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### **Fred Ahlmann Dies Suddenly**

#### **Home From Dakota Homestead Visiting Family, He Suddenly Expires**

Fred Ahlmann, an old resident of Norfolk, died suddenly from an attack of heart failure as 8 o'clock Friday morning at his home. Mr. Ahlmann, who is a brother of W. F. Ahlmann, is survived by a widow and six children. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made. Mr. Ahlmann was born in Germany, where his first wife died. Those children live in Germany. There were two children by his second marriage, Albert and Hattie, who, with their mother, survive in Norfolk.

Source: The Norfolk Weekly News-Journal, Friday, March 4, 1910, page 2.

**Earl Barte** died Monday at a Norfolk hospital. Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Methodist church in Battle Creek with burial in the family lot at Union Cemetery. He was born in Wythe county, Virginia in 1888. He had reached the age of 29 years, 7 months and 4 days. He was the third son of John Barte. His mother passed away about a year ago. Survivors were his aged father, five brothers and three sisters: Mon, Dale, Jesse Barte, Mrs. Mike James, Mrs. Fred Volk, Arthur and Fearn Barte, and Mrs. Claus Borchers. Source: excerpt from Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, October 23, 1930, page 1.

### **Death of Mrs. J. I. Beech**

Mrs. J. I. Beach, whose serious illness has been noted in these columns, died last Sunday morning after a lingering illness from that incurable disease cancer.

Last winter, the deceased in company with her husband, went to Rochester, Minn., and consulted with the mayo Bros. After remaining there several weeks, they informed her after watching her case, the most careful examinations, and a nimor operation, that they were sorry that they could do nothing for her as the disease had too strong a hold on her weakened system. They returned home and for several months she suffered intensely, being unable to retain the lightest diet. Thru all her suffering she was very patient and never complained knowing that everything had been done to help her but in vain. For several days before the end came she was in an unconscious condition from extreme weakness. The deceased will be missed not only in the family circle but in the entire community.

Rocelia Lewis was born Jan. 22, 1865, near Mankato, Minn., and died at Meadow Grove July 20, 1919. Aged 54 years and 6 months, lacking 2 days. Came to Madison county when a small child, having spent nearly all her life in this community. She was married to Jos. I. Beech Dec. 3, 1883. To this union were born seven children, two dying in infancy. Four boys and one girl are living---Fred, Ray, Earl and Edwin and Maud Thrasher, all of them living in and near Meadow Grove. Besides these she is survived by her husband, and father, P. V. Lewis, four brothers, five sisters, and

many other relatives and friends. She was a faithful and consistent member of the Methodist church for more than 20 years.

Funeral services were held in the M. E. church Monday noon, Rev. Antrim, the pastor, officiating. Interment in McCoy cemetery.

Source: Meadow Grove News, Friday July 25, 1919 on page 1.

**Mrs. John S. Braisher**, former resident of Battle Creek, died at Orange, California, October 29, according to information received by Mrs. D. L. Best. Death came after an illness of three months. Mrs. Braisher was 79 years old and had been a resident of Orange for thirty-two years. Mr. and Mrs. Braisher, the former a pioneer harnessmaker of Battle Creek, moved from here in 1903. Concerning the funeral an Orange newspaper says: "Following services at the Methodist church Mrs. Braisher was laid at rest in Fairhaven cemetery beside the grave of her husband, John Sydney Braisher, who died in 1917. The Braisher plot in the cemetery is sheltered by a giant breadfruit tree, always treasured by Mrs. Braisher. She leaves no relatives." Source: excerpt from Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, November 7, 1935, page 1.

### **Early Resident of Norfolk Dead**

Mrs. W. H. Butterfield, 86, member of one of Madison county's pioneer families passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. P. H. Salter in Norfolk Friday morning.

In ailing health for the past two years the aged woman's condition became more alarming about two weeks ago. For several days she showed marked improvement but suffered a relapse a week ago, sinking gradually until her death. Her husband died at Norfolk in 1916.

Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thursday, March 5, 1931, page 1.

**Patrick E. Carberry** died Sunday at the age of 55. He was a businessman in Norfolk for about thirty-three years. He was born Oct. 12, 1886 on a farm near Warnerville to Patrick H. and Margaret Carberry. He married Lenora Stirk on Sept. 25, 1912. Survivors were his wife; three sons, Patrick Jr., Jack, and Joseph; two daughters, Mrs. William Fisher, and Bettye Carberry. Other survivors listed were brothers and sisters, Mrs. John Lieubenthal, Maurice, Jack, Mrs. Ervin Nick, Mrs. Tom Donahue, and Mrs. James Armstrong. Funeral services were tentatively set for Wednesday at Sacred Heart church in Norfolk. Source: excerpt from The Norfolk Daily News, Monday, January 12, 1942, page 2.

