

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 Evlyn 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 Cathering 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-

tember 1872, he was united in marriage to Mary Rosetta Christian at Morensi, Michigan, who died in 1929. To this union was born three children: Mrs. H. C. McKinney, Mrs. F. A. Schoyler, and Luther. Edward was one of the early pioneers of Nebraska, coming here from Michigan in February 1884. They settled on a homestead nine miles north of Indianola. His family knew the hardships of homesteading in a new and undeveloped country. He moved to Indianola in 1908. He died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. F. A. Schoyler, at Indianola on Saturday, January 11, 1930 and was buried in the Cedar Grove Cemetery, Indianola, Nebraska, next to his wife who had died just four months and four days before.

#### WILLIAM ALONZO DeMAY

was born in Fairport, New York on April 12, 1857. With his parents and family, he moved to Michigan where he was reared. He followed the profession of his grandfather who was a doctor and took his apprenticeship with a doctor in Hudson, Michigan, which was the practice of that day in obtaining medical training.

On April 26, 1882 Dr. William DeMay married Catherine Huff at Waldron, Michigan. After farming for a year and having not prospered, they, being of pioneer spirit, decided to go west as far as their money would take them. In 1883, they sold all of their possessions except a cupboard and some bedding and arriving in McCook, they forded the Republican River and traveled six miles south where he staked out a homestead and a timber claim where he was to start a new career as a pioneer doctor, farmer, and a father. While living on the homestead, a daughter and three sons were born.

Before purchasing his first team and buggy, Dr. DeMay traveled on foot and horseback over a wide area ministering to the sick, man and beast alike.

In 1889, Dr. DeMay, leaving Catherine and the small children to look after the farm, completed his medical course in Kansas City, Missouri. In this same year, the family moved to Cedar Bluffs, Kansas, where they lived for two years.

In 1891, the family moved to Danbury where he lived and practiced medicine for 32 years. As the Beaver Valley was settled in a short time with a family to each quarter or half section, there were many people requiring the services of a doctor. He was one of the first in the community to own an automobile and in times of an epidemic such as the influ-

enza in 1918, he hired a driver so he could rest between patients.

Dr. DeMay was a prudent, as well as a successful, businessman. He not only educated three sons to be doctors but had his own drugstore in Danbury and several farms in the vicinity.

In 1923, Dr. DeMay and Kate moved to Fort Collins, Colorado where he continued to practice until his retirement in 1935. "Bonnie" and "Pockie" as they were affectionately known, returned to Danbury in 1932 to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary with 200 friends and neighbors.

Death came to this pioneer physician on Tuesday, June 22, 1937, leaving besides his wife, a daughter, Mrs. Nan Ashton of Denver, and three sons, Dr. Rollo (a dentist) of Danbury, Dr. Griff of McCook and Dr. Hal of Grand Island.

Dr. DeMay was a pioneer physician and ministered to the sick under the most trying circumstances, physical hardships, and with few facilities. His genial, breezy personality gave him the reputation of dispensing good cheer as well as remedies from his black bag.

#### MICHAEL DEVOE

was born January 17, 1807 in Dutchess County, New York. He came to Red Willow County from Kankakee, Illinois in 1880, and took a homestead near Lebanon. He proved up, and lived on it until his wife died in 1893, when he moved into Lebanon where he lived with his sons E. E. and Walter. On the day of his death, he was about town and as usual, ate a hearty dinner. He seemed as bright and well as usual until he went to lay down to rest, he soon fell asleep and in a short time passed away with a smile on his face, without a movement, and joined his friends and loved ones in eternity on April 27, 1906.

#### GEORGE W. DILLON

died at the McCook Hospital on Wednesday, March 28, 1917. He had been in failing health for some time and his condition was very serious at the time he was taken to the hospital. He was a veteran of the Civil War and was a member of the local G.A.R. Post. He had been a resident of McCook for many years. His burial was held on Friday, March 30, 1917 in the Riverview Cemetery.

#### SIDNEY DODGE

was born May 6, 1842 at Gransby, Oswego County, New York. He enlisted as a wagoner in Company F, Eighteenth Michigan Infantry. He had married Harriet Ely on January 1, 1862, and she died on February 1898. They were the parents of two sons: Joseph E. and Arthur S. They were pioneers of Red Willow County, Nebraska, coming here in 1885. He was a good public worker, helping who he could, a christian man and a good citizen. He was County Attorney two terms for Red Willow County, giving them good service. He passed away on Thursday, June 15, 1911, at his home in Marion. He was buried June 16, 1911 in the River-view Cemetery at McCook.

