Gibbs says his wife is going to have a new carriage. John Winston does the wood work, Mr. Asa Allen irons it, "Maj." does the painting, and is upholstered by Evander. [Note: John Winston was a carpenter; Asa Allen a blacksmith, Benjamin Snow, and Evander Blakeley was the upholsterer in the shop of John Winston

August 18, 1875, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. Nelson Winston was summoned speedily to the bedside of his brother Hamilton, at Bellville, Monday. He did not expect to find his brother alive.

Wednesday, December 1, 1875, The Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Masonic.

The following are the officers elected for Evansville Lodge No. 32, F. & A. M. for the current year:

- M. Bargewell, W. M.
- J. M. Ballard, S. W.
- S. J. Baker, J. W.
- Nelson Winston, Treas.
- W. H. Garfield, Secretary.
- C. B. Morse, } Stewards.
- D. C. Griswold, }

Chapter officers No. 35 R. A. Masons.

- J. M. Evans, H. P.
- J. R. Whitney, K.
- S. J. Baker, Scribe.
- J. O. Sharp, Treas.
- W. W. Garfield, Secretary.

Installations took place at their Lodge room Tuesday evening, January 4th, conducted by Dr. C. M. Smith, and was followed by supper at the Spencer House.

—We have on one or two occasions before, alluded to the claims of the (Des Moines) *Western Farmer*, upon Western farmers. It is a large 7-col sheet, well filled with choice selections, able editorials, and practical correspondence. We should be glad to see it more generally taken here than it is.

January 5, 1876, Evansville Review, p. 2, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

paint brush and pot in hand.

—Mr. Frank Winston started for California Monday night, on a tour of inspection and observation. The Band, of which he had been a member, gave him a pleasant parting blast, before his departure.

May 10, 1876, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

band resolutions,

WHEREAS, Mr. Frank H. Winston, a worthy member of the Evansville Cornet Band, has removed from this place and withdrawn from the Band, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That he carries with him the regards and good wishes of every member, and that his labors for its welfare are appreciated by all, and

*Resolved*, That we, his late associates, regard his removal as a loss to our organization; notwithstanding, we sincerely hope it will prove a gain to him, and we trust that his fondest anticipations for the future will be fully realized. And

*Resolved*, That a copy of these Resolutions be mailed to Mr. Winston at San Francisco, Cal., and furnished to the Evansville Review for publication.

EVANSVILLE CORNET BAND.  
Evansville, Wis, May 9th, 1876.

May 17, 1876, Evansville Review, p. 2, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Isaac Bennett sold out to Winston & Sons.

September 26, 1876 ad, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Village Election. The following is the ticket elected yesterday. The election was animated, but we think no bad blood was spilt. The old question of "billiards or anti- billiards" was a vital issue, resulting in favor of the anti-billiard party by a small majority. For President: A. S. Baker; For Trustees, Caleb Snashall, David Stevens, Lewis Spencer, E. W. Beebe; For Clerk, Homer Potter; For Treasurer, R. Winston; For Justice of the Peace, Jacob West; For Constable, Henry Hubbard; For Supervisor, A. S. Baker.

March 7, 1877, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

The home of God, in the Eden fair. C.

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Old Folk's Gathering.

*Bro. Hozie, Dear Sir:—*

This is an age for parties, I will state that it has been my privilege to attend two of late, than which we doubt whether there have been a more enjoyable and pleasant gathering during the season. The first was gotten up by Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Johnson, partially out of respect for Mr. J's aged and respected mother.

gotten up by Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Johnson, partially out of respect for Mr. J's aged and respected mother. There were present seven widow ladies, viz: Mrs. Lydia Blackman, aged 80 years; Mrs. Amanda Winston, aged 80 years; Mrs. Keziah Johnson, aged 79 years; Mrs. Martha Axtell, aged 68 years; Mrs. Electa Lloyd and Mrs. Jane Baker, each aged 64 years; also your humble servant, aged 67 years, and his better half aged 64 years, aggregating 632 years and an average of 70½ years. The time was spent in social chat, talking over matters and things both new and old, until about 6 o'clock, when the company was called to surround a rich table loaded well with the good things of earth, which were so neatly prepared by Mrs. J. that it was very pleasing to the eye and surprisingly so to the taste. And, altogether the company was well stricken in years, each seemed to take hold and play his part well, after which the company retired, each no doubt, feeling that they had renewed their age.

The next was gotten up by Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Winston. And this too, was a most pleasurable season, and one long to be remembered. Most of those who attended the former attended this also, beside quite a number of others. At this gathering there were ten widow ladies and about as many others. The time was spent in pleasant conversation, and in due time we were invited to surround the festal board and the many good things that were brought out were enough to tempt the appetite of the most fastidious, and each seemed fully able to play his part, and after partaking of the rich repast, Mr. and Mrs. Norris Adair and Miss Katie Winston, discoursed some as sweet music as it has been my privilege to hear for many a day. The company then dispersed with the happiest of feelings and a hearty shaking of hands with the hope at some future time all might be permitted to meet again. And in behalf of the company, let me say that Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, and Mr. and Mrs. Winston are entitled to very great credit for the pains taken to entertain the guests, in making everything pleasant and cheerful for the company. W.

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NELSON WINSTON, banker and merchant, Evansville; born in New York, Oct. 15, 1820, came to Wisconsin in the fall of 1841, and engaged in farming in Union Township (now Porter), Rock Co.; in 1849 removed to Dane Co., and engaged in mercantile business in Oregon, in partnership with Mr. Isaac M. BENNETT; in the spring of 1855, Mr. WINSTON settled in Evansville, and engaged in mercantile business with his father, John WINSTON, and his brother Reuben, under the name of J. WINSTON & Sons; in 1861, the firm dissolved, and Mr. Nelson WINSTON continued the business; in 1864, Mr. WINSTON, with Mr. BENNETT, his former partner, engaged in the lumber business; he and Mr. BENNETT secured a charter, under which the First National Bank of Evansville was organized, with Mr. WINSTON as Vice President; in January, 1875, the bank changed from a National to a State bank when Mr. WINSTON withdrew; since, he has been engaged in mercantile business and real estate and loaning. He married in Oregon, Dane Co., on March 27, 1851, Miss E. A. PARSONS, a native of New York; have four children. Members of the Congregational Church. His father, Mr. John WINSTON, was born in Albany Co., N.Y., in 1796; came to Wisconsin with a family of twelve children; in 1841, settled in Union and engaged in mercantile business. He was an active worker in the interests of the county, then newly settled; he was for many years Commissioner of the Poor; was the originator of the movement which resulted in the organization of the First Baptist Church in Union; after an active and useful life, he died Nov. 13, 1867, within a few days of his 71st year.

*Taken from "The History of Rock County, Wis." (c)1879, p. 869.*

REUBEN WINSTON, merchant, Evansville; born in New York Nov. 17, 1826; he came to Wisconsin the fall of 1841, and located in Porter, Rock Co., at that time under Territorial Government. Mr. WINSTON's father, John WINSTON, engaged in farming in the fall of 1855. Mr. Reuben WINSTON, with his father and his brother Nelson, engaged in mercantile business in Evansville, under the firm name of J. WINSTON & Sons; continued until 1861, when the firm dissolved, and Mr. Reuben WINSTON and his father started in business under the name of J. WINSTON & Co.; continued until 1864, when Mr. WINSTON bought out his father, and continued the business with several changes. In 1875, he took into partnership Mr. WOODBURY, since, his dry-goods business has been conducted under the name of WINSTON & WOODBURY. Mr. WINSTON, in the spring of 1873, also established a lumber business - still continued. He has a farm rented. He has been the past nine years Treasurer of Evansville. He married, in Union, Rock Co., Nov. 27, 1853, Miss Mary H. NICHOLAS, a native of Ohio. Has two children living, one having died.

*Taken from "The History of Rock County, Wis." (c)1879, p. 869.*

The new firm of Winston and Tolles have built a neat little office, and are fixing for a rush of business.  
July 2, 1879, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

## OBITUARY.

—DIED.—At half past seven o'clock on Tuesday evening, Jan. 27th, of a wasting disease, Miss Loretta C. Winston, aged twenty four years six months. Born in Evansville July 28 h 1854, this place has been her home through life.

During her tenth year she began to suffer from a difficulty which soon became grave enough to prevent active life, and which of late years has kept her almost wholly confined in the house.

While in her thirteenth year she entered on a life of Christian Faith and, July 6. 1872, united with the Congregational church of this village.

During one summer she could occasionally be brought to church in her wheeled chair, but, for many years past, lack of strength has prevented even this.

The long continued burden of weakness and frequently recurring pain was borne with remarkable patience. A more noticeable feature of her experience, however, is the amount of real comfort and happiness, which she managed to enjoy. Surrounded by watchful care and the loving service of family and friends, she did not brood over her trials and live within herself. Making the best of everything, she cultivated a cheerful interest in the welfare of all.

Having a naturally intelligent mind she enjoyed not only general reading, but also literature in its nobler forms. Her heart sympathies, too, were active and, through practical benevolences, extended far beyond the circle of home life. Although not given to much verbal expression of Christian experience, her faith in our Lord Jesus Christ as a sufficient Savior was strong and bright. Several months ago, when asked whether her Christian faith was a present help and comfort, she replied, "If it were not for that, I could not have endured what I have."

The approach of death was unexpectedly sudden but found her not unprepared. When convinced that death was near she said, "I should like to live but I am not afraid to die." Her greatest anxiety was for others rather than for herself, and she expressed an earnest desire that all her friends might become christians. Her last words, uttered not long before death were, "It will be a glorious change." Then supported by christian faith, surrounded by family and friends with ut pain and without fear, as the light of day faded, so quietly she passed away.

"Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

— Come and see the very great variety February 4, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

George Winston, the village ice man is happy over the late freeze and the excellent ice crop he has harvested thereby.

February 11, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. William Winston, Mrs. Byron Winston and William Winston Jr., all of North Branch, Minn., are visiting their old home and friends in Evansville.

March 31, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Richard Winston is building an addition to his house on Madison Street.

March 31, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. John H. Winston has been pretty severely tormented with an attack of the sciatic rheumatism which kept him closely confined to his house, and much of the time to his bed, for most of the past winter. We see he is getting out a little with the aid of a crutch and cane. John thinks enough as good as a feast.

April 28, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Nelson Winston and David Johnson traveled to New Mexico. Stopped in Chicago to buy goods at the wholesale firm of Field and Leiter for the Winston's store in Evansville.

May 12, 1880, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Messrs. Johnson and Winston took cars Monday morning for their western and south-western trip. They expect to be gone some five or six weeks, in the mean time our readers may hear from them through this medium.

May 12, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

New buildings going up and old ones being repaired so rapidly that we can hardly keep pace with improvements. Mr. Richard Winston has been putting an addition to his house, the Wilder property, nearly as large as the original building. Mr. Wm. Libby bossed the carpentry.

