

## **Luginbuel Funeral Home**

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**From:** "Norma Thompson" <nkthom@sentco.net>  
**To:** <8462141@pgtc.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 19, 2003 10:09 PM  
**Subject:** Luginbills in Nebraska

Dear Mr. Luginbuel:

Thank you for your generous contribution to our society. It appears that you have done a great amount of research on your own. We have found some obituaries and various Luginbill family members' biographies in the Richardson County History published in 1985. They are listed in 1855 and 1856 census transcripts as Logabill and Lookingbill.

Can you tell us what you would like us to provide if possible? Have you been in contact with any descendants in Richardson County up to this point? We have a lead on a lady who supposedly has done a lot of family research on the Luginbills here. I think she even lives on one of the original homesteads. One of our members found a reference that one of the wives brother's was part of an original survey crew and on his advice they came to Richardson County. A member is going to check her copy of the Four-Mile Church history for any references. We have access to marriage, census, and land records.

Happy Easter.

Norma Thompson

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Dear Mr. Luginbuel:

I apologize for taking so long to send this material to you. I teach at the local high school and April and May are extremely busy times. Although most of the copies were acquired weeks ago, I kept thinking I'd find just a bit more to send, and time got away. I could not find any verification of land claims earlier than 1855 at our Register of Deeds Office. I did notice that John Luginbill's patent was filed in 1889 - long after he settled, so the initial papers for Peter and Christopher might be available at the National Archives.

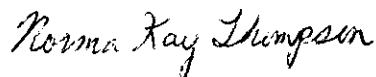
The .pdf version of the 1917 Edwards *History of Richardson County* is available online at:

**<http://www.rootsweb.com/~nerichar/edwards1917/edwards1917.htm>**. In it are several references to John Luginbill and John Welti - pages 143, 166, 210, 566, 598, 678, 724, 605 and 606. One of our society members read that Mr. Welti was a member of the survey team and recommended this area to his brother-in-law, John Luginbill and other Swiss immigrants. I am still looking for that reference.

There is are a Jacob Luginbill (1855-1931) and Mollie (wife of Jacob) Luginbill (1854-1926) buried in the Maple Cemetery at Salem. I am not sure of any connection. Jacob appears in a naturalization index for the year 1918.

Thank you again for your generous donations to our society. Feel free to contact us for more information regarding questions that this packet might invoke.

Sincerely,



Norma Thompson



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**Date:** Wed, 23 Apr 2003 9:54:19 -0500  
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I haven't checked the 4-mile book yet, however I did get Hazel called and had a nice visit. She said the information was submitted by various people, herself, a sister and a cousin. She would be happy to serve as a contact person, however she said a cousin (out west, in Washington or Oregon) had done more research (she didn't have the address nearby when I called, but I figured if he wanted it, he could let her know). I wasn't sure how much she herself really knew, since she didn't seem to know about those who went on south. Anyway her address is:

Hazel Cummins  
 RR 3 Box 132  
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 ph: (402) 862-2804 or  
 (402) 862-2808 (shop with answering machine)

If I find anything in the 4-mile book I'll let you know. It's not indexed so it's difficult to tell at first look, but it's not too big. Have fun in Omaha (I'll be there Friday too, at my sister's).

Jorene

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Oh, yeah, they sent old stuff up, too - even earlier than county court..

I found that Mrs John L was a Welty and her brother was with the surveying crew who worked here. He told his relatives in Ohio about this country and they came West. They soon brought bunches and gobs of other Swissmen, too.

Bobst was Christian Bobst he lived west of here.

John and Elizabeth had Peter, Mary, Henriette, John, Juliana, Rosina and Mary.

I found a John and Elizabeth Lugenbill in 1850 in Ross Co Ohio, ages 24 and 18 ???

Peter was married to Elizabeth Stalder.  
They had John F, Rosa, Peter, M..., Jessie, Wm H and Lucille.

Anything new?  
RZ

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Subject: Re: Where are divorce records?

Was told divorce records are now in Lincoln at NSHS archives.  
What do you have on Luginbill? I got some obits from Jorene. Found what is in 1985 History, and found the 1855 and 1856 references to Christopher, John and Peter Logabill, and Peter and John Lookingbill respectively. Was Bobst's once considered Pawnee County? Land south of Humboldt is still in the family.  
Who were Jacob and Mollie Luginbill who are buried in Maple Cemetery?  
Found Jacob on the 1918 Naturalization.  
Norma

zent@sentco.net wrote:

Norma,

Alfred W. Clark and Sarah Catherine Crouch Clark m 1870.9.25.  
Divorce records are in district court.

I found some things on Luginbill.  
later, R

message from  
Richard Zentner  
- society member

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## JOHN LUGINBILL 1824-1897

A tall, ornate headstone, etched with age, marks the final resting place of a Nebraska pioneer named John Luginbill. He was born more than 160 years ago near Berne, Switzerland, and died June 29, 1897 in Richardson County, Nebraska.



Front L-R: Rose Stauffer, John Luginbill, Elizabeth Luginbill, Elizabeth Ast. Back: Mary Wissler, Peter Luginbill, William Luginbill, Henrietta Luthy.

John is buried in Four-Mile Cemetery, a picturesque setting of gently rolling hills and valleys punctuated by timberlines that follow streams snaking their way toward the Missouri River.

The Luginbill family migrated to America in 1829. The Atlantic crossing was made in a sailing ship and the trip through the Appalachian mountains was accomplished by wagon train.

The family settled in or near Waynesburg (Stark County) Ohio, about 1830. The 1850 Federal Census of Holmes County, Ohio record the young man's age as 24 and that he was married to Elizabeth Welti. She, too, was born in Switzerland and had come to America when two years old.

Census records of 1860 show the family has moved farther west to Andrew County, Missouri. This move, probably about 1853, was the next to last stop for the John Luginbill family since records show they were in Nebraska by 1856.

Nebraska, still a Territory, was blessed with rich, black soil that produced abundant crops for a growing young nation. This was the end of the rainbow for John Luginbill. Here he put down roots, and here he remained. By this time there were two new additions to the family: Elizabeth and Rosena. Older members of the family were William H., Peter, Mary C., Henrietta, and John — for a total of seven children.

It should be said that in 1854 a settler could homestead 160 acres, live on it for six months, and then buy it from the U.S. Government for \$1.25 an acre. At the time it was called pre-emption, and that is the road John travelled, but it wasn't an easy one.

Historians note that the frontier in those days was no place for weaklings. Only the fittest could endure the hardships, privations, and dangers of every-day living. Although friendly and helpful, the Indian was a factor.

One anecdote has it that John owned a pair of oxen he obviously had brought from Ohio. One winter day while logging, Indians made off with his one and only team. Promptly he picked up a gun and trailed them through the snow to Brownville, Nebraska. After confronting the culprits in language they understood, they returned the oxen and John returned home.

Without question, the winter of 1854-55 was to be a hard one for the Luginbills. They lived in a log cabin that provided few comforts, especially with seven children. Then, too, the weather was harsh and provisions were scarce. The daughters learned to spin wool and weave cloth to keep the family warm. John and his sons tended the livestock in makeshift shelters and melted snow for drinking water. By spring they were ready to go into the fields.

A set-back of sorts occurred a few years later when President Buchanan signed legislation requiring payment of the \$1.25 per acre that John had signed up to buy. He had no choice but to take the inheritance money and savings of the entire family to pay for the title to his 160 acres.

From that point on, however, the John Luginbill family fortunes began to look better. Aside from the land John had acquired through homesteading rights, deals were struck with Indian chiefs for additional acreage and, little by little, John Luginbill's holdings became substantial.

Meantime, the country was going through an era of turmoil and agony. Slavery was abolished in 1865; the Civil War ended in April 1865 and President Lincoln was shot the same month (April 1865). Two years later (March 1867) Nebraska became the 37th State in the nation.

Unfortunately, census records for 1870 were destroyed or lost as were the files for 1890.

However, we do know William H. and Peter Luginbill were married between 1877 and 1880. William married Anna Barbara Grossenbacher and Peter was wed to Elizabeth Stalder. Each of the new families now farm their own land, possibly helped along by John.

Also married in 1873 was Mary C. Luginbill. She wed John E. Wissler. Still at home, according to the 1880 census, are Lizzie, 18, and Rosa, 15. Another son of John Senior, born in 1859, also named John, died at an early age (no record).

At the turn of the century, John's wife, Elizabeth, was a widow. The census of that year said she raised seven children, six of them still living in 1900. She had come to the U.S. in 1834 and lived here for 66 years.

In the years preceding his death, John had considerable influence on events of Richardson County. It should be noted that he was elected as one of the Judges to help select the County Seat for Richardson County. He was the judge from Speiser Precinct when Falls City was named.

A run-down of an entire generation of the John Luginbill family, when and where they were born, and who they married follows:

William H. Luginbill, born 1849 in Ohio, married Anna Barbara Grossenbacher.

Peter Luginbill, born 1851 in Ohio, married Elizabeth (Lizzie) Stalder.

Mary C. Luginbill, born 1854 in Missouri, married John E. Wissler.

Henrietta C. Luginbill, born 1856 in Nebraska, married Frederick R. Luthy.

John Luginbill, Jr., born 1859 in Nebraska (died at an early age).

Elizabeth Luginbill, born 1862 in Nebraska, married Christ Ast.

Rosena Luginbill, born 1865 in Nebraska, married John Stauffer.

## PETER LUGINBILL 1851-1926

Peter Luginbill became a pioneer legend in Richardson County, Nebraska, because he was a happy, generous, hard-working person whom everyone loved. He was the second son of John, born in Ohio (1851) and died in 1926. He is buried at the Four Mile Cemetery surrounded by his children and family friends.



Peter and Elizabeth Luginbill

"Grandpa Pete," as he was affectionately called by his many grandchildren, married Elizabeth (Liz-zie) Stalder in Falls City, Nebraska, in April 1880. By this time he had a farm of his own and went about the task of making living conditions better for his new bride. It wasn't too long, however, before a family was started, for Fred Luginbill was born in 1881, followed by Rosa in 1882. After a two-year lapse, son Peter was born in 1884. Mamie came along in 1887, followed by Jessie in 1888. The remaining two children, making a total of seven, were William (1890) and Lucy (1892).

So Peter Luginbill had to work hard, long hours in the fields for his seven children. But he still found time to enjoy a game of horseshoes, a lively card game or a visit with a relative. The latter he liked best of all and the years slid by all too quickly.

Before his father died in 1897, Peter was a well-situated and prosperous farmer. In 1891 he built a new house, barn, smokehouse, henhouse and other farm buildings. It is not known which was built first — the family home or the barn. But it is certain that the barn on Peter's farm about a mile north of Four Mile Creek was completed in 1891 and still stands in 1985. It is unique. There are no nails in the structure since wooden pins hold it together. A man-made earthen ridge faces the north. Huge stone blocks join the earthen ridge and make up the east and west sides of the building. The south side of the barn is two stories with a place for livestock below and hayloft above that covers the entire second story.

From the basic earth and stone foundation the barn is completed with wooden beams notched together and pinned. The siding overlaps as only an expert carpenter could manage. A keen imagination must have been at work in the planning of the structure for livestock are protected on the north, east and west by earth and stone. The hayloft affords good

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insulation above and the stall entrances all face south. (It is interesting to note that an identical replica stands on the farm first homesteaded by Peter's father, John. Older, but in good shape this must have been the one Peter copied on his land.)

At the turn of the century (1900) Peter's children were reaching adulthood. The elder son, Fred, was 19 and his sister, Rosa, was 18. And by 1910 only Mamie, William and Lucy remained at home. Peter Luginbill, Jr. and his sister, Jessie, had married and settled elsewhere.

Rosa had taken a job with the telephone company in Kansas. It was there she met her future husband, married and settled down. The year was the early 1900s. The horse and buggy era was giving way to the automobile, an occasional tractor could be seen, the telephone was becoming a popular fixture in homes, and the kerosene lamp was giving way to electricity.

As the years went by it was evident Peter was slowing down. Also, it could be seen that yet another generation was being groomed to work the land. William Luginbill, born in 1890, was destined to be the one to carry on where first John and then Peter left off. At Peter's death in 1926, William took the helm and managed the two homesteads (John's and Peter's) until he died in 1974.

A run-down of an entire generation of the Peter Luginbill family, when and where they were born and died, and who they married follows: Fred Luginbill, born Nebraska (1881-1946), married Ruby Sypherd. Rosa Luginbill, born Nebraska (1882-1919), married Charles Cowan. Peter Luginbill, born Nebraska (1884-1960), married Loma Todd, and Mary Blevens. Mary Luginbill, born Nebraska (1887-1965), married Wittie Page. Jessie Luginbill, born Nebraska (1888-1971), married Tandy Todd. William Luginbill, born Nebraska (1890-1974), married Bertha Moser. Lucy Luginbill, born Nebraska (1892-1976), never married.

## WILLIAM AND ANNA LUGINBILL

William Luginbill, son of John Luginbill and Elizabeth Welty Luginbill, was born November 9, 1849, at Waynesburg, Homes County, Ohio. He was married in 1877 to Anna Barbara Grossenbacher, who was born in Switzerland, November 9, 1854, and had come to America when she was fifteen years old. The family farmed in Spicer Precinct, and two children were born to the union, John Christian and Elizabeth (see Stauffer). William died December 23, 1927, and Anna Barbara died April 9, 1905. They were charter members of the Four Mile Congregational Church.

## FREDERICK AND HENRIETTA CAROLINE (LUGINBILL) LUTHY

Frederick Luthy — born 1851, at Canton Berne Switzerland. With his parents at age 5, immigrated to the United States and came to Fulton County Ohio. In 1865 came to Richardson County and located south of Humboldt. He became a United States Citizen in 1873. In 1877 Frederick was married to Henrietta Luginbill daughter of John and Elizabeth (Welty) Luginbill of Humboldt. Henrietta was born January 1856. Her parents came to Richardson County from St. Joseph Missouri, in 1854. John Luginbill — born 1824 — in Switzerland.



Fred and Ida Luthy

Born to Frederick and Henrietta — four children — Elizabeth, Fredrick Jr., Lena and Gertrude.

Elizabeth married to Chris Beutler — to this union three children Eunice, Hazel and Chris Jr.

Fredrick Jr. married to Ida Schenk, daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth (Schuepbach) Schenk. Fred and Ida celebrated in 1961 their 50th wedding anniversary. To this union four children — Charles, Glendon Fredrick, Margaret and Gertrude.

Glendon married Elsie Krofta of Table Rock, to this union one son Glendon Reece married to Lois Jurgens of Summerfield, Kansas, to this union two children - Carmen Lee and Kelly Jean.

Margaret married to Charles B. Arnot.

Gertrude married to James Spearman of Omaha, to this union two children - Bridgett Marii and Kevin J. Bridgett married to Robert Klich of Omaha.

The Luthys farmed in Speiser Precinct of Richardson County, were named one of the Honor Families of the Soil and Water Conservation District in 1972 and received the Nebraska Pioneer Farm Award — 100 years in 1956. The land continues to remain in the Luthy family - Reece and Lois Luthy farming. Reece is the Great Grandson of the Late Frederick and Henrietta Luthy.

## THE JOHN E. STAUFFER FAMILY

John E. Stauffer was born in Monroe County, Ohio, on February 7, 1861, and came to Richardson County as a small boy with his parents, John and Margaret Affalter Stauffer, who had both been born in Switzerland. The family settled on what has

been known as the Elmer Ast place south of Humboldt. Elmer's mother was a sister of John E. The family gave the land for Speiser School and the Four Mile Church and cemetery.

John E. was married to Minnie Stalder in 1882 and went to farming one and one-half miles south of the family home, where the widow of O.J. Stauffer still lives. They had a daughter, Jessie. The mother later died in childbirth with a second baby, and John E. married Rose Adelia Luginbill. They had seven daughters and two sons: Jessie (Mrs. John Marmet), born in 1883 from John's first wife, died in 1943; Emma (Mrs. Elmer Shepley), born in 1887, died in October, 1943; Ida (Mrs. George Wittwer), born in 1889, died in June, 1965; Minnie (Mrs. Roy Spring), born in 1891, died in 1979; Rosa (Mrs. Jacob Kuenzi), born in 1893, died in December, 1973; Oliver J., born in 1896, died in September, 1967; William Henry, born in 1898, died in 1918; Myrtle (Mrs. Willard Marburger), born in 1903, is still living; Hazel (Mrs. Virgil Kesling), born in 1905, died in November, 1951; and Pearl Stauffer, born in 1908, died in September 1926.

John E. died in November, 1924. Rosa Adelia died March, 1947. Rosa's parents were John and Elizabeth Welty Luginbill, both born in Switzerland.

Children (repeated from above), grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of John E. and Rosa follow:

Jessie Marmet had no children.

Emma Shepley had one daughter, Mary Jean (Mrs. Charles Streit), who had four daughters and two sons.

Ida Wittwer had two daughters: Pearl (Mrs. Harold Johnson) had four sons, and Zella (Mrs. Wilmer Hunzeker) had one daughter and one son.

Minnie Spring had three sons: Vincent Spring had no children, Clifford Spring had one daughter and two sons, and Oreon Spring had one daughter and two sons.

Rosa Kuenzi had one son, John Edward Kuenzi, who had three daughters and three sons.

Oliver J. Stauffer had five sons and five daughters: Carl William (Bill) had two daughters and one son; John Robert (Bob) had one daughter; Stanley had three sons; Patricia (Mrs. Richard Badberg) had one daughter; Henry (deceased) had two sons (one deceased) and one daughter; John Loree (Johnnie) had three sons and one daughter; Emma Lou (Mrs. Robert Mayer) had two sons; Ruth Ann (Mrs. Charles Carrier) had three sons and one daughter; Pearl (Mrs. Oren Mayer) had one son; and Irene (Mrs. Clarence Planer) had one son and one daughter.

William H. died at age 19 and had no children.

Myrtle Marburger had one son, Lyle A., who died at thirty-four, and had no children.

Hazel Kesling had one daughter, Mary Joan (Mrs. James Glathar), who has two daughters.

Pearl Stauffer died at about twenty and had no children.

## **JOHN EDWARD "ED" AND MARY (LUGINBILL) WISSLER**

Mary Luginbill was born in Andrew County, Missouri, in April 1854. Mary, the first white girl in Richardson County, came with her parents, John and Elizabeth Welti Luginbill, to their farm along the banks of the Four Mile Creek. Her father had waited until her birth to bring his family to the area he had selected for their home in 1853.

She attended a country school near her home. Mary learned to keep house and weave the cloth needed for their clothes.

Occasionally a traveling missionary or circuit rider would come through and hold services for the pioneers living in the area. The neighbors would meet at the Luginbill home, where church services were conducted. It was on such an occasion that she was baptized in the water of the Four Mile Creek. She was confirmed in 1880, becoming a member of the German Evangelical Church Society, later to be the Four-Mile Reformed Church.

In 1873 she was united in marriage to John Edward "Ed" Wissler. They established their home south of what was to become Humboldt, Nebraska.

Ten children were born to this family: Fred, born January 1874; John, born February 1876; Elizabeth born June 1879; Edward, born December 1881; Henrietta, born February 1884; William, born January 1886; Magdalena, born January 1888; Marie, born January 1891; Rudolph, born October 1894; and Charles, born May 1896.

Her granddaughter, Florence Schafer, of Pawnee City, Nebraska fondly remembers the happy times she spent visiting her grandparents. It was a special day when her grandmother lovingly prepared her famous chicken with homemade noodles dinner.



## ELMER W. AST FAMILY

### CHRISTIAN "CHRIST" AND JULIANNA "LIZZIE" AST

Julianna Elizabeth, "Lizzie," Luginbill was the second daughter born to John and Elizabeth Welti Luginbill. She was born in a log cabin March 20,

1862, almost 8 years after her parents established their home along the banks of the Four Mile after leaving their home in Andrew County, Missouri.

She received her education at a school near her home. She was baptized and was a member of the Four-Mile Reformed Church, which she attended faithfully throughout her life.

She was married to Christian "Christ" Ast. They selected a homestead three quarters of a mile from her parents' home. Two children were born: William, on September 21, 1890; and Christina, on August 9, 1899. Mr. Ast passed away on May 24, 1899, 2½ months before the birth of their daughter.

Following the death of her husband, she chose to remain on the farm to raise her children. Elizabeth was known for her hard work, homemade bread and cheese sandwiches, and love of family and friends. She passed away on March 11, 1948.

Her son Bill lived with his mother and when old enough helped with the farming. He passed away on April 12, 1974.

Her daughter, Christina, married John Fisher. They bought a farm near Verdon, Nebraska. They had two sons, Robert and Cleland.

Cleland farmed with his father. Cleland married Clara Gilland. Three children were born to this family, Robert, March 11, 1963; Lisa, March 4, 1965; and Susan January 16, 1969.

Robert, who works for Wooding Verona Tool Company, is married to Lori Ann Bradley. They have a son, Robert Dale Fisher II, born June 30, 1983. The family presently lives on a farm near Salem.

Wilhelm Ast immigrated from Switzerland in the 1880's to Bern, Kansas. On July 8, 1892 he married Elizabeth Stauffer Ast. They started married life on a farm eight miles south of Humboldt. To this union were born three children Jessie (Parli) in 1872, Rosa (Harness) in 1882, and Elmer W. on July 2, 1908. Wilhelm died Aug. 29, 1927 and Elizabeth in 1916. They are both buried at the Four-Mile Cemetery.



Elmer and Dorothy Ast

When his father died in 1927, Elmer started farming on the farm where he continued farming for the rest of his life. The land which the Four Mile Church is on and the land which the Speiser Center School was on were from the original Stauffer-Ast Farm. On Sept. 1960 the family received a Century Farm Award.

Elmer attended the Speiser Center Dist. 65 School from grades one through eight. His three children later attended the same school as well as the Humboldt High School where Elmer graduated in 1926.

Elmer married Dorothy Mae Glathar, daughter of Jess Glathar and Lulu McNeely Glathar on February 8, 1933 at the Pleasant View Parsonage north of Humboldt. Dorothy and Elmer celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary at the Four Mile Church on Feb. 1, 1983. Elmer was a lifetime member of the Four Mile Church where he had served on the church board for several years and had been Sunday School Superintendent. Dorothy was a member of the Women's guild and had served as

President of that group as well as being a Sunday School Teacher and Youth Fellowship Sponsor for many years.

Dorothy and Elmer had three children they are: Elizabeth Lou, Joan Lee, and Dorothy Jean. They all attended Peru State College. Elizabeth and Dorothy Jean graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree and Joan received a Two Year Degree. Elizabeth married Elmer Remmers on June 19, 1960 and lives in Papillion, Nebraska where she is a teacher. Elizabeth had two sons James, who died July 11, 1971 of leukemia and Todd, who is an eighth grader at Papillion Jr. High. Joan married Norman Spiering on March 4, 1966 and lives in Elmwood, Nebraska. Joan gives piano lessons and is a teacher aide at the Elmwood Public Schools. Joan has two sons John a senior and Jeff a third grader. Dorothy Jean married Curtis Rydberg on Feb. 1, 1969 and lives at Essex, Iowa on a farm. Dorothy Jean taught school at Papillion and Millard, Nebraska and Shenandoah, Iowa and now is a substitute teacher in the Essex Public Schools. They have one son Keith, a fourth grader.

Dorothy passed away on Feb. 1, 1984 and is buried at the Four-Mile Cemetery. Elmer is now residing at Papillion Manor Nursing Home at Papillion, Nebr. Elmer still owns the family farm.

Elmer Ast passed away February 24, 1985 and funeral services were held Wednesday, February 27 at the Four Mile Church. He was buried at Four Mile Cemetery. Submitted by Mrs. Curtis (Jean Ast) Rydberg

## JOHN AND MARIE LUGINBILL

John Christian "Chris" Luginbill, the son of William and Anna Barbara Grossenbacher Luginbill, was born on a farm south of Humboldt in Spicer Precinct on February 6, 1878. He helped his father farm and attended Four Mile School.

In 1911, he was married to Marie Lena Moser, daughter of Baptiste Moser and Marie Widmer Moser. She came to America when she was a young

girl, with her mother and three brothers. It took three weeks by boat. They came to the Miles Ranch south of Dawson, where the women did housework and the men worked on the ranch taking care of sheep. They worked five years for their passage.

John and Marie farmed on the farm that his parents homesteaded south of Humboldt. Later on, they moved to DuBois, and Chris did day work for other farmers. They had seven children: Alfred, of Omaha; Lillian, who died in infancy in 1913; Irene (Mrs. Welby "Webb" Kerr) of Council Bluffs, Iowa; Myrtle, (Mrs. Claire Walck) of Council Bluffs, Iowa; Gladys (Mrs. Cliff Kendall) of Nampa, Utah, who died September 8, 1946; and Willis, who lived in Council Bluffs, Iowa, and died May 28, 1922.

Chris died in February, 1938, and Marie died June 23, 1973.

## WILLIAM AND ANNA LUGINBILL

William Luginbill, son of John Luginbill and Elizabeth Welty Luginbill, was born November 9, 1849, at Waynesburg, Holmes County, Ohio. He was married in 1877 to Anna Barbara Grossenbacher, who was born in Switzerland, November 9, 1854, and had come to America when she was fifteen years old. The family farmed in Spicer Precinct, and two children were born to the union, John Christian and Elizabeth (see Stauffer). William died December 23, 1927, and Anna Barbara died April 9, 1905. They were charter members of the Four Mile Congregational Church.

## WILLIAM HENRY AND BERTHA (MOSER) LUGINBILL

William Henry "Bill" Luginbill became the third-generation owner of the farm which had been the Luginbill homestead, when he purchased the land from his father's estate in 1928. The farm had been his birthplace on December 16, 1890. He was the sixth child, and youngest son, of Peter and Elizabeth (Stalder) Luginbill.



William and Bertha Luginbill

He spent all his life on the farm, helping his parents as he grew up, taking increasing responsibility for the farming operation as they grew older. He was a favorite uncle to his nephews and nieces who spent Sundays at the home place, enjoying Elizabeth's Sunday dinners and having their hair cut or being entertained by Uncle Bill.

He married Bertha Moser on August 20, 1930. Her parents, Ludwig and Elizabeth (Walti) Moser, had emigrated from Bern Province, Switzerland, in 1886. She grew up on her mother's farm near Wathena, Kansas. Her father died when she was three. She attended Belmont School, District 55, and was baptized and confirmed at the Zion (Smith Creek) Reformed Church.

She was an outstanding homemaker. After their marriage, many relatives continued to visit the home place, and both Moser and Luginbill nieces and nephews spent many summers at the farm. During the depression, the family table included a number of farm hands, many of them victims of the hard times. Later, during wheat harvesting, corn shucking, and haying, she often served from twelve to twenty people. Her menus usually included generous servings of meat, several vegetables from her garden — all prepared with butter or cream sauce, pie or home-made ice cream, and fresh lemonade.

The couple was active in the community. Both were members of Four-Mile Evangelical and Reformed Church. Bertha was a member of the Women's Fellowship, and Bill served on the church board for twelve years as treasurer and president. Bertha also was a member of the Pleasant Hour Cooperative Extension Club and served on the District 64 rationing board during World War II. Bill was treasurer of the District 64 School Board for 32 years. He also served on the Spicer Telephone Board, the Spicer Precinct Election Board, and the Humboldt Community Memorial Hospital fund drive. They received one of the first Nebraska Pioneer Farm Awards in 1956.

The couple had four children, a stillborn son and three daughters: Elizabeth (da Silva), Hazel (Cummins), and Frances (Warner). Hazel is now living on the family farm.

Bill and Bertha were special to their seven grandchildren. Favorite times were holidays and vacations spent together on the farm. Grandpa was famous among the grandchildren and their friends for the candy and gum that came from his bottomless pockets.

On December 22, 1974, Bill passed away and was buried in the Four-Mile Cemetery.

Bertha continues to live in her farm home. She still has a small garden and stocks her freezer each year. She maintains her home as a favorite place for nieces and nephews, as well as her children, and grandchildren to visit.

## KERR, LUGINBILL

Welby "Webb" Floyd Kerr (son of Andrew Kerr, Mt. Pleasant, Ohio, and Sarah Jett Myars Kerr from Indiana) was born at Mt. Pleasant, Ohio, September 28, 1911.

Irene Luginbill was born September 28, 1914, south of Humboldt and attended country school District 70 through the eighth grade. She attended high school in DuBois and graduated there. She attended and graduated from Peru Teachers College, where she received a teaching degree. She taught several years at Cincinnati School near DuBois.

On May 4, 1935, in Hiawatha, Kansas, Webb Kerr and Irene Luginbill were married. They made their first home at Bern, Kansas. Webb drove a school bus for the Bern School and farmed, too. During the second World War, they and their two little girls moved to Kansas City, where Webb welded in a bomber plant. They had five children to their union: Judith Anne (Mrs. Darrell Dovenbarger), of Benedict, Nebraska; Linda Lea (Mrs. Stanley Strahm) of Falls City; Shirley Beth of Seneca, Kansas, (died August 10, 1946); Larry Eugene of Underwood, Iowa; and James Leroy of Libby, Montana.

In 1955, they moved to Underwood, Iowa, and Webb farmed. He also was custodian for Underwood High School for several years. He was employed by the county before his retirement. He passed away December 8, 1984.

## LARRY AND HAZEL (LUGINBILL) CUMMINS

The year 1936 is noted for its weather. February 2 found the neighbors keeping the roads open so the doctor could make it to the home of Glen and Fern Porter Cummins near Dawson to deliver their third son, Larry Gale. Eleven months later, on December 2 of that year, William and Bertha Mose Luginbill greeted their second daughter, Hazel Louise.

As the years passed, Larry was growing up in Dawson with his two brothers, William and Ronald. He attended the Dawson School. In high school he participated in football, basketball and track. He graduated in 1954. He was first employed by Don Boring. Later he moved to Lincoln working for the Nebraska Department of Roads and Burlington Northern Railroad.

Hazel Luginbill grew up with her sisters, Elizabeth and Frances. She walked the half mile to Pleasant Meadow School, District 64. After graduating

from the eighth grade, she attended Humboldt Public High School, enjoying music and drama.

She was active in the life of her church. She was baptized and confirmed in the Four-Mile Evangelical and Reformed Church, where her grandfather, Peter Luginbill, was a charter member.

Following her graduation from high school in 1954, she attended Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Sorority. Hazel graduated with a B.A. degree in elementary education.