#### Wife of SIDNEY DODGE HARRIET ELY

was born in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania on July 1, 1835. When a girl she, with her parents, moved to Ohio, where on January 1, 1862 was married to Sidney Dodge. In 1882, they came to Red Willow County and settled on a homestead twelve miles south of McCook. On Saturday, February 26, 1898, after an illness lasting less than two days, she passed away at her home in the Gerver Pricinct. She was buried in the Pleasant Prairie Cemetery. She was survived by her husband Sidney, and two sons: Joseph E. and Arthur S.

#### JOHN W. DOLAN

was born 1852 and came to this county about 1870, and lived near Indianola for the remainder of his life. He passed away at the home of his son, John, south of Indianola on Saturday, December 12, 1931. He was buried at the St. Catherine's Cemetery in Indianola on Tuesday, December 15, 1931. He was survived by eight children: Mrs. August Lehn, Mrs. Andrew Lehn, Mrs. George Bresni, Mrs. Garrett Wilbur, John, Joe Bernard, and Paul. His wife had passed away in 1921.

#### JOEL B. DOLPH

was born October 8, 1839 in Ashtabula County, Ohio. When he was sixteen years of age, he moved with his parents to Nashville, Illinois. After living there a short time, he moved with his parents to Plainville, Iowa. Joel, along with his brother James, came to the Beaver Valley in 1873 from Plainville. They homesteaded on land just west of what is now Danbury. At the time of their migration to this land, buffalo, antelope, and wild turkey could be seen on the prairie. Danbury was then located three miles

west of its present site and on a hill overlooking the valley. The valley proved to be such fertile farmland that soon many dugout homesteads dotted the scene. Joel also owned some of the land that is now Danbury. It was soon learned that the Burlington Railroad was to establish a branch of the railroad up the valley, so Joel sold his land to the Lincoln Land Company and they, in turn, sold it to interested citizens who wished to start a new location for Danbury. Some of the buildings in the old Danbury site were moved to the new community. Parts of these buildings are still being used in Danbury, and almost all of the deeds and abstracts that people now have in Danbury, show first the name of Joel Dolph. On March 4, 1875, he was united in marriage to Isabel Dow, and they were the parents of five children: Burnett, Sam, Olive, Jennie and Ed. In later years, he sold off all of his homestead land except the acreage on the west end of Danbury. He and his wife ran the only hotel that was in the town of Danbury. It was called the "Dolph House". Running this establishment for many years helped them to gain many friends in a wide circle of pioneer families of this early day settlement. His wife Isabel, preceded him in death on July 2, 1908. He passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. W. Dewey, in McCook on Sunday, February 1, 1925. His remains were returned to Danbury, where on Monday, February 2, 1925, he was buried in the Danbury-Marion Cemetery by the side of his wife.

#### DeWITT YULE DORWART

was born February 11, 1867 at New English, Iowa. He moved with his parents to a homestead eleven miles south of Friend in 1871 and in 1881 to Friend. He was married on February 11, 1891, in Friend, to Mary Andrew and they were the parents of two sons: Yule W. and Roy. He was engaged in the drug business at Friend for a number of years and later in real estate. He moved to McCook in 1908. He followed the real estate business here and built up a large acquaintanceship during the time of his residence here. He was an associate with Clint Hamilton in the Real Estate and Insurance business. He was a member of the First Congregational Church. For some time he had been failing in health and had gone to the Mayo Clinic for tests and treatment. He passed away at St. Catherine's Hospital in McCook, on Saturday, September 19, 1931 and was buried Wednesday, September 23, 1931. His wife, Mary, preceded him in death in July 1929.

Wife of NELSON DOWNS

Mrs. HARRIET DOWNS

was born February 10, 1855 in Knox County, Illinois. She was married to Nelson Downs and they came to Red Willow County in 1884, homesteading eight miles south of McCook. Later they moved to a farm two miles south of McCook. On Tuesday, August 11, 1925, she passed away from the results of a paralytic stroke. Her funeral as held Thursday, August 13, 1925 and she was buried in the Longview Cemetery. She was survived by her husband Nelson, two daughters, Ida and Mary and one son Charles.