May 12, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

<p><b>Dissolution of Partnership.</b></p> <p>The firm of Winston &amp; Woodbury is dissolved by mutual consent. All persons indebted to them are requested to call at the old stand and settle. Evansville, July 19th, 1880</p> <p><b>REUBEN WINSTON, R. F. WOODBURY.</b></p> <p>The business will be carried on in the name of Woodbury &amp; Thorp. Thanking all for past favors and ask for a continuance of the same. Evansville, Wis., July 19th, 1880.</p> <p><b>WOODBURY &amp; THORP.</b></p>	<p>ving -ato is hat Find the s rs. of be</p>	<p>uer. He is a man of considerable age, and ill sustains his injuries.</p> <p>—The old firm of Winston &amp; Woodbury, which has done business here for a long time, ceases from the date of their notice of dissolution, seen elsewhere. Its business, however, continues under the firm style of Woodbury &amp; Thorp, at the old stand. Mr. Thorp is a long resident of Union, but a farmer up to this time. Our readers will find them fair and honorable men to deal with.</p> <p>—We came very near having a first</p>	<p>rec hav He a c pov five eng bul pac ern far</p>
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July 21, 1880, Evansville Review,

p. ,3 col. 3 & 5, Evansville, Wisconsin

Republican Town Caucus. N. Winston delegate to convention in Footville.

October 6, 1880, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Dan Johnson and R. Winston are having a new warehouse erected at the depot grounds, on the site of an old one they have had torn down, on east side of the track.

October 6, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Winston and Bennett have sold their Searles farm to Gilman Searles for \$8,000 including some stock and utensils. They have also sold their Gillett place to Mr. Babcock, and Geo Ballard, the former taking the buildings and the latter increases the acreage of his home place.

November 17, 1880, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Nelson Winston went to Chicago to buy goods for his store, then on to Washington for the inauguration of Garfield. I. M. Bennett also left later to go with him.

February 2, 1881, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Nelson Winston and family went up to Oregon Thursday to attend the funeral of Mrs. W's mother, Mrs. Parsons, whose death at an advanced age, took place a short time previous.

March 23, 1881, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Charles Winston, of Norwood Park, Ill., is visiting his brothers here.

March 23, 1881, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Evansville Publishing Co. organized 205 shares to sell at \$5 a share for total of \$1,025. 20% have been purchased. N. Winston Treasurer & Board of Directors.

September 21, 1881, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Village Board, 1882

President - Nelson Winston

Supervisor - Nelson Winston.

May 6, 1882, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. Ruben Winston is having the inside of his residence remodeled by Mr. John Winston and Mr. Geo. Hayward. Mr. Winston is determined to have as convenient and comfortable a home as there is in town, if he has to rebuild it every season.

July 24, 1883, Enterprise, p. 1, col. 6, Evansville, Wisconsin

Nelson Winston & T. C. Richardson were in Chicago purchasing their fall and winter stocks last week.

October 9, 1883, The Enterprise, Evansville, Wisconsin

Dr. E. H. Winston, on account of his failing health has sold his drug store to Dr. D. C. Griswold, who will take pleasure in waiting upon his former customers.

December 14, 1883, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

A Maud Winston graduated from high school, June 1885. Lived with Nelson Winston.

June 12, 1884

—Nelson Winston and wife, M. V. Pratt, wife and daughter Edith; J. R. West and C. M. Morehouse and wife, went to Rockford, Tuesday, to attend commencement exercises there, held on the 25th, Mrs. West went on Friday of the previous week. Miss May West and Miss Alice Morehouse be long to the graduating class.

June 27, 1884, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

—Mr. Frank Winston who for a couple of years has been mining and ranching in New Mexico, returned to the old manor born, for a brief tarry, the latter part of the previous week.

August 15, 1884, Evansville Review, p. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

### **Killed by the Cars.**

Mr. Wm. B. Winston, who removed from this place several years ago and has since made his home in Minnesota, met with a terrible accident at his home in Oak Park Aug. 18, 1884, which ended his life at the age of 63 years.

Mr. Winston had just finished loading a car with his household goods, which were to be shipped to Dakota where he was about to engage in the lumber business, when a train came in and made what is called a flying switch and sent a car down the side track towards the car he had loaded, and fearing it would strike against it too hard, he ran out to watch it, and, thinking only of the car he was watching, took his position on the track down which the engine was coming. No warning was given him by the approaching train and it struck him and passed over both legs, one near the thigh and the other near the knee. He was taken to his home and medical men did all in their power to save his life, but he died at 9.30 that evening, eight hours after the accident occurred.

The remains were brought to this place accompanied by Mrs. Winston, Byron, Will and Mary, and the funeral was held at the residence of Mr. Nelson Winston on Thursday morning and was attended by a large circle of relatives and sympathizing friends.

Mr. Winston was one of the early settlers of this place and was held in universal esteem by our citizens. He was a very successful business man and became the friend of all with whom he had business transactions.

al diseases.

✓ Mr. Nelson Winston received a telegram Monday evening, from St. Paul, and in his absence it was opened by his son, Fred Winston, stating that William Winston had had both legs cut off. No particulars. Later another dispatch stating the same thing, probably repeating that of the first dispatch. Early Tuesday morning a third dispatch came stating that William was dead. No particulars. The whole family were kept in painful suspense. Mr. Nelson Winston was at Frederick, Dakota, to whom dispatches were sent, but it was doubtful if he could be reached in time to go to St. Paul. The corpse of Wm. B. Winston was brought on the 9 o'clock train Wednesday morning and was taken charge of by the masons. The funeral was at 9:30 at the home of Mr. Nelson Winston on Main street. The funeral was attended by a large number of relatives and friends.

Mr. Winston met his death by the amputation of both legs by the cars.

August 22, 1884, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

✓ Winston's store and Campbell's meat market were closed and draped in mourning Wednesday forenoon on account of the funeral of Mr. Wm. B. Winston.

August 22, 1884, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Wanted: a girl to do general housework. Wages \$2.50 per week.

N. Winston,

October 14, 1884, Enterprise.

The Well known firm of N. Winston & Sons of this place will begin closing out their stock of goods on Saturday next. They wish to use the money now invested in goods in New Mexico, where Mr. Frank Winston has been living for the past three years.

The Enterprise, December 2, 1884, Evansville, Wisconsin

Sorry to learn of the death of Mr. Hamilton Winston, an old citizen of this place, which occurred at his home in Middleburg, W. Va., the latter part of November. Three brothers of the Winston family have died the past year: Dr. E. H. Winston died at his home in Evansville, Feb. 1st, 1884, William Be. was killed by the cars in Minnesota last August.

December 26, 1884, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. Frank Winston of our firm started yesterday for his home in New Mexico. The closing out sale will be continued until all goods are sold or until stock is so reduced that it can be moved to New Mexico. You can save money by dealing with us as long as we have goods to sell. N. Winston & Son.

January 13, 1885, Enterprise, Evansville, Wisconsin

N. Winston improvements \$550. "Improvements for 1884" January 20, 1885, Enterprise, Evansville, Wisconsin

—Treasurer Eager has kindly furnished us a list of tax payers of Union, who pay \$100,00 and over; there were a number of persons whose tax come within a few cents of that amount, but are omitted in this list. There is a much larger number than the above, whose tax is \$50, and upwards, likewise omitted.	
It will be seen that Union (Evansville) has a pretty fair representation of money men.	
Geo Magee.....	\$120.42
Wm. Stevens.....	112.31
Levi Leonard.....	145.72
J. M. Evans.....	136.36
A Eager.....	233.49
W. S Smith.....	124.25
H. Prentice.....	151.59
C. H. Wilder.....	153.01
R. W. Johnson.....	118.80
B. Campbell.....	113.12
P. A. Pond.....	130.78
Geo Higday.....	115.78
L. M. Mygatt.....	138.72
C. Snashall.....	161.28
C. F. P. Pullen.....	163.95
L. T. Pullen.....	241.28
D. M. Rowley.....	109.60
Mary S. Potter.....	148.80
Nelson Winston.....	220.63
Winston & Sons.....	116.20

February 6, 1885, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Funeral obseques.  
 —Mr. Nelson Winston and wife, left for New Orleans, Tuesday morning. Mr. Winston has given us a partial promise of a letter, which our readers may hopefully look for. Mr. Eager and wife depart for the same place the first of next week, from whom our readers may look for a favorable report of the Exposition through this medium.

February 6, 1885, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. Nelson Winston thinks it best to visit the great exposition at New Orleans before the city is crowded with people in attendance at the carnival.

February 10, 1885, Enterprise, Evansville, Wisconsin

Maude Winston and Ida Morgan of Evansville were guests of Miss Hattie Axtell, Saturday & Sunday.

March 17, 1885, Enterprise, Evansville, Wisconsin

John Winston is removing his old house from a fine location on Main St., for the purpose of building nicer and better on the same lot.

June 5, 1885, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. John Winston has had his old house removed to the back part of the lot, and workmen are busy preparing to put in the foundation for a new house. Mr. Winston and family are worthy of a fine house, and we know of now place where a nice house will fit better than on that corner.

June 9, 1885, Enterprise, Evansville, Wisconsin

News was received by the deceased brother's wife here, Mrs. Winston, of the death of Chauncey Winston, which took place in Waterloo, Albany Co., New York June 1, 1885, aged 70 years and eleven months.

June 26, 1885, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. Frank Winston returned from New Mexico the first of the week; Mrs. Winston has been here some time. He will remain a month or more, and in that time will close out the remaining goods in store, or reduce the stock, so that he can pack the balance and take it along with him. This will close out the oldest and longest established merchantile concern in Evansville. The senior, Mr. Nelson Winston, has grown old in the business and now will give it over to his sons, who combine it with other business in the growing country of New Mexico, where better inducements are offered for their enterprise and thrift.

August 7, 1885, ? Evansville, Wisconsin

The foundation for Mr. John Winston's house has been built by Messrs. Brink & Fidler of brick from the Evansville yard.

August 11, 1885, Enterprise, Evansville, Wisconsin

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March 4, 1887, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

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—Mrs. Van Schaick had a pleasant greeting on the occasion of her 60th birthday anniversary, which occurred August 20th. Grandma Winston spent the day with her, her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Winston and family, also visited her, and Grandma Libby took tea with the party.

You may talk of your delectable dishes

August 26, 1887, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Miss Maud Winston (daughter of Mr. Nelson Winston of this place) who has been attending the Oberlin Ohio College of Music for several months past was expected home last evening.

June 30, 1888, Tribune, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. N. Winston, with his wife and daughter, Maud, took their departure for Mexico, Tuesday to visit his son Frank, but informs us that he will be back in time to vote for Harrison sure if nothing happens.

