

at her home in McCook and was buried in the Longview Cemetery on Tuesday, February 24, 1920. She was survived by one daughter, Mrs. Hattie Drago, and two brothers, Joseph and Nelson.

Wife of WILLIAM A. BUSEY,
JOHN WALTERS, and G. ANDY FOLDEN.

FRANCENIA SHEPHERD

was born October 16, 1847. She was first married to William A. Busey, who lost his life in a hunting accident. Later she was married to John Walters, with whom she came to Red Willow County from Missouri to homestead on the Willow Creek, in 1879. She was to suffer through the many Indian scares and the other trials of pioneering. On July 25, 1895, she was married to G. A. Folden at Marysville, Kansas. In 1905, they moved to McCook. She spent a considerable amount of time at landscape painting and was well known for her skill at intricate needlework. In 1905, she received much publicity thru her selection, along with eight other women in the United States, for mention in an article called "Women's Hand in the World's Work". Her selection in this citation was for her ingenuity as an inventor. She passed away, Saturday, March 8, 1930 at St. Catherine's Hospital in McCook after an illness lasting for several months. Her funeral was held on Sunday, March 9, 1930 and she was buried in the Memorial Park Cemetery.

ALEXANDER CAMPBELL

was born October 28, 1843 in Scotland, and moved to Canada with his parents about 1848. He worked there on a farm during his boyhood and then learned the blacksmith trade at which he worked until about 1863. He worked for the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company until he came to Nebraska in 1869. His connection with the Burlington is practically a history of the road west of the Missouri River. He entered the employ of the Burlington in December 1869, as a section hand. The railroad at that time was just three miles out of Plattsmouth. His ability was soon recognized by Col. Doan, Chief Engineer, and he was made foreman. From then on his promotions were rapid. He was made Assistant to the first Roadmaster of that division, then Roadmaster and finally superintendent. He assisted in the construction of the road in the west. The track arrived in Lincoln on July 4, 1870, from there to Kearney; in the fall of 1871, from Crete to Beatrice; Hastings to Denver, Edgar to Cheyenne; Red Cloud to Wymore; Republican to Oberlin;

Orleans to St. Francis; and the other branch lines. With the completion of the railroad to Denver, Mr. Campbell was made superintendent of all lines west of Hastings and Red Cloud. He held that position until June 1905, when he was forced to retire because of ill health. He was married July 24, 1880 at Hastings, Nebraska to Mary A. Vaughn and they were the parents of seven children: Norman J., George A., A. Bruce, Elsie, Walter V., Leslie and Ethel. As a citizen of McCook, he took pride and pleasure in the welfare of not only the town but rejoiced in the success of others. He was a member of the McCook School Board, and was at one time its president. He suffered from pernicious anemia for the last two years of his life. He received treatment at Excelsior Springs, Missouri and then finally in Chicago, Illinois. His health gradually declined until at his request, he was brought home. He died at his home here in McCook, Monday, August 28, 1905. His burial was on August 30, 1905 in Longview Cemetery at McCook, was attended by many notable railroad men. Services were held under the auspices of the Knights Templar, and full Masonic ritual service was held at the grave.

Wife of ALEXANDER CAMPBELL

MARY ANN VAUGHN

was born on March 1, 1857 at Albion, New York. She was married to Alexander Campbell in 1880 at Lincoln. With the railroad being built to Denver, they came to this city in 1882, with Mr. Campbell as Division Superintendent. He held this position until he retired in 1904. He passed away in 1905. From the first, the Campbells took an active part in the civic, Church and social life in the city and were active in everything for the betterment of the community. Mary Ann Campbell passed away at her home in McCook on May 1, 1942 and was buried in the Memorial Park Cemetery on May 4, 1942. With her passing, the community mourns one of its true pioneers.