June 15, 1958, Larry and Hazel were united in marriage at the Four-Mile Church.

They made their home in Lincoln where Hazel taught second grade at Eastridge Elementary School. Larry entered the Army in October and was stationed at Fort Hood, Killeen, Texas. After basic training, he was sent to Schwabach, Germany. Hazel flew there at the completion of the school year.

Upon returning to the States, Larry entered into farming with his father-in-law. The Cummins family moved into the home Hazel's great-grandparents, John and Elizabeth Welti Luginbill had built. Her parents had remodeled and built onto this 100 year old house.

November 19, 1960, their first son, Larry Nicholas "Nick" Jr. was born. Nick celebrated his first birthday and less than two weeks later, Larry was called into the service because of the Berlin Wall Crisis. He was stationed at Fort Hood in Seattle, Washington.

The fall had been wet, making harvesting impossible until the ground was frozen. Hazel's father, Bill, along with help, was finally able to get the crops out. The snows and -15° weather found Hazel and her father busy in the barn during farrowing time. Her mother saw that there was hot coffee when needed and looked after Nick. By August, Larry was home.

October 24, 1963, Holly Marie joined the family. Early in the morning of January 5, 1969, Christopher "Chris" William was born, completing the Cummins family.

The years progressed. Larry was busy with farming, raising hogs and feeding cattle. He was involved with his children, active in the church, played town basketball, and was first baseman on the Friedens' softball team. Later he served on the Humboldt School Board.

Hazel helped organize the area's Head Start Programs in 1968. She decided to get a special education degree with a trainable endorsement and attended classes from the University of Nebraska and Peru State College. In 1972 she resumed her teaching career, teaching trainable students for the Educational Service Unit #4. Hazel was appointed to represent Richardson County at the Southeast Nebraska Developmental Center and Region V Mental Retardation Services Advisory Boards.

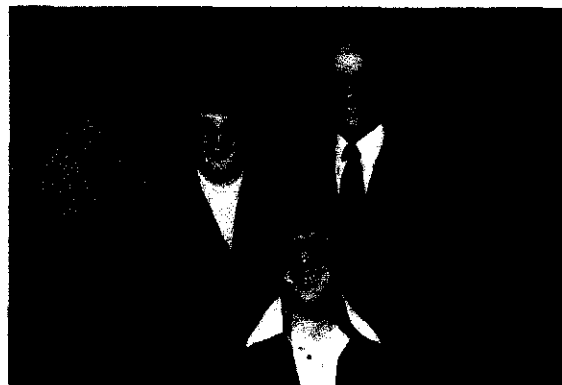
She also teaches Sunday School where the family are members of the Frieden's United Church of Christ, Rt. 1, Bern, Kansas, and is active in the Community Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

August 1973 the family moved into their new home, after they had lost their home in a fire in 1972. They were accompanied by their first foster child.

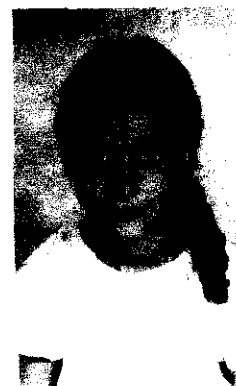
July 25, 1974, Chris and Holly died in a drowning accident. Hazel's father passed away on December 22 that same year.

January 1978 the family opened the Countryside Upholstery Shop in the basement of their home. Larry cut back on his farming and opened the upholstery shop fulltime, moving it to Humboldt in 1980. Needing more room, he later located it in a building on the farm. He is a master craftsman and takes great pride in his work.

The family continues to be active in community affairs, Chamber of Commerce, foster care, and in helping others.



Holly, Hazel and Larry Cummins, Nick, Chris



## LARRY NICHOLAS "NICK" CUMMINS, JR.

November 19, 1960, was a beautiful day when a 9 pound son was born to Larry and Hazel Luginbill Cummins. Larry Nicholas, "Nick" Cummins, Jr.



Larry Nicholas "Nick" Cummins, Jr.

later welcomed his sister, Holly, and brother, Chris, into the family.

Nick entered the Humboldt Public School in 1966. During this time he was active in Four-H, Scouting and Youth Fellowship. In May 1975 his father, a member of the Humboldt School Board, presented him with his eighth grade diploma. During his high school years he was active in band, chorus and drama.

Nick was confirmed in the Frieden's United Church of Christ Rt. 1, Bern, KS. He has held the office of secretary and served on the Education Committee.

After graduating in 1979, Nick was employed at Lewis Implement Company at Humboldt, where he presently works.

Nick helped his father farm and still raises cattle. Being a natural mechanic, he opened Nick's Mower Repair. His shop is on the farm south of Humboldt. Besides mowers, he repairs cars, trucks and other equipment.

Nick is interested in antiques and enjoys restoring them. He received first prize for the restoration of his grandparents, Bill and Bertha Luginbill's, 1927 Chevrolet truck.

Nick enjoys visiting with relatives and friends and helping his grandmothers, Bertha Luginbill and Fern Cummins.

J. Hedrick, b. in O., farmer; 2 m. 21 up.; 3 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.  
W. Morris<sup>(a)</sup>, b. in O., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.  
Joseph J. Morris, b. in O., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.  
Samuel Ramsey, b. in Pa., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.  
I. W. Brinegar, b. in Ky., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. 16 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.  
David P. Brinegar, b. in Mo., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.  
Levi P. Macy, b. in N. Y., physician; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.; 2 f. und. 16.  
John McMahan, b. in Pa., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. 16 up.; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.  
A. McMahan, b. in Ind., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 2 f. 16 up.  
Jackson Van Vickie, Sen., b. in Ind., farmer; 2 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.  
Jackson Van Vickie, Jr., b. in Ill., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.  
R. McMahan, b. in O., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 21 up. 1 f. und. 16.  
William Hillburn, b. in Tenn., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. 16 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.  
J. C. Campbell, b. in Mo., farmer; 2 m. 21 up.  
Daniel Head, b. in Mo., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.  
P. Pollard <sup>(d)</sup>, b. in Tenn., farmer; 2 m. 21 up.; 3 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.

### NEBRASKA CENSUS, 1855, PAWNEE COUNTY.

This enumeration was signed under oath, October 10, 1855, by James D. White. Some of the families here listed were living at that time in Richardson County.

### BOBST'S

Jno. Thornton, b. in Va., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 4 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.  
D. Spring<sup>(a)</sup>, b. in Germany, mason; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.  
William Wethers, b. in O., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.  
James Davis, b. in O., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 1 f. 19, up.; 1 f. und. 16.  
James Reynolds, b. in O., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.  
Wm. J. Dunn, b. in Ky., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.  
John Dunn, b. in O., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.  
James W. Morrison, b. in Ky., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.  
R. W. Morrison, b. in Mo., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 21 up.  
Samuel Bright<sup>(a)</sup>, b. in Switzerland, farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.  
John Logabills, b. in Switzerland, farmer; 1 m. 21 up.  
Peter Logabills, b. in Switzerland, farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 10 up.  
Christopher Logabills, b. in Switzerland, farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.  
H. Abrams, b. in O., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 3 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.; 3 f. und. 16.  
Thomas Brown<sup>(b)</sup>, b. in Mo., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.  
Winslow Soper<sup>(b)</sup>, b. in Mass., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.  
Jerome Shelhorn<sup>(b)</sup>, b. in O., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 2 f. 16 up.; 2 f. und. 16.  
John Shelhorn<sup>(b)</sup>, b. in O., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.

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(a) Jacob Spring, William Withrow and Samuel Bright were living in Richardson County in 1855 and 1856. - Andreas, *History of Nebraska*, p. 1301.

(b) Listed in Nebraska Census, First District, 1854.

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## NEBRASKA CENSUS, 1856, RICHARDSON COUNTY

Two different enumerators were used in taking the Richardson County Census. No oath was found in the manuscript, but the enumerators were sworn August 1 and 2, and returns were dated August 29 and 31. This area was taken by William P. Loan, and included all of the county except the three western townships, Townships 1, 2 and 3 North, Range 13 East.

### ARCHER

- [p. 1] **Charles Robinson**<sup>(a) (b)</sup>, b. in Tenn., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.  
**Dauids Robinson**<sup>(a)</sup>, b. in Tenn., farmer; 3 m. 21 up.; 1 m. 16 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 2 f. 16 up.  
**Joseph Boyd**, b. in Mo., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 2 f. 16 up.; 6 f. und. 16.  
**Joshua Boyd**, b. in Mo., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.; 2 f. und. 16.  
**William Level**<sup>(c)</sup>, b. in Ky., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 2 f. 16 up.; 8 f. und. 16.  
**Frank Purket**<sup>(a)(d)</sup>, b. in Mo., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.  
**John Strumbo**, b. in Va., farmer; 2 m. 21 up.; 1 m. 16 up.; 1 m. und. 16.  
**George Mayfield**<sup>(e)</sup>, b. in Del., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.; 2 f. und. 16.  
**James Miller**<sup>(c)</sup>, b. in Va., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.  
**David Boyd**<sup>(c)(f)</sup>, b. in Mo., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.

(a) Listed in the Richardson County Census, 1854, but not in the 1855 Census.

(b) He moved away that fall. In November 1856, his wife's brother, Cyrus Lones, and her father, on their way from Mound City, Mo., died from exposure near the present site of Falls City. - Edwards, Lewis C., *History of Richardson County*, p. 627.

(c) Listed in the Richardson County Census, 1854 and 1855.

(1 deaf and dumb)

**John Vanvickle**, b. in Ill., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.

**John Hiat**, b. in Ind., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.

**James Russell**, b. in Ind., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 3 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.

**John Crook** <sup>(h)</sup>, b. in Tenn., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.

**Patsy Goolesby**, b. in N. C., farmer; 2 m. 16 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.; 3 f. und. 16.

**Pharagus Pollard** <sup>(h)</sup>, b. in Tenn., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 3 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.

**Wade H. Whitney**, b. in Tenn., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.

**August H. Shoemaker**, b. in Germany, farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.

**Frederick Honnon** <sup>(v)</sup>, b. in Germany, farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.

[p. 3] **Thomas F. Whitney**, b. in Tenn., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 2 slaves.

**John McMahan** <sup>(h)</sup>, b. in Pa., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. 16 up.; 2 f. 16 up.

**Daniel Head** <sup>(f)</sup>, b. in Mo., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.

**Aaron McMahan** <sup>(h)</sup>, b. in Ind., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 2 f. 16 up.

**Jackson Vanvickle** <sup>(h)</sup>, b. in Ind., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.

**Reason McMahan**, b. in O., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.

**William Riley**, b. in N. J., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.

**John Rodenberger** <sup>(h)</sup>, b. in Germany, farmer; 3 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.; 4 f. und. 16.

**William Daugherty**, b. in Mo., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.

**Henry Honnon** <sup>(v)</sup>, b. in Germany, farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 2 f. 16 up.; 3 f. und. 16.

**Lucinda Scott**, b. in Ind., farmer; 1 m. 16 up.; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.

This part of Salem Precinct, Townships 1, 2 and 3 North, Range 13 East, now Speicer, Humboldt and Franklin precincts, was taken by N. J. Sharp, who also made the enumeration for Pawnee County.

## SALEM

[p. 8] **Robert Oliver**, b. in Pa., farmer; 2 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 3 f. 16 up.; 2 f. und. 16.

**Walridge Ritter**, b. in Switzerland, farmer; 3 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.

**Peter Lookingbill** <sup>(v)</sup>, b. in Switzerland, farmer; 2 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.

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(z) Settled in Richardson Co. 1854. - Edwards, 715-6.

(aa) Died of exposure in a storm, Dec. 1856. - Ibid, p. 717.

**Fred. Overly**, b. in Switzerland, farmer 1 m. 21 up.

**Jacob Fry** <sup>(v)</sup>, b. in Switzerland, farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.

**Robert Morrison**, b. in Mo., farmer; 4 m. 21 up.; 1 m. 16 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 3 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.

**John Doese**, b. in Mo., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.

**John Robertson**, b. in Mo., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. 16 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.; 3 f. und. 16.

**John Leeman** <sup>(f)</sup>, b. in Switzerland, blacksmith; 1 m. 21 up.



**John Rob[e]rtson**, b. in Mo., farmer; 2 m. 21 up.; 2 m. 16 up.; 2 f. 16 up.; 2 f. und. 16.  
**Henry Withrow**, b. in Mo., tailor; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. 16 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.  
**John Lookingbill**<sup>(v)</sup>, b. in Switzerland, farmer; 2 m. 21 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.  
**David Oury**, b. in Switzerland, farmer; 2 m. 21 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.  
**Henry Abrams**<sup>(v)</sup>, b. in O., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 2 m. 16 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 2 f. 16 up.; 3 f. und. 16.  
**J. W. Markinson**<sup>(f)</sup>, b. In Pa., "Dr"; 7 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.  
**William Shafer**, b. in S. C., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.  
**Jerome Shellhorn**<sup>(v)</sup>, b. in Mo., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 2 f. 16 up.  
**Christopher Overly**, b. in Switzerland, farmer; 4 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.  
**Fredrik Rekas**, b. in Switzerland, farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.  
**Thomas Thompson**, b. in Tenn., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.

## NEBRASKA CENSUS, 1856, PAWNEE COUNTY

This enumeration was taken by N. J. Sharp, "Dept. U. S. Marshall." The day and month are not given.

### BOBST or PLEASANT VALLEY

[p. 1] **W. S. Lore**, b. in O., farmer; 3 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 2 f. 16 up.  
**Mrs. Ann Maria Shellhorn**<sup>(a)</sup>, b. in Pa., farmer; 1 m. 16 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 2 f. 16 up.; 2 f. und. 16.  
**John Shellhorn**<sup>(b)</sup>, b. in O., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.; 2 f. und. 16.  
**Robert Turner**<sup>(b)</sup>, b. in O., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. 16 up.; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.  
**Christian Bobst**<sup>(b)</sup>, b. in Md., farmer; 3 m. 21 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.  
**James O Laughlin**<sup>(a)</sup>, b. in O., farmer; 2 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.  
**A. F. Cromwell**, b. in Va., "Dr"; 2 m. 21 up.; 2 m. 16 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.; 3 f. und. 16.  
**Joseph Fries**<sup>(b)</sup>, b. in O., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.  
**Martin Fisher**, b. in Ill., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. 16 up.; 3 m. und. 16; 2 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.  
**Pleasant M. Rogers**<sup>(c)</sup>, b. in Tenn., farmer, minister M. E. Church; 3 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16;  
3 f. 16 up.; 2 f. und. 16.  
**John Peavey**, b. in Me., farmer; 2 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.  
**Rufes Abbott**<sup>(c)</sup>, b. in O., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.  
**Abnar Jordan**, b. in Me., farmer; 3 m. 21 up.  
**Charles McDonald**<sup>(a)</sup>, b. in Tenn.; 1 m. 21 up.

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(a) Listed in the Census of Pawnee Co., 1855.

(b) Listed in the Census of Pawnee Co., 1854 and 1-855.

(c) Listed in the Richardson Co. Census, 1855.

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## GENEALOGICAL RECORD

**SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in** *Spitzer & Plank* **in the**  
**of** *Nebraska* **enumerated by me, on the** *17* **day of** *July*  
**Post Office** *Middleburg*.

| Dwelling-houses—<br>numbered in the<br>order of visitation. | Families numbered<br>in the order of<br>visitation. | The name of every person whose usual<br>place of abode on the first day of June,<br>1860, was in this family. | DESCRIPTION. |      |                                 | Profession, Occupation, or Trade of<br>each person, male and female, over<br>15 years of age. | VALUE OF ESTATE OWNED    |                                 |
|---|---|---|--------------|------|---------------------------------|---|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
|   |   |   | Age.         | Sex. | White,<br>black, or<br>mulatto. |   | Value of<br>Real Estate. | Value of<br>Personal<br>Estate. |
| 1   | 2   | 3   | 4            | 5    | 6                               | 7   | 8                        | 9                               |
| 1   |   | Lucretia C. Dunning   | 36           | F    |                                 |   |                          |                                 |
| 2   |   | Emma J. do  | 17           | F    |                                 |   |                          |                                 |
| 3   | 536   | John Christ   | 29           | M    |                                 |   | 400                      | 70                              |
| 4   |   | Emily   | 24           | F    |                                 |   |                          |                                 |
| 5   |   | Fredrick  | 8            | M    |                                 |   |                          |                                 |
| 6   | 537   | John Stadler  | 29           | M    |                                 | Farmer  | 400                      | 2                               |
| 7   |   | Nehinda do  | 19           | F    |                                 |   |                          |                                 |
| 8   |   | Louis do  | 25           | M    |                                 | Farmer  | 200                      |                                 |
| 9   | 538   | Christ Oberlie  | 60           | M    |                                 | do  | 500                      |                                 |
| 10  |   | John do   | 30           | M    |                                 | do  |                          |                                 |
| 11  | 539   | John Dugimbills   | 36           | M    |                                 | do  | 1000                     | 60                              |
| 12  |   | Elisabeth do  | 33           | F    |                                 |   |                          |                                 |
| 13  |   | Wm H. do  | 9            | M    |                                 |   |                          |                                 |
| 14  |   | Peter do  | 7            | M    |                                 |   |                          |                                 |
| 15  |   | Mary do   | 6            | F    |                                 |   |                          |                                 |
| 16  |   | Murietta do   | 4            | F    |                                 |   |                          |                                 |
| 17  |   | John do   | 1            | M    |                                 |   |                          |                                 |
| 18  | 5240  | Susannah Pitter   | 60           | F    |                                 |   |                          | 100                             |
| 19  |   | Unas do   | 32           | M    |                                 | Farmer  | 1000                     |                                 |
| 20  |   | Samuel do   | 23           | M    |                                 | Free Laborer  |                          |                                 |
| 21  |   | Rosa do   | 21           | F    |                                 |   |                          |                                 |
| 22  |   | Susan Elias do  | 10           | F    |                                 |   |                          |                                 |
| 23  | 5241  | John Pitter   | 22           | M    |                                 | Farmer  |                          | 100                             |
| 24  |   | John do   | 23           | M    |                                 | Free Laborer  | 200                      | 100                             |

in Spitzer District in the County of Richardson State  
 y me, on the 17 day of July 1860. A. D. Hark Ass't Marshal

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| DESCRIPTION. |                                 |   | VALUE OF ESTATE OWNED.   |                                 | Place of Birth,<br>Naming the State, Territory,<br>or Country. | Married within the<br>year. | Attended School<br>within the year. | Persons over 20 yrs of age<br>who cannot read & write. | Whether deaf and<br>dumb, blind, insane,<br>idiotic, pauper, or<br>convict. |
|--------------|---------------------------------|---|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| Sex.         | White,<br>black, or<br>mulatto. | Profession, Occupation, or Trade of<br>each person, male and female, over<br>15 years of age. | Value of<br>Real Estate. | Value of<br>Personal<br>Estate. |  |                             |                                     |  |   |
| 5            | 6                               | 7   | 8                        | 9                               | 10   | 11                          | 12                                  | 13   | 14  |
| 6 B          |                                 |   |                          |                                 | Ohio   | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 7 B          |                                 |   |                          |                                 | do   | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 4 M          |                                 |   | 400                      | 700                             | Switzerland  | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 4 B          |                                 |   |                          |                                 | do   | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 2 M          |                                 |   |                          |                                 | Nebr   | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 4 M          |                                 | Farmer  | 400                      | 25                              | Switzerland  | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 9 B          |                                 |   |                          |                                 | do   | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 5 M          |                                 | Farmer  | 200                      |                                 | do   | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 0 M          |                                 | do  | 500                      |                                 | do   | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 0 M          |                                 | do  | ✓                        |                                 | do   | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 6 M          |                                 | do  | 1000                     | 600                             | do   | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 3 B          |                                 |   |                          |                                 | do   | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 1 M          |                                 |   |                          |                                 | Ohio   | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 7 M          |                                 |   |                          |                                 | Missouri   | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 1 B          |                                 |   |                          |                                 | do   | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 4 B          |                                 |   |                          |                                 | Nebr   | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 1 M          |                                 |   |                          |                                 | do   | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 0 B          |                                 |   |                          | 100                             | Switzerland  | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 2 M          |                                 | Farmer  | 1000                     |                                 | do   | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 3 M          |                                 | Free Laborer  | ✓                        |                                 | do   | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 1 B          |                                 |   |                          |                                 | do   | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 0 B          |                                 |   |                          |                                 | do   | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 2 M          |                                 | Farmer  | ✓                        | 100                             | do   | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |

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## NEBRASKA CENSUS, 1855, RICHARDSON COUNTY.

The Census of 1855 did not include the Half Breed Tract which was mostly in Richardson County. The work seems to have been done rather carelessly; some residents of Richardson County are listed in Pawnee County, and the Christian names and initials are often incorrect. The enumeration was signed under oath, October 10, 1855, by James D. White.

### ST. DERROIN

F. M. Thompson<sup>(a)</sup>, b. in Mo., salesman; 1 m. 21 up.  
James M. Rhodes, b. in Ind., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 3 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.  
Charles Baker, b. in "Gemary," laborer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.  
James Henderson, b. in Ky., farmer; 2 m. 21 up.; 2 f. 16 up.  
David Hale, b. in N. Y., hotel keeper; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.; 2 f. und. 16.  
Petter Groh, b. in "Gemay", farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 3 M. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.  
C. Groh, b. in "Gemay", farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.  
George H. Groh, b. in "Gemay", farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.  
Thomas Froman<sup>(a)</sup>, b. in Ky., farmer; 3 m. 21 up.; 2 m. 16 up.; 4 f. 16 up.; 2 f. und. 16.  
John Divers, b. in Va., mechanic; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. 16 up.; 1 f. 16 up.; 2 f. und. 16.  
William Price, b. in Ky., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. und. 16.  
Thomas B. Allen, b. in Mo., farmer; 2 m. 21 up.; 2 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.  
John Price, b. in Va., farmer; 3 m. 21 up.; 1 m. 16 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.  
James F. Miller, b. in Ky., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.  
John Eaton, b. in Ky., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.  
Samuel Ross, b. in Ky., farmer; 2 m. 21 up.; 1 m. 16 up.; 3 m. und. 16; 2 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.

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(a) Listed in Nebraska Census of 1854, First District.

# A HISTORY OF THE FOUR MILE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



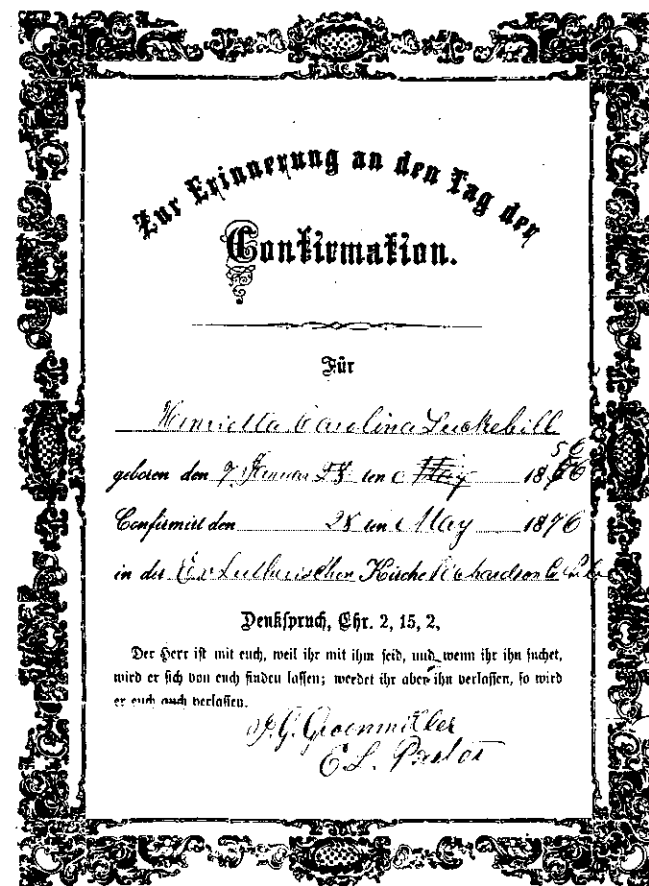
An early view of our church

More than a century ago, Swiss-German homesteaders began settling along the Four Mile Creek in the southwest corner of what is now Richardson County in the state of Nebraska. At that time and until statehood was obtained in 1867 that area was a part of the Nebraska Territory.

While these pioneers were involved in an everyday struggle for their very existence in an unknown — untried land they left their home countries to travel the many, many perilous miles to an unknown, unsettled area. But travel they did and this becomes the beginning of our story — the history of the Four Mile Congregational Church.

The Swiss and German immigrants who settled in this area had been raised by parents who taught of God's love and goodness and they felt the need to provide a means of worshiping with their neighbors.

Occasionally it was possible to obtain the services of a traveling missionary or circuit rider and for a number of years this method of providing church services was utilized. When a minister was in the area church meetings were held in three rural schools in the area, they were the Speiser, Luthy and Stauffer schools. There is in existence a confirmation certificate of Henrietta Carolina Luckenbill, dated May 28, 1876 and signed by Rev. A.G. Groenmiller, a pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran faith. Pastor Groenmiller was one of these traveling ministers.



These infrequent church services did not fill the need and on May 30, 1880 a meeting was held and it was voted to organize as a German Evangelical Church Society.

The early pioneers who made the initial decision that would lead to a faithful church community for over one hundred years were: Christian Oberly, John Stauffer, David Speiser, Carl Gunzenhauser, Jacob E. Frey, Charles Hofman, Leopold Porr, Samuel Beutler, Peter Fankhauser, John Waelti, John Fankhauser, Jacob Edward Wissler, John U. Luthy, David Wittwer, Peter Luginbill, Frederick Luthy, William Luginbill and Karl Porr. Of these charter members many of the family names and descendants of these families are still listed on the church membership.

It was five years later on March 1, 1885 that Four Mile Church became a Reformed Church of the United States. At this time the St. John's Church, located in the Hunzeker community, was also organized. These two churches were to be served by the same pastor for forty-three years until 1928 at which time Four Mile felt the need for a full time pastor.

Gustav Oberli.  
 Johann Rosoffen.  
 David Kueper.  
 Carl Gunzenhauser  
 Jacob E. Wey.  
 Chas. Hoffmann  
 Leopold Porr.  
 Samuel Beutler  
 Peter Fankhauser  
 Josef Walchi  
 Johann Fankhauser  
 J. Edward Wissler  
 John U. Luthy  
 Frederick Luthy  
 William Luginbill  
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 Peter Luginbill  
 Karl Walchi

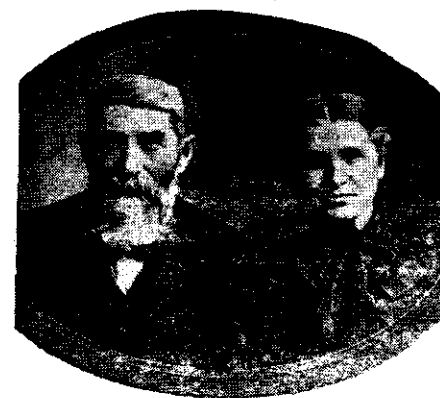
## CHARTER MEMBERS



Mrs. John Stauffer Sr.  
 Photo of John Sr. not available



Charles and Margaret Porr



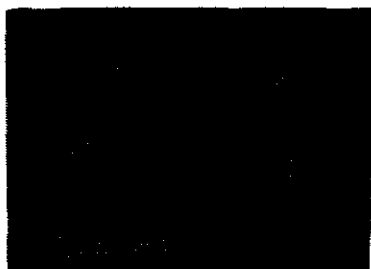
Leopold and Elizabeth Porr



Peter and Mary Fankhauser



John U. Luthy



Karl and Katherine Gunzenhauser



Jacob and Elizabeth Wissler



John and Magdalena Fankhauser



Charles and Phillippine Hofmann



Sam and Mary Beutler



Peter and Elizabeth Luginbill



William and Barbara Luginbill



Fredrich and Henrietta Luthy





David and Louise Wittwer



Jacob and Rosena Frey

## EARLY CONFIRMATION CLASSES

1880



Peter Luginbill



William Luginbill



F. R. Luthy



Marie Luginbill Wissler



Elizabeth Stalder Luginbill

1882



Fritz Stalder



Ida Stalder Hofmann



Mary Magdalene  
Gunzenhauser



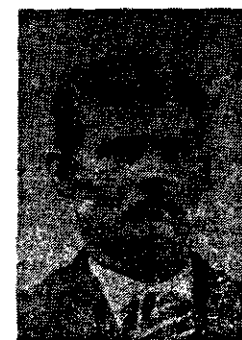
Clara Porr Westerman  
Elizabeth Porr Mell



Rosena Adelia Luginbill



Albert Stalder



Jacob Stauffer



Elizabeth Stauffer Ast



Louis Stalder Jr.



Albert Stauffer

\$270.24 received as free will gifts; four members attended Summer Conference at Crete, Nebraska, they were Mrs. Elmer Ast, Miss Tena Hoffman, Mrs. Chris Fankhauser and Mrs. Dan Fankhauser; twenty-five dollars was given to India Mission Cause; Thank Offering Service gifts amounted to \$79.34; at Christmas Meeting \$26.52 was brought and sent to the Fellowship Center, St. Louis and five bags of clothing sent, one to Evangelical Childrens Home in St. Louis and four bags to Church World Service. The Women's Guilds gift to the re-decorating fund of the Church amounted to \$702.09. Present Officers of the Guild are Mrs. Sena Hoffman, President; Mrs. Raymond Bucher, Vice-President; Mrs. Ira Colson, Secretary; Mrs. Hartley Richard, Treasurer.



### Pioneer Class

By Mrs. Olin Stalder

The Pioneer Class of the Four-Mile Sunday School was organized in January 1946, with Mrs. C. J. Weidler as Counselor.

There were fifteen members present for the first meeting. At the present time there are thirty-two members.

The Class was organized to stimulate interest in the Sunday School and Church; to sponsor social activities and

### Brotherhood

The Brotherhood was organized in 1953 when a group of interested men gathered together to meet with Fred Ress, Key Man from Lincoln and two members of the Cook, Nebraska Church. The Brotherhood received its charter in 1954 and meets monthly for worship, education, service and fellowship. Although still young the Brotherhood is growing and invites all the men of the church to attend its meetings.

