

Sperry Family

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—Mr. Gillman gives us information of the narrow escape of Mr. Josiah Sperry, from a stroke of lightning, Thursday. Also Mr. Wheelock, working on the farm of John Scarles, was knocked senseless, and when recovered was lying in a pool of water.

June 21, 1876, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Sperry Bros. of Porter, threshed on Wednesday from one till seven, for Elmer Bullard of Union, one thousand and one bushels of oats, machine measure. We have the assurance to say this is the largest quantity of oats threshed in that time.

September 12, 1877, p. 2, col. 3, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Sketches of the Early History of Union
BY AN OLD SETTLER.

About noon of that day, Hiram Griffith and his father arrived at the camp, coming up from the south, crossing Allen's Creek about where Owen's mill now stands. Mr. Griffith being a man that went through the world with both eyes open discovered at this place a good water power, which he afterwards improved by erecting a sawmill that cut most of the lumber that was used in this vicinity for a number of years.

When he left Rock Grove, thinking the advance party might be getting short of rations, brought along a few bushels of potatoes.

Soon after reaching the camp his father was taken sick, although being a man full of resources, always ready for any emergency, yet the thought of remaining over night with his sick father so far from any human aid almost disheartened him. He finally concluded as the best thing to do, was to go back to Rock Grove as soon as possible, where he emptied his potatoes in a pile on the ground and wrote on the end board again, "Eat up your potatoes and then go to Rock Grove," he started back. As he passed out through that beautiful little opening South of Mr. Munger's, he remarked, "there was where he should stick his stake," and suiting his action to his words, got out of his wagon, cut a stake, kewed the bark off of one side, wrote his name on it and drove it into the ground. This spot is probably a little north of where Mr. Munger's barn now stands.

This was the last and all he had seen of this country until he came on the next spring with his family, driving up to his stake, commenced improvements.

Stephen Jones decided to locate where the camp was, including the spring. And while the rest of the party were employed in looking up section lines and corners, he improved his time in cutting and drawing logs for a house, that he might have the help of the rest of the party to put it up before their

proved his time in cutting and drawing logs for a house, that he might have the help of the rest of the party to put it up before their return, which they willingly did.

While they were raising the house there came along a man with a breaking team and plough. He had started from Janesville in search of a job, and seeing wagon tracks, made by this party sagaciously concluded there was an emigrant at the end of it who would want some breaking done, so followed the trail. He was not long in striking a bargain with Mr. Jones to break ten acres, for which he was to receive twenty dollars.

The rest of the party being about ready to start homewards, and not having eaten all their potatoes, gave the remainder to Mr. Jones to plant. He dropped them along the furrows and the plow turned the sod over them. Here was the first house built, the first furrow plowed and the first potatoes planted in the town of Union.

Erastus Quiyey selected the land now owned by Joul Campbell, and moved on to it the following November, living in a cloth tent while he erected a small house as a more comfortable shelter for a family of small children, the youngest an infant of only a few months old and which did not survive the hardships of the first winter. It was buried on school section; being the first death and burial in town.

Boyd Phelps selected the farm now owned by Mr. Elnathan Sawtelle, reaching north half a mile, including of what is now the Cemetery, and a part of Mr. C. J. Mitchell's farm.

The rest of the party returned to La Porte without making any selections.

In order to show the influence exerted in the early settlement of this country by Messrs. Quiyey and Griffith, following is a list of names, persons who immediately followed them from La Porte county, within a few years, to make their homes in this and adjoining towns, most of whom were personally acquainted with Quiyey and Griffith before coming here:

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 tled in the town of Union. Wilson
 McLaughlin, Seymour Smith, J. W.
 Hazelton, John Hazelton, who
 settled in the town of Brooklyn.

January 17, 1877, Evansville Review, p. 2, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

—On Wednesday of last week Dr. Stair assisted by Dr. Spencer, removed an epithelial cancerous growth from Mr. C. B. Sperry's face. Mr. Sperry who is one of the best known and esteemed farmers of the town of Porter, has been troubled more or less for four years by this growth. It is hoped now that an lutive cure will be effected.

December 20, 1887, Evansville Review, p.

4, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

The many friends of Mr. Chas. Sperry, of Porter township, will be pleased to learn that he is much more comfortable since having the cancer in the side of his face removed by Drs. Evans on Thursday last.

November 9, 1889, Tribune, Evansville, Wisconsin

Miss Zoe Rogers was a guest of her aunt, Mrs. John Sperry last week.

July 22, 1899, p. 2, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Wm. M. Tolles and Hiram Sperry propose starting out with a corn shredder next week. There will be plenty of work for them.

"Porter", The Badger, Evansville, Wisconsin, Nov. 4, 1899

Miss Jennie Sperry has been visiting friends in Footville.

February 10, 1900, The Badger, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

✓ Josiah Sperry & Sons have made themselves a tobacco setting machine that promises to eclipse any other machine on the market.

June 14, 1892, Evansville Review

Born, March 10 to Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Sperry, a son.

March 16, 1901, The Badger, Evansville, WI

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Sperry, of Porter, Sunday, March 10, 1901.