ALEXANDER W. CAMPBELL

was born in Rone County, Tennessee on August 22, 1831. On June 24, 1852 he was married to Nancy Johnson, who died November 30, 1900. They were the parents of 12 children. Living in the south in the days of slavery and in the midst of the trying times previous to and during the War of the Rebellion, he remained loyal to the Union. Although conscripted by the Confederates, as soon as he could he went to the Union Army, but was advised not to join as it

would be certain death if he were captured by the enemy. He remained and worked with the Union Army until 1863, when he was ordered to return home and given transportation to the North by the Government. He with his wife and children settled in Washington County, Iowa, where he lived until 1875. He moved to Saline County, Nebraska and three years later, in 1878, he came to Red Willow County, where he homesteaded. He died February 15, 1917 at Ingleside, Nebraska and was buried February 18, 1917 in Box Elder Cemetery, Box Elder, Nebraska.

JOHN MILTON CAMPBELL

was born August 12, 1841 at Dyersville, New York. In 1859 he moved to Wisconsin with his parents, and was married to Matilda Ellen Holmes in August 1862. Five children, three boys and two girls, were born to this union. He enlisted in Company K, Twenty-third Wisconsin Volunteers, and served until the end of the Civil War. When he returned to Wisconsin and later he and his wife moved to Fairfield, Nebraska, where they lived for five years. They then moved to Logan, Kansas, from where they moved to McCook in September 1919. He died at his home in McCook on Thursday, June 10, 1920 and was buried on Sunday, June 13, 1920 in the Longview Cemetery.

Wife of MacFARLAND CAMPBELL

LOUIE PRATHER

was born on June 15, 1849 at Greencastle, Pennsylvania the year of the gold rush to California, and her life covered several varied and dramatic periods in National history. Her grandfather fought in the Revolutionary War. Living in Pennsylvania, not far from the Mason-Dixon line, many of the happenings of the Civil War took place nearby. She remembered the time that the county seat, Chambersburg, was burned by the Confederates. Her hometown, Greencastle, once was placed under a heavy levy of gold because two citizens had freed a consignment of negro captives who were being marched back to the slave states. The town also was threatened with being sacked and there was the frantic effort of the citizens trying to save their belongings. The town was alternately filled with Union and Confederate soldiers. The railroad passed directly through that town and Lee's Army passed through the city enroute to destiny at a little town called Gettysburg. She was a young and impressionable girl and could remember the roar of the cannons off in the distance and the trains passing nearby, day and night, carrying

soldiers to and from the front. She remembered also having seen a messenger captured in front of her home carrying Confederate mail. John Brown and his peculiar Conestoga Wagon was a common sight in Greencastle. Once one of the Prather boys was stranded in a neighboring town and slept in the same hotel room with Brown. Coming west in 1872, she passed through Chicago just after that city's disastrous fire and glimpsed at the charred ruins from the train. She traveled as far as Auburn, Nebraska with her sister and husband, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Strickler. On March 10, 1875 she was united in marriage to MacFarland Campbell, a Civil War veteran, who had served throughout the war under General Sheridan. They were the parents of three sons. In 1884 the Campbell's came to Hitchcock County and settled on a ranch west of Trenton, where she resided until 1919, after which time she moved to McCook. She passed away at the home of her son, Dr. M. Campbell, in McCook on Monday, May 1, 1943 and was buried in the Trenton Cemetery near the side of her husband who had died in 1899.

Wife of M. T. CAMPBELL

MARTHA ELIZABETH JOHNSON

was born April 3, 1871 in Douglass County, Illinois. Her parents moved to Nebraska when she was eight years of age. She attended the McCook schools and the State Normal School and taught successfully for eight years. She was united in marriage to M. T. Campbell on May 11, 1898 in Red Willow County. They made their home on a farm in Box Elder precinct and also conducted a store and the post office there for several years. Then they moved to McCook. She had joined the Methodist Church and had been very active in church work. After a short illness, she died at the home of her sister, Mrs. George Shields, in McCook on Wednesday, January 15, 1930. She was buried in Memorial Park Cemetery.

WILLIAM HOMER CAMPBELL

was born September 7, 1845 at Syracuse, New York. He came west and located in Lincoln, Nebraska. After he had grown to manhood, he came to McCook. He married Frances Wygent, who died in September 1907. For sometime he has been suffering from an internal ailment, which it was thought, an operation would remedy. This operation was performed on Friday, September 28, 1917 and he seemingly was recovering, but died on Saturday, September 29, 1917. His funeral was held Monday, October 1, 1917 and was buried in the Riverview Cemetery.