The First Confirmation Class





Creek community stood the calamity remarkably well and went right on gaining new citizens from the East.

Any history of that part of Richardson county would be incomplete without reference to Rev. John Forney. He was not only a builder of the community, but served faithfully as a preacher and medical doctor for a great number of people, for a very small consideration.

The school house was built in 1870. For many years it served for church services, school and literary societies. Many weighty problems of national importance have been threshed out on this old school house floor, by the lyceums that met weekly during the winter months.

Silver Creek Brethren church was built in 1878. The cemetery was laid out years before and the first burial there was in 1870. Most of the old settlers of the Silver Creek neighborhood have now removed to the city, while their descendants are occupying the well-improved homes they built. All are living and dying as American citizens, except Joseph Meyers and family. They moved to Jerusalem, Palestine, years ago, where now in the hills of Judea, Uncle Joe and some of his family he buried. Mrs. Meyers and the other children are still living.

#### FIRST REGISTER OF SETTLERS' CLAIMS.

The claims of the first settlers, together with the dates they settled on the lands of the United States, on the Great Nemaha river, were as follow:

|                         |                   |      |
|-------------------------|-------------------|------|
| John O'Laughlin.....    | March 22 .....    | 1854 |
| John Blew .....         | March 21 .....    | 1854 |
| Jacob B. Newton .....   | March 29 .....    | 1834 |
| Francis K. Purkett..... | March 28 .....    | 1854 |
| Samuel Crozier.....     | March 28 .....    | 1854 |
| J. B. Key .....         | April 29 .....    | 1854 |
| H. Cleney .....         | May 20 .....      | 1854 |
| Thomas Newton.....      | May 20 .....      | 1854 |
| Meredith Teed .....     | June 16.....      | 1854 |
| Decatur Putney .....    | June 1 .....      | 1854 |
| S. C. Ciemen .....      | March 29 .....    | 1854 |
| John S. Lumpkins.....   | March 27 .....    | 1854 |
| Joel Heney .....        | June 12.....      | 1854 |
| James Matthew .....     | February 25 ..... | 1854 |
| Ambrose Howeston.....   | June 12.....      | 1854 |

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|                          |                   |      |
|--------------------------|-------------------|------|
| Pierson Houser .....     | June 17 .....     | 1854 |
| Jespy Adamson.....       | June 17 .....     | 1834 |
| W. C. Forster.....       | June 17 .....     | 1854 |
| A. C. Forester.....      | June 17 .....     | 1854 |
| Francis A. McVey .....   | June 17 .....     | 1854 |
| Charles W. McVey .....   | June 17 .....     | 1854 |
| Robert H. McVey .....    | June 17 .....     | 1834 |
| James T. Davenport ..... | July 1 .....      | 1854 |
| Ann T. Hashbarger.....   | July 1 .....      | 1854 |
| Christian Bobst.....     | April 12.....     | 1854 |
| Robert T. Archer.....    | April 12.....     | 1834 |
| Jacob Adams .....        | April 12.....     | 1854 |
| Robert L. Turner .....   | April 12.....     | 1854 |
| George T. Bobst .....    | April 12.....     | 1854 |
| Harry Abrams .....       | June 4 .....      | 1834 |
| Thomas Dragon.....       | April 12.....     | 1854 |
| A. J. Dragon.....        | April 12.....     | 1854 |
| Joseph Frice .....       | April 11.....     | 1854 |
| John R. Morris.....      | April 24.....     | 1854 |
| B. Frank Leachman .....  | April 24.....     | 1854 |
| Daniel Picklris.....     | May 15.....       | 1854 |
| Henry Shellhorn.....     | August 2 .....    | 1854 |
| John T. Williams .....   | August 12 .....   | 1854 |
| George W. Cowley .....   | August 12 .....   | 1854 |
| James T. Runels .....    | August 19 .....   | 1854 |
| Gerhom Shellhorn.....    | August 19 .....   | 1854 |
| John Shellhorn .....     | August 19 .....   | 1854 |
| John Lore.....           | August 18.....    | 1854 |
| Henry G. Lore .....      | August 18.....    | 1854 |
| Thomas h. Brown.....     | July 3 .....      | 1854 |
| Washington Cobb.....     | July 3 .....      | 1854 |
| Thomas C. Dunken .....   | August 10 .....   | 1854 |
| Merion Kingston.....     | September 15..... | 1854 |
| William W. Soper.....    | September 15..... | 1854 |
| Samuel S. Soper .....    | September 15..... | 1854 |
| Redmond Warren .....     | September 16..... | 1854 |
| Winslow L. Soper .....   | September 16..... | 1854 |
| Jerry Blair.....         | September 16..... | 1854 |
| H. Honner .....          | September 21..... | 1854 |

|                            |                    |      |
|----------------------------|--------------------|------|
| F. Honner .....            | September 21 ..... | 1854 |
| J. Onstott .....           | September 21 ..... | 1854 |
| Christian Iseley .....     | September 18 ..... | 1854 |
| John Luginbill .....       | October 3 .....    | 1854 |
| Peter Luginbill .....      | October 3 .....    | 1854 |
| Christian Luginbill .....  | October 3 .....    | 1854 |
| John E. Rothenherger ..... | October 28 .....   | 1854 |
| Harmon Warden .....        | October 28 .....   | 1854 |
| Edmond Shellhorn .....     | March 3 .....      | 1855 |
| J. Russell .....           | October 1 .....    | 1854 |

#### EARLY SURVEYS OF RICHARDSON COUNTY.

The reservation known as the Half-Breed Tract, which was set aside for half-breeds and mixed bloods of the Omaha, Iowa, Otoe and Yankton, and Santee bands of Sioux, by a treaty concluded at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin on July 15, 1830, was surveyed by John C. McCoy, a son of a Rev. Isaac McCoy, an early Baptist missionary among the Indians, in 1837-38, the former working under directions of his father.

This work was the first surveying done in this territory and preliminary to the movement of the Indians to the above tract. Under the terms of the above treaty the reservation was located in the east part of this county and Nemaha county and was bounded on the east by the Missouri river, which also was and has always been the boundary between the territories of later states of Missouri and Nebraska.

The north boundary being the Little Nemaha river, in what is now Nemaha county; the west by a line known as the "Half-Breed line," which was drawn, starting at a point west, ten miles from the mouth of the Little Nemaha river and running direct southeasterly to a point ten miles west from the mouth of the Great Nemaha in Richardson county, which latter river formed the south boundary of said reservation.

It was here that a dispute arose after the first survey had been made, as there was a difference of opinion as to whether the distance from the mouth of the Great Nemaha river west, should be measured in a direct line from the mouth of the river ten miles west, or whether the ten miles should be ascertained by following the meanders of the stream.

This difference of opinion did not become a matter of vital importance until years afterward, when, in 1855, the matter of the location of Archer

# TO JURY SOON

## Holden Testified He Struck Trute— Defense Rests and Arguments to Jury Start.

Tecumseh, Oct. 21. (U.P.)—Dale Holden, 21, on trial in district court here for the murder of William Trute, local officer, during a liquor raid on Trute's home last July 3, testified today that he struck Trute over the head with his revolver when Trute failed to obey his demand to halt. Trute was killed in the loft of his barn where Holden was guarding a jug of alleged liquor.

During the absence of L. E. Shurtleff, former special state sheriff, Holden featured the opening day of the defense testimony. The court room was packed when Holden took the stand. The young farmer testified he struck Trute as the latter climbed into the loft of his barn.

"A scuffle followed" Holden said, "and my revolver was accidentally exploded."

Holden testified that Trute exclaimed after being shot, "You have shot me, Shurtleff."

Character witnesses testified as to the good character of Holden. The defense rested shortly before noon. Arguments started at 1 o'clock when the court convened. The case is expected to reach the jury late today.

## Peter Luginbill of Near Humboldt Is Dead

Humboldt, Oct. 21—Peter Luginbill, sr., died Wednesday night at the Sabetha hospital, where he had been for treatment from his home five miles southeast of Humboldt.

He was a pioneer citizen of that community and had reached the age of 75 years, 10 months and two days. He is survived by a large family of sons and daughters.

Journal Want Ads Bring Results.

the first water.

Shot Nun, of Sioux City, who meets Jack Johnson, both weighing 175, in the second bout of the evening, holds the Missouri Valley colored title and has 14 knockouts to his credit.

Original Willie Jackson who meets Philadelphia Joe Gans in the preliminary engagement is credited with being one of the fastest men on his feet in the history of the ring. Both weigh 170 pounds.

Accommodations are being made at the field to take care of several thousand people. It is expected that the 30-round boxing bill will draw from many surrounding towns.

## Powerful Peru Team Meets Orange Friday

The Orange football team will be without the services of Cheever when it lines up on the new athletic field tomorrow afternoon against the powerful Peru team.

"Cheever is still on the sick list but we have a strong lineup to face Peru, and we're going to avenge that defeat of last year," Coach Obermeier today said.

The Peru team is one of the best that will be seen in action here this year. Peru Prep last week defeated Tecumseh, one of the strongest teams in this section, by a score of 16 to 10.

As this game will be in the South-eastern Nebraska Conference, the winner of it will have cleared a high hurdle toward that conference championship.

Mrs. O. F. Lang, accompanied by her cousin, Miss Ethel Washburn of Plymouth, Vt., Mrs. Katherine Sandusky and her guests, Mrs. Ed Hughes of Kansas City and Mr. Edwards of Louisville, Ky., motored to Nebraska City today where they are spending several hours visiting at Arbor Lodge.

Journal Want Ads Bring Results.

ing of the Spanish-Americans—was blown over a to four pieces.

Miami, Oct. 21.—The tropical hurricane which struck Cuba, passed and its terrified today, doing little damage but one reported wake.

One man was reported awning that was blown. The wind was roaring hour when it struck from shortly after 2 a. m. the weather bureau reported.

Residents for the most part had a sleepless night.

Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (P.)—High winds and the only trace here of the hurricane to hit Florida is this city which was the last destructive storm with no loss of lives and property damage.

Washington, Oct. 21.—A hurricane which brushed Florida during the night out to sea today and possibility of danger bureau announced. The of the storm passed south.

The Red Cross was sending aid to Cuba if required.

Washington, Oct. 21.—United States embassy was so badly damaged by today's hurricane that it but none of the embassy injured, the state department formed today.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Loucks left today for Idaho. They had received that Ed Jones, for manager here, was very late.

J. W. Helman of Arkansas is conducting business in Fayette.

HUMBOLDT, NEBRASKA, SEPTEMBER 13, 1929

## ival ving Start

### All Attendance Exhibits In ments

the ninth and County Fair opened in a gathering hay-

and the warm- readiness and is the exhibits supply, and by every availa-

eleven o'clock newly elected seated on her ful float made was crowned honor was Miss the queen's at- Winifred Dal- of whom were e dresses.

Band headed ring music and lowed by the of business s, schools, pri- ivenile section, d with specta- e hearty cheer- g. At 2:00 o- eets, acrobatic, iders and the of which do-

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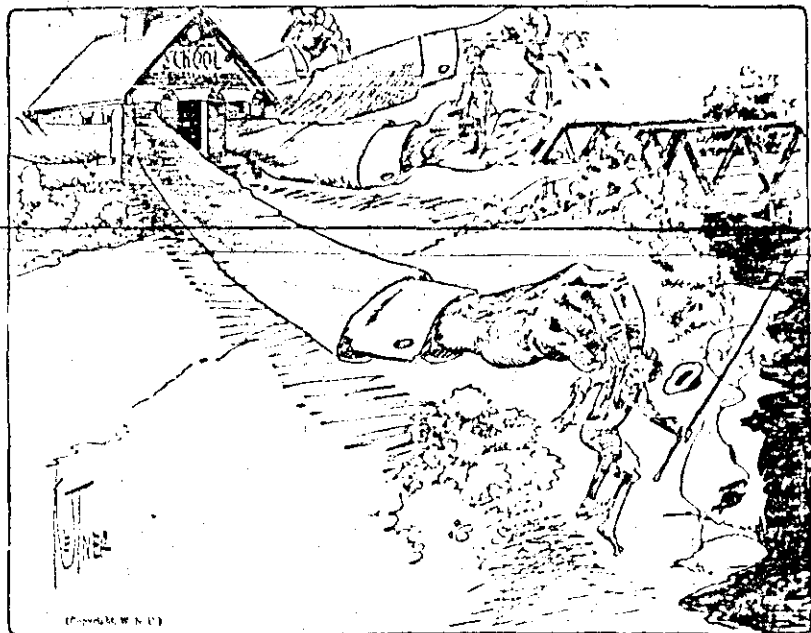
**Heavy Rain In This Section**  
Sunday morning rain began to fall in torrents and all thru the day it rained at intervals as did it on Monday, but the sun came out bright and warm Tuesday morning and no hitch in the program for the Fall Festival and County Fair took place. Those who were in charge of the exhibits were totally swamped with articles for the various departments. Gets bigger and better every year, and far and wide it is known that Richardson county has the only free fair with the biggest and best exhibits and many free acts that cannot be seen at any other fair in the country.

**Mrs. Elizabeth Luginbill**  
Elizabeth Stalder Luginbill was born in Fulton county, Ohio, June 10, 1853, and passed away at her home near Humboldt, Nebr., September 2, 1929, at the age of 76 years, 2 months and 22 days. At the age of 13, Mrs. Luginbill came to Richardson county with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Stalder, settling near Salem, later moving to the Fourmile vicinity.

In 1880 she was married to Peter Luginbill, who passed away in October, 1926. They made their home on a farm southeast of Humboldt, Nebr., where they resided until the time of their demise. To this union was born seven children, Frederick, of Bern, Kans.; Mrs. Rose Cowan, deceased; Peter Jr., of Humboldt; Mrs. Jessie Todd of Flagler, Colo.; Mayne Page, Humboldt, and William and besides the children she leaves to mourn her departure, three brothers, Fred Stalder of Crescent, Okla., Peter Stalder of Elk Creek and Chris of Wymore; three sisters, Mrs. Rose Duncan of Chicago, Mrs. Maggie Burgett and Mrs. Lew Burgett. Her brother, John E. and two sisters, Lynnie and Molly Wittwer, preceded her in death. She was a member of the Salem Reformed church here, and has been for many years. She also leaves twenty grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. Mrs. Luginbill has been a patient sufferer for a number of years, having to forego many of the pleasures of others, yet never complaining. Nearly two years ago she entered the hospital for treatment, and for a time felt better, still assisting with the tasks about the home. This summer her suffering became more intense, and about a week ago she became bedfast. On Monday the Heavenly Father laid His healing hand upon her and she departed this life about noon. Mother Luginbill was a patient, loving mother, a faithful helpmate, neighbor and friend, bearing all cheerfully; doing all bravely; awaiting occasions. "We have lost a mother, but we know her mother's wealth of love is so great that death and the grave can not extinguish its unquenchable flame."

**Planes Failed to Appear**  
How, W. N. Armstrong and T. H.

## Time to Come Back



## Death Follows Illness Of Several Months

**Miss Lena Luthy Passed Away Sunday At Home South Of This City Had Been In Failing Health**

A gloom was cast on the community Sunday when the news of the death of Miss Lena Luthy became current. Miss Luthy had been ill for some time past with Bright's disease and for the past week had been very ill and she also had almost lost her eyesight. Death came to her relief about eleven-thirty Sunday morning. Deceased was born in this county and had attained the age of 43 years, 10 months and 26 days. She leaves to mourn her going her mother, Mrs. Henryetta Luthy, one sister, Mrs. Chris Buettler of Saskatoon, Sask., Canada, and one brother, Fred Luthy of Humboldt. At the time of going to press funeral arrangements were pending and they were awaiting the arrival of Mrs. Buettler from Canada.

James Fergus and Mildred Lee accompanied by Miss Lee's mother, Mrs. M. L. Lee, spent Sunday with friends at Riverton, Iowa. The Lee family formerly were residents of that city.

### Put Damper On Plans

Sheriff Davies did not feel that he could be lenient enough to permit one of his jail birds to attend the big Fall Festival and County Fair, which was in progress in this city four days this week. The prisoner, Ed Fisher by name, claimed he had a trick which he had invented that would clean up enough money to pay up his non-support charge, with which he is charged, but the sheriff put a damper on the idea and thus he remains in jail. Of course, Fisher did not say he would be at the fair and we predict

## Falls From Pole Back Badly Hurt

**Harold Asa Luckily Escapes Death While Working On Light Line**

Friday last Harold Asa, together with a crew of men working for the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Company were raising a large pole along their power line just west of this city and Harold was well up to the top of the pole with two rows of electric wires, one above and one below him, when he felt a tremor in the pole and suddenly realized that it was about to fall to the ground, the pole having broken off at the base. Well, Harold was in a predicament, but very wisely using his judgment he thought best to ride the pole on its downward course until he could see his way clear to make a jump which he did but when he lit he fell across a cross bar of the transformer on the pole and his back is badly injured. X-rays were taken Saturday but it did not show any broken bones or anything out of place in the back, but he is very sore and unable to be about. He however does not care to try it again.

### Nebraskans Going "Back Home."

Many of us go "Back Home" for a visit at this time of the year. The biggest celebration is the Semi-Centennial at Pawnee City the first week of October, but the call comes from Home Folks in all other counties.

We will start by auto for Nebraska, Monday noon, Sept. 16. Night stops will be made at Barstow, Las Vegas, Cedar City, Salt Lake, Green River, Laramie, Julesburg and Grand Island, an easy trip, and not a race.

If you want to join the party and make it a caravan, let us know, and get your car and outfit ready. If you want a place in somebody's car, write

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# The Humboldt St

ESTABLISHED IN 1882 BY GEORGE P. MONAGAN

HUMBOLDT, NEBRASKA, SEPTEMBER 6, 1929

## Death of Mrs. Luginbill.

Mrs. Elizabeth Luginbill, wife of the late Peter Luginbill, passed away at the family home some miles south of this city Monday, Sept. 2, 1929. She was born in Ohio, January 10, 1853, and was aged 76 years, 2 months and 23 days at the time of her demise. She had been ill for some time. Several children survive the mother. Besides other relatives. Funeral services were held at the Salem Reform conducted by B. H. Dawson, who was called from Marysville, Mo., to conduct the services, and burial was made in the cemetery near the church.

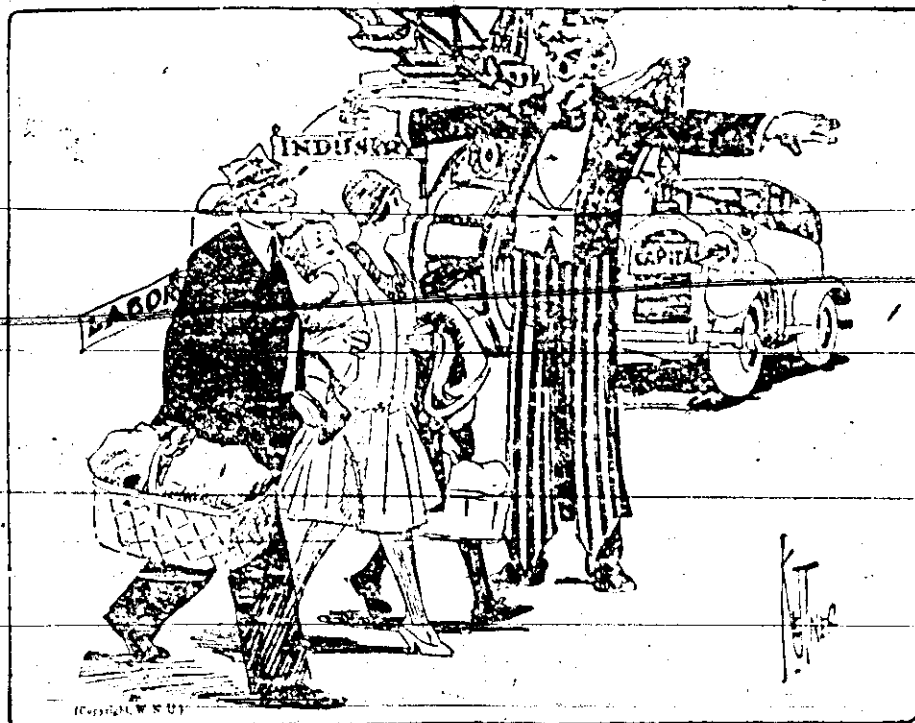
## Many Accidents Are Recorded In August

Nearly 300 Reported in Two Weeks, Entailing Forty-Five Deaths.

Accidents reported to the state for the two weeks ending August 27, and tabulated by the Nebraska Press association, show a total of 292 with forty-five deaths and 285 persons injured. Automobile accidents headed the list with 177 accidents, twenty-five deaths and 182 persons hurt. Other public accidents and home accidents were nearly tied, with thirty-four and thirty-three, respectively, while thirty-one were recorded in agricultural employment. Of the persons injured, thirty were permanently disabled.

Nine deaths in the thirty-four public accidents, aside from those due to automobiles, resulted from swimming. One child was accidentally shot while playing with a weapon which was believed to be unloaded. One person died from an insect bite. Another was struck by lightning. One man was killed when he stopped on the highway and attempted to help a

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## Captures First On Poland China Hogs

The Great Midwest Wins First Prize at Nebraska State Fair.

Frank Rist's Poland Chinas were the only hogs shown from Richardson county. Four head were entered from the Rist herd, each one of them a winner. His herd boar, the Great Midwest was made first prize Junior Yearling of the show; his aged herd consisting of 4 head, was placed third. Two senior yearling sows won 4th and 6th places, respectively, and the junior yearling sow was placed 4th. Competition was strong in all of these classes.

## Sunday Picture Show Will Be Permitted

Favorable Action by Council on Petition Signed by 425 Residents of Humboldt.

Four hundred and twenty-five voters signified by placing their names on a petition that they were in favor of Sunday picture shows in Humboldt. The petition was presented to the city council Tuesday evening, and after a period of discussion the privilege to present motion pictures in duly licensed theatres and play houses situated in Humboldt on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, was granted. Councilmen

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### Marston Brought Back.

Constable Dungan who went up to Plattsmouth Tuesday returned the following day bringing with him a prisoner in the person of "Rev." J. Forest Marston. The "reverend" gentleman "worked" a large number of his newly made friends while here on his former visit and it became necessary to bring him back to answer to charges of having gotten money from them on false pretenses. It is claimed his swindles here amounted to more than \$200.00, gathered in individual sums ranging from five to twenty dollars, on bogus insurance schemes. At the time of his arrest by the Cass county officials nearly every county in the eastern part of the state reported similar transactions by him while in their midst. Marston dresses after the fashion of ministers and carried out the idea by filling the pulpit of one of the local churches on several occasions on his former visit. He occupied a cell in the city bastille Wednesday pending trial for his wrong doings. On Thursday he was taken to Falls City and placed in the county jail. His trial is set for Friday February 19, 1904.

### Pioneer Dies.

Grandma Luginbill, mother of Messrs. Peter and William Luginbill and Mrs. Fred Luthy, residing south of town died Monday evening after a short illness. She was nearing her seventy-ninth birthday and had been a continuous resident of the county for nearly fifty years. The funeral was held from the Four Mile church, conducted by the pastor, and the remains laid to rest in the Salem cemetery.

### Becomes a Citizen.

Alvis Watzek of this city appeared in the district court on Thursday of last week and being examined by two witnesses, Henry Ruegge and John Rontz was naturalized as a citizen of the United States. Mr. Watzek is a native of Bohemia and has made

### Public Sale.

The undersigned will sell at public sale at the F. G. Schmelzel farm 6 miles north of Humboldt and 6 miles south of the Stone Church, on Monday, February 22, 1904, the following described property, sale to commence at 10 o'clock a. m.

Eight head of horses and mules, as follows: 1 span of geldings 6 years old, well matched; 1 span of heavy draft horses 9 years old; 1 mare heavy in foal; 1 gelding 10 years old; 1 span of mules coming two and three years old and stand 15½ hands high.

24 head of cattle, consisting of 6 good milk cows, 5 of them to be fresh soon; 12 2-year old heifers; 1 yearling heifer and five young calves.

Twenty-five head of hogs, consisting of 11 brood sows, all bred to a Poland China boar; 14 head of shoats.

Farm Implements—3 lumber wagons; 1 Deering self binder; 1 Deering mower; 1 Buckeye mower; 1 Deering 10-foot hay rake; 1 8-hole Hoosier drill; 2 disk harrows; 1 riding cultivator; 3 walking cultivators; 1 2-section harrow; 1 combined lister; 1 16-inch stirring plow; 1 feed cooker; 3 sets of good heavy work harness; 1 set single harness; 1 saddle; some household goods; three or four tons hay and a stack of oat straw and numerous other articles.

Terms of Sale:—All sums of \$10 or less cash. Over that amount a credit of seven months will be given, purchaser to give a bankable note, drawing seven per cent interest from date of sale. Three per cent discount for cash on sums over ten dollars.

F. G. SCHMELZEL.  
WM. RICHARDS.

Col. M. W. Harding, Auct.  
L. J. Segrist, clerk.

### Dissolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, Anton Kozel, Emil Kozel and Joe Kozel, doing business in Humboldt under

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## JOHN LUGENBILL DEAD.

Without a Moment's Warning the Slender Thread of Life is Broken.

This was the sad intelligence received in this city at an early hour Tuesday morning. John Luganbill, one of the oldest settlers of Richardson county, was born in Switzerland in the year 1824, and when but 5 years of age he emigrated to this country, locating in New York state. In the year 1855 he came to Nebraska and homesteaded the farm upon which he has since lived, about 7 miles south of this city. Up to the moment of his death he was in apparently good health, having as usual assisted with the morning chores. Upon returning to the house he laid down on a sofa, for a few moments rest and a little later took his chair at the breakfast table. Placing his hand to his head he said: "O, what a pain I have in my head," the last words he uttered. It was suggested that he lie down again, and he arose from the table only to sink to the floor a lifeless corpse. The shock to the family was most severe. Funeral services will be held tomorrow.

### DIED.

At the home of her daughter, Mrs. Samuel Sites, about seven miles north of this city, on Sunday evening June 27, 1897, at 10 o'clock, Mrs. Eleanor R. Leech, aged 83 years, 4 months and 7 days. It is with deepest regret that we are called upon to chronicle the demise of this estimable lady. After an illness of short duration she quietly passed away and thus has passed into history the life of a woman who in her mortal being was ever an example of cheerfulness and social companionship—yea, a beautiful example of faith and patience gone to its reward. Funeral services were held at the Pleasant View church Monday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. K. Maxfield of the M. E. church, of which church she was a member for more than seventy years, who preached a most impressive ser-

Hello, central.

The phone is coming.

Grand ball July 3rd, Opera house.

Fresh Berries every day at Beery & Carter's.

Geo. Allen of Stella was on our streets Monday.

Mrs. Creighton Morris returned from Morrill, Kansas, Sunday.

Buy your gasoline of Beery & Carter; they will deliver it for you.

Dr. Andrews and Chas. Derstine of Stella were in the city Monday.

Elegant gold watch given away to best lady waltzer July 3rd.

Opera house July 3rd, fine gold stud given to best gentleman waltzer.

Home Made Smoked Meat of all kinds at M. W. TRUXAW'S.

Mrs. Mary Dunham of Lincoln is in the city visiting with her mother, Mrs. A. Blumer.

Picnic goods, such as canned fish, canned meats, bottled pickles, etc., at Beery & Carter's.

Miss Tilde Blair returned Sunday from a week's visit with her parents near Bern, Kansas.

Oscar Krumenacher, Chas. Sharts and Clay Edwards spent Sunday with Table Rock friends.

Mrs. J. A. Greenwood spent a few days with Dawson friends last week returning home Thursday.

As was stated last week, Mrs. Otto Kuhn left for Chicago where she will spend the summer with her mother.

Mrs. O. A. Cooper returned from a week's stay at Sycamore Springs Sunday and reports Guy slightly improved.

Miss Vesta Freeman of Table Rock, daughter of Mrs. N. C. Campbell arrived

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The city at the big Monday evening transaction by brought contention last annual satisfaction and the disposed of The large dance den Little later of our pub The mee S. M. Phil previous Treasurer a report of the school received du amount o \$5055.40. mate of th year, as Fuel \$500; \$125.00; bu \$300.00; be 00, aggreg 705.00. The ho school is balance o A little m been save the econo affairs by good show The el held, the votes cast bey 40; E. 47; L. B. tion of N was made school wa 25 mills n was adjou

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## Pioneer Settler Laid To Rest

Peter Lugnbill Sr., a Resident of This County Since 1855, Died at Sabetha Hospital Last Week.

Peter Lugnbill Sr., a resident of the Dry Branch neighborhood since 1855, died at a Sabetha, Kans., hospital Wednesday, October 13, after a brief illness, aged 74 years, 10 months, and 25 days. News of the passing of Mr. Lugnbill, when it became current soon after the sad occurrence, brought with it sorrow to relatives and members of the household and a pang of regret to friends, who were legion. Mr. Lugnbill was endowed with a rugged and strong physique and during all the years that he spent on the farm, exacting from the soil a competence that is the reward of incessant labor and relentless toil, he hardly knew what it was to suffer indisposition. It was just a year ago when his health seemed to fail and, when taken suddenly ill, was taken to a Sabetha hospital where he was compelled to remain for several weeks. Gradually regaining his strength he returned to his home and soon after was again seen assisting in the work of the farm, work that to him was second nature. A week ago he suffered a recurrence of the trouble and was again taken to the hospital, but this time fate seemed to decree he should not return, and he gradually grew weaker, notwithstanding everything possible to stay the hand of disease was done, and his eyes were finally closed in endless sleep.

Peter Lugnbill was born in Waverburg, Holmes county, Ohio, November 18, 1851. He came to Nebraska with his parents when a boy four years of age, the family settling on the farm now occupied by Wittle Page, where deceased grew to manhood and lived until his marriage to Miss Elizabeth Stalder, in 1880, when the young couple moved to the farm which he owned and on which he lived the remainder of his life. Seven children were born to this union, Frederick Lugnbill of Bern, Kans., Mrs. Rosa Cowan, deceased; Peter Jr., of Lincoln; Mrs. Mayme Page and Mrs. Jessie Todd of this city, William and Lucy at home. Besides the immediate family he is survived by one brother, William Lugnbill, three sisters, Mrs. Edna Luthy, Mrs. Lizzie Aust and Mrs. Rosa Stauffer, all of this vicinity, and 18 grandchildren. When a young man, deceased was confirmed and became a member of the Salem Reformed church in which he held his membership throughout his life. He was ever a patient, loving father, a kind and helpful neighbor and one whose jovial disposition and sunny nature won for him many friends. Funeral services were held at Salem Reformed church, Saturday, Oct. 16, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Yost, assisted by Rev. H. H. Dawson of Oregon, Mo., and the remains were interred in Dry Branch cemetery.