March 19, 1901, p. 3, col. 5, The Tribune, Evansville, Wisconsin

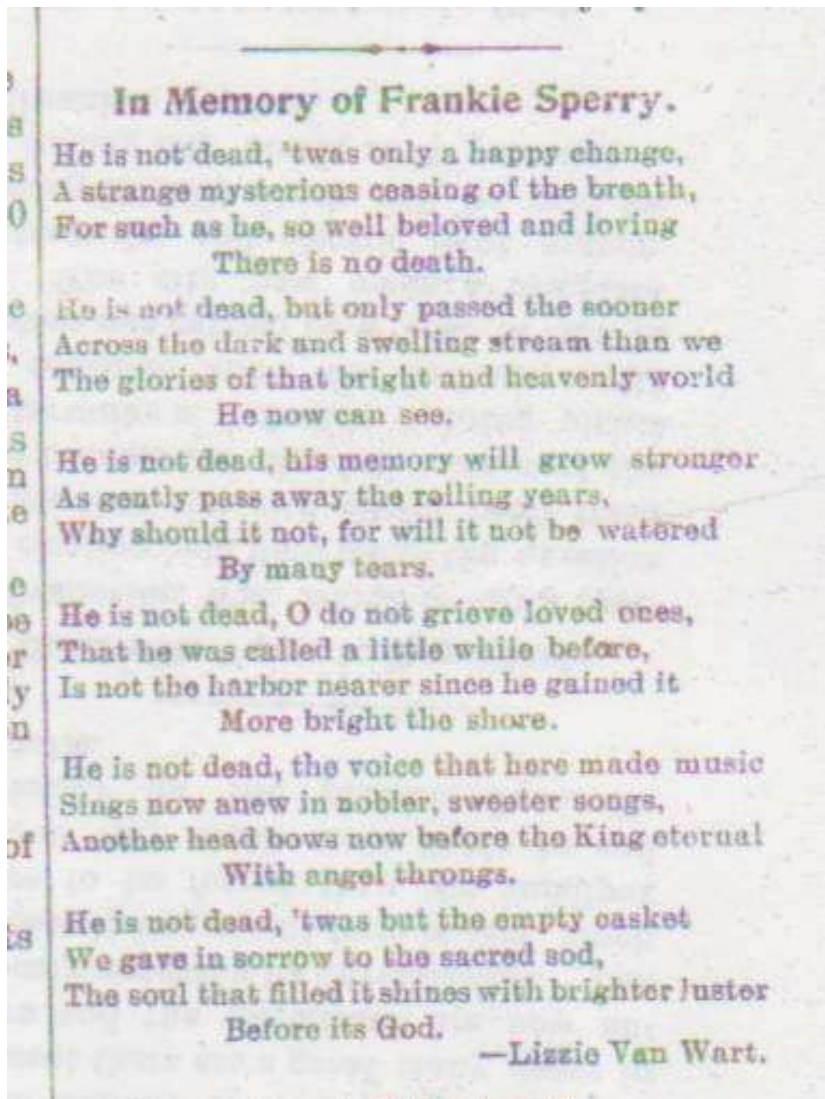
Mr. Frank Sperry, aged 17 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sperry of Porter, died Friday night of Bright's disease. The funeral was held Monday.

March 7, 1902 Enterprise

✓ The community was pained to hear of the death of Frank Sperry, who died on Friday, Feb. 27, 1902, aged 17 years and 4 days, after a lingering illness of about two months. Frank was a bright, congenial boy, the pride of the home he resided in, making friends with all who knew him in his own boyish way. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. McDonnell at the home of his grandmother Mrs. Mary Sperry, Monday, March 3rd, interment being in the Evansville cemetery. The pall bearers were the young man's own selection, being Fred Denison, Arthur Koylock, Jerome Collins, Bernie Heilly, Gabriel Ludden and Willis Griffith.

March 4, 1902, The Tribune, p. 4, col. 7,

Evansville, Wisconsin



March 11, 1902, p. 3, col. 7, The Tribune,

Evansville, Wisconsin

Levi Sperry and wife left Tuesday night for Highmore, S. D., where they will visit the latter's parents.

August 23, 1902, p. 1, Badger, col. 2 Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. Jonah Sperry, an old resident of the town of Porter has leased her farm for a term of years, and with her son Hiram, will locate in Evansville,

April 2, 1903, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. Belle Sperry was called to Janesville, last Saturday, by the serious illness of her brother-in-law, Eugene Wilcox, who sometime ago suffered a paralytic stroke. He had just returned from a hospital in Chicago, and the physicians there say there are no hopes of his ever being any better. Mrs. Wilcox will be remembered by our people as formerly Nettie Mabie and friends here sympathize with her in her trouble.

April 11, 1903, The Badger, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Hiram Sperry and S. Brooks took their departure Wednesday for the Mississippi river, to engage in pearling.

May 2, 1903, p. 1, col. 3, Badger, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. Josiah Sperry had the misfortune to fall and seriously injure her right hip; at present she is lying as comfortable as could be expected and her many friends hope for a speedy recovery.

April 16, 1904, The Badger, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Hiram Sperry and family are now located in the Greatsinger house on east Main street; the Greatsinger family having recently removed to Beloit.

November 18, 1905, The Badger, Evansville, Wisconsin

A number of the relatives of Mr. and Mrs. John Sperry met at their home Tuesday evening, to assist in the celebration of their wedding anniversary. A pleasant time was had and Mr. and Mrs. Sperry were presented with a handsome dining room table in memory of the occasion.