September 15, 1888, The Trbiuen, p. 1, col. 5, Evansville, Wisconsin

REUBEN WINSTON, a member of the firm of K. F. RANDOLPH & Co., lumber dealers of Evansville, was born in Chenango County, N.Y., on the 17th day of November, 1826, and is a son of John WINSTON, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume. He was reared to manhood upon a farm, and when about fifteen years of age left his native State came with his parents to Rock County, where he has since made his home, with the exception of a few years. He began his mercantile career as a salesman in the store of his brother Nelson WINSTON, and Mr. BENNETT, when those gentlemen were associated in business in Oregon, Wis.

In 1854, he embarked in the mercantile business for himself, at Stoughton, Wis., forming a partnership with Sylvester GILES, which connection continued for about a year when he sold his interest to his partner. At the time he engaged in business at Stoughton, the means of the firm were wholly inadequate for the purchase of such a stock of goods as they desired, but Mr. WINSTON, who went to New York to select the goods found no difficulty in obtaining what was wanted on credit. It is needless to say that prompt and full payment was made, for Mr. WINTSTON is well known throughout Rock County as a man of honor and fair dealing. In the fall of 1855, the firm of J. WINSTON & Sons was formed, continuing until 1861, when it was dissolved. Our subject was then not actively engaged in business for a year, when he and his father again opened a mercantile establishment, under the firm name of J. WINSTON & Son, but after two or three years had passed, the father withdrew and Reuben continued in business for many years the firm being R. WINSTON & Co. At length selling out his stock of merchandise, he turned his attention to the lumber trade, engaging in that business, first with Daniel JOHNSON for one year, when he bought out Mr. JOHNSON and took into partnership a Mr. TRUE, and carried on the business for a few years under the firm name of R. WINSTON & Co., after which he bought out Mr. TRUE and formed a partnership with Mr. F. W. TOLLES, which continued a few years, when he purchased Mr. TOLLE's interest and formed his present business relations with Mr. RANDOLPH. The firm does a flourishing business and is one of the leading establishments of the kind in Rock County.

In 1852, Mr. WINSTON was united in marriage with Miss Mary Helen NICHOLS, a daughter of Dennis NICHOLS, who was one of the early settlers of Rock County, but afterwards became a resident of Iowa, where he made his home for several years, and is now living in Nebraska. Three children have been born of their union, all daughters - Clara, their first born, died at the age of fourteen years; Amanda Elizabeth is now the wife of Geo. H. BUTTS, a resident of Milton Junction, Wis.; and Kate is the widow of C. H. LADD. Mr. WINSTON is one of the representative men of Rock County, and a worthy and esteemed citizen. In politics, he has ever supported the Republican party, and is a faithful adherent to its principles. For almost half a century he has resided in this county, winning the hearts of many by his frank and cordial manner and his kindly disposition. Though not a member of any church, Mr. WINSTON attends the Congregational Church, of which his wife and daughters are members.

*Taken from "The Portrait and Biographical Album of Rock County, Wis." (c)1889, pp. 669-670.*

NELSON WINSTON is numbered among those who have been prominently identified with Rock County from its early history, and perhaps none among its citizens are more widely or favorably known. He is now residing in Evansville, but is a native of the Empire State, having been born in Albany County, on the 15th day of October, 1819. His father, John WINSTON, was born in Albany County, Jan. 19, 1797, and his ancestors were among the pioneer settlers of the Colony of New York. Abram WINSTON, the great-grandfather of our subject, became a member of that colony during its infancy, and his son Isaac, the grandfather of our subject, was there born. He served as a soldier in the American army during the war of the Revolution, and was the father of nine children, seven sons and two daughters, all of whom have now passed away.

John WINSTON was reared to manhood in his native State and married Miss Amanda BENTLY, who is still living at the home of her son Nelson, in Evansville, having attained her ninety-first year. By their union they became the parents of thirteen children, twelve of whom, nine sons and three daughters, lived to adult age. Five of the number, three sons and two daughters, are now deceased. The father of the family died at his home in Rock County, Nov. 13, 1867, when nearly seventy-one years of age. He was a man of great energy and force of character, and took an active and prominent part in the early development of Rock County. He was a successful business man, and secured the confidence of his fellow citizens by his honest, upright dealing with all. He led a consistent Christian life, and belonged to the Baptist Church, being the originator of the movement which resulted in the organization of the first Baptist Church in Union Township. His interest in the cause of the Master grew stronger as his years increased, and he passed away with the consciousness of a well-spent life, and of having done his duty as he saw it.

Our subject was the second in order of birth in his family, and when a lad removed with his parents to Chenango County, N. Y., and later went with the family to Perry, in Wyoming County, then a part of Genesee County. He was reared to farm life, receiving his education in the common schools, and in 1841, came with his family to Wisconsin, they remaining for a short time in Walworth County, but came almost immediately to Rock County, where both father and sons engaged in farming. In 1849 Nelson WINSTON embarked upon a mercantile career, at Oregon, Dane County, in company with Isaac M. BENNETT, under the firm name of WINSTON & BENNETT, which connection continued until 1855, when Mr. WINSTON came to Evansville. He again engaged in merchandising with his father and brother Reuben, under the firm name of J. WINSTON and Sons, until 1861, when he bought out the interest of his partners, and then carried on the business in connection with Mr. BENNETT, his partner in Dane County. In 1870 the two gentlemen secured a charter, under which the First National Bank of Evansville was organized, associating with them L. T. PULLEN, who also became a partner in the mercantile business. Mr. WINSTON was made Vice-President of the bank, in which he and Mr. BENNETT had a controlling interest, owning about three-fifths of the stock. In 1875, when it changed from a National to a State bank, Mr. WINSTON and Mr. BENNETT withdrew, and soon after the former purchased the remaining interest in the mercantile branch of the business, and the firm of N. WINSTON & sons was established. They carried on business until 1885, when, selling out, our subject retired from active life.

On the 27th day of March, 1851, Mr. WINSTON was united in marriage with Miss Eliza A. PARSONS, the wedding being celebrated in Dane County, where the lady was then residing. She was born in Cayuga County, N. Y., Feb. 8, 1824, and in 1851, came with her parents to Dane County, Wis., where Mr. and Mrs. PARSONS resided until their death. Mr. and Mrs. WINSTON have been the parents of four children, three sons and a daughter, the latter of whom is deceased: Frank H., the eldest, is now residing in New Mexico, where he is engaged in the mercantile business, and also has charge of a cattle ranch owned by his father and brother; Fred H., who was formerly associated with his father and brother in the mercantile firm of N. WINSTON & Sons, is now Express Agent at Evansville; Loretta, the only daughter, died at the age of twenty-four years and six months; George P., the youngest son, is residing at Frederick, Dak.

Mr. WINSTON has long been one of the representative citizens of Rock County, and having been

identified with the mercantile and banking interests of Evansville for so many years, has necessarily formed extensive business and social relations. His success in life has been won by patient and unremitting attention to details, and by the application of correct business principles. In politics his early ancestors were Democrats of the Jackson school, and belonged to the portion of that party which became an important part of the National Republican party when that body was organized. Mr. WINSTON was one of the organizers of the Republican party in Wisconsin, is a faithful adherent to its principles, and takes that interest in social affairs which every true American should feel, but has never been an aspirant for office - in fact, has frequently refused offers of legislative honors. He has, however, served as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of his town, and has filled the office of President of the Board of Evansville. In religious affiliations both he and his wife are members of the Congregational Church, and are held in the highest esteem.

Anson G. PARSONS, the father of Mrs. WINSTON, was born in the State of New York, on the 8th day of September, 1789. He was married in Madison County, that State, to Miss Nancy THOMPSON, who was born in New Hampshire, but removed with her parents to the Empire State, where her marriage with Mr. PARSONS was celebrated in 1823. They became the parents of six children, two sons and four daughters, the youngest of whom, Henry, died at the age of four years. In 1850, accompanied by the other members of his family, Mr. PARSONS emigrated to the West, locating in Oregon, Wis. In earlier years he had learned the carpenter's trade which he followed after his arrival in this state, and also engaged in operating a farm. His death occurred Feb. 15, 1881, and his wife departed this life just one month later, on the 15th day of March. They were highly respected people, and their death was mourned by many friends.

Of the children of Mr. and Mrs. PARSONS, Mrs. WINSTON was the first in order of birth; Jane T., the second, became the wife of Ambrose SPENCER, and died in 1858; Harriet married Daniel BRIGGS, and is now living in Ironton, Wis.; Josephine is the wife of Tristram STORY, a resident of Union Township; and Andrew S. is residing in Oregon, Dane County.

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**MARRIED.**

At the bride's home in this city, on Thursday evening, June 20th, 1889, Mrs. Kate Leck, to Prof. H. F. Kling of the Fayette, Iowa University.

At an early evening hour the spacious and handsome residence of Mr. and Mrs. Rubin Winston, the bride's parents, was crowded with their hosts of friends, they being amongst the very best families and settlers of this city, and their generous hearts have never known what it was to slight any friend of respectability. Upon entering the large sitting room our attention was at once attracted by the beautiful arched wreath of pure white roses extending from the floor to the ceiling at the entrance of a large bay window at the top and center of which hung the ever emblematic horse-shoe wreath with a white Calla-Lilly in the center, all representing a very lovely pleasant retreat. At the appointed hour of eight o'clock, nothing could appear more appropriate than this pledged couple standing in the arch under the horse-shoe, making their honest and true hearted promises to each other, binding them as man and wife, under the supervision of Rev. O. M. VanSwearingen, resident pastor of the Congregational church.

The bride is too well known to need comment from us, being a native born daughter of Evansville, which we have always felt very proud of, for none fairer nor better ever gave their love to man. We have never met the groom until a few days since, but have formed the best of an opinion of him, and hope and believe that he will prove worthy and true to his choice of a life partner, which alone shows his good judgment. His connection with the educational institutions at his home is also a good recommendation, but the best of all is, that he brings his kind old mother with him to witness and approve of this one great step of his life.