BRADLEY B. DUCKWORTH

was born June 15, 1834 near Newark, Licking County, Ohio. He was married to Susan Cletner on June 3, 1858 in Pennsylvania. Soon after they settled on a farm near Newark, Ohio. Here some years later, he learned the milling trade under the instruction of his brother. He moved to Omaha, Nebraska in 1870, when that city was just a small hamlet. After living in several eastern Nebraska towns, he came to Red Willow County in 1873, selecting as his future homestead the Beaver Valley near Marion. To this homestead he added farm after farm until he owned several sections of Beaver Valley land. He sold his holdings on the Beaver and became identified with his three sons as owner of the Indianola Flour Mills. He later disposed of his mill interests to his sons. He twice was elected by his fellow citizens to be the first County Treasurer and County Commissioner. He also was appointed as Postmaster of Danbury and took the oath of office on November 11, 1878. After suffering for many years, he passed away in Indianola on April 8, 1918. His funeral was held April 10, 1918 and he was buried in the Cedar Grove Cemetery in Indianola. He was survived by his sons: Loton, Charles and Fred. His burial was under the auspices of the Masonic Lodge of which he was a charter member.

LOTON DUCKWORTH

was born 1863 in Iowa. He came to Red Willow County in 1873 when ten years of age. His father was one of the first homesteaders on the Beaver Creek in the vicinity of Marion. He served two terms as Postmaster in Indianola. He passed away in Indianola, Tuesday, June 18, 1940 and was buried in the Indianola Cemetery on June 20, 1940. He was survived by his wife and four children.

JOSEPH DUDEK

The year 1979 marked the 100th anniversary of the arrival of my grandparents, Joseph and Frances Dudek, who left Iowa to homestead on the prairie land of Red Willow County, Nebraska. Being denied the pleasure of knowing them in person I am taking this means to leave something to show their early presence in this area. A number of grandchildren and their families still reside up and down the valleys of southwest Nebraska, others chose to live elsewhere. I feel sure they all join me in paying tribute to our hardy pioneering grandparents who gave us an ancestry to be proud of and we truly respect and dearly love the choice they made in establishing a new home in this part of Nebraska.

Joseph Dudek was born December 2, 1838 at Dlouha Ves, Rychnov Bohemia, the son of Frank and Barbara Krig Dudek, and passed to eternity on November 10, 1908, at his homestead southeast of McCook, Nebraska. The oldest child in a family of nine, he came with his parents to the United States in 1858, where his family settled at Oxford Junction, Jones County, Iowa. Their ocean voyage lasted three and a half months having encountered a severe storm at sea that caused their sailing vessel to lose course.

Joseph was married December 31, 1860 in Linn County, Iowa to Frances Horak, born in 1840 in Bohemia the daughter of Jan and Frances Horak. Her parents had made the journey to America in 1855, beginning their new life in Johnson County, Iowa. Frances was the third child in a family of eight.

Thus my grandparents began their married life at Shueyville, Johnson County, Iowa, where all their children were born. To support his family grandfather had a blacksmith shop which he tended along with his farming. He was also an artist at wood carving.

In the spring of 1879 they left their home in Iowa, traveling with several covered wagons drawn by oxen. Their destination was Red Willow, Nebraska. The family consisted of Joseph, his wife Frances and eight children ranging in age from 18 years to one; namely in order of birth, Frances, Joseph Jr., William, Katherine, Frank, Anthony, Mary and Albert.

The livestock, supplies, etc were sent by rail as far as Wilber, Nebraska accompanied by Frank and one of his sisters. Here they joined the rest of the family traveling by wagon. No doubt this point of meeting place was chosen, because grandfather had a brother John Dudek, living there. On May 4th they continued their journey arriving at their homestead, south of Red Willow and southeast of McCook, on May

18th. Members of the family had walked most of the way driving the livestock. A sod house was built with Frances, the oldest daughter, carrying most of the sod. Later a frame addition was added.