JAMES H. CARR

was born in 1844 in New York state. He enlisted in Company G, Seventy-seventh New York Volunteer Infantry. He served at Gettysburg and in a scrimmage at Appomattox Courthouse, where General Robert E. Lee surrendered. After the Civil War he returned to New York and was married on September 9, 1866, to Mary M. Van Wagoner. They were the parents of two children: Abbie S. and George. They moved from New York state in January 1869, settling in the state of Missouri. In 1886 they moved from Missouri settling in Red Willow County near Bartley. They moved to Bartley in 1898. He departed this life on February 13, 1936 in Bartley and was buried in the Bartley Cemetery near his wife, who had died on October 26, 1929.

Wife of JAMES H. CARR

MARY M. VAN WAGONER

was born May 14, 1848 at Northumberland, Saratoga, New York. She was united in marriage on September 9, 1866 to James H. Carr, a Civil War veteran. Two children were born to this union. She moved with her husband to Missouri and then to Nebraska, residing in Bartley since 1898. She died October 26, 1929, at her home and was buried October 27, 1929 in the Bartley Cemetery.

Wife of JOHN CASTOR

MARY ANN JOHNSON

was born October 13, 1838 at Dayton, Ohio. She was married to John Castor on April 10, 1858. After the Civil War, they moved to Missouri. They came to this area from Missouri in 1880, homesteading southeast of Lebanon. After Mr. Castor's death in 1914, she moved into Lebanon. Following an illness of several weeks, she passed away on Sunday, July 8, 1928 at her home on the east side of Lebanon. Her funeral was held Tuesday, July 10, 1928 and she was buried in the Lebanon Cemetery.

LUKE H. CHENEY

was born June 27, 1864 at Randolph, New York. He moved to Nebraska with his parents, when he was six years old, settling on a farm near Lincoln. He graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1887 and from the University of Michigan Law School in 1889. He started practicing in Lincoln, but decided that he would follow the old advice of "Go west, young man--go west," and so in 1891 found him on the road out. Stockville was as far as he got. After prac-

ticing law in that little western village for some time, he decided that regardless of his financial status or anything else, he was going to try the old proverb that two can live as cheaply as one. His suit was successful and on November 14, 1894, he was married to Clara Vance at Stockville, and they were the parents of four children: Dorothy, Newel S., Vance, who was killed as a small boy, and Wendell P. The family moved to McCook in 1923. Luke was very active in both civic and social organizations. In the line of lodges, he was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Knights Templar, Shrine, Elks Lodge and the Order of the Eastern Star as well as Modern Woodman. He was once Commander of St. John's Commandery. He was also a member of the Royal Arch Masons. At one time he was Worthy Patron of Eastern Star. He belonged to the Chamber of Commerce and was a life member of the Nebraska and Michigan alumni associations. He was one of the directors of the Associated Charities and had been since its organization. He was a member of the Fourteenth Judicial Bar Association, Nebraska State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. He was active as a member of the state senatorial committee and the Republican senatorial committee. He was on the McCook School board and at one time was director for the fifth congressional district for the Nebraska alumni Association. Luke was Red Willow County Attorney for fifteen years and was City Attorney for the City of McCook, as well as County Judge for Red Willow. He was interested in the Agricultural Society of Frontier County and secretary of the fair board there from 1897 to 1917. He was very active in the First Congregational Church, in fact he was honored at a special candlelighting for his long and faithful service in December 1938. He died and was buried in the Memorial Park Cemetery on November 12, 1948.

Wife of LUKE H. CHENEY

CLARA VANCE

was born March 23, 1875 at State Center, Iowa, the daughter of William Vance and Jennie Bradbury. She moved to Stockville, Nebraska in October 1892, where her uncle, W. A. Bradbury, was deputy County Clerk. On November 14, 1894, she was united in marriage to Luke H. Cheney, and she was the mother of four children. They resided in Stockville, where Mr. Cheney practiced law until May 19, 1923 when the family moved to McCook. They made their home here until she passed away. She was very active in church, lodge and social work. She was a member of the

First Congregational Church, it's affiliated ladies' organization, a Past Matron of the Eastern Star, a member of the Royal Neighbors, and of the Research and Coffee Clubs. She passed away at her home in McCook on Thursday, September 1, 1938. Her funeral was held on Sunday, September 4, 1938 and was buried in the Memorial Park Cemetery.