One hundred and thirty took supper at the very handsomely spread and bountifully supplied tables. We can (from experience) vouch for there being at least five kinds of as good cake as was ever served at any gathering of the kind and we consider ourself a fair judge, as we are usually kindly remembered in this line.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Kling and daughter will take their departure on Tuesday next for their Iowa home, stopping over several days at St. Paul, Minneapolis and New Hampton where they have numerous relative and friends. Our sympathies are principally with the bride's parents for they must sadly miss their daughter and her little girl that has been with them so long and so soon to leave them alone. As regards the newly married couple, we feel that their happiness is secured and prosperity assured. Hoping that their cup of joy may never run dry, we are pleased to announce their receipt of the following large list of nice and useful presents:

- Crokinole Board; Celluloid towel rings; Hand painted picture throw; Willow scrap basket; Crystal water set; Crystal tea set; Set decorated tumblers; China silk head rest; China Silk placate throw; Drawn chair scarf; Paradise Lost, illustrated by Gustave Doye; Book, As Thy Days, illustrated by Fred Hines; Book,-- Aurora Leigh--Mrs. Browning; 8 Linen towels; 6 Linen table cloths; 2 Dozen napkins; Beautiful white embroidered flannel skirt; 4 Yards hand made lace; Linen handkerchief; Shell card receiver; Beautiful vase; 2 Silver cake baskets; 3 Sets silver fruit knives; Beautiful fancy glass fruit dish; 2 Silver tooth-pick holders; Oxidized silver, gold lined box, bon dish; Pair oxidized silver, gold lined napkin rings; Silver gold lined individual creamer; Silver pie knife; Beautiful silver gold lined berry spoon; Set decorated china fruit plates; Silver butter dish; Beautiful colored glass berry dish in silver standard; Dozen silver knives; Dozen silver forks; Carving set in case; Beautiful silver and glass oclery dish; Pair vases; Large wood-cut engraving; Beautiful decorated nut dish, in silver standard; 5 Dollars cash; Beautiful large persian rug; Camp chair and patent rocker.

## KLING-LADD

A large and respectable attendance was held at Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Winston's at the head of Main street Thursday evening, June 20th, 1889, to witness the marriage of their daughter, Mrs. Kate H. Ladd and Mr. Henry F. Kling, of Fayette, Iowa. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Van Swearingen, of the Cong'l church in a very beautiful and impressive manner, enjoining upon the parties to love, honor and comfort each other during their natural life, and pronounced them husband and wife, in the presence of the assembled concourse of people there assembled. The bride looked the charming lady that she is, and the bride-groom bore the impressiveness of a man of solid mental and moral worth. He is connected with the faculty of Upper Iowa University, at Fayette, Iowa.

Their relations in life are somewhat similar in that each has before been married and each has one child. At the close of the ceremony the company was seated and all were provided with a repast, ample and excellent for all to enjoy.

There were many very elegant presents, made by their many friends both in this place and elsewhere. Their enumeration would only weary and burden the reader without conveying any adequate idea of the real worth of their value, which lies in the heart of the giver, as in the ultimate usefulness that each might afford in the domestic relations of dual life.

The beauty of the whole affair lay more in its universal simplicity than any gorgeous display that for the moment, might be put on to gratify a purient desire for the ideal more than the real concerns of life.

The parties remained at the home mansion until Tuesday, when they set out on a tour to St. Paul and other western places, returning to their new home in Iowa a month hence.

June 25, 1889, Evansville Review, p. 4, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Fred Winston has moved his express office into Dr. Stair's old office.

November 5, 1889, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

The following are a few solid men of Evansville who pay a tax of over \$100 each.

....Nelson Winston, \$201.06.

January 11, 1890, ? Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Nelson Winston called by the U. S. Supreme Court at Memphis in the case of the United States vs. G. W. Hall, for voting irregularities. George Hall acquitted.

February 8 & Feb. 22, 1890 ? Evansville, Wisconsin

## DIED.

Mrs. Amanda Bentley, wife of the late John Winston, died at her home on Main street, at 2 o'clock on the morning of February 14, 1890, at the ripe old age of 91 years, 2 months, and 26 days. Mrs. Winston had kept up the vigor of her life remarkably well, but it was evident within the last few years that she was failing, but not until a few weeks did her friends fully realize her end was so near. She lived an active life and died a christian's death.

Her funeral took place at her late residence and was largely attended by the elderly citizens of the place. The day was one of the pleasantest a mid-February day is seldom experienced. Nature seemed to smile in loveliness at the departure of a happy spirit to the realms of perpetual sunshine.

Rev. M. Morris, of the Baptist church here, read a brief biography of Mrs. Winston's life which is here subjoined:

"Amanda Bently was born in Westerlo, Albany county, N. Y., Nov. 18, 1798. At the age of 19 she married Mr. John Winston, still remaining in her native town. After four years they moved to Chenango county and lived there 16 years, thence moving to Genesee county, where they lived until coming to the Territory of Wisconsin in the fall of 1841 and settling in Rock county, in what has since been called the town of Porter, coming to Evansville in 1856, where she lived up to the time of her death.

Coming early to Wisconsin in the infancy of its growth she had to endure many of the deprivations of her early life, but with all the trials incident to pioneer life, she bore them all with christian fidelity.

She experienced religion in Chenango county. Her christian life was one of growth and steadfast faith in the promises of her Savior, and grew brighter as the days of her life sped on and afforded her unbounded pleasure until her end came."

"Her life was well run;

unbounded pleasure until her end came."

"Her life was well run;  
Her life's work well done;  
Life's crown well won,  
Now comes the rest."

February 18, 1890 Evansville Review, p. 1,

col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

**MOTHER.**

BY ETTA LORENE SIMONS.

Fondly and tenderly speak you the name,  
Mingle it softly with joy and pain,  
I think of it lovingly, 'tis trusting and sweet  
Worthy of all praises that you may repeat.

Think how in sorrow, you speak it, so low,  
It should make the love light in your eyes  
brightly glow,

It should 'waken new life in your soul when  
you pray  
That blessings be shed on that name every day.

In joy, it is welcome, how sweet is the sound,  
How it caresses your heart with love's rebound,  
'Tis blessed, 'tis holy, more precious than gold,  
A name that could never, ah! never sound cold.

That one word is, mother! Oh! love it, I say,  
Ere you find it too late, too late to repay,  
It is she who, in trouble, ever is near,  
And sweet consolation pours into your ear.

And works so unceasingly, morning and night  
To guide you and strengthen you on the right.  
Mother! God bless her! ah! never may she  
Gaze sadly upon you and say, "Can it be?"

"Have all of my prayers and hopes been in vain?  
Shall my child now, at last, cause me sadness  
and pain?"

Ah, nee! try to follow the path she has trod,  
And at last meet together in the palace of God,  
Lodi, Wis., Jan. 30, 1890.

**DIED.**—Friday morning, Feb. 14, 1890  
at her home on Main street, of old age,  
Mrs. Amanda Winston, aged 91 years,  
2 months and 26 days.

Amanda Bentley was born at West-  
erlo, Albany Co., N. Y., Nov. 18, 1798. At  
the age of 19 she was married in her na-  
tive town to John Winston, and lived  
there during the early years of her mar-  
ried life. After four years she moved  
with her husband to Chenango Co., in  
her native state, and lived there six-  
teen years. Thence she moved to Gene-  
see Co., in the same state, and thence to  
Rock County, Wis., in the fall of forty-  
one, having moved here when this state  
was still a territory and when the dis-  
comforts of pioneer life had to be bravely  
met. In 1856 she moved to Evansville  
where the remaining years of her long  
life have been spent in the midst of a  
circle of loving friends and the bosom  
of her family.

She experienced religion when very  
young, and subsequently made a public  
profession of her faith by uniting with  
the Baptist Church in Chenango Co., N.  
Y., at the age of 32. Her Christian life  
was one of growth and steady faith in  
the promises of her Saviour. She pos-  
sessed a faith which grew stronger and  
a hope which grew brighter as the latter  
years of her life went by and the end of  
the journey drew near.

The first thoughts of the last days of  
her sickness was concerning the Church  
which she loved, and the interest of her  
Master's cause. Her long life is now  
ended, but her soul went down in the ra-  
diant glory of a Christian's joy and peace.

We will not mourn her absence, for she  
has gone to her grave in a full old age—  
"like a shock of corn gathered in its sea-  
son."

"Life's race well run,  
Life's work well done,  
Life's crown well won,  
Now comes the rest."

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Reuben Winston has bought the Widow Blackmun place on Church street, paying \$1,230 therefor. It is a fine location and, Mr. Winston says, "if he was only able he would put up a nice house, and he may do it sometime." Mr. Winston is considered one of the wealthiest businessmen in the place, and the character of the house he would like to build "when he is able," is only conjectural when we conceive the modesty of retired moneyed men.

April 22, 1890 Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. John Winston shipped another of those famous corn palaces of his own manufacture to Albany by team, Saturday, to Mr. McAtee, of that city, who will not only exhibit it on the street corner, but manufacture and dispense from it to the hungry public fresh buttered hot popcorn for 5 cents a sack.

September 23, 1890, Tribune, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Voters registered as of October 1890:

Winston, Nelson, Main St.

Winston, Fred, Main St.

Winston, J. H., Main St.

Winston, Reuben, Main St.

? Evansville, Wisconsin

Ruben Winston is having the fronts of his stores—those occupied by C. F. Spencer and R. F. Woodbury—painted black also he stores occupied by J. W. Calkins and Hatfield and Knepper in the same block. It rather improves the looks.

August 11, 1891, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

### A Voice from the West.

WEST UNION, Iowa, Jan. 8, 1892.

ED. REVIEW.—A voice from the west, though not musical, may have enough of interest to entertain a portion of your readers. So many people have come to this section of Iowa from in and around Evansville that a few lines regarding them may recall pleasant recollections in the minds of old acquaintances left behind.

Perhaps one of the best remembered of those who now make West Union their home is Dr. S. E. Robinson, who came here many years ago and began the practice of his profession, in which he has been eminently successful. He has a fine residence, a modern barn in which he keeps some well bred horses and colts. The doctor's family consists of his wife, one daughter and two sons. The daughter, Miss Anna, is a graduate of the West Union High school and of the Northwestern University, of Evanston, Ill., in which institution her scholarly attainments secured her a position as instructor in elocution.

Mrs. C. R. Bent still resides here on the old homestead, a beautiful place just on the edge of the city. Her son-in-law, S. B. Carter, who married the youngest daughter, Miss Carrie, lives with her and carries on the place, keeping a large dairy and supplying West Union with fresh milk twice a day. The eldest daughter, Mrs. J. E. Robinson, lives with her husband on a large stock farm near North Bend, Neb.

Miss Eliza Twitchell, whose mother was well known in Evansville as Lottie Robinson, is a young lady in her teens, and is a diligent student at Mount Vernon, Iowa. Another citizen who was, years ago, a resident of the town of Porter, is Mr. Jule Webb. He is now well along in years but

Miss Eliza Twitchell, whose mother was well known in Evansville as Lottie Robinson, is a young lady in her teens, and is a diligent student at Mount Vernon, Iowa. Another citizen who was, years ago, a resident of the town of Porter, is Mr. Jule Webb. He is now well along in years but Father Time has made but little change in him of late. His son, Ed. Webb, who is baggage master and brakeman on the road between here and Turkey River Junction, met with an accident last Saturday. While coupling cars he was caught between them in such a manner that his collar bone was broken and punctured the flesh. Dr. Robinson was summoned and fixed him up.