### Enjoying Honeymoon Trip.

Charles Kunkle and wife of Waverly, Kansas, now enjoying an anti-nuptial visit with friends and relatives.

### Garage Changes Hands.

The deal whereby the transfer of the stock and business of the Harding garage to V. I. Mayfield, was consummated the latter part of last week, and the new proprietor is now in possession. The business hereafter will be conducted under the name of the Humboldt Tire Company, in connection with "Vim Tire Service," a service which Mr. Mayfield established a number of years ago, and has steadily grown into a chain of fifteen stations, at any one of which subscribers to the service may apply for and receive relief from any tire trouble. The repair department of the garage will also be operated by the new management, but Walter Kaiser, formerly manager of the garage, will continue in charge of the battery station. Mr. Mayfield has had long experience in the tire and garage business, being located for the most part at Falls City, and in taking over the Harding garage merely adds another to the chain of stations he operates, carrying a full and complete line of tires, tubes and accessories and operating service cars.

### Big Shoe Sale On.

The Margurger shoe store opened its doors Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock to a packed house. The large force of clerks was taxed to the limit trying to give the good service that you always get at the Margurger store. The novel arrangement of the store and display of footwear makes it doubly easy to make selections and get waited upon. Every pair of shoes is tagged with the size, width and price marked in plain figures. The sale will carry on through this week and next. Two big two-page circulars as issued from this office were sent out to all nearby towns and rural routes which, together with the low prices and big values offered brought people to the store by the hundreds. H. S. Wall of the T. K. Kelly Sales System of Minneapolis, Minn., is in charge of the sale.

### Toll Bridge Keeper Robbed.

According to a dispatch from Plattsmouth, under date of October 16, Frank W. Elliott, toll bridge attendant at that city, and a brother of Mrs. C. H. Thornton of this city, recently experienced the thrills that being a victim of a "hold up" import. The dispatch says: "Two men drove up to the county toll bridge north of Plattsmouth about 12 Thursday night, held up Frank W. Elliott, attendant, took \$75 in receipts and escaped. Elliott said the men were riding in a sedan and came from the direction of Omaha. After taking the money they turned about, speeding northward. The receipts were those gathered from 3 p. m., Friday, when the last banking was made."

### Notice.

W. H. Brokaw of the Agricultural extension service of Lincoln, will be present at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce which will be held at the city hall Thursday evening, October 28, at 7:30. A good attendance is desired and a special invitation is extended to the men of our rural districts, and those interested in the extension work to be present at this meeting.

### Humboldt Defeated.

Humboldt defeated Shubert Sunday.

## Indian Summer



### Married at Seneca, Kansas.

Albert Porr and Miss Ethelda Owendon, two well known and popular young people of this community, were married Sunday, October 17, at Seneca, Kansas.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Owendon. She is an attractive young lady, a graduate of the Pawnee City public schools and entered Wesleyan university the first of the school year, where she specialized in voice.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Porr. He is also a graduate of the Pawnee City public schools, an industrious young man, and liked by all who know him.

He has accepted a position with the Pawnee Chief and with his bride will make Pawnee City their home. —Pawnee Republican.

David James Wittwer, seven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. David Wittwer, Jr., passed away at a hospital in Lincoln Monday after a short illness with heart trouble and pneumonia. The remains were brought to this city Tuesday, and funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon.

George T. Schmeltzer, one upon a time a rural resident of this community but now an electrical engineer and contractor of Hot Springs, Ark., was in the city for a brief period Monday, shaking hands with old-time friends. This office is pleased to acknowledge a pleasant call.

Miss Nadie Johnson, whose home is in Crake, Mo., and who is a student at the university in Lincoln, came to this city Saturday last to visit her mother, Mrs. J. E. Johnson at the home of Mrs. Kuper, north of this city. Mrs. Kuper is the mother of Mrs. Crake.

Mrs. James Holman and daughter, Miss Helen, went to Lincoln Friday last where they visited the former's mother, Mrs. Chas. Nims and with John Cahires Holman, son of Mrs. Holman, who is attending the Wesleyan university.

Mrs. Mabel Hoffman came from

Misses Mary Melster, Florence Davenport, Bernice and Bertha Schuetz went to Falls City Friday to visit Mr. Martin Melster, who is in the hospital recovering from an operation. We are pleased to report she is recovering and will soon be able to return to her home in this city.

Mrs. Chas. Williamson returned from a visit Saturday last with her sons, Karl Williamson and family in Hastings and Clinton Williamson and family at Sioux City, Ia. She went to Sioux City with Karl and wife, and the trip was made via auto.

Mrs. S. H. Gist and mother, Mrs. E. A. Tucker, left Friday last for Hartford, Conn., where they will pay an extended visit with Mrs. Gist's son, Preston Gist, and at the home of Dr. George Tucker and wife, who reside in that city.

J. D. Shrauger returned from a most delightful visit with relatives and old friends in Pennsylvania, Tuesday of this week. He was accompanied home by his niece, Miss Dorothy Jenkins, who will visit here for a while.

Miss Suella Shirley came down from Lincoln to spend a few days with her parents, I. Shirley and wife Friday last. She was suffering with an infection in one of her heels, but she was able to return to that city Sunday.

Mrs. John Stephenson left for a visit with her son, John McNeely and family at Burchard, Nebr., and her son James McNeely and wife, and daughter, Mrs. Clara Finney at Sumnerfield, Kansas, Friday of last week.

Mrs. Chris Rockerman and daughter, Helen, and the former's mother, Mrs. Gretchen Tjaden, who had been visiting relatives at Hyron, this state, returned to their homes near this city Saturday last.

Asa Dean is once more able to appear at the shop after a long and severe tussle with the "flu," which for a time it was feared might develop into pneumonia.

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## Bertha Luginbill

Funeral services for Bertha Luginbill, 93, Sabetha, will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Four Mile Congregational Church, Humboldt, with the Rev. Duane Lookingbill officiating.

Burial will be in the Four Mile Cemetery.

Mrs. Luginbill died Sunday, June 28, 1992, at the Apostolic Christian Home, Sabetha. Prior to entering the home on Oct. 23, 1992, she lived on a farm south of Humboldt.

She was born April 20, 1899, on a farm near Wathena, Kan., a daughter of the late Ludwig Moser and Elizabeth Wailti Moser. She was baptized and confirmed at the Zion Reformed Church, Wathena.

Graduating from Belmont School, she later worked in St. Joseph, Mo.

On Aug. 20, 1930, she was married to William Luginbill. The cou-

ple made their home on a farm south of Humboldt. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Luginbill was an active member of the Four Mile Congregational Church and the Women's Fellowship of the church. She was a member of the Pleasant Hour cooperative extension club. During World War II she served on the Dist. 64 rationing board.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Erasmo (Elizabeth) da Silva, Lincoln, Mrs. Gordon (Frances) Warner, Wexford, Pa., and Mrs. Larry (Hazel) Cummins, Humboldt, and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three grandchildren, four brothers and six sisters.

The Wherry Funeral Home, Humboldt, is in charge.



herby covenanting that they own the property so conveyed in fee simple, and without incumbrance, and that they will warrant and defend the same against all claims whatsoever. In Witness whereof the said John W. Peavy together with Sarah W. Peavy his wife who hereby relinquishes all claims of dower have hereunto set their hands and seals this third day of April A.D. 1867.

In presence of H. H. Curtis  
J. S. Davenport

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John W. Peavy (seal)  
Sarah W. Peavy (seal)

Deniloy of Nebraska

County of Pawnee } On this third day of April A.D. 1867 before me J. S. Davenport, County Clerk and for Pawnee County personally appear a John W. Peavy and Sarah W. Peavy his wife well known to me to be the identical persons who signed the above conveyance, and acknowledged the same to be their voluntary act and deed. Witness my hand and Official seal on the day and year last aforesaid

(seal)

J. S. Davenport  
County Clerk

H. H. Curtis County Clerk

Charles Henderson } Filed for Record January 3rd 1868 at 9 O'clock A.M.  
to } Deed  
George Hoffmann }

Know all men by these presents: that I Charles Henderson of the County of Richardson & State of Nebraska in consideration of the sum of One hundred & fifty dollars in hand paid by George Hoffmann of the same place, have bargained and sold, & do hereby grant & convey unto the said George Hoffmann his heirs and assigns forever, the following premises situate in said County of Richardson & bounded & described as follows to-wit: The East half of the South East quarter of Section Ten (10) in Township No. Two (2) North of Range Fifteen East, To have and to hold said premises, with the appurtenances unto the said George Hoffmann his heirs and assigns forever, And the said Charles Henderson for himself and his heirs doth hereby covenant with said George Hoffmann his heirs and assigns, that he is lawfully seized of said premises, and that he will forever warrant and defend the same with the appurtenances unto the said George Hoffmann his heirs and assigns against the lawful claim of all persons whomsoever. In Testimony whereof the said Charles Henderson has hereunto set his hand and seal this 24th day of Sept. A.D. 1867

Witness G. S. Tomlin

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Charles Henderson (seal)

State of Nebraska

Richardson County } This 24th day of Sept. 1867 personally came before the undersigned

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Burgess Wenschaler together with Pamela H. Wenschaler his wife, who hereby  
releases all claims of Dowry hereunto set their hands and seals this 11th day of  
March AD 1867. No. 10  
\$150 Burgess. Wenschaler Seal  
In presence of L. R. Carlson Pamela H. Wenschaler Seal  
A. A. Merton

County of Richardson Seal On this Eleventh day of March AD 1867 before me O. W.  
Dunning a Justice of the Peace in said County personally appeared Burgess Wenschaler  
and Pamela H. Wenschaler his wife well known to me to be the identical persons  
who signed the above conveyance, and acknowledged the same to be their  
voluntary act and deed. Witness my hand and official seal on the  
day and year last aforesaid. Seal  
O. W. Dunning  
Justice of the Peace

John C. Peary wife Seal Filed for Record Jan'y 3rd 1868 at 11 O'clock AM  
Do Seal "Warranty Deed"  
John Luginbill Seal

Know all men by these presents; that John C. Peary and  
Sarah H. Peary his wife in consideration of One Thousand Dollars to them paid  
by John Luginbill, do hereby bargain sell and convey to the said John Luginbill  
his heirs and assigns forever the following Real Estate in Richardson County, State  
of Nebraska viz: The East half of the South West quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) and the West half ( $\frac{1}{4}$ )  
of the South East quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Nine (9) in Township No one (1) Range  
Thirteen (13) Containing one hundred and sixty acres. Also the following tract  
commencing two (2) chains and ninety (90) from the North West corner of the North  
East quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Eight (8) Township One (1) Range Thirteen (13) East thence  
running South twenty Eight (28) chains and Twenty five (25) links to the channel of  
the South Nemaha river, thence down said river Two (2) chains and seventy  
(70) thence North Twenty six (26) chains and twenty five (25) links, thence West one  
chain, and Eighty three (83) links to the place of beginning containing five acres  
more or less, also beginning in the middle of the channel of the Nemaha river  
on the North line of the North half of the North East quarter of Section Six-  
teen (16) in Township One (1) Range Thirteen (13) running on said North line from  
the middle of the channel of said river due West twenty five (25) rods, thence  
due South thirty two (32) rods. Thence due East Twenty five (25) rods, thence  
North thirty two (32) rods to the place of beginning - together with all the  
privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging. To have and to hold  
the same to the said John Luginbill his heirs and assigns forever.

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and Eighteen<sup>th</sup> in Block No. seventy one (71) in the City of Fall City in the County and State aforesaid according to the original survey of Fall City and we hereby covenant with said J. A. Link that we hold said premises by good and perfect title; that we have good right and lawful authority to sell and convey the same. that they are free and clear from all liens and incumbrances whatsoever and we covenant to warrant and defend the said premises against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever and the said Mattie E. Shelly wife of J. C. Shelly releases all her right of dower to the above described premises. Witness our hands this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1874

attest  
Francis E. Watson

J. C. Shelly  
Mattie E. Shelly

State of Nebraska } ss  
County of Richardson }

on this the ninth day of May A.D. 1874 before me the undersigned a Notary Public in and for said County appeared the above named J. C. Shelly and Mattie E. Shelly his wife personally known to me to be the identical person whose names are affixed to the foregoing instrument as grantor and acknowledge the same to be their voluntary act and deed for the purpose therein expressed.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my Official seal at Fall City Nebraska on the date last above written

(Seal)

F. E. Watson

Notary Public

J. A. Bryan Co. Clerk

By R. L. Henderson D. C.

John Luginbill wife } Filed for Record May 9<sup>th</sup> 1874 at 12 o'clock, M.  
For } Warranty Deed  
Samuel Gorman }

Know all men by these presents that We John Luginbill and Ann Elizabeth his wife of the County of Richardson and State of Nebraska for the consideration of the sum of Eight Hundred & 800<sup>00</sup> Dollars in hand paid by Samuel Gorman do hereby sell and convey unto the said Samuel Gorman of the County of Richardson and State of Nebraska all our right title and interest in and to the following described Real Estate situate and lying in Richardson County State of Nebraska to wit: North East 1/4 Quarter of the South West 1/4<sup>th</sup> and the North West 1/4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of the South East 1/4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of Section Nine (9) Town one (1) North of Range Thirteen (13) East containing Eighty acres be it the same more or less and we hereby covenant with said Samuel Gorman that we hold said premises by good and perfect title; that we have good right and lawful authority to sell and convey the same; that they are free and clear from all liens and incumbrances whatsoever and we covenant to warrant and defend the said premises against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever and the said Ann Elizabeth Luginbill releases all her right of dower to the above described premises. Witness our hands



this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1874

Attest

Attest

Attest

State of Nebraska } ss

County of Richardson

John Luginbill (237)

Ann Elizabeth Luginbill (24)

in this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1874 before me the undersigned Justice of the Peace in and for said County appeared the above named John Luginbill and Ann Elizabeth Luginbill his wife personally known to me to be the identical person whose name is affixed to the foregoing instrument as grantor and acknowledge the same to be their voluntary act and deed for the purpose therein expressed

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal at Humboldt Nebraska on the date last above written

L. A. Coryam Esq. Clerk

Cory A. L. Henderson D.C.

Attest, M. Beale (Seal)

Justice of the Peace

A. P. Lewis's wife }  
To

Filed for Record May 9<sup>th</sup> 1874 at 20 o'clock P.M.  
Quit Claim Deed

Andrew Shafer

Know all men by these presents that for and in consideration of the sum of one thousand Dollars to us in hand paid by Andrew Shafer of Richardson County and State of Nebraska we A. P. Lewis and Lucie C. Lewis of Richardson County and State of Nebraska do hereby sell and Quit claim unto the said Andrew Shafer and his heirs and assigns forever all of our right and title in and to the following described Real Estate and Land to wit: The North Half of the North West Quarter of Section Number Six (6) in Township Number one (1) and the South half of the South West Quarter of Section Number thirty one (31) in Township Number two all in Range Number Fifteen (15) East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Richardson County and State of Nebraska. To have and to hold the said above described land unto the said Andrew Shafer and to his heirs and assigns forever. The said Lucie C. Lewis Releases all her right of Dower in and to the above described land

In Witness Whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this day of April 1874

In presence of

A. P. Lewis (Seal)


L. C. Lewis (Seal)

State of Nebraska } ss











Richardson County

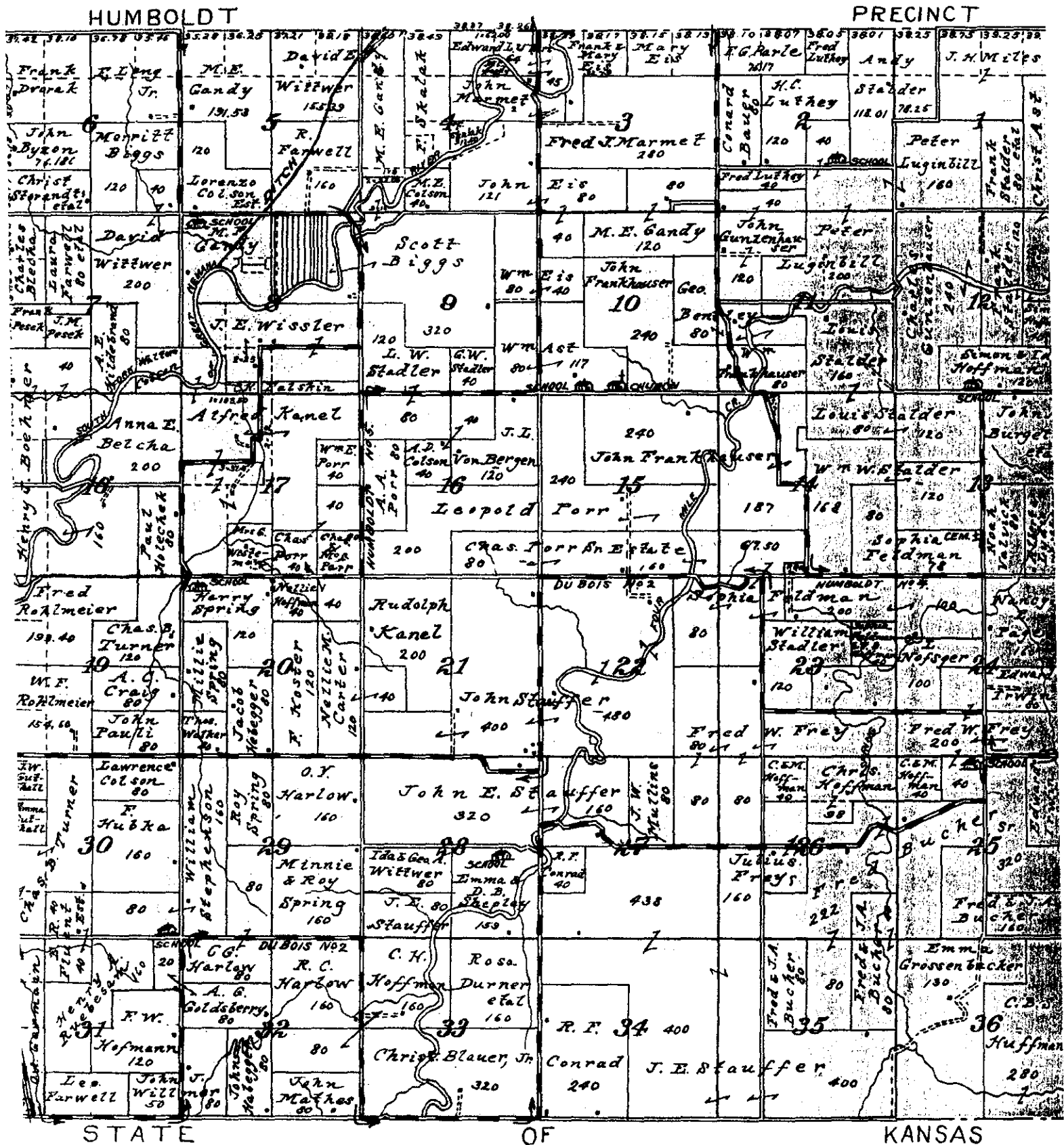
Personally appeared before me a within and for the above named County and State A. P. Lewis and Lucie C. Lewis personally and well known to me to be the





MAP OF  
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PRECINCT

**REFERENCES:**  
 Rail Road  School   
 Wagon Road  Church   
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 Creek  Cem.   
 Rural Routes   
 School Districts 



# Marriage Record, Richardson Co., Nebraska.

ACHES, BLACKMAN & CO. MARINE, Burlington, Iowa.

Mr. Edward Kippler

No. 636735

Before the Probate Judge of Richardson County, Nebraska,

Miss Mary Lugenbill

August 21/1873

## AFFIDAVIT.

I, Edward Kippler of Richardson County, State of Nebraska, aged 23 years, do solemnly swear that I am acquainted with Mr. Edward Kippler and Miss Mary Lugenbill who are parties for the marriage of whom a LICENSE is applied for; that said Edward Kippler is of the age of 23 years and upward; of sound contracting mind, and unmarried,\* that said Mary Lugenbill is of the age of 19 years and upward; of sound contracting mind, and unmarried,\* and may lawfully contract and be joined in Marriage.

I furthermore do solemnly swear that the following schedule, containing the names of the aforesaid parties, their age, color, place of birth, residence and parents' names, is correct in every particular, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, to-wit:

| NAMES OF PARTIES      | Age          | Color     | PLACE OF BIRTH     | RESIDENCE       | FATHER'S NAME         | MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME |
|-----------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <u>Edward Kippler</u> | <u>Groom</u> | <u>23</u> | <u>Switzerland</u> | <u>Nebraska</u> | <u>Jacob Kippler</u>  | <u>Eliza Rufen</u>   |
| <u>Mary Lugenbill</u> | <u>Bride</u> | <u>19</u> | <u>Prussia</u>     | <u>'</u>        | <u>John Lugenbill</u> | <u>Eliza Holtz</u>   |

Subscribed and sworn to before me August 21st 1873  
Edward Kippler Applicant  
L. H. Ryan  
 County Clerk

## ISSUE OF LICENSE.

Application having this day been made by Edward Kippler for License for the Marriage of Mr. Edward Kippler aged 23 years, and Miss Mary Lugenbill aged 19 years, and it appearing by the affidavit of Edward Kippler as above recorded that the said parties are of competent age and condition to marry†

and all the requirements of the law having been complied with, License is therefore Issued this 21st day of August 1873.

H. M. Mack  
 Probate Judge, Richardson County, Nebraska.

## CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

TO THE PROBATE JUDGE OF RICHARDSON CO., NEBRASKA:

This Certifies, That on the 21st day of August A. D. 1873 at the Prothonotary's Parsonage at Salt City in said County, according to law and by authority, I duly JOINED IN MARRIAGE Mr. Edward Kippler and Miss Mary Lugenbill and there were present as witnesses Mr. Lugenbill & Miss M. C. Lugenbill  
 Given under my hand the 21st day of August A. D. 1873

J. S. Greenmuller  
L. H. Pastor

Marriage Record, Richardson Co., Nebraska.

ACRE'S, BLACKMAN & CO., MAKERS, Burlington, Iowa.

Mr. Friedrich Luthy

No. 776 1067

Before the Probate Judge of Richardson County, Nebraska,

Miss Henrietta C. Lugenbill

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AFFIDAVIT.

I, Wm Lugenbill of Richardson County, State of Nebraska, aged    years, do solemnly swear that I am acquainted with Mr. Friedrich Luthy and Miss Henrietta C. Lugenbill who are parties for the marriage of whom a LICENSE is applied for; that said Friedrich Luthy is of the age of 25 years and upward; of sound contracting mind, and unmarried,\* that said Henrietta C. Lugenbill is of the age of 20 years and upward; of sound contracting mind, and unmarried,\* and may lawfully contract and be joined in Marriage.

I furthermore do solemnly swear that the following schedule, containing the names of the aforesaid parties, their age, color, place of birth, residence and parents' names, is correct in every particular, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, to-wit:

| NAMES OF PARTIES              | Age          | Color     | PLACE OF BIRTH     | RESIDENCE       | FATHER'S NAME         | MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME   |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| <u>Friedrich Luthy</u>        | <u>Green</u> | <u>25</u> | <u>Switzerland</u> | <u>Nebraska</u> | <u>John Luthy</u>     | <u>Christina Luthy</u> |
| <u>Henrietta C. Lugenbill</u> | <u>20</u>    | <u>  </u> | <u>Nebraska</u>    | <u>  </u>       | <u>John Lugenbill</u> | <u>H. C. Luthy</u>     |

Wm Lugenbill Applicant

Subscribed and sworn to before me April 4 1877  
Wm Luthy  
Probate Judge

ISSUE OF LICENSE.

Application having this day been made by Wm Lugenbill for License for the Marriage of Mr. Friedrich Luthy aged 25 years, and Miss Henrietta C. Lugenbill aged 20 years, and it appearing by the affidavit of Wm Lugenbill as above recorded, that the said parties are of competent age and condition to marry †

and all the requirements of the law having been complied with, License is therefore Issued this 4 day of April 1877  
Wm Luthy  
Probate Judge, Richardson County, Nebraska.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

TO THE PROBATE JUDGE OF RICHARDSON CO., NEBRASKA:

This Certifies, That on the 6 day of April A. D. 1877 at Humboldt in said County, according to law and by authority, I duly JOINED IN MARRIAGE Mr. Friedrich Luthy and Miss Henrietta C. Lugenbill and there were present as witnesses Wm Lugenbill Christina Luthy  
Given under my hand the 6 day of April A. D. 1877

Joseph Luthy  
Justice of the Peace

# Marriage Record, Richardson Co., Nebraska.

ACHES, BLACKMAR & CO., MARERS, Burlington, Iowa.

Mr. William Lygenhill  
(TO)

No. 747 1068

Before the Probate Judge of Richardson County, Nebraska,

Miss Anne B. Tropebacher

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## AFFIDAVIT.

I, Fried Luthy of Richardson County, State of Nebraska, aged 27 years, do solemnly swear that I am acquainted with Mr. Wm Lygenhill and Miss Anne B. Tropebacher who are parties for the marriage of whom a LICENSE is applied for; that said Wm Lygenhill is of the age of 27 years and upward; of sound contracting mind, and unmarried,\* that said Anne B. Tropebacher is of the age of 22 years and upward; of sound contracting mind, and unmarried,\* and may lawfully contract and be joined in Marriage.

I furthermore do solemnly swear that the following schedule, containing the names of the aforesaid parties, their age, color, place of birth, residence and parents' names, is correct in every particular, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, to-wit:

| NAMES OF PARTIES           | Age       | Color    | PLACE OF BIRTH     | RESIDENCE   | FATHER'S NAME         | MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME |
|----------------------------|-----------|----------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <u>H. Lygenhill</u> Groom  | <u>27</u> | <u>W</u> | <u>Ohio</u>        | <u>Nebr</u> | <u>John Lygenhill</u> | <u>H. C. Galt</u>    |
| <u>Anne B. Tropebacher</u> | <u>22</u> | <u>W</u> | <u>Switzerland</u> | <u>Nebr</u> | <u>Tropebacher</u>    | <u>Elizabeth</u>     |

Subscribed and sworn to before me April 4 1877  
Fried Luthy Applicant  
Wm Lygenhill  
Anne B. Tropebacher

## ISSUE OF LICENSE.

Application having this day been made by Fried Luthy for License for the Marriage of Mr. William Lygenhill aged 27 years, and Miss Anne B. Tropebacher aged 22 years, and it appearing by the affidavit of Fried Luthy as above recorded that the said parties are of competent age and condition to marry†

and all the requirements of the law having been complied with, License is therefore Issued this 4 day of April 1877  
S. A. Miller  
Probate Judge, Richardson County, Nebraska.

## CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

TO THE PROBATE JUDGE OF RICHARDSON CO., NEBRASKA:

This Certifies, That on the 6 day of April A. D. 1877 at Humboldt in said County, according to law and by authority, I duly JOINED IN MARRIAGE Mr. William Lygenhill and Miss Anne B. Tropebacher and there were present as witnesses John Lygenhill & Christine O'Leary  
Given under my hand the 6 day of April A. D. 1877

Joseph Glesser  
J. P.

## Richardson County Cemetery Project

**Richardson County Cemeteries have been walked and indexed by the Tri-State Corners Genealogical Society as a project for the Nebraska State Genealogical Society (NSGS). Jorene Herr and Dorothy Lewis have compiled the records of all the county cemeteries into six volumes divided by precincts. A set of these volumes is in the public libraries in Humboldt and Falls City. These are also available for purchase from NSGS. Nebraska State Genealogical Society. Following are the links to the map and index for each volume and to the combined index.**

1. **Volume 1**-Franklin, Porter, East Muddy, West Muddy Precincts (NW part of County)
2. **Volume 2**-Barada, Ohio, Arago Precincts (NE part of County)
3. **Volume 3**-Grant, Liberty, Salem Precincts (Central)
4. **Volume 4**-Falls City (except Steele Cemetery) , Jefferson, Rulo Precincts (SE County)
5. **Volume 5**-Humboldt, Speiser, Nemaha Precincts (Western part of County)
6. **Volume 6**-Steele Cemetery (Falls City)

### Cemetery Names/Locations --- Combined Index Vol. 1-5

#### Volume 6 (Steele) Index

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### Richardson County Cemetery Volumes by Precinct

|                 |        |                 |            |             |             |
|-----------------|--------|-----------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Volume 1</b> |        |                 |            |             |             |
| Franklin        | Porter | West Muddy      | East Muddy | Barada West | Barada East |
| <b>Volume 3</b> |        | <b>Volume 2</b> |            |             |             |
| Humboldt        | Grant  | Liberty         | Ohio       | Arago       |             |
| <b>Volume 5</b> |        | <b>Volume 4</b> |            |             |             |
| Speiser         | Nemaha | Salem           | Falls City | Jefferson   | Rulo        |

### Alphabetical List of County Cemeteries/Locations

| Cemetery   | Township/Precinct | Directions  | Latitude | Longitude |
|------------|-------------------|---|----------|-----------|
| Anderson's | Arago Twn, Sec. 2 | From Falls City 3 mi E, 7 N, 2 E, .25 E & .25 N in pasture                                    |          |           |
| Arago      | Arago Twn, Sec.11 | From Falls City 6 mi N., 6.5 mi. E., .5 mi. N., & .5 mi E                                     | 400907N  | 0952822W  |
| Archer     | Ohio Twn, Sec. 36 | From Jct 8 & 73 in Falls City, 2.5 mi N., 1.5 mi E., .5 mi S. Follow fence line east about .1 | 400600N  | 0953430W  |

Located N of Peter Luginbill  
Rosa

Rosa Luginbill Cowan  
Sept 9, 1883 - Apr. 7, 1919

Wm Lugnbill  
Born Dec. 9, 1849  
Died Dec. 23, 1927

Anna B.  
wife of  
Wm Lugnbill  
Dec. 9, 1854  
Apr. 9, 1905

John C. Lugnbill  
1878-1938  
Married  
1891-1953

Willis D.  
Lugnbill  
03-1-1932  
1-8-1998

Lorna Lugnbill  
1893-1927

FATHER John Lugnbill

~~FATHER~~  
MOTHER

Willis Wilma

|                     |                 |                            |                   |
|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| BERTHA<br>Luginbill | william H       | Christopher W.<br>Commings | Hollm<br>Commings |
| Apr. 20,<br>1899    | Dec. 16<br>1890 | Jan 5<br>1969              | Oct. 24<br>1903   |
| Nov. 28<br>1992     | Dec. 22<br>1974 | Jul 25<br>1974             | July 25<br>1974   |

Infant son of  
Wm H. & Bertha  
Luginbill  
Febr 22, 1932

Peter Luginbill  
1851 - 1926

Elizabeth ~~Stad~~  
Stalder  
wife of Peter Luginbill  
1853 - 1929





Marriage Record, Richardson Co., Nebraska.