THOMAS ROBERT CHENEY

According to Civil War pension papers, Thomas Robert Cheney was born 12 July, 1842 in Lake County, Ohio. In 1850 Thomas, his parents, Benjamin and Nancy Cheney, and five other children were living in Erin, Stephenson County, Illinois. His parents were both born in Vermont.

Thomas enlisted in the Union Army on March 23, 1862 at Freeport, Illinois. He was assigned to Company C, 2nd. Battalion, 12th. Regiment of the Infantry, Regulars. He was wounded twice and was to die years later of complications from an embedded shot. On December 13, 1862 the Union Army advancing against the southern troops at Fredricksburg, Virginia was cut to pieces by grape shot and musket ball. The wounded were left lying in the breezing cold for 48 hours before makeshift hospital quarters could be readied. Thomas was wounded in the right thigh. They were unable to remove the embedded shot and he was moved to Washington seventeen days later, where he was "absent sick" until April 30, 1863. The "Battle of the Wilderness" in Virginia was fought in a densely wooded area, the trees so thick that the battle was hand to hand and musketry combat. Thomas was shot in the arm and received hospital treatment in Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia.

After the war, Thomas moved to Minnesota where he married the widow Sarah was born on April 14, 1846 in Chenango, Broome County, New York. Three children, Nancy, Thomas and Benny, were born in Minnesota and Olive Pearl was born in 1884 in or near Ft. Dodge, Webster County, Illinois.

In the early spring of 1884 the family loaded their possessions in a covered wagon and took off for the west. On June 19th. Thomas filed a homestead entry for a quarter in Red Willow County, Nebraska, two and a half miles southeast of the present site of Lebanon. He also filed for a tree claim. Upon arrival the family began setting up a tent but kindly neighbors living in a sod and willow home on a claim a few miles away asked them to share their home until theirs was built. They lived with them until December 18th. when they moved into their own

sod home. A year later it was replaced with another soddy 18 x 35 feet. This was plastered, floored and had a board roof. Thomas also built a sod stable, a frame corn crib, dug a deep well and put up a windmill. When he filed his final certificate for the homestead in January 1890 he had 135 acres fenced, 25 acres broken and had 55 fruit trees and 418 forest trees. He listed a mower, rake, cultivator, 2 plows, 35 head of cattle, 7 horses, one hog, 3 beds, a sewing machine, a table and chairs and 2 stoves. He raised corn, hay and oats. His trees were growing and healthy, average diameter being 4 inches and 10 feet tall.

In the next seven years the family finances were to decline drastically. Thomas was ill much of the time, their family was large and their life on the homestead was very hard. Thomas died on their claim on August 6, 1897 of infection in the abdomen and thigh caused by the embedded Civil War shot. In October of that year Sarah filed for a widow's pension listing 5 children under the age of 16. She had a wagon, a team of ponies, a set of harness and a milk cow. Her two quarters of land were mortgaged for \$500, "about all it's worth", one observer was to write. Today that land south and east of Lebanon would bring almost that much an acre. Sarah married Peter Franklin on October 16, 1900 at Oberlin, Kansas. He died in 1907 and Sarah made her home with her children for most of the remainder of her life. Thomas and Sarah are buried in the Lebanon Cemetery. Their children were: Nancy Leota, Thomas Jester, Benny (who died at about two), Olive Pearl, Robert Orin, Lillie Mae, Myrtle Ive, and Willie Smith.

Wife of THOMAS CHENEY

SARA VAN HORN

was born April 14, 1846 in Bloom County, New York. She grew to womanhood in the state of New York and was united in marriage to Thomas Cheney at Blureth, Minnesota in 1878. To this union eight children were born. Mr. Cheney was a Civil War Veteran serving in Company C, Twelfth United States Infantry. They came to Red Willow County in the spring of 1884, Homesteading two and one-half miles southeast of Lebanon, where they lived for a number of years, enduring the hardships of pioneer life and rearing children. Her husband died in August of 1897. She again was united in marriage to Peter Franklin in the spring of 1900. He died in March 1907. She became a member of the Presbyterian Church, and during her long illness, her mind dwelt much upon the

thought of religion and she passed on with the serene conviction that her spirit was going to it's maker. She died on March 7, 1929 near Lebanon, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Pearl Gay, and was buried in the Lebanon Cemetery.