November 22, 1906, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

A Pleasant Surprise.

Last Tuesday, Nov. 20th, was the twenty-eight wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Sperry; and while they were away from home, late in the afternoon, the near relatives took possession of their home, and upon their return they were very much surprised to find the house filled with unexpected guests.

The party, numbering about twenty, included Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Barnard, father and mother of Mrs. Sperry, and the brothers and sisters of both Mr. and Mrs. Sperry. The affair was successfully planned by their daughter, Mrs. Olive Hubbard. The guests came with well-filled baskets, and a delicious supper was served. Mr. and Mrs. Sperry were presented with a beautiful 12foot dining table, which they appreciate very highly.

November 23, 1906, Enterprise, p.3, col. 3, Evansville,

Wisconsin

—Hiram Sperry is loading a car with his household goods, farm implements and horses, and will leave Wednesday for Fairchild, where he recently purchased a fine farm about five miles northwest of that city. Mrs. Sperry and little son Lloyd will leave Thursday. We regret their removal from our city, but wish them health and success in their new home. They will be but a short distance from Frank Tolles, Harvey Graves, Ray Elwood and E. Blakely, all of whom recently moved there from this vicinity. From all reports they are located in a productive district, the crops having been much better than the crops in this section, this year.

October 15, 1907, Tribune, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

A company of relatives and friends gave Levi Sperry a very agreeable surprise Saturday, in honor of his birthday. A splendid supper was served and the evening was most pleasantly spent in a variety of entertainment. Mr. Sperry received several tokens of remembrance, among them being a fine gold watch fob. Several out-of-town friends were here for the occasion.

April 27, 1911, "Additional Locals" Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Will Liston and wife of Orfordville visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Sperry, over Sunday.

April 27, 1911, "Home News", Evansville, Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Henry Sperry of Rockford, Ill. spent Sunday with his brothers, John and Levi Sperry of this city.

April 27, 1911, "Home News", Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. Levi Sperry was called to Orfordville Saturday on account of the illness of her daughter Mrs. Will Liston.

May 4, 1911, Evansville Review, p. 4, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

A very pleasant time was enjoyed when thirty-seven members of the Sperry family gathered at the home of Mrs. Cora Sperry Liston of Orfordville and enjoyed a picnic dinner and supper. Some of those present were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Sperry, Mr. and Mrs. John Sperry, Mr. and Mrs. Leir Sperry, Mr. Lloyd Hubbard and family, Mr. and Mrs. Art Simpson, Mrs. Minnie Tolles and son, Mr. Frank Sperry, Mr. Eddie Sperry, wife and family, Paul Paulson and Ben Tampke and wife from Janesville and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cain and children from Footville. Pictures were taken of all present.

August 21, 1912, p. 6, Janesville Daily Gazette, "Today's Evansville News", Janesville, Wisconsin

MRS. MARGARET LAMB DIES

On Friday morning at quarter of ten at her home in Evansville, Wisconsin, occurred the death of Mrs. Margaret Lamb after a lingering illness which lasted several months. Every aid which medical science could give or suggest was tried but all to no avail. When told her end was near she manifested no fear and only regretted that she could not be spared to comfort those who were so dear to her. She was devoted to the service of God and in her dying moments rejoiced that she was going to a better world, to a bright and happy heavenly home where sorrow never enters and parting is unknown.

Mrs. Lamb's maiden name was Margaret Norton. She was born on the seventh of May, 1844, in Canada.

When eighteen years old she moved with her parents to Rochester, New York. Then she moved with her parents twelve miles east of Rochester, town of Parington, Monroe county. At the age of eleven years she moved with her parents to Brooklyn Green county, Wisconsin, where she grew to womanhood.

On March 21, 1865 she was married to Mike Costalo. He was killed in the battle of the Wilderness. She then married William Eggleston, five children being born to this union. Later she married Edward Lamb, February 11, 1878, five children being born to this union.

In 1906 she moved to Evansville, Wisconsin, where she resided until her death.

The funeral services were held at the Catholic church at this place, Father McDermott officiating. At the conclusion he paid a fitting tribute to the deceased and offered the relatives the only consolations that availeth aught at this sad hour of their bereavement—the hope of life beyond the grave. The remains were laid to rest in the Maple Hill cemetery at this place, followed by a large number of sympathizing friends.

The deceased leaves three sons, Fred and Charley Eggleston, and James Lamb, all of Evansville, Wis., and five daughters, Mrs. James Kingdon of Attica, Mrs. William Farnsworth of Dayton, Mrs. Edgar Sperry, Mrs. George Roby and Miss Nora Lamb all of Evansville, Wisconsin.

The pall-bearers were the sons-in-law: Mr. Harry Loomis, Mr. Edgar Sperry, Mr. George Roby, Mr. William Farnsworth, Mr. George Keylock, Mr. James Kingdon.

Weep not that her toils are over,
Weep not that her race is run.
God grant we may rest as calmly,
When our work, like her's is done.
Till then we yield with gladness
Our mother to Him to keep
And rejoice in the sweet assurance
He giveth His loved one sleep.