Homestead entry records No. 930, show that grandfather lived the required five years on his homestead and on March 4, 1884 a deed from the United States to Joseph Dudek was recorded. Papers state they built their sod homes in the fall of 1879, living in a shanty during the summer from May 1879. The sod home was 24x44 feet, frame house was 12x24 feet, had built stables, granaries, blacksmith shop, sheds, two wells, two corrals and 12 acres broken, valued \$800.00, and cultivated 12 acres to crop for four seasons. Homestead proof was witnessed by Charles Ebert and Alexander Jones, both farmers, their address as Indianola. On May 19, 1884 another claim just east of the homestead was filed, which was a timber claim. Another land transaction shows the purchase of 160 acres at \$1.25 an acre.

This family certainly had a share in the progress of the west. The first school attended by the younger Dudek children was a dug-out located north of the east side of the Dudek hill, which has been a landmark for years.

Grandfather had a library of 1000 books which was open to the use of the settlement. He also was known for the fine red hogs he raised. He had his pens across the county road north of his home and used a cart, pushed by hand, to feed and water them. Along with his farming he continued his blacksmithing, having a smithy shop a short distance west of the Red Willow elevator, and about four miles due north of his homestead. This meant he had to ford the Republican River twice a day to carry on his smithy work. He often worked late in the evening, helping someone in need, and the family anxiously waited for his return. Their minds would be eased when they could hear the creaking of the wagon wheels entering and leaving the river. There was still some unrest with the Indians, but they only experienced one scare and this proved to be only a hunting party looking for food.

Grandmother Dudek lived not quite two years after their coming to Nebraska, passing from this world on November 1, 1880 at the age of 40. She was put to rest, west of the homestead, at the top of the Dudek Hill, on the north side of the road. Later she was moved to the Dudek plot in Riverview Cemetery in McCook. As a child I remember picking wild sweetpeas and soap weed flowers along the slopes of either side

of this hill.

Grandfather applied for naturalization papers in Johnson County, Iowa on October 5, 1863, renouncing his allegiance to the Emperor of Austria and became a citizen through the District Court of Iowa City on January 9, 1884. I have his original papers in my possession.

On January 28, 1882, grandfather married Eliza Phillippi, a widow with grown children, who aided in the care of the younger children.

One by one the Dudek children left home and on January 22, 1882, the oldest daughter, Frances, married Joseph Hudson. At McCook's Golden Jubilee they were one of the honored couples as having been married here fifty years before, coming here from their home in Wheatland, Wyoming. Joseph Hudson led the parade each morning riding a horse and wearing his deerskin suit made by his wife, from deer hides he had tanned himself. They were the parents of 10 children, namely: Eoline, Effie, Viola, Hyacinth, Hall, Floyd, Crystal, Claudius, Everett and Valentine (she died as an infant). Joseph Hudson was born August 15, 1857 in Blackford County, Indiana and died June 12, 1943 and was the son of Theophalus and Mary Ann (Butcher) Hudson. Frances Dudek Hudson was born August 4, 1861 at Shueyville, Iowa and died August 16, 1936. Both are interred at Wheatland, Platte County, Wyoming.

Joseph Dudek Jr. and his brother William took up claims in Chase County, leaving home in 1881, settling in the Wauneta area. Joseph had a blacksmith shop there for years and was also connected with the Wauneta Bank. William chose to ranch settling near town.

Joseph Jr. was born September 4, 1862 in Iowa and died September 9, 1959. He married January 1, 1888 at Wauneta to Sarah Lucinda Campbell, born October 29, 1869 near Worthington, Indiana and died March 4, 1946, was a daughter of Andrew S. and Rhoda E. Campbell. Both are buried at Wauneta, Nebraska in the Riverside Cemetery. They had one daughter, Jessie Valentine.

William Dudek was born February 2, 1864 in Iowa. He died May 11, 1942 at Wauneta, Nebraska. He married first to Eva Ady on August 6, 1899. Eva was born June 1, 1882 in Clay County, Kansas, the daughter of Nathaniel Joshua and Catherine (Berrier) Ady. She died February 17, 1909. They had seven children: Fred, Mary, Anna, William Jr., Eva, Nellie and Joseph. William married 2nd. on June 6, 1911 at Wauneta to Hattie Kordlewski who was born November 1, 1878 at

Chislovitz, Poland and died January 11, 1966. Hattie also known as Hedwig Kloskey, was the daughter of Valentine and Catherine Kloskey. William and Hattie had one son, Leonard Dudek. William and both his wives are buried in the Riverside Cemetery at Wauneta, Nebraska.