ACRES, BLACKMAR & CO., MAKERS, Burlington, Iowa.

Mr. Edward Kippler  
to  
Miss Mary Lugenbill.

No. 636 735

Before the Probate Judge of Richardson County, Nebraska,

August 21 1873

AFFIDAVIT.

I, Edward Kippler of Richardson County, State of Nebraska, aged years, do solemnly swear that I am acquainted with Mr. Edward Kippler and Miss Mary Lugenbill who are parties for the marriage of whom a LICENSE is applied for; that said Edward Kippler is of the age of 23 years and upward; of sound contracting mind, and unmarried,\* that said Mary Lugenbill is of the age of 19 years and upward; of sound contracting mind, and unmarried,\* and may lawfully contract and be joined in Marriage.

I furthermore do solemnly swear that the following schedule, containing the names of the aforesaid parties their age, color, place of birth, residence and parents' names, is correct in every particular, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, to-wit:

| NAMES OF PARTIES     | Age | Color | PLACE OF BIRTH | RESIDENCE | FATHER'S NAME  | MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME |
|----------------------|-----|-------|----------------|-----------|----------------|----------------------|
| Edward Kippler Groom | 23  | W     | Switzerland    | Nebraska  | Jacob Kippler  | Eliza Ruffner        |
| Mary Lugenbill Bride | 19  | W     | Wisconsin      | "         | John Lugenbill | Eliza Kelly          |

Edward Kippler Applicant  
Subscribed and sworn to before me August 21 1873  
L. H. Ryan  
County Clerk

ISSUE OF LICENSE.

Application having this day been made by Edward Kippler for License for the Marriage of Mr. Edward Kippler aged 23 years, and Miss Mary Lugenbill aged 19 years, and it appearing by the affidavit of Edward Kippler as above recorded that the said parties are of competent age and condition to marry

and all the requirements of the law having been complied with, License is therefore Issued this 21st day of August 1873  
H. M. Mack  
Probate Judge, Richardson County, Nebraska.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

TO THE PROBATE JUDGE OF RICHARDSON CO., NEBRASKA:

This Certifies, That on the 21st day of August A. D. 1873 at the Lutheran Parsonage at Falls City in said County, according to law and by authority, I duly JOINED IN MARRIAGE Mr. Edward Kippler and Miss Mary Lugenbill and there were present as witnesses Mr. Lugenbill & Miss M. C. Lugenbill  
Given under my hand the 21st day of August A. D. 1873  
J. B. Greenmuller  
Luther Pastor

Marriage Record, Richardson Co., Nebraska.

ACRES, BLACKMAR & CO., MAKERS, Burlington, Iowa.

Mr. Friedrich Luthy  
TO  
Miss Henrietta C. Lugenbill

No. 746 1067

Before the Probate Judge of Richardson County, Nebraska,

18

AFFIDAVIT.

I, Wm Lugenbill of Richardson County, State of Nebraska, aged        years, do solemnly swear that I am acquainted with Mr. Fried Luthy and Miss Henrietta C. Lugenbill who are parties for the marriage of whom a LICENSE is applied for; that said Fried Luthy is of the age of 25 years and upward; of sound contracting mind, and unmarried,\* that said Henrietta C. Lugenbill is of the age of 20 years and upward; of sound contracting mind, and unmarried,\*

and may lawfully contract and be joined in Marriage.

I furthermore do solemnly swear that the following schedule, containing the names of the aforesaid parties, their age, color, place of birth, residence and parents' names, is correct in every particular, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, to-wit:

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|---|-----------|----------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| <u>Fried Luthy</u><br><small>Groom</small>            | <u>25</u> | <u>W</u> | <u>Switzerland</u> | <u>Nebraska</u> | <u>John Luthy</u>     | <u>Christina Luthy</u> |
| <u>Henrietta C. Lugenbill</u><br><small>Bride</small> | <u>20</u> | <u>W</u> | <u>Nebraska</u>    | <u>      </u>   | <u>John Lugenbill</u> | <u>H.C. Hult</u>       |

Wm Lugenbill Applicant  
Subscribed and sworn to before me April 4 1877  
Wm Lugenbill  
Dorsey Pullin

ISSUE OF LICENSE.

Application having this day been made by Wm Lugenbill for License for the Marriage of Mr. Friedrich Luthy aged 25 years, and Miss Henrietta C. Lugenbill aged 20 years, and it appearing by the affidavit of Wm Lugenbill as above recorded, that the said parties are of competent age and condition to marry†

and all the requirements of the law having been complied with, License is therefore Issued this 4 day of April 1877  
Saunders  
Probate Judge, Richardson County, Nebraska.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

TO THE PROBATE JUDGE OF RICHARDSON CO., NEBRASKA:

This Certifies, That on the 6 day of April A. D. 1877 at Humboldt in said County, according to law and by authority, I duly JOINED IN MARRIAGE Mr. Friedrich Lugenbill and Miss Henrietta C. Lugenbill and there were present as witnesses Peter Lugenbill Christine O. Hult  
Given under my hand the 6 day of April A. D. 1877

Joseph Hesser  
Justice of the Peace



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# Marriage Record, Richardson Co., Nebraska.

ACHES, BLACKMAR & CO., MAKERS, Burlington, Iowa.

Mr William Lygenhill  
TO  
Miss Anne B. Tropebach

No. 947 1068

Before the Probate Judge of Richardson County, Nebraska,

18

## AFFIDAVIT.

I, Fried Luthy of Richardson County, State of Nebraska, aged 27 years, do solemnly swear that I am acquainted with Mr. Wm Lygenhill and Miss Anne B. Tropebach who are parties for the marriage of whom a LICENSE is applied for; that said Wm Lygenhill is of the age of 27 years and upward; of sound contracting mind, and unmarried,\* that said Anne B. Tropebach is of the age of 22 years and upward; of sound contracting mind, and unmarried,\*

and may lawfully contract and be joined in Marriage.

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|--------------------------------|-----------|----------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| <u>H. Lygenhill</u> Groom      | <u>27</u> | <u>W</u> | <u>Ohio</u>        | <u>Nebr</u> | <u>John Lygenhill</u> | <u>H. P. Galtz</u>     |
| <u>Anne B. Tropebach</u> Bride | <u>22</u> | <u>W</u> | <u>Switzerland</u> | <u>Nebr</u> | <u>Tropebach</u>      | <u>Elizabeth Galtz</u> |

Subscribed and sworn to before me

Fried Luthy Applicant  
April 4 1877  
Wm M. Mearns  
Mary Pullin

## ISSUE OF LICENSE.

Application having this day been made by Fried Luthy for License for the Marriage of Mr. William Lygenhill aged 27 years, and Miss Anne B. Tropebach aged 22 years, and it appearing by the affidavit of Fried Luthy as above recorded that the said parties are of competent age and condition to marry †

and all the requirements of the law having been complied with, License is therefore Issued this 4 day of April 1877

S. Mearns  
Probate Judge, Richardson County, Nebraska.

## CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

TO THE PROBATE JUDGE OF RICHARDSON CO., NEBRASKA:

This Certifies, That on the 6 day of April A. D. 1877 at Humboldt in said County, according to law and by authority, I did JOINED IN MARRIAGE Mr. William Lygenhill and Miss Anne B. Tropebach and there were present as witnesses John Lygenhill & Christine O'Leary  
Given under my hand the 6 day of April A. D. 1877

Joseph Glesser  
J. P.

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Burgess Wenschaler together with Pamela H. Wenschaler his wife, who hereby releases all claims of Dowry herunto set their hands and seals this 11th day of

March A.D. 1867.

In presence of B. R. Carlson  
A. A. Murton

46 SR  
\$1.50

Burgess. Wenschaler Seal

Pamela H. Wenschaler Seal

Territory of Nebraska

County of Richardson <sup>ss</sup> On this Eleventh day of March A.D. 1867 before me O. W. Dunning a justice of the peace in said County personally appeared Burgess Wenschaler and Pamela H. Wenschaler his wife well known to me to be the identical persons who signed the above conveyance, and acknowledged the same to be their voluntary act and deed. Witness my hand and official seal on the day and year last aforesaid.

W. H. Maun Collector

O. W. Dunning Seal

Justice of the Peace

John C. Peary & wife <sup>ss</sup> Filed for Record Jan'y 3<sup>d</sup> 1868 at 11 O'clock A.M.  
Do "Warranty Deed"

John Luginbill

Know all men by these presents: That John C. Peary and Sarah W. Peary his wife in consideration of One Thousand Dollars to them paid by John Luginbill, do hereby bargain sell and convey to the said John Luginbill his heirs and assigns forever the following Real Estate in Richardson County State of Nebraska viz: The East half of the South West quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) and the West half ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the South East quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Nine (9) in Township No One (1) Range Thirteen (13) Containing one hundred and sixty acres. Also the following tract commencing ten (10) chains and unity (90) from the North West corner of the North East quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Eight (8) Township One (1) Range Thirteen (13) East thence running South twenty Eight (28) chains and Twenty five (25) links to the channel of the South Nemaha river thence down said river Two (2) chains and seventy (70) thence North Twenty six (26) Chains and twenty five (25) links, thence West one Chain, and Eighty three (83) links to the place of beginning containing five acres more or less, also beginning in the middle of the channel of the Nemaha river on the North line of the North half of the North East quarter of Section Seventeen (17) in Township One (1) Range Thirteen (13) running on said North line from the middle of the channel of said river due West twenty five (25) rods, thence due South thirty two (32) rods. Thence due East Twenty five (25) rods. Thence North thirty two (32) rods to the place of beginning - together with all the privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging. To have and to hold the same to the said John Luginbill his heirs and assigns forever.



hereby covenanting that they own the property so conveyed in fee simple, and without incumbrance, and that they will warrant and defend the same against all claims whatsoever. In Witness Whereof the said John W. Peary together with Sarah W. Peary his wife who hereby relinquishes all claims of dower have hereunto set their hands and seals this third day of April A.D. 1867.

In presence of H. H. Curtis

No. 100

J. S. Davenport

John W. Peary (seal)

Sarah W. Peary (seal)

Territory of Nebraska

County of Pawnee

On this third day of April A.D. 1867 before me J. S. Davenport, County Clerk and for Pawnee County personally appear a John W. Peary and Sarah W. Peary his wife well known to me to be the identical persons who signed the above conveyance, and acknowledged the same to be their voluntary act and deed. Witness my hand and Official seal on the day and year last aforesaid

J. S. Davenport  
County Clerk

H. H. Curtis County Clerk

Charles Henderson

Filed for Record January 3<sup>d</sup> 1868 at 9 o'clock A.M.

to

"Deed"

George Coffman

Know all men by these presents that I Charles Henderson of the County of Richardson & State of Nebraska in consideration of the sum of One hundred & fifty dollars in hand paid by George Coffman of the same place, have bargained and sold, & do hereby grant & convey unto the said George Coffman his heirs and assigns forever, the following premises situate in said County of Richardson & bounded & described as follows to-wit: The East half of the South East quarter of Section Ten (10) in Township No. Two (2) North of Range Fifteen East, To have and to hold said premises, with the appurtenances unto the said George Coffman his heirs and assigns forever, And the said Charles Henderson for himself and his heirs doth hereby covenant with said George Coffman his heirs and assigns, that he is lawfully seized of said premises, and that he will forever warrant and defend the same with the appurtenances unto the said George Coffman his heirs and assigns against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever. In Testimony Whereof the said Charles Henderson has hereunto set his hand and seal this 24<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. A.D. 1867

Witness G. S. Fowler

No. 100

Charles Henderson (seal)

State of Nebraska

Richardson County

This 24<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1867 personally came before me the undersigned

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and Eighteen<sup>th</sup> in Block No. seventy one (71) in the City of Fall City in the County and State aforesaid according to the original survey of Fall City; and we hereby covenant with said L. A. Link that we hold said premises by good and perfect title; that we have good right and lawful authority to sell and convey the same. that they are free and clear from all liens and incumbrances whatsoever and we covenant to warrant and defend the said premises against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever. And the said Mattie E. Shelly wife of J. C. Shelly releases all her right of dower to the above described premises. Witness our hands this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1874

Grant & Matson  
State of Nebraska } ss  
County of Richardson }

J. C. Shelly  
Mattie E. Shelly

on this the ninth day of May A.D. 1874 before me the undersigned a Notary Public in and for said County appeared the above named J. C. Shelly and Mattie E. Shelly his wife personally known to me to be the identical person whose names are affixed to the foregoing instrument as grantor and acknowledge the same to be their voluntary act and deed for the purpose therein expressed.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my Official seal at Fall City Nebraska on the date last above written

(seal)

L. A. Bryan Co. Clerk  
By R. L. Henderson D. C.

F. E. Watson  
Notary Public

John Luginbill wife } Filed for Record May 9<sup>th</sup> 1874 at 12 o'clock, 1874  
for } Warranty Deed  
Samuel Gorman }

I know all men by these presents that We John Luginbill and Ann Elizabeth his wife of the County of Richardson and State of Nebraska for the consideration of the sum of Eight Hundred & 800-9 Dollars in hand paid by Samuel Gorman do hereby sell and convey unto the said Samuel Gorman of the County of Richardson and State of Nebraska all our right, title and interest in and to the following described Real Estate, situate and lying in Richardson County State of Nebraska to wit: North East 1/4 and of the South West 1/4 and the North West 1/4 and the South East 1/4 of Section Nine (9) Town one (1) North of Range Thirteen (13) East containing Eighty acres be it the same more or less, and we hereby covenant with said Samuel Gorman that we hold said premises by good and perfect title; that we have good right and lawful authority to sell and convey the same; that they are free and clear from all liens and incumbrances whatsoever, and we covenant to warrant and defend the said premises against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever, and the said Ann Elizabeth Luginbill releases all her right of dower to the above described premises. Witness our hands



this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1874

attest

A. M. Enock  
Jeth. M. Beale

John Luginbill (Seal)  
Ann Elizabeth Luginbill (Seal)

State of Nebraska } ss  
County of Richardson

on this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1874 before me the undersigned Justice of the Peace in and for said County appeared the above named John Luginbill and Ann Elizabeth Luginbill his wife personally known to me to be the identical person whose name is affixed to the foregoing instrument as grantor and acknowledge the same to be their voluntary act and deed for the purpose therein expressed.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal at Humboldt Nebraska on the date last above written.

L. A. Bryson Co. CLK

By C. L. Henderson D.C.

Jeth. M. Beale (Seal)  
Justice of the Peace

A. P. Lewis & wife } Filed for Record May 9<sup>th</sup> 1874 at 2 O'clock P.M.  
To } Quit Claim Deed  
Andrew Shafer

Know all men by these presents that for and in consideration of the sum of one thousand Dollars to us in hand paid by Andrew Shafer of Richardson County and State of Nebraska we A. P. Lewis and Lucie C. Lewis of Richardson County and State of Nebraska do hereby sell and Quit claim unto the said Andrew Shafer and his heirs and assigns forever all of our right and title in and to the following described Real Estate and Land to-wit: The North half of the North West Quarter of Section Number Six (6) in Township Number one (1) and the South half of the South West Quarter of Section Number thirty one (31) in Township Number two all in Range Number Fifteen (15) East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Richardson County and State of Nebraska. To have and to hold the said above described land unto the said Andrew Shafer and to his heirs and assigns forever. The said Lucie C. Lewis Releases all her right of Dower in and to the above described land.

In Witness Whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this day of April 1874  
In presence of

A. P. Lewis (Seal)  
L. C. Lewis (Seal)

State of Nebraska } ss  
Richardson County

Personally appeared before me a within and for the above named County and State A. P. Lewis and Lucia C. Lewis personally and well known to me to be the

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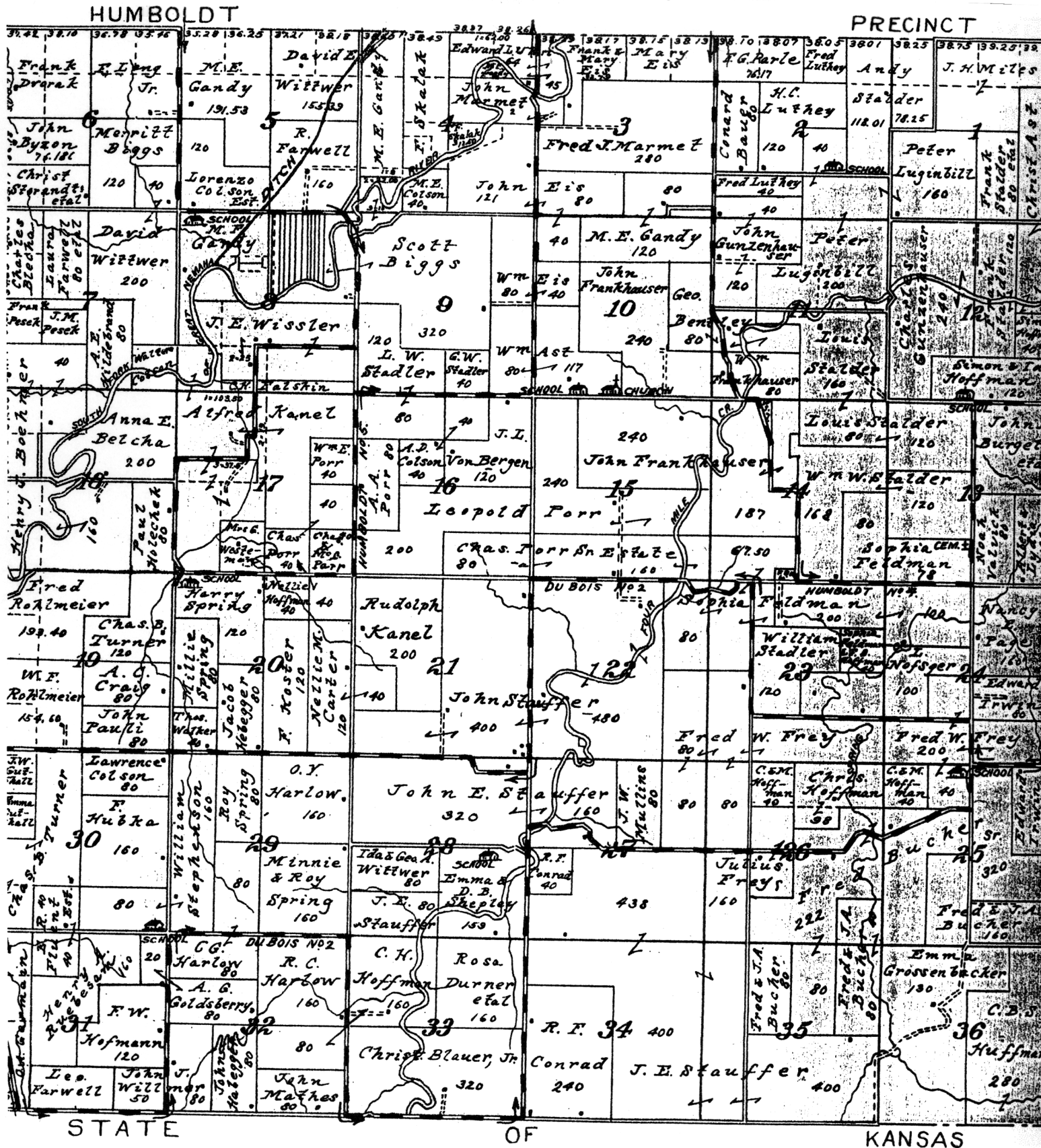
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Dear Mr. Luginbuel:

I apologize for taking so long to send this material to you. I teach at the local high school and April and May are extremely busy times. Although most of the copies were acquired weeks ago, I kept thinking I'd find just a bit more to send, and time got away. I could not find any verification of land claims earlier than 1855 at our Register of Deeds Office. I did notice that John Luginbill's patent was filed in 1889 - long after he settled, so the initial papers for Peter and Christopher might be available at the National Archives.

The .pdf version of the 1917 Edwards *History of Richardson County* is available online at:

**<http://www.rootsweb.com/~nerichar/edwards1917/edwards1917.htm>**. In it are several references to John Luginbill and John Welti - pages 143, 166, 210, 566, 598, 678, 724, 605 and 606. One of our society members read that Mr. Welti was a member of the survey team and recommended this area to his brother-in-law, John Luginbill and other Swiss immigrants. I am still looking for that reference.

There is are a Jacob Luginbill (1855-1931) and Mollie (wife of Jacob) Luginbill (1854-1926) buried in the Maple Cemetery at Salem. I am not sure of any connection. Jacob appears in a naturalization index for the year 1918.

Thank you again for your generous donations to our society. Feel free to contact us for more information regarding questions that this packet might invoke.

Sincerely,

*Norma Kay Thompson*

Norma Thompson

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**From:** <jorene@alltel.net>  
**Subject:** Re: Luginbill  
**Date:** Wed, 23 Apr 2003 9:54:19 -0500  
**To:** "Norma Kay Thompson" <nkthom@sentco.net>

I haven't checked the 4-mile book yet, however I did get Hazel called and had a nice visit. She said the information was submitted by various people, herself, a sister and a cousin. She would be happy to serve as a contact person, however she said a cousin (out west, in Washington or Oregon) had done more research (she didn't have the address nearby when I called, but I figured if he wanted it, he could let her know). I wasn't sure how much she herself really knew, since she didn't seem to know about those who went on south. Anyway her address is:

Hazel Cummins  
RR 3 Box 132  
Humboldt NE 68376  
ph: (402) 862-2804 or  
(402) 862-2808 (shop with answering machine)

If I find anything in the 4-mile book I'll let you know. It's not indexed so it's difficult to tell at first look, but it's not too big. Have fun in Omaha (I'll be there Friday too, at my sister's).

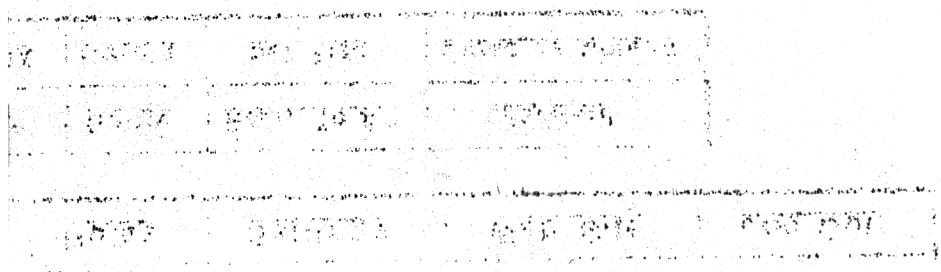
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Message from  
Jorene Herr  
- member of our  
Society and  
Humboldt  
Brown Library  
Librarian



**Subject:** Re: Where are divorce records?

**From:** <zent@sentco.net>

**Date:** Thu, 17 Apr 2003 17:33:12 -0500

**To:** <nkthom@sentco.net>

Oh, yeah, they sent old stuff up, too - even earlier than county court..

I found that Mrs John L was a Welty and her brother was with the surveying crew who worked here. He told his relatives in Ohio about this country and they came West. They soon brought bunches and gobs of other Swissmen, too.

Bobst was Christian Bobst he lived west of here.

John and Elizabeth had Peter, Mary, Henriette, John, Juliana, Rosina and Mary.

I found a John and Elizabeth Lugenbill in 1850 in Ross Co Ohio, ages 24 and 18 ???

Peter was married to Elizabeth Stalder.

They had John F, Rosa, Peter, M..., Jessie, Wm H and Lucille.

Anything new?

RZ

----- Original Message -----

From: "Norma Thompson" <nkthom@sentco.net>

To: <zent@sentco.net>

Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2003 9:38 PM

Subject: Re: Where are divorce records?

Was told divorce records are now in Lincoln at NSHS archives.  
What do you have on Luginbill? I got some obits from Jorene. Found what is in 1985 History, and found the 1855 and 1856 references to Christopher, John and Peter Logabill, and Peter and John Lookingbill respectively. Was Bobst's once considered Pawnee County? Land south of Humboldt is still in the family.  
Who were Jacob and Mollie Luginbill who are buried in Maple Cemetery?  
Found Jacob on the 1918 Naturalization.  
Norma

zent@sentco.net wrote:

Norma,

Alfred W. Clark and Sarah Catherine Crouch Clark m 1870.9.25.  
Divorce records are in district court.

I found some things on Luginbill.  
later, R

message from  
Richard Zentner  
- society member

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## JOHN LUGINBILL 1824-1897

A tall, ornate headstone, etched with age, marks the final resting place of a Nebraska pioneer named John Luginbill. He was born more than 160 years ago near Berne, Switzerland, and died June 29, 1897 in Richardson County, Nebraska.



Front L-R: Rose Stauffer, John Luginbill, Elizabeth Luginbill, Elizabeth Ast. Back: Mary Wissler, Peter Luginbill, William Luginbill, Henrietta Luthy.

John is buried in Four-Mile Cemetery, a picturesque setting of gently rolling hills and valleys punctuated by timberlines that follow streams snaking their way toward the Missouri River.

The Luginbill family migrated to America in 1829. The Atlantic crossing was made in a sailing ship and the trip through the Appalachian mountains was accomplished by wagon train.

The family settled in or near Waynesburg (Stark County) Ohio, about 1830. The 1850 Federal Census of Holmes County, Ohio record the young man's age as 24 and that he was married to Elizabeth Welti. She, too, was born in Switzerland and had come to America when two years old.

Census records of 1860 show the family has moved farther west to Andrew County, Missouri. This move, probably about 1853, was the next to last stop for the John Luginbill family since records show they were in Nebraska by 1856.

Nebraska, still a Territory, was blessed with rich, black soil that produced abundant crops for a growing young nation. This was the end of the rainbow for John Luginbill. Here he put down roots, and here he remained. By this time there were two new additions to the family: Elizabeth and Rosena. Older members of the family were William H., Peter, Mary C., Henrietta, and John — for a total of seven children.

It should be said that in 1854 a settler could homestead 160 acres, live on it for six months, and then buy it from the U.S. Government for \$1.25 an acre. At the time it was called pre-emption, and that is the road John travelled, but it wasn't an easy one.

Historians note that the frontier in those days was no place for weaklings. Only the fittest could endure the hardships, privations, and dangers of every-day living. Although friendly and helpful, the Indian was a factor.

One anecdote has it that John owned a pair of oxen he obviously had brought from Ohio. One winter day while logging, Indians made off with his one and only team. Promptly he picked up a gun and trailed them through the snow to Brownville, Nebraska. After confronting the culprits in language they understood, they returned the oxen and John returned home.

Without question, the winter of 1854-55 was to be a hard one for the Luginbills. They lived in a log cabin that provided few comforts, especially with seven children. Then, too, the weather was harsh and provisions were scarce. The daughters learned to spin wool and weave cloth to keep the family warm. John and his sons tended the livestock in makeshift shelters and melted snow for drinking water. By spring they were ready to go into the fields.

A set-back of sorts occurred a few years later when President Buchanan signed legislation requiring payment of the \$1.25 per acre that John had signed up to buy. He had no choice but to take the inheritance money and savings of the entire family to pay for the title to his 160 acres.

From that point on, however, the John Luginbill family fortunes began to look better. Aside from the land John had acquired through homesteading rights, deals were struck with Indian chiefs for additional acreage and, little by little, John Luginbill's holdings became substantial.

Meantime, the country was going through an era of turmoil and agony. Slavery was abolished in 1865; the Civil War ended in April 1865 and President Lincoln was shot the same month (April 1865). Two years later (March 1867) Nebraska became the 37th State in the nation.

Unfortunately, census records for 1870 were destroyed or lost as were the files for 1890.

However, we do know William H. and Peter Luginbill were married between 1877 and 1880. William married Anna Barbara Grossenbacher and Peter was wed to Elizabeth Stalder. Each of the new families now farm their own land, possibly helped along by John.

Also married in 1873 was Mary C. Luginbill. She wed John E. Wissler. Still at home, according to the 1880 census, are Lizzie, 18, and Rosa, 15. Another son of John Senior, born in 1859, also named John, died at an early age (no record).

At the turn of the century, John's wife, Elizabeth, was a widow. The census of that year said she raised seven children, six of them still living in 1900. She had come to the U.S. in 1834 and lived here for 66 years.

In the years preceding his death, John had considerable influence on events of Richardson County. It should be noted that he was elected as one of the Judges to help select the County Seat for Richardson County. He was the judge from Speiser Precinct when Falls City was named.

A run-down of an entire generation of the John Luginbill family, when and where they were born, and who they married follows:

William H. Luginbill, born 1849 in Ohio, married Anna Barbara Grossenbacher.

Peter Luginbill, born 1851 in Ohio, married Elizabeth (Lizzie) Stalder.

Mary C. Luginbill, born 1854 in Missouri, married John E. Wissler.

Henrietta C. Luginbill, born 1856 in Nebraska, married Frederick R. Luthy.

John Luginbill, Jr., born 1859 in Nebraska (died at an early age).

Elizabeth Luginbill, born 1862 in Nebraska, married Christ Ast.

Rosena Luginbill, born 1865 in Nebraska, married John Stauffer.

## PETER LUGINBILL 1851-1926

Peter Luginbill became a pioneer legend in Richardson County, Nebraska, because he was a happy, generous, hard-working person whom everyone loved. He was the second son of John, born in Ohio (1851) and died in 1926. He is buried at the Four Mile Cemetery surrounded by his children and family friends.



Peter and Elizabeth Luginbill

"Grandpa Pete," as he was affectionately called by his many grandchildren, married Elizabeth (Lizzie) Stalder in Falls City, Nebraska, in April 1880. By this time he had a farm of his own and went about the task of making living conditions better for his new bride. It wasn't too long, however, before a family was started, for Fred Luginbill was born in 1881, followed by Rosa in 1882. After a two-year lapse, son Peter was born in 1884. Mamie came along in 1887, followed by Jessie in 1888. The remaining two children, making a total of seven, were William (1890) and Lucy (1892).