Edgar Sperry and family moved yesterday into their new home on South Madison Street, formerly owned by G. C. Roberts,

March 11, 1920, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. Margaret Sperry the first of the week took the place as clerk in the Grange Store left vacant by the marriage of Miss Lucinda McCoy.

June 18, 1925, Evansville Review, p. 5, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

CHAMPIONS OF ROCK VALLEY LEAGUE



Fourth Place In District Meet

Top row, left to right: H. Roderick, N. McCaffery, D. Thompson, L. Petersen, W. Propst. Middle row: K. Cain, Leo McCaffery, L. Merrill, A. Brooks, L. Thompson, L. McCaffery. Front row: Coach George O'Neil, B. Hubbard, H. Schuster, V. Hockett, R. Hubbard, S. Sperry.

March 20, 1930, Evansville Review, p. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

LOCAL YOUNG COUPLE TO BE MARRIED SOON

Miss Natalie Sperry to Become
Bride of Olaf Kloften; Will
Reside in Janesville

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Sperry announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Natalie Sperry, to Olaf Kloften, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ole Kloften, Cooksville. They will be married in the near future.

Miss Sperry was graduated from the local high school in 1926 and has been employed in the bindery of the Antes Press for the past three years. She is a member of the Eastern Star and is popular among Evansville's younger set.

Mr. Kloften, a former student of the Cooksville school, is employed at the Fisher body plant in Janesville. Following their marriage the couple will make their home in Janesville.

April 3, 1930, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 5, Evansville, Wisconsin

NATALIE SPERRY IS HONORED AT SHOWER

Miss Natalie Sperry, who recently announced her engagement and approaching marriage to Olaf Kloften, was guest of honor at a miscellaneous shower and bunco party given Friday night by Mrs. Charles Eggleston, 53 North Fourth street.

The sixteen guests present were entertained with a mock wedding presented by Mrs. Elaine Knoff and the Misses Lenora Rasmussen, Julia Wichern, and Genevieve Reynolds. The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion in pink and white with favors of the same colors.

April 10, 1930, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

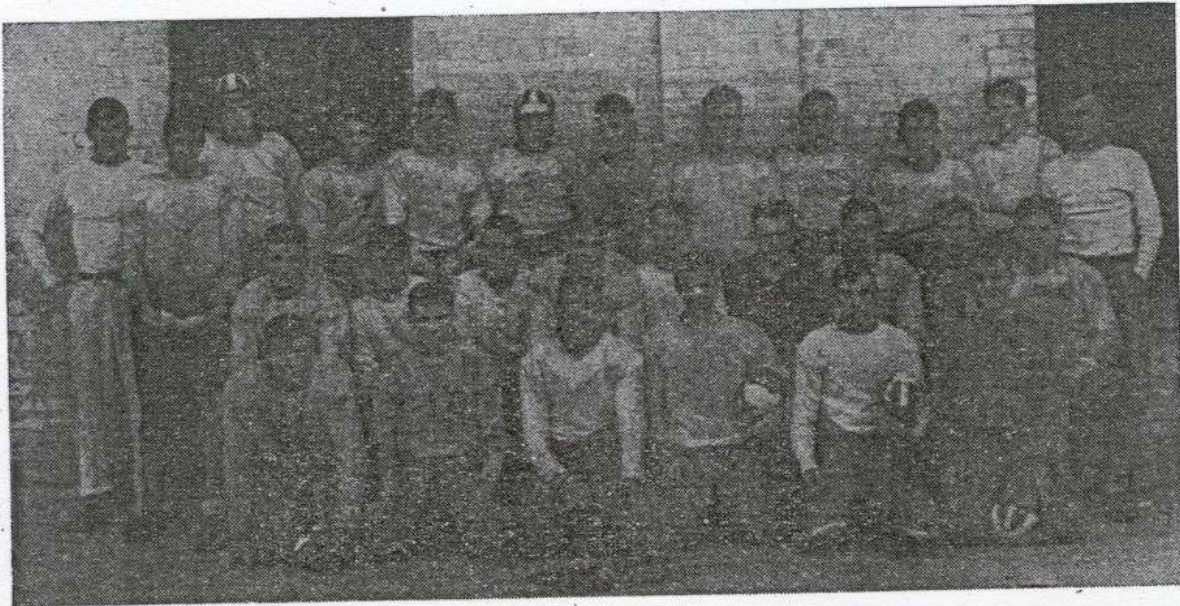
Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Kloften, Janesville, announce the birth of a daughter, Dawn Ellen, Sunday, in Mercy Hospital. Mrs. Kloften was formerly Miss Natalie Sperry. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Sperry visited them Sunday.

April 23, 1931, Evansville Review, p. 5, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

Hynes Tavern Café in a display advertisement in today's Review is announcing a special fried chicken dinner complete with all trimmings next Sunday for 45 cents. Saturday night specials at the café include fried fish and pork barbecues. Mrs. Martha Sperry is in charge of the kitchen.

August 1, 1935, Evansville Review, p. 5, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

1936 Evansville High Football Squad



Left to right Ted Greenway, Ted Thompson, James Bovre, Albert Gibbs, Burton Reese, and Bill Schuster. Second row left to right John McKenna, Will Mykytuik, Omar Haakenson, Leslie Haakenson, Don Montgomery, Don Rosen, Robert Graham and Roland Worthing. Standing are Roger Anderson, asst. coach, Clayton Sperry, "Babe" Brunsell, Prentice Eager, James Tuttle, Robert Hubbard, Jerome Lynch, Charles Larson, Laverne Helgeson, Howard Brunsell, Phil Croak and Coach Geo. O'Neil.