Katherine Dudek was born November 25, 1865 in Iowa, she died December 12, 1953 in Denver, Colorado. She married March 27, 1893 at McCook to Matthew Plews who was born October 4, 1871 in Darlington, England. He died January 6, 1946, the son of James and Elizabeth (Metcalf) Plews. Both are buried at Littleton, Colorado, where they lived most of their lives. They had four children: Helene, James, Joseph, and Matthew Jr.

Frank Dudek was born November 11, 1867 in Iowa, died June 12, 1950 at McCook, Nebraska and was married October 29, 1902 in McCook to Idona Valerie Bower, born July 22, 1883 near Fennimore, Wisconsin. She died December 12, 1971 and was the daughter of William and Nellie Josephine (Walker) Bower. Both are buried in Memorial Park Cemetery in McCook, Nebraska. They had four children: Joseph Edward (who died as an infant), Arlene Esther, Frank Edward and Elmer Dale.

Anthony Dudek was born November 11, 1870, in Iowa, died January 29, 1902 at McCook, Nebraska at the age of 32. He is buried in the Dudek plot in the Riverview Cemetery at McCook. He did not marry.

Mary Dudek was born February 2, 1876, in Iowa, married October 18, 1895, at McCook, to John Schlager who was born July 12, 1873 at Odessa, Russia, died January 18, 1907 at McCook, Nebraska, the son of William and Rosina (Mafley) Schlagel. He is buried in the Riverview Cemetery. They had three sons, William Joseph, Albert Glenn and Raymond Carl. On April 22, 1909, Mary married at McCook to Jacob Degele, born February 28, 1886 at Hoffnungstal, Russia, the son of August Gottlieb and Barbara (Fritz) Degele. Mary died January 16, 1947 and Jacob on the 21st of April, 1957. They were my parents and both are buried in Riverview Cemetery at McCook. They had four children: Barbara Frances, Lila May and Lela Faye and Degele, the twins.

Albert Dudek was born August 28, 1878 in Iowa, died November 20, 1968 at Costa Mesa, California, married May 1, 1902 at Rocky Ford, Colorado to Lettie Mae Young, born December 23, 1883 at Crathersville, Indiana, died August 28, 1978 at Costa Mesa, California, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young. They are both buried at Santa Anna, California. They

had one daughter, Leona Belle.

In checking the chattel property in the closing of grandfather's estate are some of the following: heading the list was 1 sod plow, 1 top buggy, 1 double set harness, 1 brown mare named Bell, 1 bay horse named Dick, 1 wagon, 1 grindstone, 1 cow named Wild Eyes (and many others).

The bay horse named Dick was grandfather's riding pony. Grandpa was a typical Bohemian, short, stocky and always wore a beard. In riding this little 700 lb. pony his feet nearly touched the ground, but he always allowed the pony to walk slow and usually made it to where they were going. One of the spring tasks that always had to be done was the re-shingling the soddy roof with fresh sod.

Among the cherished possessions I have are: Grandfather's drawstring leather pouch, he used in the early days to carry his gold in; a large Ironstone pitcher and a castiron pancake griddle used along the trail in their covered wagon journey.

Joseph and Frances Dudek had thirty-four grandchildren, thirty-two growing to adulthood. I am proud of my Bohemian Ancestry and equally proud of my American Heritage and dedicate this article in their memory who did their small part in building a future for those who came after.

As a final work I might add some of the names of the neighbors living near my grandfather were: Endsley, Broomfield, Crocker, Evertson, Downs, Warfield, Smith, Rogers, Hatfield, Voge, Esch, Jussell and Fiechtner.

This story was written by Lela Degele Harrison.

#### JOHN DUNNING

was born in 1861 near Salem, Richardson County, Nebraska. He came to Red Willow County in 1878, where he was a mail carrier for many years. His knowledge of the topography in this country was such that he could plat every section of ground or city lot in Red Willow area. Camp Duke Alexis Park and C.C.C. camp near Hayes Center, was established on historical data furnished by this pioneer carrier. He was playing cards with a group of friends in Indianola, when he suffered a heart attack that ended his life on Thursday, January 21, 1937. He was buried in the Cedar Grove Cemetery at Indianola, Nebraska on Saturday, January 23, 1937. He was survived by his wife, Nettie, and a step-son, Byron Spaulding.