The B. H. Capwell family, who came here from Green county many years ago is badly shattered. Mr. Capwell, who at one time was sheriff of Green county, died several years ago. His widow still resides on the homestead. Her daughters and a son are in Idaho, one daughter teaching and the other is matron in the blind asylum there. The son is employed on the Governor's staff.

Alex Winston and his son John who resides at Fayette, I see occasionally. John is Treasurer of the Fayette Creamery Association and was a prominent candidate for the nomination of County Treasurer on the Republican ticket but he failed to get the nomination.

There are other in this vicinity who came from Rock county, but I am not familiar enough with their condition and circumstances to write of them. Perhaps, more anon.

H. B. B.

January 12, 1892, Evansville Review, Evansville,

### Caucus Notice—Porter.

A Republican caucus will be held in the Wilder Schoolhouse in Porter, on Saturday, April 2d, 1892, at 10 o'clock A. M. to nominate candidates for town officers, and to transact any other necessary business. By order of the town committee.

W. M. TOLLES, Chairman.  
T. S. RAYMOND,  
R. R. WINSTON.

March 22, 1892, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 5, Evansville, Wisconsin

Women's Christian Temperance Union. E. A. Winston, treas.  
April 5, 1892, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

1892 voter registration:  
Nelson Winston, Main St.  
Fred Winston, Main St.  
J. H. Winston, Main St.  
? Evansville, Wisconsin

Nelson Winston and wife left today noon for Minnesota and Dakota.  
September 27, 1892, ?, Evansville, Wisconsin

Nelson Winston and wife who went to northern S. Dakota a few days ago returned Saturday.  
October 18, 1892, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Winston give a tea party this evening at their home on Main street in honor of a visit from their daughter Amanda.  
January 27, 1893, The Enterprise, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Winston entertained a few friends at their home, Friday evening with tea. Their daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Butts of Milton, were present.  
January 31, 1893, Evansville Review, p.1, col.2, Evansville, Wisconsin

### EVANSVILLE PIONEER IS DEAD.

Ruben Winston Passed Away at His Home in That City Yesterday.

EVANSVILLE, May 26—[Special]—Ruben Winston died at his home in this city yesterday afternoon. Mr. Winston was one of Evansville's oldest settlers, and had been in business here for thirty or forty years. A wife and two married daughters mourn.

Janesville Gazette, May 26, 1893, p. 1, col. 3, Janesville, Wisconsin

**PASSED BEYOND.**

It is with feelings of most sincere regret that we have to record the death of another of our prominent citizens.

Reuben Winston was born at Greene, Chenango Co., N. Y., November 17th, 1826, and came to the town of Porter, Rock Co., Wis. in 1841 with his father and brothers. Some years later he came to Evansville and entered into business with his brother Nelson. Shortly after coming to this place he was married to Miss Helen Nicholas, and since then his life amongst us is too well known to need any description from us. Both in business and since his retirement from active business life he has been noted for sincerity and the strictest integrity—his word was always as good as his bond. In politics he was a staunch Republican, but never a narrow partisan. He was broad minded and public spirited and his opinion was highly valued both in political and social affairs. Although he never became a member of any church, he was in the truest sense a Christian man, and when health permitted, was a regular attendant at the services of the Congregational church in whose welfare he took the deepest interest. For some time he has been in failing health, but during the last eight weeks or more his illness has been of a most painful nature—asthma and heart disease. All that medical skill and loving hands could do to make him comfortable was done, but in spite of all he gradually failed until at two o'clock on the morning of Thursday, May 25th, 1893, he entered into rest. His two daughters have been his constant attendants during his sickness and his sister, Mrs. Utter, of Delavan, has been at his bedside for two or three days. His brothers, Charles from Chicago, and Alexander from Fayette, Iowa, reached here Wednesday evening only just in time to be recognized by the dying brother. The funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 P. M. at the house, the Rev. J. Schofield, his pastor, officiating.

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On the morning of May 18, 189 all that was immortal of D. S. Ha ley passed hence. On the followin Thursday morning at the same ho —2 o'clock a. m. the same messeng —Death—came for another esteeme townsman and an old settler of E ansville—Mr. Reuben Winston, wh had been in poor health for the la two years or more, but not unt about two months ago, was he absolutely confined to his house. Ha he lived until next November hi age would have been 67 years.

Mr. Winston was born in th town of Green, Chenango county, N Y., coming west with his father's family, in October, 1841, settle in Porter, Rock county where h lived until coming to Evansville and engaged in mercantile busines with his father and brother Nelson.

Mr. Winston went out of busines some years ago, only attending to minor affairs of his own personal interests. He owned considerable property in Evansville that kept his otherwise leisure time pretty well employed.

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As a citizen and business man, he will be missed. His council and advice on all business matters was regarded sound, based on extensive reading and careful personal observations, especially such as related to the political affairs of the county. He was a thoroughly sound republican in politics. In religion he was unswerving in rectitude towards God and man, in all of his acts and dealings, never vacillating, but freely expressing his opinion on the side of justice and self convictions of truth.

Of the the family now remaining, we have, Nelson and John. Charles of Edison Park, Chicago, and Alexander, of Fayette, Iowa, who came but a few hours before his death, and it was doubtful if they were recognized at all. There is only one sister living, Mrs. Harriet Utter, of Delavan, who was present at his death. Of the family he leaves a widow and two daughters, Mrs. G. H. Butts, of Milton, and Mrs. Henry Kling, of Waukon, Iowa.

Funeral services were held at the house Saturday at 2 o'clock p. m., services by Rev. John Scholfield.

May 30, 1893, Evansville Review, p. 1, col.

4, Evansville, Wisconsin

Nelson Winston of Evansville was a Brooklyn visitor Tuesday with his daughter, Mrs. Axtell.

February 3, 1894, The Tribune, Evansville, Wisconsin

Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Maud Winston of this place and Mr. Vernie Axtell of Brooklyn.

June 5, 1894, Tribune, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. Flora Winston broke her left leg just above the ankle Friday evening by slipping on the stone steps which leads to the basement of Mrs. Mary Wadsworth's residence on Madison Street.

November 6, 1894, Tribune, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. Flora Winston has opened her kindergarten school in the W.C.T.U. room.

Evansville Review, June 19, 1894, Evansville Review.

Mrs. E. H. Winston came up from Chicago Thursday.

September 27, 1895, Enterprise, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. Fred Winston has moved his goods and the express office into the east side of the upper Snashall building.

January 18, 1896, The Badger, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. Nelson Winston is out again today for the first time, having received injuries from a fall some time ago.

May 12, 1896, The Tribune, Evansville, Wisconsin

Miss Lelia Winston of Evansville visited at V. A. Axtell's Wednesday.

May 12, 1896, The Tribune, Evansville, Wisconsin

**D. A. Van Vleck and family moved in R. R. Winston's house on Water Street.**

**September 19, 1896, the Badger, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin**

Mrs. Helen Winston and grandson Ralph Adair arrived from Milton Wednesday. The latter will remain sometime on a visit.

August 7, 1897, The Badger, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Miss Helen Winston left Friday for Milton where she will be joined by Mr. Geo. Butts and wife who go on the excursion to Buffalo. They will be away several weeks visiting many places of interest east and south.

August 21, 1897, The Badger, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. Frank Winston, so well known to all the old residents of this city is a member of the New Mexico legislature and is spending the week in Santa Fe.

January 28, 1899, The Badger, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. Helen Winston is in Milton Junction the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Amanada Butts. She will remain some days in order to attend the graduation of her grandson, Mr. Herman Adair.

June 3, 1899, The Badger, Evansville, Wisconsin

**There will be a party of pleasure seekers leave Evansville in a special car for California. The party will not leave the car from the time it pulls out of the station until it reaches San Francisco. Among those already having decided to go are Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Winston, Mesdames Helen Winston, A. Axtell.**

**June 19, 1899, ? Evansville, Wisconsin**

Mr. Verne Winston left Monday morning for Madison, where he will attend summer school. July 15, 1899, The Badger, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. Hamilton Winston and granddaughter of Alexandria, Va. Were guests of the Winston relatives here and friends at Union.

July 22, 1899, The Badger, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. H. F. Kling and mother, Mrs. Reuben Winston went to Kenesaw, Neb. Tuesday for a visit with relatives. October 5, 1899, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mesdams R. Winston, Kate Kling, Ed Devereaux and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dixon left for the west Tuesday. They travel in company as far as Ames where Mrs. Winston and daughter go to Kenesaw, Neb. And the others go to Fort Dodge, Iowa.

October 7, 1899, The Badger, Evansville, Wisconsin

Madames Hellen Winston and Kate Kling returned tonight from their visit to Nebraska and Chicago.

October 28, 1899, The Badger, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. Helen Winston has sued Mr. Frank Woodbury for about \$300 store rent. Mr. Woodbury alleges that he was simply employed to work in the store for his deceased father and is not responsible in any manner for the rent.

December 12, 1899, The Badger, Evansville, Wisconsin

Verne Winston returned to Medical College, Chicago, the first of the week.

January 6, 1900, The Badger, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. Helen Winston having decided to located in Janesville has rented her residence on Main Street to Riley Searles who will take possession April 1<sup>st</sup>.

March 17, 1900, The Badger, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. Helen Winston has sold her Main Street residence to Riley Searles, consideration twenty-five hundred dollars. Mrs. Winston has been in Janesville this week looking at houses with a view to buying a home.

April 7, 1900, The Badger, Evansville, Wisconsin

Verne Winston returned Thursday evening from his year in medical college at Chicago.

April 28, 1900, The Badger, Evansville, Wisconsin

Agnes Rye and Fred H. Winston, married Nov. 14, 1900 in Johnstown.

Agnes Rye and Fred H. Winston. He is engaged in business from the American Express Co. and has a jewelry business here. He owns a pretty home on W. Main Street where he and his wife will go at once to housekeeping.

November 17, 1900, The Badger, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Winston will celebrate their golden wedding, Wednesday March 27, 1901.

March 19, 1901, The Tribune, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

### Bride and Groom of Fifty Years.

After a happy union of fifty years, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Winston of this city celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary last Wednesday afternoon and evening at their West main street home.

One hundred and sixty guests were invited to partake of the abundant hospitality of these aged friends and a large number of those invited were present.

The company was invited from 3:00 to 6:00 p. m. and from 7:00 to 10:00 p. m. and were received by Mr. and Mrs. Winston as they were seated in two beautiful rockers which were the gift of friends.

The house was profusely decorated with cut flowers, the yellow blossoms predominating, symbolical of the golden days and years that has been given them to enjoy.

An orchestra furnished excellent music which lent harmony to the occasion and nothing was lacking that that would lend enjoyment to those present.

The wedding repast was elaborate and was served in a faultless manner by young ladies.

This couple were married in our neighboring city of Oregon but for forty-five years have made this city their home, ever lending to society here a lasting influence for good.