October 15, 1936, Evansville Review, p. 8, col. 1-3, Evansville, Wisconsin

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November 12, 1936, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

MRS. A. J. LEMKE DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Death Follows Goiter Operation At Madison After Illness Of Over Two Years

Mrs. A. J. Lemke, 56, died Friday evening in Wisconsin General hospital after two years of ill health climaxed by a goiter operation last Monday.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Allen Funeral home, with Elder H. W. Woodstock of the Latter Day Saints church officiating. Burial was in Maple Hill cemetery. Pallbearers were Fred Sperry, Edgar Sperry, Charles Hoague, Kenneth Cain, Donald Ellis, and Everett Combs.

Mrs. Lemke was born Mabel Sperry, in the town of Porter Jan. 4, 1881. She married A. J. Lemke, Whitewater, and the couple settled on a farm north of Janesville, where they lived until 1920 when they moved to Evansville.

Survivors include her husband; three daughters, Mrs. Charles Miller, Madison, Mrs. Stanley Drafahl, Evansville, and Mrs. Peter Finstad, Dodge; a son, Ivan Lemke, Lansing, Mich.; three grandchildren, her mother, Mrs. Minnie Sperry, Evansville; and three sisters, Mrs. Arthur Cain, and Mrs. Henry Reamer, Evansville, and Mrs. Max Edelstein, Phelps.

June 24, 1937, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville,

Wisconsin

Mrs. Sperry, of Evansville, Dies of Heart Attack

Evansville—Mrs. Henry Sperry, 79, died unexpectedly in her home on Lincoln street at 10:30 p. m. Saturday of a heart attack. She had been ill only a half-hour.

She was formerly Miss Minnie Belle Lowry, daughter of the late Samuel and Jane Finley Lowry, and was born at Rolling Prairie, Ind., Sept. 16, 1860, where she grew to young womanhood. She was married to Henry Sperry, Porter township, July 3, 1877, in Lake Geneva.

After their marriage, they lived on a farm in the town of Porter several years, moving from there to a farm at North Johnstown, where they resided for five years, then going to Beloit in 1904. They came to Evansville to live in 1925.

Mrs. Sperry was a member of the Reorganized church of Latter Day Saints. Mr. Sperry died April 29, 1926, and a daughter, Mrs. Mabel Lamke, Evansville, died June 18, 1937.

Survivors are three daughters, Mrs. Jennie Cain and Mrs. Lola Reimer, Evansville, and Mrs. Ethel Edelstein, Chicago; 10 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren. She was the last surviving member of her father's family.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Tuesday in the Allen funeral home, Elder Henry Woodstock, Madison, of the Latter Day Saints church, officiating. Burial will be in Maple Hill cemetery, Evansville.

Miss Eva Hollenback, Madison

s1940 Maple Hill Sexton's scrapbook, article probably from the

Janesville Gazette,

Edgar Sperry Resigns From School Position

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**Head Engineer For 22 Years
 Will Be Succeeded By
 Joseph Hartl**
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Edgar Sperry has resigned his position as chief engineer and janitor at the Evansville city schools after serving in that capacity the past 22 years. He will be employed at Everill's store formerly Finnans's Foods.

Mr. Sperry has not only done his work as janitor faithfully but has watched with interest the growth and development of the school and students. Many of the boys and girls whose career from kindergarten through graduation was watched by Ed. are now scattered over the world. The war has taken them to foreign lands and some of them will not return.

Down through the years Mr. Sperry, with the assistance of his helpers, has kept the buildings in A-1 shape and at all times has had the complete confidence of faculty and board members and students. He will be missed by those groups. Joseph Hartl has been engaged by the board of education to succeed Mr. Sperry.

July 5, 1945, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Evansville Pair Married 41 Years

**The Edgar Sperrys Quietly
 Observe Occasion Here
 In Madison Street Home**

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Sperry quietly observed their 41st wedding anniversary at their home here on South Madison street last Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Sperry were married Mar. 1, 1905 in Brooklyn, the home of Mrs. Sperry, who was formerly Miss Ella Lamb.

They resided in Beloit and near Brodhead before moving to this city nearly thirty years ago. Mr. Sperry was employed as head engineer at the Evansville city school buildings for many years.

He is a member of the Masonic, I.O. O.F. and Woodman lodges and both he and Mrs. Sperry are members of the Eastern Star and the Congregational church. Mr. Sperry is a past patron of the Star and Mrs. Sperry is an active worker in the church women's auxiliaries.

The couple has two daughters, Mrs. Olaf Kloften, Evansville, and Mrs. Wallace Everill, Evansville, and two grandchildren, Dawn and Roger Kloften.

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March 7, 1946, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

Rev. and Mrs. C. W. DUNN.
✓ William Bone, Fred Sperry and Ace Pierce returned to their homes here last Friday from a trip through the southern and western states including Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and Texas. Mr. Bone and Mr. Pierce purchased horses in the latter state.