So Peter Luginbill had to work hard, long hours in the fields for his seven children. But he still found time to enjoy a game of horseshoes, a lively card game or a visit with a relative. The latter he liked best of all and the years slid by all too quickly.

Before his father died in 1897, Peter was a well-situated and prosperous farmer. In 1891 he built a new house, barn, smokehouse, henhouse and other farm buildings. It is not known which was built first — the family home or the barn. But it is certain that the barn on Peter's farm about a mile north of Four Mile Creek was completed in 1891 and still stands in 1985. It is unique. There are no nails in the structure since wooden pins hold it together. A man-made earthen ridge faces the north. Huge stone blocks join the earthen ridge and make up the east and west sides of the building. The south side of the barn is two stories with a place for livestock below and hayloft above that covers the entire second story.

From the basic earth and stone foundation the barn is completed with wooden beams notched together and pinned. The siding overlaps as only an expert carpenter could manage. A keen imagination must have been at work in the planning of the structure for livestock are protected on the north, east and west by earth and stone. The hayloft affords good

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insulation above and the stall entrances all face south. (It is interesting to note that an identical replica stands on the farm first homesteaded by Peter's father, John. Older, but in good shape this must have been the one Peter copied on his land.)

At the turn of the century (1900) Peter's children were reaching adulthood. The elder son, Fred, was 19 and his sister, Rosa, was 18. And by 1910 only Mamie, William and Lucy remained at home. Peter Luginbill, Jr. and his sister, Jessie, had married and settled elsewhere.

Rosa had taken a job with the telephone company in Kansas. It was there she met her future husband, married and settled down. The year was the early 1900s. The horse and buggy era was giving way to the automobile, an occasional tractor could be seen, the telephone was becoming a popular fixture in homes, and the kerosene lamp was giving way to electricity.

As the years went by it was evident Peter was slowing down. Also, it could be seen that yet another generation was being groomed to work the land. William Luginbill, born in 1890, was destined to be the one to carry on where first John and then Peter left off. At Peter's death in 1926, William took the helm and managed the two homesteads (John's and Peter's) until he died in 1974.

A run-down of an entire generation of the Peter Luginbill family, when and where they were born and died, and who they married follows: Fred Luginbill, born Nebraska (1881-1946), married Ruby Sypherd. Rosa Luginbill, born Nebraska (1882-1919), married Charles Cowan. Peter Luginbill, born Nebraska (1884-1960), married Loma Todd, and Mary Blevens. Mary Luginbill, born Nebraska (1887-1965), married Wittie Page. Jessie Luginbill, born Nebraska (1888-1971), married Tandy Todd. William Luginbill, born Nebraska (1890-1974), married Bertha Moser. Lucy Luginbill, born Nebraska (1892-1976), never married.

## WILLIAM AND ANNA LUGINBILL

William Luginbill, son of John Luginbill and Elizabeth Welty Luginbill, was born November 9, 1849, at Waynesburg, Homes County, Ohio. He was married in 1877 to Anna Barbara Grossenbacher, who was born in Switzerland, November 9, 1854, and had come to America when she was fifteen years old. The family farmed in Spicer Precinct, and two children were born to the union, John Christian and Elizabeth (see Stauffer). William died December 23, 1927, and Anna Barbara died April 9, 1905. They were charter members of the Four Mile Congregational Church.



## FREDERICK AND HENRIETTA CAROLINE (LUGINBILL) LUTHY

Frederick Luthy — born 1851, at Canton Berne Switzerland. With his parents at age 5, immigrated to the United States and came to Fulton County Ohio. In 1865 came to Richardson County and located south of Humboldt. He became a United States Citizen in 1873. In 1877 Frederick was married to Henrietta Luginbill daughter of John and Elizabeth (Welty) Luginbill of Humboldt. Henrietta was born January 1856. Her parents came to Richardson County from St. Joseph Missouri, in 1854. John Luginbill — born 1824 — in Switzerland.



Fred and Ida Luthy

Born to Frederick and Henrietta — four children — Elizabeth, Fredrick Jr., Lena and Gertrude.

Elizabeth married to Chris Beutler — to this union three children Eunice, Hazel and Chris Jr.

Fredrick Jr. married to Ida Schenk, daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth (Schuepbach) Schenk. Fred and Ida celebrated in 1961 their 50th wedding anniversary. To this union four children — Charles, Glendon Fredrick, Margaret and Gertrude.

Glendon married Elsie Krofta of Table Rock, to this union one son Glendon Reece married to Lois Jurgens of Summerfield, Kansas, to this union two children - Carmen Lee and Kelly Jean.

Margaret married to Charles B. Arnot.

Gertrude married to James Spearman of Omaha, to this union two children - Bridgett Marii and Kevin J. Bridgett married to Robert Klich of Omaha.

The Luthys farmed in Speiser Precinct of Richardson County, were named one of the Honor Families of the Soil and Water Conservation District in 1972 and received the Nebraska Pioneer Farm Award — 100 years in 1956. The land continues to remain in the Luthy family - Reece and Lois Luthy farming. Reece is the Great Grandson of the Late Frederick and Henrietta Luthy.

## THE JOHN E. STAUFFER FAMILY

John E. Stauffer was born in Monroe County, Ohio, on February 7, 1861, and came to Richardson County as a small boy with his parents, John and Margaret Affalter Stauffer, who had both been born in Switzerland. The family settled on what has

been known as the Elmer Ast place south of Humboldt. Elmer's mother was a sister of John E. The family gave the land for Speiser School and the Four Mile Church and cemetery.

John E. was married to Minnie Stalder in 1882 and went to farming one and one-half miles south of the family home, where the widow of O.J. Stauffer still lives. They had a daughter, Jessie. The mother later died in childbirth with a second baby, and John E. married Rose Adelia Luginbill. They had seven daughters and two sons: Jessie (Mrs. John Marmet), born in 1883 from John's first wife, died in 1943; Emma (Mrs. Elmer Shepley), born in 1887, died in October, 1943; Ida (Mrs. George Wittwer), born in 1889, died in June, 1965; Minnie (Mrs. Roy Spring), born in 1891, died in 1979; Rosa (Mrs. Jacob Kuenzi), born in 1893, died in December, 1973; Oliver J., born in 1896, died in September, 1967; William Henry, born in 1898, died in 1918; Myrtle (Mrs. Willard Marburger), born in 1903, is still living; Hazel (Mrs. Virgil Kesling), born in 1905, died in November, 1951; and Pearl Stauffer, born in 1908, died in September 1926.

John E. died in November, 1924. Rosa Adelia died March, 1947. Rosa's parents were John and Elizabeth Welty Luginbill, both born in Switzerland.

Children (repeated from above), grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of John E. and Rosa follow:

Jessie Marmet had no children.

Emma Shepley had one daughter, Mary Jean (Mrs. Charles Streit), who had four daughters and two sons.

Ida Wittwer had two daughters: Pearl (Mrs. Harold Johnson) had four sons, and Zella (Mrs. Wilmer Hunzeker) had one daughter and one son.

Minnie Spring had three sons: Vincent Spring had no children, Clifford Spring had one daughter and two sons, and Oreon Spring had one daughter and two sons.

Rosa Kuenzi had one son, John Edward Kuenzi, who had three daughters and three sons.

Oliver J. Stauffer had five sons and five daughters: Carl William (Bill) had two daughters and one son; John Robert (Bob) had one daughter; Stanley had three sons; Patricia (Mrs. Richard Badberg) had one daughter; Henry (deceased) had two sons (one deceased) and one daughter; John Loree (Johnnie) had three sons and one daughter; Emma Lou (Mrs. Robert Mayer) had two sons; Ruth Ann (Mrs. Charles Carrier) had three sons and one daughter; Pearl (Mrs. Oren Mayer) had one son; and Irene (Mrs. Clarence Planer) had one son and one daughter.

William H. died at age 19 and had no children.

Myrtle Marburger had one son, Lyle A., who died at thirty-four, and had no children.

Hazel Kesling had one daughter, Mary Joan (Mrs. James Glathar), who has two daughters.

Pearl Stauffer died at about twenty and had no children.

## **JOHN EDWARD "ED" AND MARY (LUGINBILL) WISSLER**

Mary Luginbill was born in Andrew County, Missouri, in April 1854. Mary, the first white girl in Richardson County, came with her parents, John and Elizabeth Welti Luginbill, to their farm along the banks of the Four Mile Creek. Her father had waited until her birth to bring his family to the area he had selected for their home in 1853.

She attended a country school near her home. Mary learned to keep house and weave the cloth needed for their clothes.

Occasionally a traveling missionary or circuit rider would come through and hold services for the pioneers living in the area. The neighbors would meet at the Luginbill home, where church services were conducted. It was on such an occasion that she was baptized in the water of the Four Mile Creek. She was confirmed in 1880, becoming a member of the German Evangelical Church Society, later to be the Four-Mile Reformed Church.

In 1873 she was united in marriage to John Edward "Ed" Wissler. They established their home south of what was to become Humboldt, Nebraska.

Ten children were born to this family: Fred, born January 1874; John, born February 1876; Elizabeth born June 1879; Edward, born December 1881; Henrietta, born February 1884; William, born January 1886; Magdalena, born January 1888; Marie, born January 1891; Rudolph, born October 1894; and Charles, born May 1896.

Her granddaughter, Florence Schafer, of Pawnee City, Nebraska fondly remembers the happy times she spent visiting her grandparents. It was a special day when her grandmother lovingly prepared her famous chicken with homemade noodles dinner.

## CHRISTIAN "CHRIST" AND JULIANNA "LIZZIE" AST

Julianna Elizabeth, "Lizzie," Luginbill was the second daughter born to John and Elizabeth Welti Luginbill. She was born in a log cabin March 20,

1862, almost 8 years after her parents established their home along the banks of the Four Mile after leaving their home in Andrew County, Missouri.

She received her education at a school near her home. She was baptized and was a member of the Four-Mile Reformed Church, which she attended faithfully throughout her life.

She was married to Christian "Christ" Ast. They selected a homestead three quarters of a mile from her parents' home. Two children were born: William, on September 21, 1890; and Christina, on August 9, 1899. Mr. Ast passed away on May 24, 1899, 2½ months before the birth of their daughter.

Following the death of her husband, she chose to remain on the farm to raise her children. Elizabeth was known for her hard work, homemade bread and cheese sandwiches, and love of family and friends. She passed away on March 11, 1948.

Her son Bill lived with his mother and when old enough helped with the farming. He passed away on April 12, 1974.

Her daughter, Christina, married John Fisher. They bought a farm near Verdon, Nebraska. They had two sons, Robert and Cleland.

Cleland farmed with his father. Cleland married Clara Gilland. Three children were born to this family, Robert, March 11, 1963; Lisa, March 4, 1965; and Susan January 16, 1969.

Robert, who works for Wooding Verona Tool Company, is married to Lori Ann Bradley. They have a son, Robert Dale Fisher II, born June 30, 1983. The family presently lives on a farm near Salem.

Wilhelm Ast immigrated from Switzerland in the 1880's to Bern, Kansas. On July 8, 1892 he married Elizabeth Stauffer Ast. They started married life on a farm eight miles south of Humboldt. To this union were born three children Jessie (Parli) in 1872, Rosa (Harness) in 1882, and Elmer W. on July 2, 1908. Wilhelm died Aug. 29, 1927 and Elizabeth in 1916. They are both buried at the Four-Mile Cemetery.



Elmer and Dorothy Ast

When his father died in 1927, Elmer started farming on the farm where he continued farming for the rest of his life. The land which the Four Mile Church is on and the land which the Speiser Center School was on were from the original Stauffer-Ast Farm. On Sept. 1960 the family received a Century Farm Award.

Elmer attended the Speiser Center Dist. 65 School from grades one through eight. His three children later attended the same school as well as the Humboldt High School where Elmer graduated in 1926.

Elmer married Dorothy Mae Glathar, daughter of Jess Glathar and Lulu McNeely Glathar on February 8, 1933 at the Pleasant View Parsonage north of Humboldt. Dorothy and Elmer celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary at the Four Mile Church on Feb. 1, 1983. Elmer was a lifetime member of the Four Mile Church where he had served on the church board for several years and had been Sunday School Superintendent. Dorothy was a member of the Women's guild and had served as

President of that group as well as being a Sunday School Teacher and Youth Fellowship Sponsor for many years.

Dorothy and Elmer had three children they are: Elizabeth Lou, Joan Lee, and Dorothy Jean. They all attended Peru State College. Elizabeth and Dorothy Jean graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree and Joan received a Two Year Degree. Elizabeth married Elmer Remmers on June 19, 1960 and lives in Papillion, Nebraska where she is a teacher. Elizabeth had two sons James, who died July 11, 1971 of leukemia and Todd, who is an eighth grader at Papillion Jr. High. Joan married Norman Spiering on March 4, 1966 and lives in Elmwood, Nebraska. Joan gives piano lessons and is a teacher aide at the Elmwood Public Schools. Joan has two sons John a senior and Jeff a third grader. Dorothy Jean married Curtis Rydberg on Feb. 1, 1969 and lives at Essex, Iowa on a farm. Dorothy Jean taught school at Papillion and Millard, Nebraska and Shenandoah, Iowa and now is a substitute teacher in the Essex Public Schools. They have one son Keith, a fourth grader.

Dorothy passed away on Feb. 1, 1984 and is buried at the Four-Mile Cemetery. Elmer is now residing at Papillion Manor Nursing Home at Papillion, Nebr. Elmer still owns the family farm.

Elmer Ast passed away February 24, 1985 and funeral services were held Wednesday, February 27 at the Four Mile Church. He was buried at Four Mile Cemetery. Submitted by Mrs. Curtis (Jean Ast) Rydberg



## JOHN AND MARIE LUGINBILL

John Christian "Chris" Luginbill, the son of William and Anna Barbara Grossenbacher Luginbill, was born on a farm south of Humboldt in Spicer Precinct on February 6, 1878. He helped his father farm and attended Four Mile School.

In 1911, he was married to Marie Lena Moser, daughter of Baptiste Moser and Marie Widmer Moser. She came to America when she was a young

girl, with her mother and three brothers. It took three weeks by boat. They came to the Miles Ranch south of Dawson, where the women did housework and the men worked on the ranch taking care of sheep. They worked five years for their passage.

John and Marie farmed on the farm that his parents homesteaded south of Humboldt. Later on, they moved to DuBois, and Chris did day work for other farmers. They had seven children: Alfred, of Omaha; Lillian, who died in infancy in 1913; Irene (Mrs. Welby "Webb" Kerr) of Council Bluffs, Iowa; Myrtle, (Mrs. Claire Walck) of Council Bluffs, Iowa; Gladys (Mrs. Cliff Kendall) of Nampa, Utah, who died September 8, 1946; and Willis, who lived in Council Bluffs, Iowa, and died May 28, 1922.

Chris died in February, 1938, and Marie died June 23, 1973.

## WILLIAM AND ANNA LUGINBILL

William Luginbill, son of John Luginbill and Elizabeth Welty Luginbill, was born November 9, 1849, at Waynesburg, Homes County, Ohio. He was married in 1877 to Anna Barbara Grossenbacher, who was born in Switzerland, November 9, 1854, and had come to America when she was fifteen years old. The family farmed in Spicer Precinct, and two children were born to the union, John Christian and Elizabeth (see Stauffer). William died December 23, 1927, and Anna Barbara died April 9, 1905. They were charter members of the Four Mile Congregational Church.

## WILLIAM HENRY AND BERTHA (MOSER) LUGINBILL

William Henry "Bill" Luginbill became the third-generation owner of the farm which had been the Luginbill homestead, when he purchased the land from his father's estate in 1928. The farm had been his birthplace on December 16, 1890. He was the sixth child, and youngest son, of Peter and Elizabeth (Stalder) Luginbill.

He spent all his life on the farm, helping his parents as he grew up, taking increasing responsibility for the farming operation as they grew older. He was a favorite uncle to his nephews and nieces who spent Sundays at the home place, enjoying Elizabeth's Sunday dinners and having their hair cut or being entertained by Uncle Bill.

He married Bertha Moser on August 20, 1930. Her parents, Ludwig and Elizabeth (Walti) Moser, had emigrated from Bern Province, Switzerland, in 1886. She grew up on her mother's farm near Wathena, Kansas. Her father died when she was three. She attended Belmont School, District 55, and was baptized and confirmed at the Zion (Smith Creek) Reformed Church.

She was an outstanding homemaker. After their marriage, many relatives continued to visit the home place, and both Moser and Luginbill nieces and nephews spent many summers at the farm. During the depression, the family table included a number of farm hands, many of them victims of the hard times. Later, during wheat harvesting, corn shucking, and haying, she often served from twelve to twenty people. Her menus usually included generous servings of meat, several vegetables from her garden — all prepared with butter or cream sauce, pie or home-made ice cream, and fresh lemonade.

The couple was active in the community. Both were members of Four-Mile Evangelical and Reformed Church. Bertha was a member of the Women's Fellowship, and Bill served on the church board for twelve years as treasurer and president. Bertha also was a member of the Pleasant Hour Cooperative Extension Club and served on the District 64 rationing board during World War II. Bill was treasurer of the District 64 School Board for 32 years. He also served on the Speicer Telephone Board, the Speicer Precinct Election Board, and the Humboldt Community Memorial Hospital fund drive. They received one of the first Nebraska Pioneer Farm Awards in 1956.

The couple had four children, a stillborn son and three daughters: Elizabeth (da Silva), Hazel (Cummins), and Frances (Warner). Hazel is now living on the family farm.

Bill and Bertha were special to their seven grandchildren. Favorite times were holidays and vacations spent together on the farm. Grandpa was famous among the grandchildren and their friends for the candy and gum that came from his bottomless pockets.

On December 22, 1974, Bill passed away and was buried in the Four-Mile Cemetery.

Bertha continues to live in her farm home. She still has a small garden and stocks her freezer each year. She maintains her home as a favorite place for nieces and nephews, as well as her children, and grandchildren to visit.



William and Bertha Luginbill

## KERR, LUGINBILL

Welby "Webb" Floyd Kerr (son of Andrew Kerr, Mt. Pleasant, Ohio, and Sarah Jett Myers Kerr from Indiana) was born at Mt. Pleasant, Ohio, September 28, 1911.

Irene Luginbill was born September 28, 1914, south of Humboldt and attended country school District 70 through the eighth grade. She attended high school in DuBois and graduated there. She attended and graduated from Peru Teachers College, where she received a teaching degree. She taught several years at Cincinnati School near DuBois.

On May 4, 1935, in Hiawatha, Kansas, Webb Kerr and Irene Luginbill were married. They made their first home at Bern, Kansas. Webb drove a school bus for the Bern School and farmed, too. During the second World War, they and their two little girls moved to Kansas City, where Webb welded in a bomber plant. They had five children to their union: Judith Anne (Mrs. Darrell Dovenbarger), of Benedict, Nebraska; Linda Lea (Mrs. Stanley Strahm) of Falls City; Shirley Beth of Seneca, Kansas, (died August 10, 1946); Larry Eugene of Underwood, Iowa; and James Leroy of Libby, Montana.

In 1955, they moved to Underwood, Iowa, and Webb farmed. He also was custodian for Underwood High School for several years. He was employed by the county before his retirement. He passed away December 8, 1984.

## LARRY AND HAZEL (LUGINBILL) CUMMINS

The year 1936 is noted for its weather. February 2 found the neighbors keeping the roads open so the doctor could make it to the home of Glen and Fern Porter Cummins near Dawson to deliver their third son, Larry Gale. Eleven months later, on December 2 of that year, William and Bertha Mose Luginbill greeted their second daughter, Hazel Louise.

As the years passed, Larry was growing up in Dawson with his two brothers, William and Ronald. He attended the Dawson School. In high school he participated in football, basketball and track. He graduated in 1954. He was first employed by Don Boring. Later he moved to Lincoln working for the Nebraska Department of Roads and Burlington Northern Railroad.

Hazel Luginbill grew up with her sisters, Elizabeth and Frances. She walked the half mile to Pleasant Meadow School, District 64. After graduating

from the eighth grade, she attended Humboldt Public High School, enjoying music and drama.

She was active in the life of her church. She was baptized and confirmed in the Four-Mile Evangelical and Reformed Church, where her grandfather, Peter Luginbill, was a charter member.

Following her graduation from high school in 1954, she attended Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Sorority. Hazel graduated with a B.A. degree in elementary education.

June 15, 1958, Larry and Hazel were united in marriage at the Four-Mile Church.

They made their home in Lincoln where Hazel taught second grade at Eastridge Elementary School. Larry entered the Army in October and was stationed at Fort Hood, Killeen, Texas. After basic training, he was sent to Schwabach, Germany. Hazel flew there at the completion of the school year.

Upon returning to the States, Larry entered into farming with his father-in-law. The Cummins family moved into the home Hazel's great-grandparents, John and Elizabeth Welti Luginbill had built. Her parents had remodeled and built onto this 100 year old house.

November 19, 1960, their first son, Larry Nicholas "Nick" Jr. was born. Nick celebrated his first birthday and less than two weeks later, Larry was called into the service because of the Berlin Wall Crisis. He was stationed at Fort Hood in Seattle, Washington.

The fall had been wet, making harvesting impossible until the ground was frozen. Hazel's father, Bill, along with help, was finally able to get the crops out. The snows and -15° weather found Hazel and her father busy in the barn during farrowing time. Her mother saw that there was hot coffee when needed and looked after Nick. By August, Larry was home.

October 24, 1963, Holly Marie joined the family. Early in the morning of January 5, 1969, Christopher "Chris" William was born, completing the Cummins family.

The years progressed. Larry was busy with farming, raising hogs and feeding cattle. He was involved with his children, active in the church, played town basketball, and was first baseman on the Friedens' softball team. Later he served on the Humboldt School Board.

Hazel helped organize the area's Head Start Programs in 1968. She decided to get a special education degree with a trainable endorsement and attended classes from the University of Nebraska and Peru State College. In 1972 she resumed her teaching career, teaching trainable students for the Educational Service Unit #4. Hazel was appointed to represent Richardson County at the Southeast Nebraska Developmental Center and Region V Mental Retardation Services Advisory Boards.

She also teaches Sunday School where the family are members of the Frieden's United Church of Christ, Rt. 1, Bern, Kansas, and is active in the Community Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

August 1973 the family moved into their new home, after they had lost their home in a fire in 1972. They were accompanied by their first foster child.

July 25, 1974, Chris and Holly died in a drowning accident. Hazel's father passed away on December 22 that same year.

January 1978 the family opened the Countryside Upholstery Shop in the basement of their home. Larry cut back on his farming and opened the upholstery shop fulltime, moving it to Humboldt in 1980. Needing more room, he later located it in a building on the farm. He is a master craftsman and takes great pride in his work.

The family continues to be active in community affairs, Chamber of Commerce, foster care, and in helping others.

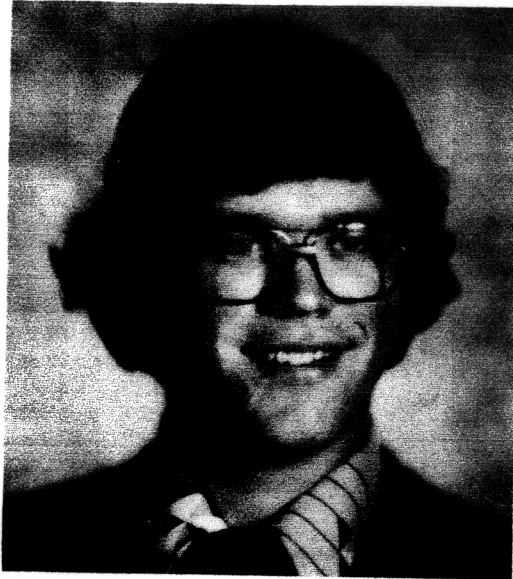


Holly, Hazel and Larry Cummins, Nick, Chris



## LARRY NICHOLAS "NICK" CUMMINS, JR.

November 19, 1960, was a beautiful day when a 9 pound son was born to Larry and Hazel Luginbill Cummins. Larry Nicholas, "Nick" Cummins, Jr.



Larry Nicholas "Nick" Cummins, Jr.

later welcomed his sister, Holly, and brother, Chris, into the family.

Nick entered the Humboldt Public School in 1966. During this time he was active in Four-H, Scouting and Youth Fellowship. In May 1975 his father, a member of the Humboldt School Board, presented him with his eighth grade diploma. During his high school years he was active in band, chorus and drama.

Nick was confirmed in the Frieden's United Church of Christ Rt. 1, Bern, KS. He has held the office of secretary and served on the Education Committee.

After graduating in 1979, Nick was employed at Lewis Implement Company at Humboldt, where he presently works.

Nick helped his father farm and still raises cattle. Being a natural mechanic, he opened Nick's Mower Repair. His shop is on the farm south of Humboldt. Besides mowers, he repairs cars, trucks and other equipment.

Nick is interested in antiques and enjoys restoring them. He received first prize for the restoration of his grandparents, Bill and Bertha Luginbill's, 1927 Chevrolet truck.

Nick enjoys visiting with relatives and friends and helping his grandmothers, Bertha Luginbill and Fern Cummins.

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## NEBRASKA CENSUS, 1855, RICHARDSON COUNTY.

The Census of 1855 did not include the Half Breed Tract which was mostly in Richardson County. The work seems to have been done rather carelessly; some residents of Richardson County are listed in Pawnee County, and the Christian names and initials are often incorrect. The enumeration was signed under oath, October 10, 1855, by James D. White.

### ST. DERROIN

F. M. Thompson<sup>(a)</sup>, b. in Mo., salesman; 1 m. 21 up.  
James M. Rhodes, b. in Ind., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 3 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.  
Charles Baker, b. in "Gemary," laborer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.  
James Henderson, b. in Ky., farmer; 2 m. 21 up.; 2 f. 16 up.  
David Hale, b. in N. Y., hotel keeper; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.; 2 f. und. 16.  
Petter Groh, b. in "Gemay", farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 3 M. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.  
C. Groh, b. in "Gemay", farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.  
George H. Groh, b. in "Gemay", farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.  
Thomas Froman<sup>(a)</sup>, b. in Ky., farmer; 3 m. 21 up.; 2 m. 16 up.; 4 f. 16 up.; 2 f. und. 16.  
John Divers, b. in Va., mechanic; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. 16 up.; 1 f. 16 up.; 2 f. und. 16.  
William Price, b. in Ky., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. und. 16.  
Thomas B. Allen, b. in Mo., farmer; 2 m. 21 up.; 2 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.  
John Price, b. in Va., farmer; 3 m. 21 up.; 1 m. 16 up.; 1 m und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.  
James F. Miller, b. in Ky., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.  
John Eaton, b. in Ky., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.  
Samuel Ross, b. in Ky., farmer; 2 m. 21 up.; 1 m. 16 up.; 3 m. und. 16; 2 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.

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(a) Listed in Nebraska Census of 1854, First District.

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J. Hedrick, b. in O., farmer; 2 m. 21 up.; 3 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.  
W. Morris<sup>(a)</sup>, b. in O., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.  
Joseph J. Morris, b. in O., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.  
Samuel Ramsey, b. in Pa., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.  
I. W. Brinegar, b. in Ky., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. 16 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.  
David P. Brinegar, b. in Mo., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.  
Levi P. Macy, b. in N. Y., physician; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.; 2 f. und. 16.  
John McMahan, b. in Pa., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. 16 up.; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.  
A. McMahan, b. in Ind., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 2 f. 16 up.  
Jackson Van Vickle, Sen., b. in Ind., farmer; 2 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.  
Jackson Van Vickle, Jr., b. in Ill., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.  
R. McMahan, b. in O., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 21 up. 1 f. und. 16.  
William Hillburn, b. in Tenn., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. 16 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.  
J. C. Campbell, b. in Mo., farmer; 2 m. 21 up.  
Daniel Head, b. in Mo., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.  
P. Pollard<sup>(d)</sup>, b. in Tenn., farmer; 2 m. 21 up.; 3 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.

## NEBRASKA CENSUS, 1855, PAWNEE COUNTY.

This enumeration was signed under oath, October 10, 1855, by James D. White. Some of the families here listed were living at that time in Richardson County.

### BOBST'S

Jno. Thornton, b. in Va., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 4 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.  
D. Spring<sup>(a)</sup>, b. in Germany, mason; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.  
William Wethers, b. in O., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.  
James Davis, b. in O., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 1 f. 19, up.; 1 f. und. 16.  
James Reynolds, b. in O., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.  
Wm. J. Dunn, b. in Ky., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.  
John Dunn, b. in O., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.  
James W. Morrison, b. in Ky., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.  
R. W. Morrison, b. in Mo., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 21 up.  
Samuel Bright<sup>(a)</sup>, b. in Switzerland, farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.  
John Logabills, b. in Switzerland, farmer; 1 m. 21 up.  
Peter Logabills, b. in Switzerland, farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 10 up.  
Christopher Logabills, b. in Switzerland, farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.  
H. Abrams, b. in O., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 3 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.; 3 f. und. 16.  
Thomas Brown<sup>(b)</sup>, b. in Mo., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.  
Winslow Soper<sup>(b)</sup>, b. in Mass., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.  
Jerome Shelhorn<sup>(b)</sup>, b. in O., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 2 f. 16 up.; 2 f. und. 16.  
John Shelhorn<sup>(b)</sup>, b. in O., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.

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(a) Jacob Spring, William Withrow and Samuel Bright were living in Richardson County in 1855 and 1856. - Andreas, *History of Nebraska*, p. 1301.

(b) Listed in Nebraska Census, First District, 1854.

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## NEBRASKA CENSUS, 1856, RICHARDSON COUNTY

Two different enumerators were used in taking the Richardson County Census. No oath was found in the manuscript, but the enumerators were sworn August 1 and 2, and returns were dated August 29 and 31. This area was taken by William P. Loan, and included all of the county except the three western townships, Townships 1, 2 and 3 North, Range 13 East.