An interesting fact connected with this event, is that thirty-two years previous to that day, Mr. Winston's parents celebrated their Golden wedding in the same house.

Expressions of love and well wishes, innumerable, were left by the departing guests to these friends who have served each other and this community so faithfully for half a century.

Those present from out of the city were:

Geo. Winston and wife of Frederick, S. D.; Frank Winston and wife of Fairview, N. M. Alex. andur Winston and wife of Fayette, Ia., Chas., Ophus and Mrs. Flora Winston of Chicago, Mrs. Harriet Utter and John Utter of Delavan, Mrs. Helen Winston, Mrs. Kate Kling, Miss Grace Ladd, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bates, Ralph Adair, Richard Winston and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Burnham, Mrs. Amanda Spolens and daughter and Hyvester Morgan and wife of Janesville, Mrs. Della Bennett and Miss Mauna of Madison,

March 30, 1901, Badger, p. 1, col. 5, Evansville, Wisconsin

Verne Winston is at home from Chicago for his summer vacation.

June 1, 1901, The Badger, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

John Winston is progressing nicely with Mr. Asmus' new residence on the corner of Main and Third Street.

April 29, 1902, The Tribune, p. 3, col. 3, and May 2, 1902, Enterprise, Evansville, Wisconsin

OBITUARY.

NELSON WINSTON.

October 15, 1830—February 9, 1903.

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In 1861 this firm dissolved, Mr. Nelson Winston remaining and taking with him as partner I. M. Bennett. In 1870 these gentlemen secured the first charter to do banking business in our city and took in with them L. T. Pullen. The firm was now "Winston, Bennett & Pullen" In 1875 the deceased purchasing his partner's interest in the store withdrew from the bank and up to 1885 continued at the head of the firm of "N. Winston & Sons."

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**Passes Away.**

Mr. Nelson Winston, 83 years of age, passed to his future home Monday evening, Feb. 9, 1903, about 10 o'clock.

Mr. Winston's life has been an active, profitable one, not only to himself but to this entire community; and although aged and feeble in health his activity never ceased until a few weeks since, from which time he has gradually failed until he peacefully passed away.

He was a native of the Empire state, having been born in Albany county on the 15th day of October 1819, and the second son of John Winston, who died in this city Nov. 13, 1867. In 1841 he came with the family to Walworth county, Wisconsin, where they remained but a short time, moving almost immediately to this county where they engaged in farming. In 1840 Nelson engaged in the mercantile business in Oregon, Dane county, with Mr. I. M. Bennett, which continued until 1855 when Mr. Winston came to this city and again engaged in merchandising with his father and brother Reuben under the firm name of J. Winston & Sons until 1861, when Nelson bought out his partners and entered again into partnership with Mr. Bennett. In 1870 they secured a charter, under which the First National Bank of Evansville was organized, associating with them Hon. L. T. Pullen, who also became a partner in the mercantile business; Mr. Winston was made vice-president of the bank. In 1875 Mr. Winston withdrew from the banking business, and after purchasing his partner's interest in the mercantile business associated with himself his sons, the business then remaining under the firm name of N. Winston & Sons. In 1885 our subject sold out and retired to private life.

On March 27, 1851 he was married to Miss Eliza A. Parsons at her home in Dane county. The fruits of this union were four children, three sons and one daughter, the latter of whom is deceased. Frank H. the eldest is a successful merchant and stock raiser in New Mexico; Fred H. is now agent of the American Express company in this city, and Geo. P. the youngest son is a successful farmer and stock raiser near Frederick, South Dakota.

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There was a large attendance at the funeral, which conducted under the auspices of the masonic fraternity of which the deceased was a prominent member. Fortunately his family were all able to be present, even his son Frank from New Mexico, who arrived Saturday. The officiating pastor was Rev. Wm. Brown, of Beloit, who was for a time pastor in the Cong'l church here and very much respected by the deceased and his family. Thus was performed the last rites over the remains of one whom we have all loved and respected for many long years and we shall miss greatly.

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The Badger Feb. 14, 1903, p. 1, col.

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N. Winston buried today. All places of business closed during the funeral.

February 13, 1903, James Powles Diary, Eager Free Public Library History Room

The Hon. Frank Winston, a grandson of the man who donated the land for the Seminary Campus, is a prominent merchant of New Mexico and has been to the legislature. "old students of the Seminary.

April 25, 1903, Badger, Evansville, Wisconsin

Fred Winston is in Chicago this week visiting his son, who graduates from a medical college.

May 23, 1903, Evansville Review

Fred Winston was in Chicago, the forepart of the week, attending the graduating exercises of the Physicians & Surgeons Department of the University of Illinois, of which his son Verne was one of the graduates; there were 206 students to receive diplomas.

May 30, 1903, The Badger, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. Flora E. Winston, of Chicago, who donated so liberally of her lots in this city for the public library, has recently presented the Episcopal mission at Spooner, this stoate with a handsome organ.

December 1903, Enterprise, Evansville, Wisconsin

Dr. Verne Winston recently sold out his interest in a dispensary at Chicago, and has not as yet fully decided upon a location.

March 5, 1904, The Badger, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Riley Searles has moved back to his own house known as the Reuben Winston home, O. C. Colony having moved into his newly purchased residence on First Street.

The Badger, March 12, 1904, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

Fred Winston and wife have been visiting their son, Dr. Verne Winston at Friendship this week. Chas. Spencer has had charge of the express office during the absence of Mr. Winston.

October 8, 1904, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. Nelson Winston gave a dinner Thursday to the Winstons and Axtells and a few other friends.

November 28, 1904, The Badger, Evansville, Wisconsin

A. M. Van Wormer spent part of the week in Adams County, on land business. He met Dr. Verne Winston and reports him enjoying good health and a fine practice.

December 17, 1904, The Badger, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. Flora Winston and Mrs. Utter who has been visiting her sister-in-law Mrs. Nelson Winston, took their departure Monday afternoon for Delavan, Mrs. Utter's home. Mrs. Utter is the only living sister of Nelson Winston deceased and John Winston now residing here.

August 18, 1905, The Enterprise, p. 3, col. 6, Evansville, Wisconsin

Alexander Winston and wife have returned to their home in Fayette, Iowa, after visiting relatives and friends here; Mrs. Alexander Winston's visit was somewhat marred by illness while here.

August 18, 1905, The Enterprise, p. 3, col. 5, Evansville, Wisconsin

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October 13 or 18, 1906, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin



Ruth H. Winston

Pullen House,  
Evansville,  
Wisconsin.

My Dear Loyal,  
I had such a  
nice ride, from you  
the other day; and we  
all enjoyed it so  
much, that I am  
going to write another

## Fire Destroyed Local Bakery

About six o'clock Monday morning, Geo. Ewing discovered the rear of his bakery on fire, and an alarm was given and soon our fire department was on the scene and in a short time had the fire under control. Mr. Ewing occupies the building owned by Mrs. Helen Winston of Janesville, and had been baking all night; while he was arranging the bakery goods in the front show cases, it is thought the fire started from the oven. After giving the alarm, Mr. Ewing ran upstairs to arouse his wife and four children, who were asleep, and had some difficulty in rescuing them, as the flames were already licking the bed clothes, and the smoke was so intense. The bakery stock which was a total loss was partially covered by insurance. The clothing and furniture in the two rear rooms upstairs were also badly damaged; there was an insurance on the household goods.

The rear end of the adjoining building occupied by John Cole and Fred Winston was also badly damaged. Mrs. Ida Gray and sons who occupied the rooms above, lost some clothing and furniture.

We understand there was no insurance on the buildings.

November 5, 1907, The Tribune, p. 3, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

Born on Saturday, Nov. 16th, to Dr. and Mrs. Verne E. Winston, of Friendship, Wis., a daughter. Mrs. Winston was formerly Miss Mae Savage, and upon the same day, Nov. 16th, a daughter was born of her brother, Edwin Savage, Evansville, Friends extend congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Winston.

November 26, 1907, The Tribune, p. 3, col. 6, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. Verne Winston and little daughter returned to their home in Madison Friday, after a short visit with Mrs. Fred Winston.

November 4, 1909, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

# DEATH OF MRS. NELSON WINSTON

**One of Evansville's Best Known  
and Respected Residents has  
Gone to Her Last Home.**

With the death of Mrs. Nelson Winston at her home in this city, Wednesday evening, Jan. 19, 1910, Evansville lost one who had long and quietly enriched and strengthened the life of the whole community.

Eliza Ann Parsons was born Feb. 8, 1824, at Moravia, Cayuga county, N. Y., the daughter of Anson G. and Nancy Thompson Parsons, being the oldest of five children. After preparing herself to become a teacher she came to Wisconsin in 1849 to accept a position in the schools at Oregon, where she taught for one year. While here she met Nelson Winston, at that time a merchant in Oregon, and was united in marriage to him March 27, 1851. To this union were born four children, one of whom, Loretta C., died in 1880. Mr. and Mrs. Winston came to make their home in Evansville in 1855, when Mr. Winston was engaged in business here with his father and brother.

The Winston home has long been one of the landmarks of the city. It has always been a place where hospitality was freely extended. Since the death of her husband in February 1903, Mrs.

tended. Since the death of her husband in February 1903, Mrs. Winston has kept the house just as it was before. It has been a home for not only her children and grandchildren, but for many who came to the town or to the Congregational church on missions of love and mercy.

For over fifty-four years Mrs. Winston was a member of the local Congregational church, and one of its most active and efficient workers. She was a leader for many years in the work of the Sunday school and in all missionary enterprises, being a charter member of the Woman's Missionary society, an organization that owes much of its great usefulness to her ability to plan and work and inspire.

Age brings to many burdens of mind and body. In this Mrs. Winston was wonderfully blessed. Her physical strength did not begin to fail until recently, being confined to her bed but a few days. Her mind was clear and active until the final summons came; her last thoughts and words were for the immediate comforts of the family about her. The most beautiful thing in the world is old age, when the interest in the life of the community and of the world can be maintained. This is the secret of Mrs. Winston's health and happiness and life long usefulness. She never stepped aside, but kept at her work as few do.

She leaves to mourn her loss, two sisters, Mrs. Josephine Story of Evansville, Mrs. Harriet Briggs

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She leaves to mourn her loss, two sisters, Mrs. Josephine Story of Evansville, Mrs. Harriet Briggs of Caledonia, Wis., and one brother, Andrew Parsons of Oregon, together with four children, Frank H. of Fairview, N. M., Fred H. of Evansville, George P. of Frederick, S. D., and Mrs. V. A. Axtell of Evansville. Also six grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

The funeral was held in the family home on Main street last Monday afternoon and was in charge of Rev. D. Q. Grabill, pastor of the Congregational church. The music was furnished by Mr and Mrs. R. D. Hartley, Miss Fannie Powles and Mrs. Chas. Copeland. There were many beautiful floral offerings from friends near and far. She now rests beside her husband in Maple Hill cemetery.