April 25, 1946, Evansville Review, p. 5, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. Everett Combs Passes Last Friday

**Evansville Lifelong Resident
Dies After Long Illness
Services Sunday P.M.**

Mrs. Everett Combs, 54, a resident of Evansville most of her life, died at 1:10 a.m. Friday in St. Mary's hospital, Madison. She suffered a stroke Nov. 28, 1947, and had been in the hospital since then.

Funeral services were held at 3:30 p.m. Sunday in the Congregational church here with the Rev. Grant V. Clark, Roscoe, former pastor of the local Congregational church, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Francis Kranz, local pastor. Burial was in Maple Hill cemetery with Roy Reckord, William Benson, John Kennedy, William Cornell, A. M. Winn and J. R. Stott, acting as pall bearers.

Mrs. Combs, the former Faye Sperry, was born in the town of Porter April 5, 1895, the daughter of John H. and Flora J. Sperry. She was graduated from Evansville high school in 1914 and from Madison Commercial college in 1915. For several years she was employed in Madison but completed her business career as a member of the staff of the Farmers and Merchants bank, Evansville.

On Sept. 8, 1930, she was married in Crown Point, Ind., to Everett Combs and they have lived in Evansville since their marriage. Mrs. Combs was a member of the Congregational church.

Surviving are her husband, one sister, Mrs. Lloyd Hubbard, Evansville, and several nieces and nephews.

April 21, 1949, Evansville Review, p. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

The SPORTLITE

Peck Sperry, who is now playing his third straight year as a first stringer for the Evansville football team, is one of the leading reasons why the Blue Devils are third in league standings and are seemingly headed for one of their best seasons in late years.

The little halfback is the Blues' leading scorer so far this year, having scored 18 points in three games. He led the team in scoring last year with 26 points. And he seems to be picking up in every game. He didn't tally at all in the opening game, a scoreless tie with Oregon, scored once in the 26-0 humbling of Wisconsin High, and



Peck Sperry
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crossed the double line twice in the 19-19 tie with Jefferson last week.

Although he weighs only 145 and goes 5 feet, eight and one-half inches in height, Peck drives more like a fullback. Because of his size, he is also one of the speediest backs in the Badger Conference. In 25 ball carrying attempts he has gained a total of 148 yards for a sterling 6.4 average.

Peck is also one of the stalwarts of the local defensive contingent. Against a passing team he normally plays a defensive halfback post, employing his speed and quick reflexes for foiling the passing attacks of air-minded teams. When Evansville opposes a powerful running team, Peck moves up to the right line backer position. He is one of the surest tacklers for the Blue Devils.

As a sophomore he played only defense for Evansville. Last year he came into his own as a shifty and hard-driving ball carrier and has continued his form this year.

Hampered by a weak knee, Peck still manages to throw himself into every play with complete abandon. Last spring he was operated on to remove the cartilages from his right knee. To protect that knee, he has it taped thoroughly each game. But the yards of tape don't seem to hold him back much at all.

Peck doesn't restrict his activity to football. He has also earned three letters each in basketball and baseball. He has played guard for the Blue cagers the last three seasons and is the ace pitcher for the diamond team. In 1952 he pitched for the Edgerton Junior League team. He was approached last summer to pitch for the Miller High Life nine in the Madison Industrial league, but his knee operation prevented his accepting.

This is Peck's last year as an Evansville star. He will graduate next June and plans to attend some small college—he has not decided which as yet—where he will be able to play football.

Peck is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sperry, 206 S. Madison st.

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Scott Sperry

Marine Private Scott Sperry, son of Mrs. Stanley Sperry, Sr., and Marine Private Roger G. Bollerud, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morrion O. Bollerud of Rte. 2, Evansville, recently completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.

Marine recruits undergo more than 100 hours of physical conditioning, spend more than 80 hours learning how to drill, and devote



Roger Bollerud

June 1964
three weeks to rifle and pistol marksmanship in their 11-week training program. Several hours are devoted to spiritual and character-building courses. Production of good basic Marines and responsible patriotic citizens are the two primary objectives of the program.

Following graduation, they will report to Camp Pendleton, Calif., for advanced infantry training.



Marine Corporal Scot Sperry, son of Mrs. Iris M. Sperry of 155 E. Main St., Evansville, Wis., is a member of the second battalion, Fourth Marine Regiment, Third Marine Division in Vietnam.

The battalion participated in Operation Starlight and was awarded the Navy Union Citation by the Secretary of the Navy for their heroic action during the campaign. *Nov 1966*

The Battalion at the present time is providing security for several vital installations in the Phu Bai air strip area.

The following letter was recently received:

From: Commanding officer,
To: Commanding Officer, Second Battalion, 4th Marines,

Subj: Meritorious Performance of Duty; case of Corporal Scott Sperry 2082746 USMC, H Company, 2nd Bn 4th Mar.

1. During the period of 25-28 Oct. 66 the command at Camp Thuan-An received truly outstanding support from Cp. Scott Sperry and members of your command under his control.

2. During this assignment Cpl. Sperry worked diligently and enthusiastically carrying out his assignments under very trying weather conditions. He constantly exhibited sound professional knowledge, skill, initiative and judgement the supervision of his men therefore making an invaluable contribution to the defense and security of this Camp.