EARL CLARENCE CHITWOOD

was born 1902 to Sam and Lippe E. Chitwood. He spent his youth in Franklin, Nebraska and graduated from the high school there. He attended the University of Nebraska for a year. Returning to Franklin he operated a small theater for a year. on 1924 he came to McCook and entered the hog buying business. Success in that business led to him branching out into the wholesale grocery business with Walter Had-dock. He bought a packing company which was unable to progress and it was re-organized by him. Under his driving genius, the company began to expand. A market for cattle and hogs processed here was wid-ened out to include Grand Island and Lincoln. In 1933, it became necessary to build an addition to the plant. Capacity was again strained when in mid 1934 he secured a contract for killing distressed cattle bought in the government's drouth relief pro-gram. He also ventured into the gasoline business in connection with the Town Pump, a mechanical dis-penser of gasoline on which he, in partnership with O. Fred Glass, had secured exclusive rights on the entire United States and which promised great poss-ibilities. He also was the director of a state-wide hog buying organization. For a time he was distrib-utor for the Studebaker Corporation in this section of Nebraska, selling the Studebaker agency to Gaud-reault & Lancaster in 1927. He was president of the McCook Chamber of Commerce, serving his third term at the time of his death. He was a member of the Elks, Rotary, Masonic Lodge and the Hastings Shrine. He was married to Alice Thuman on January 19, 1931 at Omaha, Nebraska, and they were the parents of one child, Anna Thuman, who died April 1934. He was en-route to Omaha, with Ray Budig, when the automobile he was driving missed a turn and crashed. He died in this accident, and his body was returned to Mc-Cook. His funeral was held Tuesday, August 28, 1934, and was buried near his daughter in the Mem-orial Park Cemetery.

HIRAM CORNELL CLAPP

was born May 11, 1878 at Allegan, Michigan, the son of Ervin Clapp and Delora Sherwood. His father, who had always been a merchant. When young Hiram's

schooling was well along his father got him a job in a store at Allegan to learn bookkeeping by actual practice. He was married to Cora Borne in Allegan, Michigan, who died in 1924. Hiram came to McCook in 1902 to work in the dry goods department of old "Honest John" Grannis' store. Three years of labor for that employer brought him up to the point of opening his own store in 1905. Twenty-one years later, the Clapp Store, then specializing in ladies ready-to-wear was sold, and for three years, his time was devoted to other interests. Then in 1929 he again took over operation of his old store. He retired from business in 1951. He was very active in civic and church organizations. He was a member of the First Congregational Church, all Masonic bodies in McCook, Tehama Shrine Club, Kiwanis Club, B.P.O. Elks Lodge, Y.M.C.A. board, Chamber of Com-merce (he served as president two terms), Director of the First Congregational Church Choir, plus sec-etary of the Republican Valley Conservation Assoc-iation. On November 1927 at "The Little Church around the corner" Brooklyn, New York he was married to Mrs. Bertha Swinehart. He died in St. Catherine's Hospital at McCook on January 2, 1967. Funeral ser-vices were held in the First Congregational Church, with the Knights Templar Guard of honor in attendance. He was buried in the Memorial Park Cemetery. He was survived by his wife, Bertha, two daughters: Elsie and Patricia, and one son, H. Cornell.

Wife of HIRAM CLAPP

BERTHA A. LUSSEN

was born October 16, 1898 in New York City, New York, the daughter of George and Bertha Lussen. She grad-uated from a nursing school at Lakeside Hospital, New York City. She was first married to Mr Swine-hart. On November 10, 1927, she was married to Hiram C. Clapp at Brooklyn, New York. They were the parents of three children: Elsie, Patricia and H. Cornell. She died at the McCook Community Hospital on Sunday, October 2, 1977 and was buried Wednesday, October 5, 1977 in the Memorial Park Cemetery. Ser-vices were held at the St. Alban's Church.