Her loved ones have the sympathy of all the community.

Those from out of town present at the funeral, were: Geo. Butts and wife, Mesdames Helen Winston and M. Hotchkiss, Geo. Barker, A. P. Aller, Janesville; Mrs. Chas. Winston, Miss Orpha Winston, Chicago; Andrew Parsons, Oregon; Elmer Stewart and wife, Hudson; Chas. Briggs, Caledonia; Mrs. Rena Porter, Beloit; John Utter and daughter, Delavan; Miss Anna Nunns, Madison; Ralph Marquette, Milton; Theodore Rye, Johnstown.

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## J. H. and C. E. WINSTON

J. H. and C. E. Winston represent in great measure the building and contracting interests of Evansville. Mr. J. H. Winston being the oldest carpenter contractor in the city, having resided here fifty years. He was born in New York state and came to Evansville at a very early day and has seen the city grow from the stump and done his share in the building up of the community. When J. H. Winston first saw the site where Evansville now stands, rail fences were the chief feature of Main street. Having had a hand in



J. H. Winston

erecting many of the fine buildings that now adorn the city. Mr. Winston takes a keen interest in the city's future. He is still in the harness and can do a days work with hammer and saw with the best of them. Mr. Winston is a member of the First Baptist church of Evansville and resides on the corner of Main and Second street.



C. E. Winston

C. E. Winston was born in Evansville and educated here and has been in business fifteen years. He is a member of the Knight's of Pythias and highly popular with all classes of the community.

Evansville Prospectus, 1910, published by the Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Dr. V. E. Winston of Hermosa, S. D., was a visitor at the home of his father, Fred Winston, the first of the week. This is the first visit the doctor has made to his home in three years.

April 6, 1911, Evansville Review.

Frank Winston who has been visiting his brother, Fred Winston and other relatives in town, left this morning for Dakota to visit his brother George Winston.

July 2, 1912, "today's Evansville News," p. 6, col. 2, Janesville Daily Gazette, Janesville, Wisconsin

Mr. and Mrs. John Winston and Miss Lelia Winston are spending a week at the Geo. Butts home in Janesville.

June 18, 1914, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. Axtell, Mrs. Fred Winston and Miss Ruth Winston... motored to Lake Kegonsa...evening and enjoyed a picnic.

July 30, 1914, Evansville Review,

Mr. and Mrs. George Winston arrived last Thursday from Frederick, South Dakota, where they have made their home for a number of years, for a visit of a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Winston. They left Tuesday morning for Chicago, on their way to Florida, where they have purchased an orange grove and expect to make their future home.

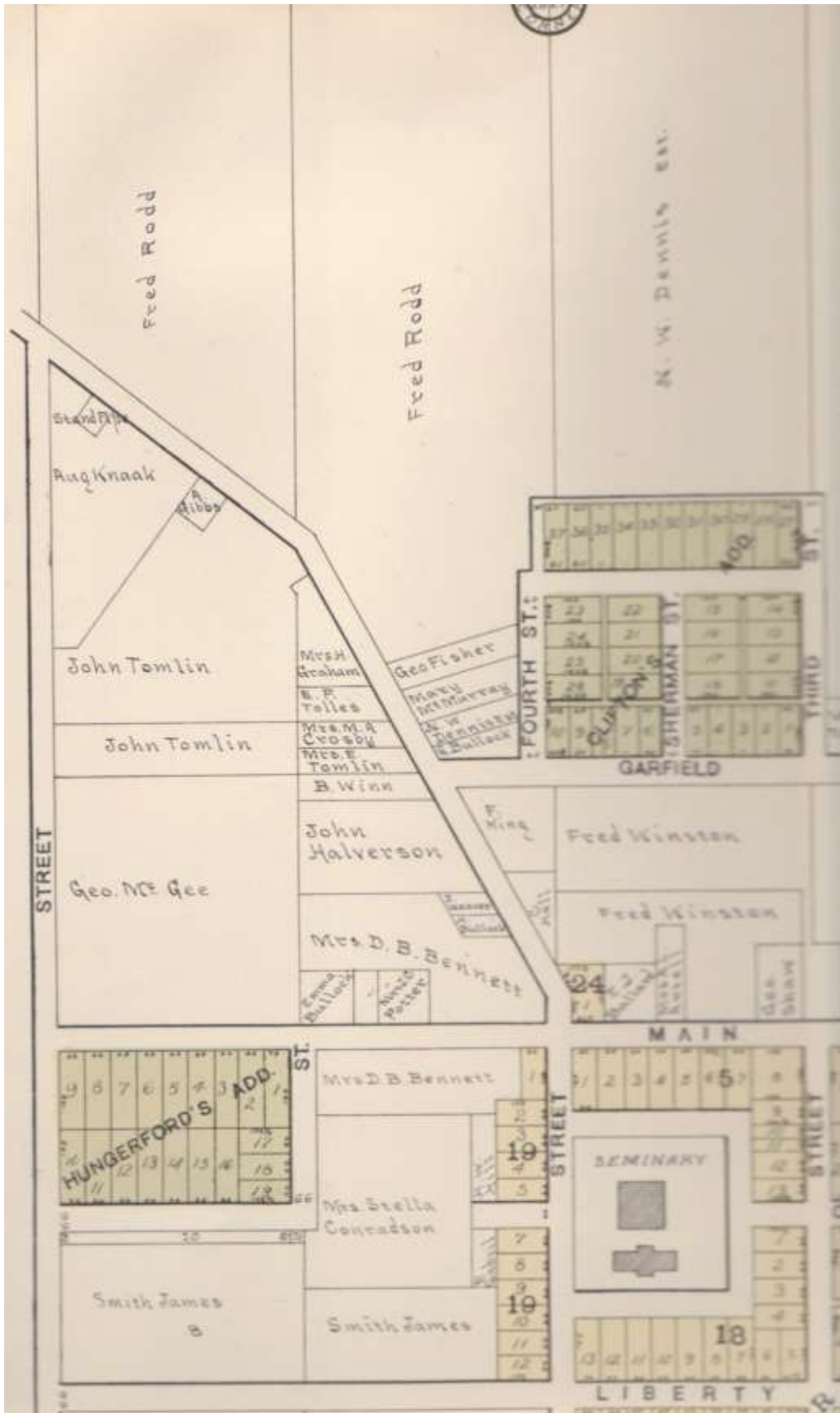
January 14, 1915, Evansville Review, p. 5, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

terian church.  
Miss Johephine Knudson arrived last week from Balboa Heights, Canal Zone, for a visit of six weeks with her sister, Mrs. Clarence Winston of this city, and at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Knudson, of Fellows Station.

May 20, 1915, Evansville Review, p. 5, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

**T MRS. MARY POTTER DIES**  
Mrs. Mary S. Potter, 65, and well known here, died Saturday night at the Beloit General hospital. Her death was due to a general breaking down. While she had been in poor health for some time, her condition was not regarded as serious. She was in the hospital only three and a half days when the end came, and up to that time had been able to get about. Mrs. Potter was born December 13, 1849, on the farm that belonged to her father, John W. Winston, which was on the Janesville road, between Fellows and Leyden. For the past thirty years she had lived in Beloit. Her husband died six years ago.  
She is survived by a niece, Mrs. Roy Robertson, of Des Moines, Ia., and a nephew, Lloyd Pullen, of Kansas City, Mo. Funeral services were held at her late home 723 Church street, Beloit, being conducted by Rev. W. A. Rowell, of the First Congregational Church. The remains were brought to the home of George L. Pullen, this city, Tuesday, where Rev. D. Q. Grabbill, of the First Congregational Church, conducted services at 3 o'clock. The pall-bearers were: Messrs. Clinton Scofield, T. C. Richardson, Everett Van Patten, R. M. Richmond, Charles Spencer and Louis Spencer. Interment was made in Maple Hill cemetery.

October 14, 1915, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin



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## TRIM REAPER CALLS HOME OLD CITIZEN

Sunday afternoon, while chatting with relatives and friends, John Winston, a resident of Wisconsin for more than three-quarters of a century, suddenly threw back his head in the chair which he was sitting, gave one gasp, and died. The demise was wholly unexpected, the aged man previously having joined heartily in the conversation with not an outward sign of impending death. He had been in poor health, however, during the whole winter.

Mr. Winston was a native of New York state and was born in Chenango county November 25, 1837. In 1841 he came to Wisconsin with his parents. From the virgin forest the father hauled the logs to make cabin quarters for his family in now what is the town of Porter. At a later date a more dignified log home was built and the shell of this structure can still be seen on the Janesville-Madison road near Fellows' station.

On November 2, 1859, in Janesville, Mr. Winston was united in marriage to Marian Van Schaack.

Mr. Winston was a carpenter and for years had been affiliated in building lines here and throughout Rock county. His death removes not only from the county but from Wisconsin another of those few remaining pioneers of hardy stock which struck out to the near uninhabited west close to a century ago and laid the foundation for the state for that which it is to-day. The deceased is survived by his widow and three children, one daughter, Leila, who resides at home, and two sons, Henry, of Chloride, N. M., and Clarence, of Evansville. A daughter, Edith May, died in 1881.

The funeral was held in the family home on the corner of Main and Second streets on Tuesday afternoon.

William P. Pearce officiated. Mr. Winston was one of the charter members of the Baptist church in Evansville and for nearly a quarter of a century was secretary of the Sunday school. He was a quiet, unassuming little Christian gentleman. He will be missed in many respects. Interment was at Maple Hill cemetery.

## DR. WINSTON DIES IN WEST BURIED HERE

Dr. V. E. Winston, the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Winston, died at Keystone, South Dakota, Saturday. The remains were brought here Tuesday morning and funeral services were held at the F. H. Winston home yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, the Rev. D. Q. Grabill, of Fort Atkinson, officiating. Interment at Maple Hill cemetery.

Dr. Winston was a successful physician and surgeon. He was born October 4, 1879, and was educated in the city schools, from which he entered the Physicians and Surgeons' Medical college, graduating in June 1903. He practiced in Chicago for about a year, and then located in Friendship, where he made a great many warm friends during the four years' residence at that place. From there he went West and located at Keystone, S. Dak., where he practiced until his death.

He leaves to mourn his death, his widow, Emerald Matson Winston, of Keystone, S. Dak.; his father, mother and sister, Ruth Winston, all of this city, and a daughter, Therese, of Boise, Idaho, by a former marriage; also the large circle of friends he made during his practice at Keystone. He was a member of the Masonic lodge at Friendship.

Evansville Review, p. 1, November 16, 1916, Evansville, Wisconsin

Word has been received that Frank Winston formerly of this city, who has for several years been running a store at Fairbury, N. M. lost the store and contents by fire last Friday night.