#### AARON DUTCHER

was born in South Amenia, New York on July 7, 1845. He enlisted in Company A, One Hundred-fiftyth, New York Volunteers, at the age of seventeen, and was to serve with that unit for three years. He marched with General Sherman's March to the Sea. He was in the Grand Review in Washington, and was discharged on June 8, 1863. He first married, Julia Horkey, and they were early pioneers in Red Willow County in 1879. He suffered a stroke on Monday, February 28, 1916 and passed away on Saturday, March 4, 1916. He was buried in the Cedar Grove Cemetery, Indianola, Nebraska.

#### Wife of AARON DUTCHER JULIA HORKEY

was born in Czechoslovakia on February 14, 1854. She was married to Aaron Dutcher, a G.A.R. veteran. They were pioneers of Red Willow County in 1879. She died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Agnes Case James, at Geneva, Nebraska on October 12, 1934. Her body was brought to Indianola and interment was made on Monday, October 15, 1934.

#### CHARLES K. DUTCHER

was born May 21, 1870 at Charles City, Iowa. He came with his parents to Red Willow County, settling on a homestead near Indianola in 1882. He was married to Lille M. Miller on May 29, 1898 in Red Willow County. To this union two daughters were born: Ruth and Mable. He was interested in politics and was elected to the position of County Clerk in 1911, and was re-elected in 1914, serving five years. In 1922 he was elected to the State Legislature and re-elected in 1924. He was a member of the Odd Fellow Lodge. In 1931, he and his wife went on a trip to visit Oklahoma and other states. He had gone to Oklahoma during the land rush for the Cherokee strip in 1893 and wanted to see some of the history forming places. He hadn't filed on any of the land during the rush but had returned to Nebraska shortly after this event. On Saturday, May 18, 1934, while plowing a field, he was stricken with a stroke. He was taken to his home, but nothing could be done to prolong his life. He died at his home, and was buried on Monday, May 21, 1934 in the Cedar Grove Cemetery, Indianola.

#### WILLARD G. DUTTON Jr.

was born October 1, 1903 on a farm southwest of McCook to Willard G. and Kate J. Dutton. He attended

the school in that district, and later graduated from the McCook High School in 1921. After graduating from high school, he went to the University of Nebraska and graduated from the College of Pharmacy in June 1925. He worked as a pharmacist in a drug store at Gordon, Nebraska for two years. He then went to California, spending almost two years behind prescription counters in the Los Angeles area. While there he was married to Mayne Suich on February 7, 1928 in Los Angeles, California. Then in November 1928, he and his wife returned to McCook and opened the "Dutton Pharmacy." By his energetic and aggressive business management, his business was very successful. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Chamber of Commerce, and during his university career he became a member of Delta Sigma Phi and Phi Delta Chi. He also was a Vice-President of the Nebraska Pharmacy Association. He took up aviation and after less than three hours of instruction, he was able to take a solo flight. On Tuesday April 11, 1933, he and Glenn Hughes went for a flight to gain the necessary hours for a private license. A wing was torn from their ship and it fell from an altitude of three thousand feet and both men were killed. Business houses of the city of McCook were closed on the day of the funeral on April 18, 1933. He was buried in the Memorial Park Cemetery at McCook.

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#### ELMER RALPH EARLE

was born in Charleston, South Carolina on February 5, 1848. He was first married in Syracuse, New York. His wife dying in Omaha, he came to McCook from Sidney in 1902. He was the rector for the Episcopal Church and missionary in charge in southwestern Nebraska. He was married to Ella M. Davis at Arapahoe on October 18, 1905. At an early age he served in the Civil War near the close in the volunteer as a Drummer Boy. Afterwards he served in the regular army, part of the time under General George A. Custer. Rev. Earle was an earnest, untiring worker, wholly imbued with his chosen calling, and was respected for his consistent life by all who knew him. He performed his duty as he saw it, and has passed to his reward, leaving his family and friends the rich legacy of a life devoted to his Master's work. He complained about feeling ill the night of June 14, 1910, and was found dead on his bed the next day. His burial on June 17, 1910 from the Episcopal Chap-