3. Please extend to your men the thanks of "A" Company, 3rd Shore Party Battalion and my personal compliments for a job well done.

W.E. Phelps.

From: Commanding Officer,
2d Battalion, 4th Marines,

To: Commanding Officer, Co.
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Subj: Meritorious Performance of Duty; case of Corporal Scott Sperry 2082746, USMC.

1. Forwarded, Please convey my compliments to Corporal Sperry and his men for a job well done.

A.E. Bench

Evansville Marine Is Wounded; Reaches U.S.

EVANSVILLE — Marine Sgt. *May 1967*

Scott Sperry, son of Mrs. Iris Sperry, 155 E. Main St., was wounded in action in Vietnam Sunday and last night had returned to the United States for treatment.

Sperry, who suffered wounds to the left arm while on patrol near Dang Ho, reached Bethesda, Md., last night, the Red Cross notified his mother. She spoke to him briefly on the telephone and he told her, "Don't worry; outside of a bad wrist, I'm okay." He said he expects to be hospitalized about six weeks at Great Lakes Naval Hospital.

The Evansville Marine was wounded when a booby trap was tripped and exploded. He told his mother the lieutenant who tripped the explosive device suffered two broken legs but was in good condition otherwise. The Marine recruiter yesterday told Mrs. Sperry that her son's prognosis was "good."

Sperry enlisted in the Marines March 15, 1964, and had been



SGT. SCOTT SPERRY

overseas since July, 1966. He volunteered for an extra year's duty because, his mother said, "He believes in what he was fighting for."

Sperry, who was promoted to sergeant after only two years and nine months in the Marines, was cited for meritorious performance of duty at Camp Thuan-An while a member of the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division.

Before he entered service, Sperry, a 1961 graduate of Evansville High School, attended Nebraska State College and was employed at the Chevrolet plant in Janesville.

Wounded in Viet Nam



Scott Sperry, son of Mrs. Stanley Sperry, Sr., was wounded in Viet Nam on Sunday, May 21, while on patrol duty in the Marines and has been flown back to the U. S. He is presently receiving treatment at the Great Lakes Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, Ill. His injuries include shrapnel wounds in his arm and hand.

The following members of his family visited him Sunday: his mother, Mrs. Sperry; his brothers, Ross and Jed; his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sperry, Jr. and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sperry, Evansville, and his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lindemann, Omaha, Neb. Sperry has been in the Marines the past three years and in Viet Nam for nearly one year.

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Residing at Continental Manor



Mrs. Weyrauch and Mrs. Roderick

The first resident to arrive at Evansville's new nursing home when it opened last week Thursday, July 1, was Mrs. Frank Fincher, who has been ill the past few weeks in the Stoughton Hospital and later at Stoughton nursing home. The second one to come to the local home was Mrs. Madge Allen and the third and fourth were Mrs. Harry Roderick, Sr. and Mrs. Chris Weyrauch who are shown in the above picture as they were enjoying the facilities of the spacious and well equipped Home lounge last Saturday morning.

The present staff personell includes, Clifford Woolever, director; Mrs. Alma Bone, director of nursing; Mrs. Dorothy

Rennels, Mrs. Lucy Mabie and Mrs. Marjorie Hipke, registered nurses, and nurse assistants, Mrs. Reve Andrew, Mrs. Claudia Cole, Mrs. Lydia Dwyer, Mrs. Miriam Hall, Mrs. Mary Lou Jones, Miss Veronica Ragsdale, Mrs. Shirley Christian and Mrs. Mabel Mauerman.

Mrs. Iris Sperry is food service director and her assistant cooks are Mrs. Evelyn Curless and Mrs. Eva Gilbert; Mrs. Elizabeth Reilly is the dietitian. Mrs. Judy Welch is housekeeper and Miss Bonnie Shikenjanski is the activity director. Several more will be arriving at an early date to take up their residences at the new home.

Vivian Gildner photo

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Evansville, Wisconsin

AT AGE 81 FRED SPERRY IS STILL BARBERING by Jane Whitmore

Fred and his wife Martha live with their daughter-in-law, Iris, and feel she is more like a daughter. They have lived together many years so they are extremely close to their grandchildren.

What is now known as the Ace Boode farm was owned by Fred's grandfather and this is where he was born and raised. His parents died when he was quite young so he had to go to work at an early age.

When he was seventeen he became an apprentice barber under Art Devine, and earned the whole sum of two dollars a week. He was with Art nearly twelve years and the shop was then located where Dr. Hagen now has his office.

He then joined Bernie Christianson when the shop was in the basement of the building now occupied by Zurfluhs. Later he worked with Bill Phelps and Henry Dixon. When Henry's son Bill became a barber he and Fred joined in partnership and their shop was in the basement of the Legion building. They were partners fifteen years, until Bill, and his wife Hazel, moved to Tuscon,

Arizona where they still live.

After Bill Dixon left, Gordon Hartin became Fred's apprentice and they later became partners, but not too long after that Fred sold his interest to Gordon. At this time Fred took some time off for an extended vacation to follow the baseball circuit and watch his son Stanley play.

Stan was an only child and they were justly proud of him. He was always good in sports and became a professional ball player. He was playing with the Philadelphia Athletics when he was injured sliding into second base. The injury slowed him down some and he was traded to Oklahoma City.