MONROE J. CLARK

was born July 3, 1830 in Livingston County, New York. He moved to Bremer County, Iowa in 1864, and was mar-ried there to Mary Harris on March 14, 1867. To this union three children were born. They came to McCook in 1891. He purchased property where **the** Bullard's Lumber Yard was located. He ran a livery

stable on that location for many years. His health had been failing for some time, and he passed away Wednesday, April 11, 1917 and was buried Saturday, April 14, 1917 in the Longview Cemetery at McCook.

JOHN COLEMAN

was born September 28, 1825 near Washington, Daviess County, Indiana, where he worked on a farm till he grew to manhood. He was joined in marriage to Permelia Banks on March 31, 1846. To the fruits of this marriage, eleven children were born. They moved to Muscatine County, Iowa in 1848. In 1868 they moved to Dallas County, Iowa. Here on November 16, 1878, Permelia departed this life. He and the family remained there until the spring of 1885, when they came to Red Willow County, Nebraska. On December 12, 1889, he was united in marriage to Anna M. Jeffries. They were the proud parents of one child. On Monday morning, November 28, 1898 he had a stroke of paralysis, and lingered until Thursday, December 1, 1898 when he died at his home in McCook. He was buried in the Longview Cemetery on December 4, 1898.

Wife of WILLIAM COLEMAN

FANNIE WHITE

was born in Derbyshire, England on January 17, 1841 and came with her parents to America when she was one and a half years of age and settled near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. They remained there until 1853, when they moved to Muscatine County, Iowa. She was married to William Coleman on September 2, 1861 and to this union nine children were born. The family came to Red Willow County, Nebraska on October 1881, where they lived until the death of William in 1906. She passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bert Wales, in Palisade, Nebraska on October 27, 1919. Her remains were returned to McCook for burial on October 29, 1919 in the Longview Cemetery.

WILLIAM COLEMAN

was born August 1, 1839, in Davis County, Indiana, where he lived until 1852 when his parents moved to Muscatine County, Iowa. There, at the age of 22 years, he was united in marriage to Fannie White. Nine children were born to this union. In 1881, they moved to Red Willow County, Nebraska locating in Coleman Precinct, which was named after him. "Uncle Billy" as he was known and called by nearly everyone, had many beautiful and excellent traits of character. His love for children and their sim-

ple trust in him was a noticable one. He joined the Methodist Church when quite young and for years was superintendent of the Sunday School in Coleman. He was probably the most widely known man in this part of the state through his letter to leading agricultural papers in the middle west, praising the productiveness of the western Nebraska soil and of Red Willow County particularly. He was in ill health for several months before his death on May 29, 1906 in McCook. He was buried May 31, 1906 in the Longview Cemetery at McCook.

HENRY COLLINS

was born in 1833 in Germany. He came to America in 1855, and a few years later came west and located near Indianola. He passed away at his home in East McCook on Sunday, December 17, 1899. His body was taken to Indianola and buried on Tuesday, December 19, 1899 in St. Catherine's Cemetery at Indianola, Nebraska. He was survived by his wife, one daughter, and six sons.

SILAS HOMER COLVIN

was born 1857 in Union County, Iowa, the son of William Colvin and Mary Ritchie. His parents immigrated to southwest Nebraska settling in Furnas County in 1872, where the town of Arapahoe is now located. In 1880, he moved to Red Willow County, homesteading where the city of McCook is located. Some of his land was sold to the Lincoln Land Company, which platted the city of McCook. He was the first Postmaster of Fairview (now McCook) and a storekeeper on the banks of the Republican River. His store was in a soddy, in which both the store and Postoffice were kept. After the town of McCook was platted he built the first hotel, later called the National. He was married to Sarah Rebecca Russell on July 4, 1880 in McCook. He remembered an example of "frontier justice" while living in Iowa. It was the hanging of three drunken horse thieves who, although they had pleaded guilty to the offense, were nevertheless "strung up". After selling his hotel they moved to California. He died in Turlock, California in February 1937. The city of McCook lost one of it's founders.