### ARCHER

- [p. 1] **Charles Robinson**<sup>(a)</sup> <sup>(b)</sup>, b. in Tenn., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.  
**Dauids Robinson**<sup>(a)</sup>, b. in Tenn., farmer; 3 m. 21 up.; 1 m. 16 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 2 f. 16 up.  
**Joseph Boyd**, b. in Mo., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 2 f. 16 up.; 6 f. und. 16.  
**Joshua Boyd**, b. in Mo., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.; 2 f. und. 16.  
**William Level**<sup>(c)</sup>, b. in Ky., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 2 f. 16 up.; 8 f. und. 16.  
**Frank Purket**<sup>(a)(d)</sup>, b. in Mo., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.  
**John Strumbo**, b. in Va., farmer; 2 m. 21 up.; 1 m. 16 up.; 1 m. und. 16.  
**George Mayfield**<sup>(e)</sup>, b. in Del., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.; 2 f. und. 16.  
**James Miller**<sup>(c)</sup>, b. in Va., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.  
**David Boyd**<sup>(c)(f)</sup>, b. in Mo., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.

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(a) Listed in the Richardson County Census, 1854, but not in the 1855 Census.

(b) He moved away that fall. In November 1856, his wife's brother, Cyrus Lones, and her father, on their way from Mound City, Mo., died from exposure near the present site of Falls City. - Edwards, Lewis C., *History of Richardson County*, p. 627.

(c) Listed in the Richardson County Census, 1854 and 1855.



(1 deaf and dumb)

**John Vanvickle**, b. in Ill., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.

**John Hiat**, b. in Ind., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.

**James Russell**, b. in Ind., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 3 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.

**John Crook** <sup>(h)</sup>, b. in Tenn., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.

**Patsy Goolesby**, b. in N. C., farmer; 2 m. 16 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.; 3 f. und. 16.

**Pharagus Pollard** <sup>(h)</sup>, b. in Tenn., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 3 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.

**Wade H. Whitney**, b. in Tenn., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.

**August H. Shoemaker**, b. in Germany, farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.

**Frederick Honnon** <sup>(v)</sup>, b. in Germany, farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.

[p. 3] **Thomas F. Whitney**, b. in Tenn., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 2 slaves.

**John McMahan** <sup>(h)</sup>, b. in Pa., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. 16 up.; 2 f. 16 up.

**Daniel Head** <sup>(f)</sup>, b. in Mo., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.

**Aaron McMahan** <sup>(h)</sup>, b. in Ind., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 2 f. 16 up.

**Jackson Vanvickle** <sup>(h)</sup>, b. in Ind., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.

**Reason McMahan**, b. in O., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.

**William Riley**, b. in N. J., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.

**John Rodenberger** <sup>(h)</sup>, b. in Germany, farmer; 3 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.; 4 f. und. 16.

**William Daugherty**, b. in Mo., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.

**Henry Honnon** <sup>(v)</sup>, b. in Germany, farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 2 f. 16 up.; 3 f. und. 16.

**Lucinda Scott**, b. in Ind., farmer; 1 m. 16 up.; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.

This part of Salem Precinct, Townships 1, 2 and 3 North, Range 13 East, now Spicer, Humboldt and Franklin precincts, was taken by N. J. Sharp, who also made the enumeration for Pawnee County.

## SALEM

[p. 8] **Robert Oliver**, b. in Pa., farmer; 2 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 3 f. 16 up.; 2 f. und. 16.

**Walridge Ritter**, b. in Switzerland, farmer; 3 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.

**Peter Lookingbill** <sup>(v)</sup>, b. in Switzerland, farmer; 2 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.

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(z) Settled in Richardson Co. 1854. - Edwards, 715-6.

(aa) Died of exposure in a storm, Dec. 1856. - Ibid, p. 717.

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## THE NEBRASKA AND MIDWEST

**Fred. Overly**, b. in Switzerland, farmer 1 m. 21 up.

**Jacob Fry** <sup>(v)</sup>, b. in Switzerland, farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.

**Robert Morrison**, b. in Mo., farmer; 4 m. 21 up.; 1 m. 16 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 3 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.

**John Doese**, b. in Mo., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.

**John Robertson**, b. in Mo., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. 16 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.; 3 f. und. 16.

**John Leeman** <sup>(f)</sup>, b. in Switzerland, blacksmith; 1 m. 21 up.



**John Rob[e]rtson**, b. in Mo., farmer; 2 m. 21 up.; 2 m. 16 up.; 2 f. 16 up.; 2 f. und. 16.  
**Henry Withrow**, b. in Mo., tailor; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. 16 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.  
**John Lookingbill**<sup>(v)</sup>, b. in Switzerland, farmer; 2 m. 21 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.  
**David Oury**, b. in Switzerland, farmer; 2 m. 21 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.  
**Henry Abrams**<sup>(v)</sup>, b. in O., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 2 m. 16 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 2 f. 16 up.; 3 f. und. 16.  
**J. W. Markinson**<sup>(f)</sup>, b. In Pa., "Dr"; 7 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.  
**William Shafer**, b. in S. C., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.  
**Jerome Shellhorn**<sup>(v)</sup>, b. in Mo., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 2 f. 16 up.  
**Christopher Overly**, b. in Switzerland, farmer; 4 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.  
**Fredrik Rekas**, b. in Switzerland, farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.  
**Thomas Thompson**, b. in Tenn., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.

## NEBRASKA CENSUS, 1856, PAWNEE COUNTY

This enumeration was taken by N. J. Sharp, "Dept. U. S. Marshall." The day and month are not given.

### BOBST or PLEASANT VALLEY

[p. 1] **W. S. Lore**, b. in O., farmer; 3 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 2 f. 16 up.  
**Mrs. Ann Maria Shellhorn**<sup>(a)</sup>, b. in Pa., farmer; 1 m. 16 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 2 f. 16 up.; 2 f. und. 16.  
**John Shellhorn**<sup>(b)</sup>, b. in O., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.; 2 f. und. 16.  
**Robert Turner**<sup>(b)</sup>, b. in O., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. 16 up.; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.  
**Christian Bobst**<sup>(b)</sup>, b. in Md., farmer; 3 m. 21 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.  
**James O Laughlin**<sup>(a)</sup>, b. in O., farmer; 2 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.  
**A. F. Cromwell**, b. in Va., "Dr"; 2 m. 21 up.; 2 m. 16 up.; 2 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.; 3 f. und. 16.  
**Joseph Fries**<sup>(b)</sup>, b. in O., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.  
**Martin Fisher**, b. in Ill., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. 16 up.; 3 m. und. 16; 2 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.  
**Pleasant M. Rogers**<sup>(c)</sup>, b. in Tenn., farmer, minister M. E. Church; 3 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16;  
3 f. 16 up.; 2 f. und. 16.  
**John Peavey**, b. in Me., farmer; 2 m. 21 up.; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.  
**Rufes Abbott**<sup>(c)</sup>, b. in O., farmer; 1 m. 21 up.; 1 m. und. 16; 1 f. 16 up.; 1 f. und. 16.  
**Abnar Jordan**, b. in Me., farmer; 3 m. 21 up.  
**Charles McDonald**<sup>(a)</sup>, b. in Tenn.; 1 m. 21 up.

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(a) Listed in the Census of Pawnee Co., 1855.

(b) Listed in the Census of Pawnee Co., 1854 and 1-855.

(c) Listed in the Richardson Co. Census, 1855.

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## GENEALOGICAL RECORD

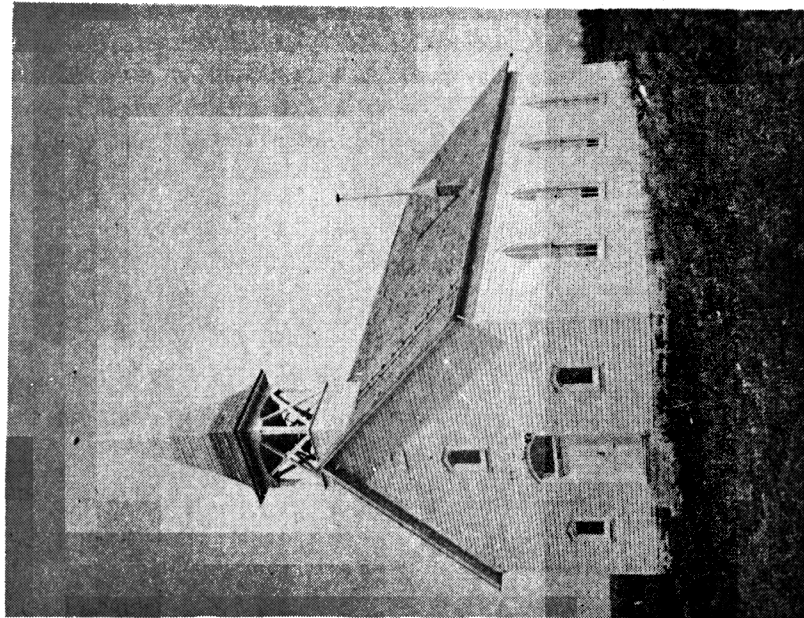
**SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in** Spitzer Ranch in the  
**of** Nebraska **enumerated by me, on the** 17 **day of** July  
**Post Office** Middleburg.

| Dwelling-houses—<br>numbered in the<br>order of visitation. | Families numbered<br>in the order of<br>visitation. | The name of every person whose usual<br>place of abode on the first day of June,<br>1860, was in this family. | DESCRIPTION. |      |                                 | Profession, Occupation, or Trade of<br>each person, male and female, over<br>15 years of age. | VALUE OF ESTATE OWNED    |                                 |
|---|---|---|--------------|------|---------------------------------|---|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
|   |   |   | Age.         | Sex. | White,<br>black, or<br>mulatto. |   | Value of<br>Real Estate. | Value of<br>Personal<br>Estate. |
| 1   | 2   | 3   | 4            | 5    | 6                               | 7   | 8                        | 9                               |
| 1   |   | Lucretia C. Dunning   | 36           | F    |                                 |   |                          |                                 |
| 2   |   | Emma J. do  | 17           | F    |                                 |   |                          |                                 |
| 3   | 536   | John Christ   | 29           | M    |                                 |   | 400                      | 70                              |
| 4   |   | Emily   | 24           | F    |                                 |   |                          |                                 |
| 5   |   | Fredrick  | 8            | M    |                                 |   |                          |                                 |
| 6   | 537   | John Stadler  | 29           | M    |                                 | Farmer  | 400                      | 2                               |
| 7   |   | Nehinda do  | 19           | F    |                                 |   |                          |                                 |
| 8   |   | Louis do  | 25           | M    |                                 | Farmer  | 200                      |                                 |
| 9   | 538   | Christ Oberlie  | 60           | M    |                                 | do  | 500                      |                                 |
| 10  |   | John do   | 30           | M    |                                 | do  |                          |                                 |
| 11  | 539   | John Dugmills   | 36           | M    |                                 | do  | 1000                     | 60                              |
| 12  |   | Elizabeth do  | 33           | F    |                                 |   |                          |                                 |
| 13  |   | Wm A. do  | 9            | M    |                                 |   |                          |                                 |
| 14  |   | Peter do  | 7            | M    |                                 |   |                          |                                 |
| 15  |   | Mary do   | 6            | F    |                                 |   |                          |                                 |
| 16  |   | Murietta do   | 4            | F    |                                 |   |                          |                                 |
| 17  |   | John do   | 1            | M    |                                 |   |                          |                                 |
| 18  | 540   | Susannah Pitter   | 60           | F    |                                 |   |                          | 100                             |
| 19  |   | Unas do   | 32           | M    |                                 | Farmer  | 1000                     |                                 |
| 20  |   | Samuel do   | 23           | M    |                                 | Free Laborer  |                          |                                 |
| 21  |   | Rosa do   | 21           | F    |                                 |   |                          |                                 |
| 22  |   | Susan Elias do  | 10           | F    |                                 |   |                          |                                 |
| 23  | 541   | John Pitter   | 22           | M    |                                 | Farmer  |                          | 100                             |
| 24  |   | John P. do  | 32           | M    |                                 | Free Laborer  | 200                      | 100                             |

in Spitzer District in the County of Richardson State  
 y me, on the 17 day of July 1860. A. D. Link Ass't Marshal

| DESCRIPTION. |                                 |   | VALUE OF ESTATE OWNED.   |                                 | Place of Birth,<br>Naming the State, Territory,<br>or Country. | Married within the<br>year. | Attended School<br>within the year. | Persons over 20 yrs of age<br>who cannot read & write. | Whether deaf and<br>dumb, blind, insane,<br>idiotic, pauper, or<br>convict. |
|--------------|---------------------------------|---|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| Sex:         | White,<br>black, or<br>mulatto. | Profession, Occupation, or Trade of<br>each person, male and female, over<br>15 years of age. | Value of<br>Real Estate. | Value of<br>Personal<br>Estate. |  |                             |                                     |  |   |
| 5            | 6                               | 7   | 8                        | 9                               | 10   | 11                          | 12                                  | 13   | 14  |
| 6            | F                               |   |                          |                                 | Ohio   | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 7            | F                               |   |                          |                                 | do   | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 9            | M                               |   | 400                      | 700                             | Switzerland  | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 4            | F                               |   |                          |                                 | do   | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 5            | M                               |   |                          |                                 | Nebr   | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 9            | M                               | Farmer  | 400                      | 25                              | Switzerland  | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 9            | F                               |   |                          |                                 | do   | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 5            | M                               | Farmer  | 200                      |                                 | do   | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 0            | M                               | do  | 500                      |                                 | do   | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 0            | M                               | do  | ✓                        |                                 | do   | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 6            | M                               | do  | 4000                     | 600                             | do   | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 3            | F                               |   |                          |                                 | do   | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 7            | M                               |   |                          |                                 | Ohio   | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 7            | M                               |   |                          |                                 | Missouri   | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 2            | F                               |   |                          |                                 | do   | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 4            | F                               |   |                          |                                 | Nebr   | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 1            | M                               |   |                          |                                 | do   | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 20           | F                               |   |                          | 100                             | Switzerland  | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 2            | M                               | Farmer  | 1000                     |                                 | do   | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 3            | M                               | Free Laborer  | ✓                        |                                 | do   | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 1            | F                               |   |                          |                                 | do   | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 0            | F                               |   |                          |                                 | do   | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |
| 2            | M                               | Farmer  | ✓                        | 100                             | do   | ✓                           |                                     |  |   |

# A HISTORY OF THE FOUR MILE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



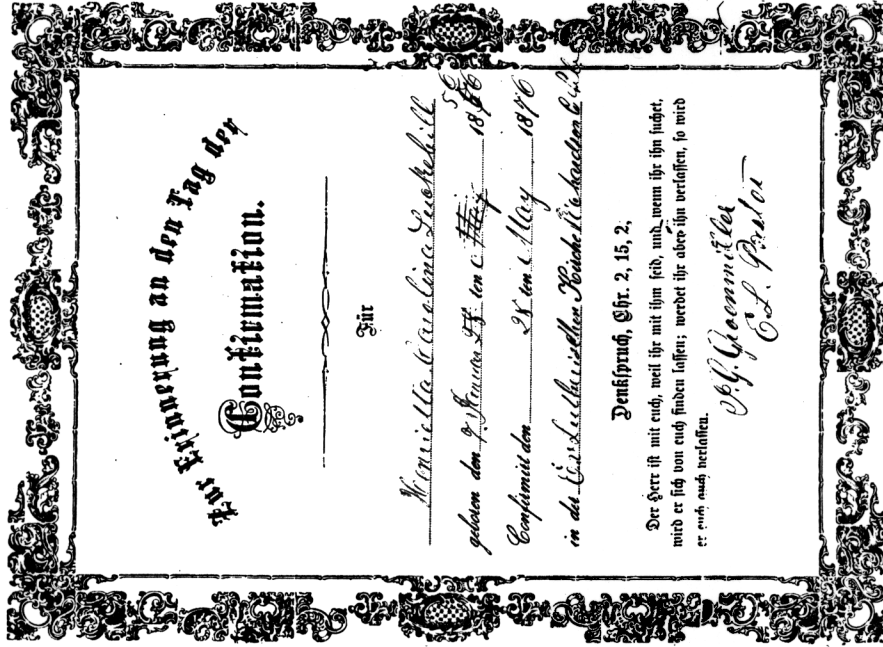
An early view of our church

More than a century ago, Swiss-German homesteaders began settling along the Four Mile Creek in the southwest corner of what is now Richardson County in the state of Nebraska. At that time and until statehood was obtained in 1867 that area was a part of the Nebraska Territory.

While these pioneers were involved in an everyday struggle for their very existence in an unknown — untamed land they left their home countries to travel the many, many perilous miles to an unknown, unsettled area. But travel they did and this becomes the beginning of our story — the history of the Four Mile Congregational Church.

The Swiss and German immigrants who settled in this area had been raised by parents who taught of God's love and goodness and they felt the need to provide a means of worshiping with their neighbors.

Occasionally it was possible to obtain the services of a traveling missionary or circuit rider and for a number of years this method of providing church services was utilized. When a minister was in the area church meetings were held in three rural schools in the area, there were the Speiser, Luthy and Stauffer schools. There is in existence a confirmation certificate of Henrietta Carolina Luckenbill, dated May 28, 1876 and signed by Rev. A. Groenmiller, a pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran faith. Pastor Groenmiller was one of these traveling ministers.



These infrequent church services did not fill the need and on May 30, 1880 a meeting was held and it was voted to organize as a German Evangelical Church Society. The early pioneers who made the initial decision that would lead to a faithful church community for over one hundred years were: Christian Oberly, John Stauffer, David Speiser, Carl Gunzenhauser, Jacob E. Frey, Charles Hofman, Leopold Porrt, Samuel Beutler, Peter Fankhauser, John Waelti, John Fankhauser, Jacob Edward Wissler, John Luthy, David Wittwer, Peter Luginbill, Frederick Luthy, William Luginbill and Karl Po. Of these charter members many of the family names and descendants of these families are still listed on the church membership. It was five years later on March 1, 1885 that Four Mile Church became a Reformed Church of the United States. At this time the St. John's Church, located in the Hunziker community, was also organized. These two churches were to be served by the same pastor forty-three years until 1928 at which time Four Mile felt the need for a full time pastor.

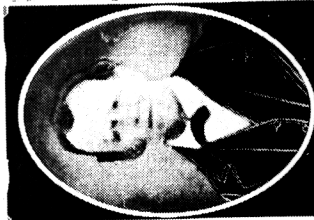


# CHARTER MEMBERS

*William Oberli.  
 Thomas Wesslan.  
 David Luginbill.  
 Carl Gunzenhauser  
 Jacob E. Drey.  
 Max Hopmann  
 Leopold Porr.  
 Samuel Ben Hen  
 Peter Fankhauser  
 Johann Walke  
 Johann Fankhauser  
 J. Edward Wissler  
 John U. Luthy  
 Elizabeth Luthy  
 William Luginbill  
 Peter Kunz  
 Peter Luginbill  
 Karl Wesslan*



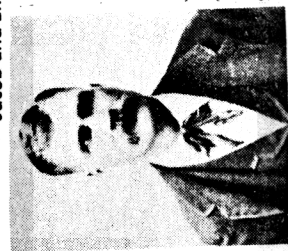
Mrs. John Stauffer Sr.  
 Photo of John Sr. not available



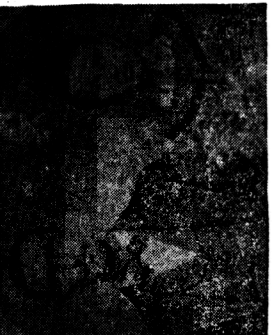
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Jacob and Elizabeth Wissler



Peter and Elizabeth Luginbill



Sam and Mary Beutler



Charles and Margaret Porr



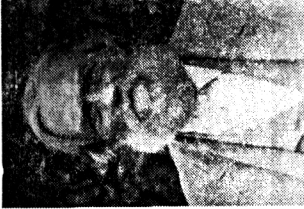
Leopold and Elizabeth Porr



Peter and Mary Fankhauser



John U. Luthy



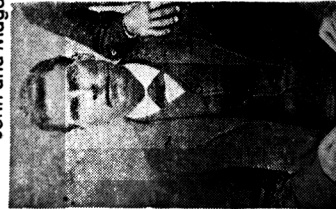
Charles and Philippine Hoimann



John and Magdalena Fankhauser



Fredrich and Henrietta Luthy



William and Barbara Luginbill



Peter and Elizabeth Luginbill



Sam and Mary Beutler



Karl and Katherine Gunzenhauser



David and Louise Wittwer



Jacob and Rosena Frey



## EARLY CONFIRMATION CLASSES

1880



Peter Luginbill



William Luginbill



F. R. Luthy



Marie Luginbill Wissler



Elizabeth Stalder Luginbill



Fritz Stalder



Ida Stalder Hofmann



Mary Magdalene  
Gunzenhauser



Clara Porr Westerman  
Elizabeth Porr Mell

1882



Rosena Adelia Luginbill



Albert Stalder



Jacob Stauffer



Elizabeth Stauffer Ast



Louis Stalder Jr.



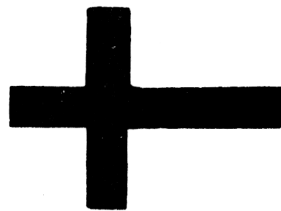
Albert Stauffer



## Brotherhood

members attended Summer Conference at Crete, Nebraska, they were Mrs. Elmer Ast, Miss Tena Hoffman, Mrs. Chris Fankhauser and Mrs. Dan Fankhauser; twenty-five dollars was given to India Mission Cause; Thank Offering Service gifts amounted to \$79.34; at Christmas Meeting \$26.52 was brought and sent to the Fellowship Center, St. Louis and five bags of clothing sent, one to Evangelical Childrens Home in St. Louis and four bags to Church World Service. The Women's Guilds gift to the re-decorating fund of the Church amounted to \$702.09. Present Officers of the Guild are Mrs. Sena Hoffman, President; Mrs. Raymond Bucher, Vice-President; Mrs. Ira Colson, Secretary; Mrs. Hartley Richard, Treasurer.

The Brotherhood was organized in 1953 when a group of interested men gathered together to meet with Fred Ress, Key Man from Lincoln and two members of the Cook, Nebraska Church. The Brotherhood received its charter in 1954 and meets monthly for worship, education, service and fellowship. Although still young the Brotherhood is growing and invites all the men of the church to attend its meetings.



## Pioneer Class

By Mrs. Olin Stalder

The Pioneer Class of the Four-Mile Sunday School was organized in January 1946, with Mrs. C. J. Weidler as Counselor.

There were fifteen members present for the first meeting. At the present time there are thirty-two members. The Class has sponsored Mother-Daughter banquets, Father and Son banquets and has held several soup suppers, and on each occasion a wonderful evening of fellowship was enjoyed by all.

The Pioneer Class has sponsored many projects which proved to be very interest in the Sunday School and Church; to sponsor social activities and School and Church.

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The First Confirmation Class

—PAGE FIFTEEN—

Creek community stood the calamity remarkably well and went right on gaining new citizens from the East.

Any history of that part of Richardson county would be incomplete without reference to Rev. John Forney. He was not only a builder of the community, but served faithfully as a preacher and medical doctor for a great number of people, for a very small consideration.

The school house was built in 1870. For many years it served for church services, school and literary societies. Many weighty problems of national importance have been threshed out on this old school house floor, by the lyceums that met weekly during the winter months.

Silver Creek Brethren church was built in 1878. The cemetery was laid out years before and the first burial there was in 1870. Most of the old settlers of the Silver Creek neighborhood have now removed to the city, while their descendants are occupying the well-improved homes they built. All are living and dying as American citizens, except Joseph Meyers and family. They moved to Jerusalem, Palestine, years ago, where now in the hills of Judea, Uncle Joe and some of his family he buried. Mrs. Meyers and the other children are still living.

#### FIRST REGISTER OF SETTLERS' CLAIMS.

The claims of the first settlers, together with the dates they settled on the lands of the United States, on the Great Nemaha river, were as follow:

|                          |                   |      |
|--------------------------|-------------------|------|
| John O'Laughlin .....    | March 22 .....    | 1854 |
| John Blew .....          | March 21 .....    | 1854 |
| Jacob B. Newton .....    | March 29 .....    | 1834 |
| Francis K. Purkett ..... | March 28 .....    | 1854 |
| Samuel Crozier .....     | March 28 .....    | 1854 |
| J. B. Key .....          | April 29 .....    | 1854 |
| H. Cleney .....          | May 20 .....      | 1854 |
| Thomas Newton .....      | May 20 .....      | 1854 |
| Meredith Teed .....      | June 16 .....     | 1854 |
| Decatur Putney .....     | June 1 .....      | 1854 |
| S. C. Ciemen .....       | March 29 .....    | 1854 |
| John S. Lumpkins .....   | March 27 .....    | 1854 |
| Joel Heney .....         | June 12 .....     | 1854 |
| James Matthew .....      | February 25 ..... | 1854 |
| Ambrose Howeston .....   | June 12 .....     | 1854 |

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|                          |                    |      |
|--------------------------|--------------------|------|
| Pierson Houser .....     | June 17 .....      | 1854 |
| Jespy Adamson .....      | June 17 .....      | 1834 |
| W. C. Forster .....      | June 17 .....      | 1854 |
| A. C. Forester .....     | June 17 .....      | 1854 |
| Francis A. McVey .....   | June 17 .....      | 1854 |
| Charles W. McVey .....   | June 17 .....      | 1854 |
| Robert H. McVey .....    | June 17 .....      | 1834 |
| James T. Davenport ..... | July 1 .....       | 1854 |
| Ann T. Hashbarger .....  | July 1 .....       | 1854 |
| Christian Bobst .....    | April 12 .....     | 1854 |
| Robert T. Archer .....   | April 12 .....     | 1834 |
| Jacob Adams .....        | April 12 .....     | 1854 |
| Robert L. Turner .....   | April 12 .....     | 1854 |
| George T. Bobst .....    | April 12 .....     | 1854 |
| Harry Abrams .....       | June 4 .....       | 1834 |
| Thomas Dragon .....      | April 12 .....     | 1854 |
| A. J. Dragon .....       | April 12 .....     | 1854 |
| Joseph Frice .....       | April 11 .....     | 1854 |
| John R. Morris .....     | April 24 .....     | 1854 |
| B. Frank Leachman .....  | April 24 .....     | 1854 |
| Daniel Picklris .....    | May 15 .....       | 1854 |
| Henry Shellhorn .....    | August 2 .....     | 1854 |
| John T. Williams .....   | August 12 .....    | 1854 |
| George W. Cowley .....   | August 12 .....    | 1854 |
| James T. Runels .....    | August 19 .....    | 1854 |
| Gerhom Shellhorn .....   | August 19 .....    | 1854 |
| John Shellhorn .....     | August 19 .....    | 1854 |
| John Lore .....          | August 18 .....    | 1854 |
| Henry G. Lore .....      | August 18 .....    | 1854 |
| Thomas h. Brown .....    | July 3 .....       | 1854 |
| Washington Cobb .....    | July 3 .....       | 1854 |
| Thomas C. Dunken .....   | August 10 .....    | 1854 |
| Merion Kingston .....    | September 15 ..... | 1854 |
| William W. Soper .....   | September 15 ..... | 1854 |
| Samuel S. Soper .....    | September 15 ..... | 1854 |
| Redmond Warren .....     | September 16 ..... | 1854 |
| Winslow L. Soper .....   | September 16 ..... | 1854 |
| Jerry Blair .....        | September 16 ..... | 1854 |
| H. Honner .....          | September 21 ..... | 1854 |

|                            |                    |      |
|----------------------------|--------------------|------|
| F. Honner .....            | September 21 ..... | 1854 |
| J. Onstott .....           | September 21 ..... | 1854 |
| Christian Iseley .....     | September 18 ..... | 1854 |
| John Luginbill .....       | October 3 .....    | 1854 |
| Peter Luginbill .....      | October 3 .....    | 1854 |
| Christian Luginbill .....  | October 3 .....    | 1854 |
| John E. Rothenherger ..... | October 28 .....   | 1854 |
| Harmon Warden .....        | October 28 .....   | 1854 |
| Edmond Shellhorn .....     | March 3 .....      | 1855 |
| J. Russell .....           | October 1 .....    | 1854 |

#### EARLY SURVEYS OF RICHARDSON COUNTY.

The reservation known as the Half-Breed Tract, which was set aside for half-breeds and mixed bloods of the Omaha, Iowa, Otoe and Yankton, and Santee bands of Sioux, by a treaty concluded at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin on July 15, 1830, was surveyed by John C. McCoy, a son of a Rev. Isaac McCoy, an early Baptist missionary among the Indians, in 1837-38, the former working under directions of his father.

This work was the first surveying done in this territory and preliminary to the movement of the Indians to the above tract. Under the terms of the above treaty the reservation was located in the east part of this county and Nemaha county and was bounded on the east by the Missouri river, which also was and has always been the boundary between the territories of later states of Missouri and Nebraska.

The north boundary being the Little Nemaha river, in what is now Nemaha county; the west by a line known as the "Half-Breed line," which was drawn, starting at a point west, ten miles from the mouth of the Little Nemaha river and running direct southeasterly to a point ten miles west from the mouth of the Great Nemaha in Richardson county, which latter river formed the south boundary of said reservation.

It was here that a dispute arose after the first survey had been made, as there was a difference of opinion as to whether the distance from the mouth of the Great Nemaha river west, should be measured in a direct line from the mouth of the river ten miles west, or whether the ten miles should be ascertained by following the meanders of the stream.

This difference of opinion did not become a matter of vital importance until years afterward, when, in 1855, the matter of the location of Archer

## Holden Testified He Struck Trute— Defense Rests and Arguments to Jury Start.

Tecumseh, Oct. 21. (U.P.)—Dale Holden, 21, on trial in district court here for the murder of William Trute, local officer, during a liquor raid on Trute's home last July 3, testified today that he struck Trute over the head with his revolver when Trute failed to obey his demand to halt. Trute was killed in the loft of his barn where Holden was guarding a jug of alleged liquor.

During the absence of L. E. Shurtleff, former special state sheriff, Holden featured the opening day of the defense testimony. The court room was packed when Holden took the stand. The young farmer testified he struck Trute as the latter climbed into the loft of his barn.

"A scuffle followed" Holden said, "and my revolver was accidentally exploded."

Holden testified that Trute exclaimed after being shot, "You have shot me, Shurtleff."

Character witnesses testified as to the good character of Holden. The defense rested shortly before noon. Arguments started at 1 o'clock when the court convened. The case is expected to reach the jury late today.