January 4, 1923, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

## Pioneer Gone

Edwin Winston, one of California's oldest pioneers, passed away at his home on the San Francisco highway, Wednesday morning, Jan. 9, having been taken ill about a week before. He was born in the state of New York in 1832 and had he lived until February 28 of the present year he would have reached the rare old age of 92 years.

When the golden opportunities of the days of '49 reached the East and bade men tempt the long and tedious journey across the continent for the sake of "gold," he was one of the first to yoke his oxen to the prairie schooner and come "west."

For a number of years he mined for the precious metal, and very interesting to all who knew him were the tales of his experiences in those early days of our state's history.

Shortly before coming to Sunnyvale to reside some seven years ago, he was married at Petaluma. During their residence here, owing to his advanced age, the grocery business in which they were engaged was conducted almost entirely by his wife, who now survives him.

Among the relatives left to mourn his loss is an only daughter by a former marriage, Mrs. Maud Axtell of Evansville, Wisconsin, one granddaughter, Dorothy Axtell Glese, living in Cleveland, Ohio, and many nieces and nephews now living in 8 different states.

The Rev. H. J. Richards, pastor of the M. E. church of Santa Clara, is a grand nephew.

Funeral services were held from the funeral chapel of the Santa Clara Undertaking company at 2 o'clock this Friday afternoon and interment was made in the Santa Clara cemetery.—Sunnyvale (Cal.) Standard.

January 24, 1924, Evansville Review

## OBITUARY

FRED H. WINSTON, 1853-1924

Fred H. Winston was born in Evansville, Wisconsin, July 16, 1853, departing this life, September 10, 1924. The funeral services will be held at the home of his sister, Mrs. V. A. Axtell, Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. O. W. Smith in charge.

November 14, 1900, Mr. Winston was married to Miss Agnes Rye, of Johnstown.

He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, Agnes, and a daughter, Mrs. H. Weygand, children by a former marriage, one son, Dr. Vern Winston, having preceded him in death; two brothers, Frank H. of Fairview, New Mexico, George P. of Clermont, Florida, and a sister, Mrs. V. A. Axtell, of this city. Also one grand-daughter, Theresa Winston, of Madison.

The deceased was a man whom to know was to love. Genial and pleasant to all he met, his friends may be numbered by the score, not only among people of his own age, but among those of the younger generation, for love of children has been one of the strong features of his life and has endeared him to many who later grew up into mature men and women. In the passing of Mr. Winston there are many in Evansville who feel there has gone from them a dear friend, whom they will sorely miss.

September 11, 1924, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

### **Kate Winston Kling Lazenby**

Mrs. Lazenby, better known to relatives and friends here as Mrs. Winston, passed away Sunday morning at her home at Long Beach, California.

Mrs. Lazenby grew to young womanhood in this city, she was the daughter of Ruben and Helen Winston. She married Henry Kling, Principal of the High School, living here for several years, later moving to Chicago. Mr. Kling died in Chicago. Mrs. Kling then moved to Long Beach, California, where she married Robert Lazenby.

Mrs. Lazenby was a member of the Eastern Star

The deceased is survived by her husband, and daughter, Mrs. Grace Biedinger, East Chicago, Indiana, and three Grandchildren.

December 1, 1927, Evansville Review, p. 5, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

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# Clarence E. Winston Dies Suddenly Thurs.

## Funeral Rites Held Saturday Afternoon In Roderick Funeral Home

C. E. Winston, 75, of 203 W. Main street, died unexpectedly at 10:30 Thursday in the home of a neighbor, Will Stryne, where he was visiting.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Roderick funeral home with the Rev. C. W. Bloedow, Baptist pastor, officiating. Burial was in Maple Hill cemetery.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hill Winston, he was born Jan. 9, 1874, in Evansville, and had lived here all his life. He was educated in local schools and was employed as a contractor and builder. He was married Nov. 6, 1912, in Evansville to Annetta Knudson Njos. Mr. Winston was a member of the Knights of Pythias.

Surviving are his wife, a sister, Miss Lelia Winston, Long Beach, Calif., and several cousins.

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Evansville, Wisconsin

# Large Group Attends 100th Anniversary Of Baptist Church

By Mrs. H. S. Spooner  
(Continued from last week)

We served all sorts of church suppers, meals downtown on election day when farmers came in horse-draw rigs to vote and visit. The women served meals at the Rock county fair for nearly a week at a time, taxing the strength and ingenuity of everyone.

The most colorful event was an annual chrysanthemum show. Small plants were purchased in the spring, grown in the gardens during the summer, potted, and sold in bloom about Thanksgiving time.

The men had a booster club; their outstanding accomplishment was an annual fish dinner.

In 1918 the Mission Circle and the Ladies Aid combined. Today we have one vigorous women's society that accomplished many things.

In 1912, just before Rev. T. T. Phelps came, there was a movement to unite the Baptist and Congregational churches. We worshipped together for a short time, but when voting time came, the 90% of votes required for joining were not forthcoming. We are still on opposite sides of the street.

During Rev. Phelps' pastorate we did unite with the Free Will Baptists.

The Evansville Free Will Baptist church was organized in 1841, its membership of 41 coming from Magnolia and Union. We read that Byron Campbell sawed lumber for the Free Baptist church in 1854, so we assume the church was built in 1854 or 1855. From the Evansville Review in 1867 we find "the Free Will Baptist church has a good building, a membership of 72. Rev. J. E. Davis, pastor. A flourishing Sabbath School, W. W. Patchin, superintendent."

In 1910, Robert Dunlap conducted special meetings in which the Free Will and Regular Baptists joined.

In 1913, after the state conventions of the two Baptist churches had united, the two in Evansville voted to unite, to be known as the Baptist Church of Evansville. Forty-four members coming from the Free Will church, and a number from Union living in Evansville, gave a new impetus to Evansville Baptist work.

The Free Will church was sold to the Free Methodist congregation immediately. Two years later they bought the parsonage. This enabled the Baptist church to buy its present parsonage.

Through the years the work with young people has been carried on. The name changed from Christian Endeavor in the 1890's to Baptist Young People's in the 1900's, and now it is Baptist

## THE UNION BAPTIST CHURCH by Lucy B. Porter

The earliest cooperative effort of New England groups who came to Wisconsin in the early settlement of the state was directed toward the establishment of schools and churches.

We find that the Rev. Jeremiah Murphy was sent to Wisconsin by the American Baptist Home Mission Society in November, 1842. He settled in Rock county and worked as a missionary at Jamesville and Union. He was the moderator at the establishment of the Union Baptist church on January 21, 1844. John Winston was clerk and a set of resolutions was adopted organizing a regular Baptist church with powers to receive members and discipline.

The original 13 members were: Andrews, Jr., Erasmus Bragg, Amanda Winston, Hamilton B. Weston, John Demick, Fanny Webb, Jeremiah Murphy, Elizabeth Murphy, and Sally Cadman.

In 1854 eight members of the Root family came into the church by letter. In the following three years 21 members were admitted by letter.

At those early meetings, members were admitted or dismissed at permanent meetings. The minutes of meetings always ended with the phrase "A true copy of record" and the secretary's signature.

Meetings were held at various school houses of the community and most frequently at The Grove (now Evansville).

A Rutland (Dane county) Baptist church which was organized about 1845 was meeting in school houses and homes, one of which was the cabin of Harvey Biglow, located on the present site of Silo Acres. On April 14, 1850, a joint meeting of the Rutland and Union Baptist churches was held and it was voted to unite the two churches.

Nineteen members of the Rutland church were received into the Union church by letter Feb. 7, 1851. Six members were admitted in April, and one member in May.

Elder Pickett began his pastorate at Union in February, 1851.

A New England custom of having two distinct organizations—one called a church and the other a society—was brought to Wisconsin by New England Baptists. Membership in the organizations was not always identical. The society was apparently an organization to carry on the business affairs of the church, while the church was particularly concerned with the spiritual needs of its members.

In 1851 a Baptist society was organized at Union and the following trustees elected: G. E. Newman, M. A. Root, H. L. Smith, H. Biglow, and J. Boyer.

The organization now felt able to build a permanent church home and purchased a site from a Mr. Page.

Wisconsin

of Mrs. Ernest Ballard and Mrs. Mary Parker, grandfather of Eileen Ballard Beath; Deacon Daniel Rowley, father of Mrs. A. C. Gray, grandfather of Carl, Paul, and Bernice Gray Waddell. Always a pillar of the church, when it was without a pastor it was Deacon Rowley who read Spurgeon's Sermons to the congregation. He read with great eloquence and feeling.

Whether the covenant meeting played as important a part in the spiritual life, and the church government of the Evansville church as it did in the Union church we do not know, as there is no record to tell us of their Christian experiences or of their shortcomings. The Union records tell us of covenant meetings that filled them with a great awareness of God, of His loving kindness, and their dependence on him. At other meetings the Spirit did not reveal itself and they left with no feeling of uplift.

They wrote also of other covenant meetings where matters of discipline had to be considered, committees appointed to labor with the wayward. The Union membership was often in a turmoil.

Some members had missed too many covenant meetings. One member sold alcohol for a beverage. Until he was dealt with the Walworth Association would not accept the Union church into its fold. Two women took their children to see the circus animals; alas, they stayed to see the show and were publicly reprimanded. All these problems were pondered in covenant meetings.

The Women's Society was started Oct. 16, 1867. After electing a committee to "draw up" by-laws and a constitution, officers were elected and a name chosen: The Ladies Benevolent

Rev. C. A. Wilson, prayer by Rev. James Churm, Rev. O. P. Bestor gave the address, "The Past, Present, and Future of the Society," and J. W. Hoag gave the benediction.

Mr. Hoag resigned before the church was finished, and Rev. Rolvix Harlan followed him.

Caleb Snashall died suddenly in February of 1904. All regretted he could not see the completion of the church. The work was finished by John Winston and his son Clarence who had been co-workers with Mr. Snashall. In May of 1904 the church was opened for services, and June 12 it was dedicated.

The Evansville Review reported "The edifice is neat, tasty, modern in its appointments. In the evening it was emblazoned in its beauty and there was not room enough for those who wished to attend. The resident ministers assisted by their presence, Rev. D. W. Hulbert of Wauwatosa and W. Hoag and Eliot of Chicago made telling points of the future life of the church.

"The musical part was well rendered. The financial report showed \$12,000 value of the building. Indebtedness of \$3,700 of which about half was raised that night by popular subscription."

The pastorates of Mr. Hoag and Rev. Harlan are remembered as particularly gratifying both in the spiritual life of the church and the temporal.

During these active years we had most energetic Ladies Aid. They earned money in many ways. Leadership came from Mrs. Adelaide Johnson, Mrs. Luo J. Morgan, Mrs. A. C. Gray, the Misses Elizabeth and Margaret Gillies, all active and willing to plan and work.

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