Wife of HENRY CORCORAN

CATHERINE PARKS

was born 1848 in Vanderburg County, Indiana. She was married to Henry Corcoran in 1884 at Evansville,

Indiana. They were the parents of three daughters. The family moved to Red Willow County in 1884 and lived in Coleman Precinct. On Saturday July 29, 1905, while Mr. Corcoran was unloading the wagon, a barking dog frightened the team and Mr. Corcoran was knocked to the ground. Mrs. Corcoran, who was partly out, was getting some of her things from the wagon. She was thrown in front of the wagon, which was loaded with cement and groceries, and the wheels passed over her abdomen crushing the bones and injuring her internally. A Dr. Duncan was sent for and everything medicine and love can do was done for her. She died the next day on Sunday, July 30, 1905. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 2, 1905, and she was buried in the Calvary Cemetery, McCook.

JOHN FRANCIS CORDEAL

was born 1873 in Pontiac, Illinois to Sylvester Cordeal and Martha J. Hull. On November 27, 1885, a 12 year old boy told his chums goodbye and with his family set off for the west. They arrived in McCook in 1886, where his father established a real estate office. When the Cordeal family arrived in McCook, there was twenty-five feet of board sidewalk, horses drew wagons and buggies through the mired streets, and there were no walks north of C Street, as well as not a tree in the town. There was an ugly wooden water tank in the City Park. The Cordeal's took up their residence in a cottage on East Second, then one of the farthest out of town. After graduating from the McCook schools he attended the College of the City of New York. He then received his law degree from Northwestern University, after which he opened his law office in McCook. He became associated with Webster S. Morlan, famous frontier lawyer. Later he became partner with J. Raymond McCarl. Later Thomas Colfer and District Judge Charles E. Eldred joined this firm. Senator George W. Norris at one time was also associated with Mr. Cordeal in the practice of law. He was an ardent Republican, and was elected to the State Senate from the Twenty-ninth District, and served three terms in 1911, 1913 and 1919. While there, he wrote the Nebraska "Blue Sky" law protecting investors from shyster investment brokers. He was the first to stand out when the proposal to build a new capitol was raised, for something which would depart from the traditional. His influence had much to do with the selection of Goodhue's creation, the magnificent building which has been viewed and applauded by art-

ists and architects of the world. During World War I, he served on the local draft board, and on the food conservation commission. He was a national director of the Farmers National Grain Corporation and a director in the National Equity Union. He was also a delegate from this area to the wheat conservation conference in Washington, early in 1937. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Elks, Rotary, and Chamber of Commerce. His most intense hobby was his interest in the history of Nebraska. In addition to his other interests, he was the author of a diary-style history of this vicinity, which was published in the McCook Daily Gazette. After being in poor health for many years, he suffered a heart attack on Friday, February 4, 1938 from which he never recovered. He passed away on Sunday, February 6, 1938. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 8, 1938 with the local Bar Association, the Knights Templars, the Eastern Star, Rotary Club, and McCook Chamber of Commerce each attending in a body. He was buried in the Memorial Park Cemetery with the Masonic Lodge in charge of rites at the grave site.

Wife of SYLVESTER CORDEAL MARTHA J. HULL

was born 1849 in Ohio. She was a descendant of pioneer Revolutionary stock, being a direct descendant of Gen. Pitcairn. She was married to Sylvester Cordeal, and about 1886 the family moved to McCook, later moving to Akron, Colorado, and then back to McCook, where she was to reside till her death. She was one of the outstanding literary and social leaders in this part of the state, having devoted nearly her entire life to literary pursuits, and was the outstanding early educator in southwest Nebraska, in her position with the McCook public schools. She was always engaged in the literary activities of the city and was believed to have had the most complete library in this part of the country. After an illness of several months, which caused her to suffer, death came as a relief, on Friday, February 26, 1926. She was buried near the side of her husband on Sunday, February 28, 1926.