## Peter Luginbill of Near Humboldt Is Dead

Humboldt, Oct. 21.—Peter Luginbill, sr., died Wednesday night at the Sabetha hospital, where he had been for treatment from his home five miles southeast of Humboldt.

He was a pioneer citizen of that community and had reached the age of 75 years, 10 months and two days. He is survived by a large family of sons and daughters.

Journal Want Ads Bring Results.

Shot Nun, of Sioux City, who meets Jack Johnson, both weighing 175, in the second bout of the evening, holds the Missouri Valley colored title and has 14 knockouts to his credit.

Original Willie Jackson who meets Philadelphia Joe Gans in the preliminary engagement is credited with being one of the fastest men on his feet in the history of the ring. Both weigh 170 pounds.

Accommodations are being made at the field to take care of several thousand people. It is expected that the 30-round boxing bill will draw from many surrounding towns.

## Powerful Peru Team Meets Orange Friday

The Orange football team will be without the services of Cheever when it lines up on the new athletic field tomorrow afternoon against the powerful Peru team.

"Cheever is still on the sick list, but we have a strong lineup to face Peru, and we're going to avenge that defeat of last year," Coach Obermeier today said.

The Peru team is one of the best that will be seen in action here this year. Peru Prep last week defeated Tecumseh, one of the strongest teams in this section, by a score of 16 to 10.

As this game will be in the South-eastern Nebraska Conference, the winner of it will have cleared a high hurdle toward that conference championship.

Mrs. O. F. Lang, accompanied by her cousin, Miss Ethel Washburn of Plymouth, Vt., Mrs. Katherine Sandusky and her guests, Mrs. Ed Hughes of Kansas City and Mr. Edwards of Louisville, Ky., motored to Nebraska City today where they are spending several hours visiting at Arbor Lodge.

Journal Want Ads Bring Results.

ials—was blown over a to four pieces.

Miami, Oct. 21.—The tropical hurricane which struck over Cuba, passed Miami and its terrified people today, doing little damage but one reported wake.

One man was reported awning that was blown away. The wind was roaring for an hour when it struck from the north shortly after 2 a. m. The weather bureau reported.

Residents for the most part were sleepless night.

Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (U.P.)—High winds and the only trace here of the hurricane to hit Florida in this city which was the last destructive storm with no loss of lives and property damage.

Washington, Oct. 21.—A hurricane which brushed Florida during the night out to sea today and the possibility of danger to the coast was announced. The bureau announced. The storm passed south of the coast.

The Red Cross was sending aid to Cuba if necessary.

Washington, Oct. 21.—The United States embassy here was so badly damaged by yesterday's hurricane that it was but none of the embassy was injured, the state department announced today.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Loucks left today for Tampa. They had received word that Ed Jones, for many years resident here, was very low.

J. W. Helman of Arkansas is conducting business in Fa

# Falls Start

## All Attendance Exhibits In

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## Heavy Rain In This Section

Sunday morning rain began to fall in torrents and all thru the day it rained at intervals as did it on Monday, but the sun came out bright and warm Tuesday morning and no hitch in the program for the Fall Festival and County Fair took place. Those who were in charge of the exhibits were totally swamped with articles for the various departments. Gets bigger and better every year, and far and wide it is known that Richardson county has the only free fair with the biggest and best exhibits and many free acts that cannot be seen at any other fair in the country.

## Mrs. Elizabeth Luginbill

Elizabeth Stalder Luginbill was born in Fulton county, Ohio, June 10, 1853, and passed away at her home near Humboldt, Nebr., September 2, 1929, at the age of 76 years, 2 months and 22 days. At the age of 13, Mrs. Luginbill came to Richardson county with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Stalder, settling near Salem, later moving to the Fourmile vicinity.

In 1880 she was married to Peter Luginbill, who passed away in October, 1926. They made their home on a farm southeast of Humboldt, Nebr., where they resided until the time of their demise. To this union was born seven children, Frederick, of Bern, Kans.; Mrs. Rose Cowan, deceased; Peter Jr., of Humboldt; Mrs. Jessie Todd of Flagler, Colo.; Maynie Page, Humboldt, and William and Besides the children she leaves to mourn her departure, three brothers, Fred Stalder of Crescent, Okla., Peter Stalder of Elk Creek and Chris of Wymore; three sisters, Mrs. Rose Duncan of Chicago, Mrs. Maggie Burgett and Mrs. Lew Burgett. Her brother, John E. and two sisters, Lyn, nie and Molly Wittwer, preceded her in death. She was a member of the Salem Reformed church here, and has been for many years. She also leaves twenty grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

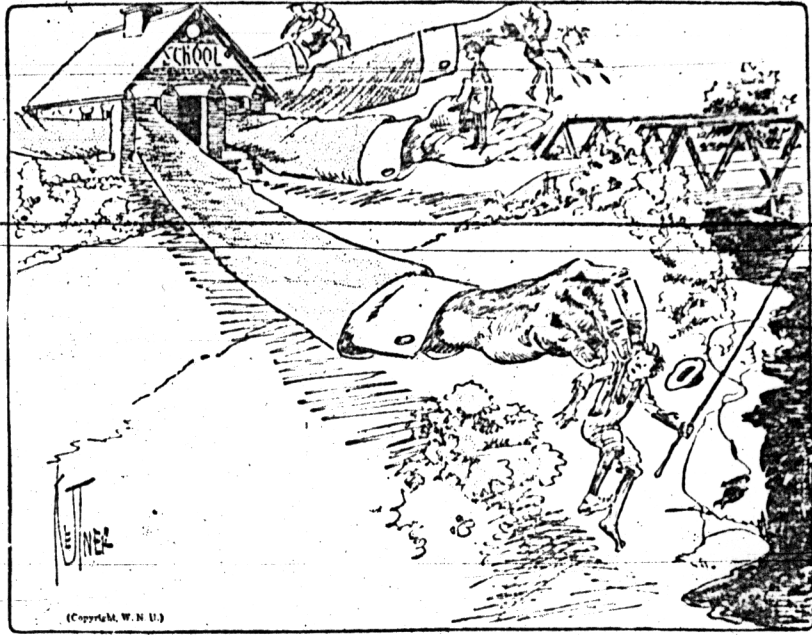
Mrs. Luginbill has been a patient sufferer for a number of years, having to forego many of the pleasures of others, yet never complaining. Nearly two years ago she entered the hospital for treatment, and for a time felt better, still assisting with the tasks about the home. This summer her suffering became more intense, and about a week ago she became bedfast. On Monday the Heavenly Father laid His healing hand upon her and she departed this life about noon. Mother Luginbill was a patient, loving mother, a faithful helpmate, neighbor and friend, bearing all cheerfully; doing all bravely; awaiting occasions.

We have lost a mother, but we know her mother's wealth of love is so great that death and the grave can not extinguish its unquenchable flame.

## Planes Failed to Appear

Rev. W. N. Armstrong and T. H. Gilliam were in Falls City to attend

## Time to Come Back



## Death Follows Illness Of Several Months

Miss Lena Luthy Passed Away Sunday At Home South Of This City Had Been In Failing Health

A gloom was cast on the community Sunday when the news of the death of Miss Lena Luthy became current. Miss Luthy had been ill for some time past with Bright's disease and for the past week had been very ill and she also had almost lost her eyesight. Death came to her relief about eleven-thirty Sunday morning. Deceased was born in this county and had attained the age of 43 years, 10 months and 26 days. She leaves to mourn her going her mother, Mrs. Henryetta Luthy, one sister, Mrs. Chris Buettler of Saskatoon, Sask. Canada, and one brother, Fred Luthy of Humboldt. At the time of going to press funeral arrangements were pending and they were awaiting the arrival of Mrs. Buettler from Canada.

James Fergus and Mildred Lee accompanied by Miss Lee's mother, Mrs. M. L. Lee, spent Sunday with friends at Riverton, Iowa. The Lee family formerly were residents of that city.

## Put Damper On Plans

Sheriff Davies did not feel that he could be lenient enough to permit one of his jail birds to attend the big Fall Festival and County Fair, which was in progress in this city four days this week. The prisoner, Ed Fisher by name, claimed he had a trick which he had invented that would clean up enough money to pay up his non-support charge, with which he is charged, but the sheriff put a damper on the idea and thus he remains in jail. Of course, Fisher did not say he would stay at the fair, and we predict

## Falls From Pole Back Badly Hurt

Harold Asa Luckily Escapes Death While Working On Light Line

Friday last Harold Asa, together with a crew of men working for the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Company were raising a large pole along their power line just west of this city and Harold was well up to the top of the pole with two rows of electric wires, one above and one below him, when he felt a tremor in the pole and suddenly realized that it was about to fall to the ground, the pole having broken off at the base. Well, Harold was in a predicament, but very wisely using his judgment he thought best to ride the pole on its downward course until he could see his way clear to make a jump which he did but when he lit he fell across a cross bar of the transformer on the pole and his back is badly injured. X-rays were taken Saturday but it did not show any broken bones or anything out of place in the back, but he is very sore and unable to be about. He however does not care to try it again.

## Nebraskans Going "Back Home."

Many of us go "Back Home" for a visit at this time of the year. The biggest celebration is the Semi-Centennial at Pawnee City the first week of October, but the call comes from Home Folks in all other counties.

We will start by auto for Nebraska, Monday noon, Sept. 16. Night stops will be made at Harlow, Las Vegas, Cedar City, Salt Lake, Green River, Laramie, Julesburg and Grand Island - an easy trip, and not a race.

If you want to join the party and make it a caravan, let us know and get your car and outfit ready. If you want a place in somebody's car, write

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## Death of Mrs. Luginbill.

Mrs. Elizabeth Luginbill, wife of the late Peter Luginbill, passed away at the family home some miles south of this city Monday, Sept. 2, 1929. She was born in Ohio, January 10, 1853, and was aged 76 years, 2 months and 23 days at the time of her demise. She had been ill for some time. Several children survive the mother, besides other relatives. Funeral services were held at the Salem Reform conducted by B. H. Dawson, who was called from Marysville, Mo., to conduct the services, and burial was made in the cemetery near the church.

## Many Accidents Are Recorded In August

Nearly 300 Reported in Two Weeks, Entailing Forty-Five Deaths.

Accidents reported to the state for the two weeks ending August 27, and tabulated by the Nebraska Press association, show a total of 292 with forty-five deaths and 285 persons injured. Automobile accidents headed the list with 177 accidents, twenty-five deaths and 182 persons hurt. Other public accidents and home accidents were nearly tied, with thirty-four and thirty-three, respectively, while thirty-one were recorded in agricultural employment. Of the persons injured, thirty were permanently disabled.

Nine deaths in the thirty-four public accidents, aside from those due to automobiles, resulted from swimming. One child was accidentally shot while playing with a weapon which was believed to be unloaded. One person died from an insect bite. Another was struck by lightning. One man was killed when he stopped on the highway and attempted to help a

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## Captures First On Poland China Hogs

The Great Midwest Wins First Prize at Nebraska State Fair.

Frank Rist's Poland Chinas were the only hogs shown from Richardson county. Four head were entered from the Rist herd, each one of them a winner. His herd boar, the Great Midwest was made first prize Junior Yearling of the show; his aged herd consisting of 4 head, was placed third. Two senior yearling sows won 4th and 6th places, respectively, and the junior yearling sow was placed 4th. Competition was strong in all of these classes.

## Sunday Picture Show Will Be Permitted

Favorable Action by Council on Petition Signed by 425 Residents of Humboldt.

Four hundred and twenty-five voters signified by placing their names on a petition that they were in favor of Sunday picture shows in Humboldt. The petition was presented to the city council Tuesday evening, and after a period of discussion the privilege to present motion pictures in duly licensed theatres and play houses situated in Humboldt on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, was granted. Councilmen

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### Marston Brought Back.

Constable Dungan who went up to Plattsmouth Tuesday returned the following day bringing with him a prisoner in the person of "Rev." J. Forest Marston. The "reverend" gentleman "worked" a large number of his newly made friends while here on his former visit and it became necessary to bring him back to answer to charges of having gotten money from them on false pretenses. It is claimed his swindles here amounted to more than \$200.00, gathered in individual sums ranging from five to twenty dollars, on bogus insurance schemes. At the time of his arrest by the Cass county officials nearly every county in the eastern part of the state reported similar transactions by him while in their midst. Marston dresses after the fashion of ministers and carried out the idea by filling the pulpit of one of the local churches on several occasions on his former visit. He occupied a cell in the city bastille Wednesday pending trial for his wrong doings. On Thursday he was taken to Falls City and placed in the county jail. His trial is set for Friday February 19, 1904.

### Pioneer Dies.

Grandma Luginbill, mother of Messrs. Peter and William Luginbill and Mrs. Fred Luthy, residing south of town died Monday evening after a short illness. She was nearing her seventy-ninth birthday and had been a continuous resident of the county for nearly fifty years. The funeral was held from the Four Mile church, conducted by the pastor, and the remains laid to rest in the Salem cemetery.

### Becomes a Citizen.

Alvis Watzek of this city appeared in the district court on Thursday of last week and being examined by two witnesses, Henry Ruegge and John Routz was naturalized as a citizen of the United States. Mr. Watzek is a native of Bohemia and has made

### Public Sale.

The undersigned will sell at public sale at the F. G. Schmelzel farm 6 miles north of Humboldt and 6 miles south of the Stone Church, on Monday, February 22, 1904, the following described property, sale to commence at 10 o'clock a. m.

Eight head of horses and mules, as follows: 1 span of geldings 6 years old, well matched; 1 span of heavy draft horses 9 years old; 1 mare heavy in foal; 1 gelding 10 years old; 1 span of mules coming two and three years old and stand 15½ hands high.

24 head of cattle, consisting of 6 good milk cows, 5 of them to be fresh soon; 12 2-year old heifers; 1 yearling heifer and five young calves.

Twenty-five head of hogs, consisting of 11 brood sows, all bred to a Poland China boar; 14 head of shoats.

Farm Implements—3 lumber wagons; 1 Deering self binder; 1 Deering mower; 1 Buckeye mower; 1 Deering 10-foot hay rake; 1 8-hole Hoosier drill; 2 disk harrows; 1 riding cultivator; 3 walking cultivators; 1 2-section harrow; 1 combined lister; 1 16-inch stirring plow; 1 feed cooker; 3 sets of good heavy work harness; 1 set single harness; 1 saddle; some household goods; three or four tons hay and a stack of oat straw and numerous other articles.

Terms of Sale:—All sums of \$10 or less cash. Over that amount a credit of seven months will be given, purchaser to give a bankable note, drawing seven per cent interest from date of sale. Three per cent discount for cash on sums over ten dollars.

F. G. SCHMELZEL.  
WM. RICHARDS.

Col. M. W. Harding, Auct.  
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### Dissolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, Anton Kozel, Emil Kozel and Joe Kozel, doing business in Humboldt under

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## JOHN LUGENBILL DEAD.

Without a Moment's Warning the Slender Thread of Life is Broken.

This was the sad intelligence received in this city at an early hour Tuesday morning. John Lugenburg, one of the oldest settlers of Richardson county, was born in Switzerland in the year 1824, and when but 5 years of age he emigrated to this country, locating in New York state. In the year 1855 he came to Nebraska and homesteaded the farm upon which he has since lived, about 7 miles south of this city. Up to the moment of his death he was in apparently good health, having as usual assisted with the morning chores. Upon returning to the house he laid down on a sofa, for a few moments rest and a little later took his chair at the breakfast table. Placing his hand to his head he said: "O, what a pain I have in my head," the last words he uttered. It was suggested that he lie down again, and he arose from the table only to sink to the floor a lifeless corpse. The shock to the family was most severe. Funeral services will be held tomorrow.

### DIED.

At the home of her daughter, Mrs. Samuel Sites, about seven miles north of this city, on Sunday evening June 27, 1897, at 10 o'clock, Mrs. Eleanor R. Leech, aged 83 years, 4 months and 7 days. It is with deepest regret that we are called upon to chronicle the demise of this estimable lady. After an illness of short duration she quietly passed away and thus has passed into history the life of a woman who in her mortal being was ever an example of cheerfulness and social companionship—yea, a beautiful example of faith and patience gone to its reward. Funeral services were held at the Pleasant View church Monday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. K. Maxfield of the M. E. church, of which church she was a member for more than seventy years, who preached a most impressive ser-

Hello, central!

The phone is coming.

Grand ball July 3rd, opera house.

Fresh Berries every day at Beery & Carter's.

Jno. Allen of Stella was on our streets Monday.

Mrs. Creighton Morris returned from Morrill, Kansas, Sunday.

Buy your gasoline of Beery & Carter; they will deliver it for you.

Dr. Andrews and Chas. Derstine of Stella were in the city Monday.

Elegant gold watch given away to best lady waltzer July 3rd.

Opera house July 3rd, fine gold stud given to best gentleman waltzer.

Home Made Smoked Meat of all kinds at M. W. TRUXAW'S.

Mrs. Mary Dunham of Lincoln is in the city visiting with her mother, Mrs. A. Blumer.

Picnic goods, such as canned fish, earned meats, bottled pickles, etc., at Beery & Carter's.

Miss Tilde Blair returned Sunday from a week's visit with her parents near Bern, Kansas.

Oscar Krumenacher, Chas. Sharts and Clay Edwards spent Sunday with Table Rock friends.

Mrs. J. A. Greenwood spent a few days with Dawson friends last week returning home Thursday.

As was stated last week, Mrs. Otto Kuhn left for Chicago where she will spend the summer with her mother.

Mrs. O. A. Cooper returned from a week's stay at Sycamore Springs Sunday and reports Guy slightly improved.

Miss Vesta Freeman of Table Rock, niece of Mrs. N. C. Campbell arrived

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## Pioneer Settler Laid To Rest

Peter Luginbill Sr., a Resident of This County Since 1855, Died at Sabetha Hospital Last Week.

Peter Luginbill Sr., a resident of the Dry Branch neighborhood since 1855, died at a Sabetha, Kans., hospital Wednesday, October 13, after a brief illness, aged 74 years, 10 months, and 25 days. News of the passing of Mr. Luginbill, when it became current soon after the sad occurrence, brought with it sorrow to relatives and members of the household and a pang of regret to friends, who were legion. Mr. Luginbill was endowed with a rugged and strong physique and during all the years that he spent on the farm, exacting from the soil a competence that is the reward of incessant labor and relentless toil, he hardly knew what it was to suffer indisposition. It was just a year ago when his health seemed to fail and, when taken suddenly ill, was taken to a Sabetha hospital where he was compelled to remain for several weeks. Gradually regaining his strength he returned to his home and soon after was again seen assisting in the work of the farm, work that to him was second nature. A week ago he suffered a recurrence of the trouble and was again taken to the hospital, but this time fate seemed to decree he should not return, and he gradually grew weaker, notwithstanding everything possible to stave the hand of disease was done, and his eyes were finally closed in endless sleep.

Peter Luginbill was born in Waynesburg, Holmes county, Ohio, November 18, 1851. He came to Nebraska with his parents when a boy four years of age, the family settling on the farm now occupied by Wittle Page, where deceased grew to manhood and lived until his marriage to Miss Elizabeth Stalder, in 1880, when the young couple moved to the farm which he owned and on which he lived the remainder of his life. Seven children were born to this union, Frederick Luginbill of Bern, Kans., Mrs. Rose Cowan, deceased; Peter Jr., of Lincoln; Mrs. Mayme Page and Mrs. Jessie Todd of this city, William and Lucy at home. Besides the immediate family he is survived by one brother, William Luginbill, three sisters, Mrs. Elta Luthy, Mrs. Lizzie Aust and Mrs. Rosa Stauffer, all of this vicinity, and 18 grandchildren. When a young man, deceased was confirmed and became a member of the Salem Reformed church in which he held his membership throughout his life. He was ever a patient, loving father, a kind and helpful neighbor and one whose jovial disposition and sunny nature won for him many friends. Funeral services were held at Salem Reformed church, Saturday, Oct. 16, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Yost, assisted by Rev. H. H. Dawson of Oregon, Mo., and the remains were interred in Dry Branch cemetery.

### Enjoying Honeymoon Trip.

Charles Kunkle and wife of Waverly, Kansas, now enjoying an anti-nuptial visit with friends and relatives, returned to this city Monday.

### Garage Changes Hands.

The deal whereby the transfer of the stock and business of the Harding garage to V. I. Mayfield, was consummated the latter part of last week, and the new proprietor is now in possession. The business hereafter will be conducted under the name of the Humboldt Tire Company, in connection with "Vim Tire Service," a service which Mr. Mayfield established a number of years ago, and has steadily grown into a chain of fifteen stations, at any one of which subscribers to the service may apply for and receive relief from any tire trouble. The repair department of the garage will also be operated by the new management, but Walter Kaiser, formerly manager of the garage, will continue in charge of the battery station. Mr. Mayfield has had long experience in the tire and garage business, being located for the most part at Falls City, and in taking over the Harding garage merely adds another to the chain of stations he operates, carrying a full and complete line of tires, tubes and accessories and operating service cars.

### Big Shoe Sale On.

The Marburger shoe store opened its doors Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock to a packed house. The large force of clerks was taxed to the limit trying to give the good service that you always get at the Marburger store. The novel arrangement of the store and display of footwear makes it doubly easy to make selections and get waited upon. Every pair of shoes is tagged with the size, width and price marked in plain figures. The sale will carry on through this week and next. Two big two-page circulars as issued from this office were sent out to all nearby towns and rural routes which, together with the low prices and big values offered brought people to the store by the hundreds. H. S. Wall of the T. K. Kelly Sales System of Minneapolis, Minn., is in charge of the sale.

### Toll Bridge Keeper Robbed.

According to a dispatch from Plattsmouth, under date of October 16, Frank W. Elliott, toll bridge attendant at that city, and a brother of Mrs. C. H. Thornton of this city, recently experienced the thrills that being a victim of a "hold up" import. The dispatch says: "Two men drove up to the county toll bridge north of Plattsmouth about 12 Thursday night, held up Frank W. Elliott, attendant, took \$75 in receipts and escaped. Elliott said the men were riding in a sedan and came from the direction of Omaha. After taking the money they turned about, speeding northward. The receipts were those gathered from 3 p. m., Friday, when the last banking was made."

### Notice.

W. H. Brokaw of the Agricultural extension service of Lincoln, will be present at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce which will be held at the city hall Thursday evening, October 28, at 7:30. A good attendance is desired and a special invitation is extended to the men of our rural districts, and those interested in the extension work to be present at this meeting.

### Humboldt Defeated.

Humboldt defeated Shubert Sunday, Oct. 24, the Athletics won 4 to 0.

## Indian Summer



### Married at Seneca, Kansas.

Albert Porr and Miss Ethelda Ovenden, two well known and popular young people of this community, were married Sunday, October 17, at Seneca, Kansas.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ovenden. She is an attractive young lady, a graduate of the Pawnee City public schools and entered Wesleyan university the first of the school year, where she specialized in voice.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Porr. He is also a graduate of the Pawnee City public schools, an industrious young man, and liked by all who know him.

He has accepted a position with the Pawnee Chief and with his bride will make Pawnee City their home. —Pawnee Republican.

David James Wittwer, seven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. David Wittwer, Jr., passed away at a hospital in Lincoln Monday after a short illness with heart trouble and pneumonia. The remains were brought to this city Tuesday, and funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon.

George T. Schmelzel, one upon a time a rural resident of this community, but now an electrical engineer and contractor of Hot Springs, Ark., was in the city for a brief period Monday, shaking hands with old-time friends. This office is pleased to acknowledge a pleasant call.

Miss Sadie Johnson, whose home is in Craig, Mo., and who is a student at the university in Lincoln, came to this city Saturday last to visit her mother, Mrs. J. F. Johnson at the home of Mrs. Kuper, north of this city. Mrs. Kuper is the mother of Mrs. Craig.

Mrs. James Holman and daughter, Miss Helen, went to Lincoln Friday last where they visited the former's mother, Mrs. Chas. Nims and with John Charles Holman, son of Mrs. Holman, who is attending the Wesleyan university.

Miss Mabel Hoffman came from

Misses Mary Meister, Florence Daventport, Bernice and Bertha Schuetz went to Falls City Friday to visit Mrs. Martin Meister, who is in the hospital recovering from an operation. We are pleased to report she is recovering and will soon be able to return to her home in this city.

Mrs. Chas. Williamson returned from a visit Saturday last with her sons, Karl Williamson and family in Hastings and Clinton Williamson and family at Sioux City, Ia. She went to Sioux City with Karl and wife, and the trip was made via auto.

Mrs. S. R. Gist and mother, Mrs. E. A. Tucker, left Friday last for Hartford, Conn., where they will pay an extended visit with Mrs. Gist's son, Preston Gist, and at the home of Dr. George Tucker and wife, who reside in that city.

J. D. Shrauger returned from a most delightful visit with relatives and old friends in Pennsylvania, Tuesday of this week. He was accompanied home by his niece, Miss Dorothy Jenkins, who will visit here for a while.

Miss Suella Shirley came down from Lincoln to spend a few days with her parents, I. Shirley and wife Friday last. She was suffering with an infection in one of her heels, but she was able to return to that city Sunday.

Mrs. John Stephenson left for a visit with her son, John McNeely and family at Burchard, Nebr., and her son James McNeely and wife, and daughter, Mrs. Clare Finney at Sumnerfield, Kansas, Friday of last week.

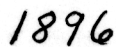
Mrs. Chris Rockerman and daughter, Helen, and the former's mother, Mrs. Gretchen Tjaden, who had been visiting relatives at Byron, this state, returned to their homes near this city Saturday last.

Asa Dean is once more able to appear at the shop after a long and severe tussle with the "flu," which for a time it was feared might develop into pneumonia.



# SPENCER

H U M B O L D T T O W N S H I P



## Bertha Luginbill

Funeral services for Bertha Luginbill, 93, Sabetha, will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Four Mile Congregational Church, Humboldt, with the Rev. Duane Lookingbill officiating.

Burial will be in the Four Mile Cemetery.

Mrs. Luginbill died Sunday, June 28, 1992, at the Apostolic Christian Home, Sabetha. Prior to entering the home on Oct. 23, 1992, she lived on a farm south of Humboldt.

She was born April 20, 1899, on a farm near Wathena, Kan., a daughter of the late Ludwig Moser and Elizabeth Waitti Moser. She was baptized and confirmed at the Zion Reformed Church, Wathena.

Graduating from Belmont School, she later worked in St. Joseph, Mo.

On Aug. 20, 1930, she was married to William Luginbill. The cou-

ple made their home on a farm south of Humboldt. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Luginbill was an active member of the Four Mile Congregational Church and the Women's Fellowship of the church. She was a member of the Pleasant Hour cooperative extension club. During World War II she served on the Dist. 64 rationing board.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Erasmo (Elizabeth) da Silva, Lincoln, Mrs. Gordon (Frances) Warner, Wexford, Pa., and Mrs. Larry (Hazel) Cummins, Humboldt, and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three grandchildren, four brothers and six sisters.

The Wherry Funeral Home, Humboldt, is in charge.



the judges was rendered in favor of the affirmative.

SECRETARY.

## Church Notes.

### BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday, Feb. 24, 1904, 11 a. m.  
Preaching by the pastor. Subject, "Divine Power" or "God's Wireless Telegraph," followed by the holy communion. Special music by the choir; solo by Mrs. Bennett, duet by others.

Vesper services, 7:30 p. m. Program as follows:

1. Song by Junior choir.
2. Scripture lesson by Miss Eaye Neill.
3. Prayer by Mrs. Neill.
4. Chorus by the Juniors.
5. Home Missionary offering.
6. Blessing recitations by the children.
7. Solo by Mrs. Bennett, "Saved by a Friend."
8. Song by Junior choir, "America."
9. Address by Mrs. Bennett, subject, "How the Church was Built at Kellum Bar."

Benediction.

### Society.

The Juniors and Seniors gave a party at the home of Nora and Edna Stalder on Tuesday evening. It being the first year, the girls furnished refreshments. Games of various sorts were indulged in, Fred Arnold taking a very active part in "A Dutch Concert." The guests were requested to draw a picture representing "Under the Bamboo Tree." Jennie Grayatt succeeded in capturing the prize for having the best picture. At an appropriate hour an elaborate supper was served by the boys, consisting of six courses. Lloyd Stalder and Ralph Hummel being chief cooks. It was done so daintily that anyone would have imagined them long experienced hands. At a late hour the young folks departed, declaring they had an excellent time and the boys excellent entertainers. Those present were Linnie Bement, Lonika Power, Anna Grayatt, Maude Tostand, Wilma Wright, Georgia Wells, Jennie Grayatt, Ida and Nora Stalder, Joe Morris, Arthur Matten, Fred Arnold, Nick Peterson, Art and Lloyd Stalder, George Petrashek, Ralph Hummel and Edward Hodapp.

Will Hite, of Iowa, loved last week on the Kellum colony farm which he bought last spring.

A. J. Timmison will have a public sale on February 18. He will move immediately after to his new home in Chester county.

Easter Thompson was enjoyably surprised last Tuesday evening by a crowd of young people who gathered at his home to spend the evening.

### Bayer-Garver Wedding.

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Garver, at 1 p. m., Feb. 10, a few of the intimate friends and relatives witnessed the marriage of Miss Olga Grace Garver to Mr. Hayes R. Bayer of Kansas City, Mo., the Rev. I. Richmond Smith, of the Presbyterian church, officiating. Miss Grace is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Garver. She grew up in Woodhouse in this city and is well and favorably known by the people of this community. Mr. Bayer, the groom, is employed by the Kansas City Portrait Company and travels over a large territory in the west. The newly wedded couple expect to travel through the the south for some months before making a permanent home. The happy couple left for Kansas City on the 2:30 p. m. train shortly after the wedding.

### Dies.

Grandma Lutzheim was taken suddenly ill Saturday night and, although everything possible was done to relieve her, she passed quietly away Monday morning.

Coming to this county in an early day, they settled on the farm where they spent their remaining days. Here they labored and economized until they were at last rewarded with an abundance of this world's goods.

A few years ago her husband was called to his rest, but Grandma could not give up her home that she had occupied so long, and arrangements have always been made for some of the grandchildren to live with her and minister to her every want.

She was 78 years of age at the time of her death and leaves a family of grown children to mourn the loss of a kind and affectionate mother.

Funeral services were held on Thursday and the remains laid to rest beside her husband in the cemetery in that neighborhood. The sympathy of the community is extended to those who mourn.

# MOVING SALE!

## Slaughter in Prices

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