For awhile he was in the Texas league where his batting average was .375 and his fielding average was .98. Connie Mack bought him back and he played with the Athletics until he was again injured. After that he played in some of the minor leagues until advised by the doctor to give up baseball before he became permanently disabled.

When he returned to Evansville he and his wife bought the old Commercial



Here, Fred Sperry, who is 81 years young, relaxes in the living room of his home. It's not often you find Fred just sitting. He is a very active and busy man.

Hotel where they ran a restaurant and bar. Iris and his mother Martha did the cooking. Martha had been a cook for several years, at one time cooking for Doc Schuster when he had a restaurant where the East Main Gift store is now.

Fred put in a barber-shop in the hotel and ran it alone for some time so the family was working together as well as living together.

Even though Stan was their only child they had a good sized family. When his brother's wife died Fred and Martha took their four children and raised them as their own. They all became a very closely knit family.

Fred has always been very sports minded and he participated in harness racing. He also owned a saddle horse which he raced, making all the fairs in a wide area. For many years he played ball on local teams and grew to

love the game, but said he could not hold a candle to his son's ability.

He is probably the most avid sports fan over the longest period of time of anyone in Evansville. Whether it is baseball, football or basketball he has attended nearly every game over a span of five or six decades.

His grandsons are proud of his record, and the fact he attends even though none of his kin are playing. He loves to go and root for the

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home team. Guess he has set some sort of a record for this.

Fred has an excellent memory and likes to reminisce, especially about baseball. He has lots of interesting stories to tell as he followed Stan around the country often, and has met many of baseball's greats.

He is now working three days a week for the Palmer Curtis barbershop in Albany and does his own driving back and forth. On Monday afternoons he does barbering at the Continental Manor. This is the highlight of his week because he has so much fun visiting with the men while working. He thinks it is a great place and is amazed at the amount of attention the residents get from the staff, unlike many nursing homes.

If you enjoy talking about sports or just want information about certain games or athletes Fred would be the man to talk to. Guess I said the wrong thing when I said he was eighty one years old---that's wrong. He is eighty one years young.

Ross Sperry's Oil Painting To Be Exhibited



The Wisconsin Regional Artists Association and the University of Wisconsin Extension Arts Department held the first of the 1983 regional art shows in Monroe at the Monroe Arts and Activities Center. Coordinated by Gretchen Thompson and Leslee Corpier, director of the Wisconsin Regional Art Program, the featured speaker was Marian Vieux of Milwaukee. Marion gave a most interesting slide program on her art of "wrapping trees" and reproducing photographs of these

trees in unusual wrap.

Of the ninety-six entries representing thirty-four artists, eighteen were selected for the state show to be held in Madison in September. Evansville is to be represented by a local artist, Ross Sperry. His oil painting "Wisconsin's Cold" accurately captures the feeling of a snow-covered, leafless winter landscape and will be exhibited at Lowell Hall in Madison from August 20th through September 17th.

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Evansville, Wisconsin

IRIS SPERRY

Iris Sperry, of 237 W. Main St., Evansville, died on Sunday, August 10, 1986 at home.

She married Stanley Sperry in November, 1934. She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary and was a former Evansville businesswoman.

Surviving are four sons, Stanley (Peck), Ross, Scott and Jed, all of Evansville; a daughter, Gail Sperry Lindemann of Evansville; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a brother, Rollin Flackay of Eau Claire. She was preceded in death by her husband, Stanley, in September, 1962.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at St. Paul Catholic Church with Father Thomas

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CLAYTON SPERRY

Clayton Sperry of Evansville, age 69, died suddenly Dec. 3, 1987 at Port Aransas, Texas.

Born the son of Lewis and Mina (Noggles) Sperry on April 15, 1918, he married Helen Park in Iowa and lived all of his life in the Evansville area.

He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Jill (Mark) Vladick of Baraboo; two sisters, Alice (Rodney) Leeder of Evansville and Gladys Sperry of Chicago. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and one brother.

The body will be cremated in Texas.

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Alice June Leeder, Evansville (1928 - 2012)



June 9, 1928-May 12, 2012

Alice June Leeder age 83 died Sat., May 12, 2012 at home. She was born on June 9, 1928 in Illinois the daughter of Louis and Nina (Nogel) Sperry.

Alice married Rodney Leeder on Oct. 16, 1948 at the First Baptist Church in Evansville. Alice and Rodney farmed together for over 60 years and raised their family in the Evansville area. She was a collector of dolls, bears, and she loved birds including "Chico" her talking pet cockatiel. She and Rodney also liked to travel to HoChunk Casino to play the slots.

She is survived by her husband Rodney of 63 years; her daughter, Karen (Jerry) Binger of Evansville; her son, Randy (Carol) Leeder Sr. of Hartford Wisconsin; five grandchildren: Roxanne Schneider, Janeace (Clint) Radtke, Kyle Schneider, Randy Leeder Jr., Xavier Lindstrom; a great-granddaughter, Danika Leeder. She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, and four sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 12 PM, noon on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at the WARD FUNERAL HOME Evansville with Reverend Janice Diefenthaler officiating. Burial will follow in MAPLE HILL CEMETERY Evansville. A

visitation will be held from 10 AM until the time of service at the funeral home on Tuesday.