ARTHUR C. CRABTREE

had lived in Indianola since childhood. He was the sheriff of Red Willow County from 1900 to 1905. He then operated a cigar store in Indianola. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, and had made a study of the Masonic ritual and could repeat any part of the

ceremonies of that order from memory. He was of large physique, and a fine, full voice, and his excellent diction and enunciation made his rendition of the part of the service or ritual he gave very impressive. He passed away in his home in Indianola on Monday, October 20, 1930.

HENRY CRABTREE

was born February 5, 1833 in Licken County, Ohio. When but a boy, his parents moved to Polk City, Iowa, and here when fifteen years of age, he united with the Methodist Church. On July 7, 1859 he was married to Daphne A. Baker. To this union eleven children were born. In the year 1861, he enlisted in the Union Army serving as First Sargent of the Twenty-third Iowa Infantry and received an honorable discharge at the close of the war. The family came to Red Willow County in the spring of 1879. For a number of years he had been failing in health and died on March 2, 1912. He was buried March 4, 1912 in the Indianola Cemetery, with the Masonic Lodge in charge.

WILLIAM NEWTON CRATLEY

was born October 9, 1842 in Delaware, Ohio. He moved to Iowa with his parents, when he was a small boy. He enlisted and served during the entire Civil War in the Cavalry of Iowa Regiments. He and his wife came to Red Willow County, 1886, settling on a farm where he lived until his death. He was well liked by his neighbors, and had suffered much during his long sickness which lasted for several years. He died at his home, six miles south of McCook, on September 9, 1911 and his body was interred in the Riverview Cemetery under the auspices of the G.A.R. Post of McCook. He was survived by his wife and one daughter.

JAMES BRUCE CUMMINGS

was born 1849 in Pennsylvania. He was a veteran of the War of the Rebellion, serving with a Pennsylvania Calvary unit. He and his wife, Martha Elizabeth (?), were one of the first settlers in the Beaver Valley, taking up his home on a homestead in the valley east of the present town of Lebanon, in the fall of 1874. Besides his farming interests, he was associated with the State Bank of Lebanon, being Vice-President of the institution at the time of his death. He was a man who united sound judgment with strong convictions and a candid out spoken disposition eminently fitted to mold the elements of pioneer

life into form and consistency. His death on Wednesday, June 28, 1916 at his home in Lebanon left the community shocked and speechless. He was buried in the Lebanon Cemetery on Saturday, July 1, 1916. He was survived by his wife, Martha, four sons: Ira, Max, Platie, and James, three daughters, Mrs. J. W. Adkins, Mrs. J. H. Stephens and Mrs. T. J. Farrell, three brothers: William F., Link and John as well as two sisters, Mrs. Ramser and Mrs. Ellen Olson.

Wife of FLOYD CURRAN

ELSIE CAMPBELL

was born 1890 in the city of McCook to the Superintendent of the Burlington Railroad, Alexander Campbell and his wife, Mary A. Vaughn. She graduated from the McCook High School with the class of 1908. She was married to Floyd Curran, the manager of the Western Union in McCook. She was active in her church, St. Alban's Episcopal, where she had served as organist and as choir director. She was a member of the P.E.O. sisterhood and the Eastern Star. She died on Saturday, December 5, 1936, at the McCook Hospital following an operation. Funeral services were held at the Episcopal Church on Monday, December 7, 1936, and she was buried in the Memorial Park Cemetery at McCook.

ORLANDO A. CURTIS

was born in Green County, New York in 1841. He moved to Illinois in 1850. He served in three different Illinois regiments during the Civil War. He enlisted first in 1862 and the last time in 1865. He was married to Evelyn Cain in 1867. They were the proud parents of four children. They came to Nebraska in 1882 and later made his home in McCook. He was a member of the I.O.O.F. He died in McCook on March 2, 1913 and was buried March 4, 1913 in the Riverview Cemetery.

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EDWARD P. DEHARSH

was born at Madison, Wisconsin, February 28, 1849. He spent his early boyhood in Wisconsin, New York and Ohio. He enlisted in Company E, One Hundred Eighty-sixth Ohio Volunteers in the early spring of 1864 and served until the close of the war. He was married to Catherine Belcher on January 1, 1869 in Lenawee County, Michigan. To this union was born one daughter, Francis Louise, who died September 23, 1917. His wife passed away early in 1872. In Sep-