### **CALVIN LUTHER CAREY**

Born about 1844 in Canada according to the 1860 Lewiston, Niagara, New York census

FATHER; CALVIN L. CAREY, B 1800 in Genessee County, New York

MOTHER; NANCY CORNELL, B 1812 in Canada

CALVIN L. CAREY enlisted as a Private in New York for the Union, and on March 10, 1863 was first transferred to Company H, 105<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment New York. Then he was transferred to Company G, 94<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment New York, in which unit he was in active service. The 94<sup>th</sup> Regiment, New York Infantry was mustered in March 10, 1862, and saw active duty in defense of Washington, D. C., the Northern Virginia Campaign, Bull Run and Antietam, in 1862.

Calvin L. Carey was in active duty in 1863 in the Battle Gettysburg, PA, July 1-3<sup>rd</sup>, and was wounded in action on July 1, 1863.

The Union New York Volunteers 94<sup>th</sup> Regiment, New York Infantry saw action in numerous campaigns including Chancellorsville, Battle of Gettysburg, Mine Run, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Weldon Railroad, and Hatcher's Run through February of 1865.

Calvin L. Carey was discharged from Company G, 94<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, New York on March 5, 1865, with Distinguished Service noted on his record.

CALVIN LUTHER CAREY married SARAH ANN HADDEN, Born July 14, 1848/50 in England. Calvin and Sarah lived in Michigan, Iowa and Nebraska, according to the birth records of their nine children:

Sarah Ellen Carey, born 24 April 1872 in Charlotte, Eaton, Michigan

Mary Jane Carey, born 4 July 1869 in Charlotte, Eaton, Michigan

Thomas Carey, born about 1874

George William Carey, born 1876

Annie Belle Carey, born 7 June 1881 in Sunfield, Eaton, Michigan

Minnie Maria Carey, born 13 September 1884 in Waterloo, Black Hawk, Iowa

David Luther Carey, born 27 November 1886 in Waterloo, Black Hawk, Iowa

Etta Electa Carey, born 1890 in Belleville, Sarpy, Nebraska

Avis May Carey, born 17 January 1892 in Lincoln, Nebraska

CALVIN LUTHER CAREY died February 19, 1895 in Norfolk, Nebraska, and is buried in the Norfolk Regional Center (former State Hospital) Cemetery (Old cemetery).

No data is available on his wife, or his children listed above.

### **Charles Wesley Carpenter**

Charles Wesley Carpenter was born in Franklin County, Ohio, about 25 miles from Columbus, Jan. 13, 1846.

He was married to Mary A. Hill in 1878. To this union were born two children, Fred H. and Burt E. His wife died about 18 years ago. Since that time he has made his home principally in this state in and around Meadow Grove. Last March he was taken seriously ill with dropsy and later with paralysis, and was taken to the general hospital at Norfolk, where he died Sunday July 5, 1919, being in his 74<sup>th</sup> year. He was baptized in infancy, his parents being loyal and devoted members of the church. Last spring while he was ill at the home of Alva Crooks, in the presence of Rev. Antrim, he accepted Jesus as his Saviour.

Funeral services were held in the M. E. Church Monday afternoon, W. R. S. Anstine, officiating. Interment in the McCoy cemetery by the side of his wife.

Source: Meadow Grove News, Friday July 11, 1919 on page 1.

### Death Record

**Mrs. Chestnutwood**, who formerly lived in Norfolk, died Sunday at Kansas City.

Source: The Norfolk Weekly News-Journal, Friday Feb. 17, 1905 on page 6.

### **Mrs. R. E. Clem taken by death**

Mrs. R. E. Clem of Yankton, S. D., formerly Eva Mae Osborn died Sunday afternoon at her home. Funeral services were held Wednesday at Yankton and the remains brought to Tilden for burial at about 4 o'clock. Source: excerpt from Meadow Grove News, Thursday, September 4, 1947, page 1.

### **Funeral Held for Mrs. R. E. Clem**

Funeral services were conducted at Yankton, S. D., Friday for Mrs. R. E. Clem and the remains then brought to Tilden for burial. Pallbearers were acquaintances of Mr. and Mrs. Clem from Sioux City, Rosalie, Bloomfield and Yankton.

Eva Mae Clem passed away at her home in Yankton, Sunday, August 31 after an illness of nine months. Last January she underwent a major operation at Rochester, Minnesota. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Osborn. She attained the age of 29 years, 2 months and 3 days. She married Ronald E. Clem on January 17, 1943. Survivors include her husband and daughter, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Osborn; two sisters, Mrs. Ione Dalton, Sheldon, Iowa, and Mrs. Helen Ryder, Denver, Colorado; seven brothers, Harold, Quentin, Lawrence and Bernard, here, Herbert and Clayton of Denver and Burnham of Moorhead, Minnesota, together with other relatives and a host of friends. Source: excerpt from Meadow Grove News, Thursday, September 11, 1947, page 1.

### **Mrs. Martha Cloyd Passed Suddenly**

It was indeed a shock to the people of Meadow Grove to hear of the sudden death of Mrs. Martha Cloyd Wednesday evening. She had been feeling as well as usual on Wednesday, and in the evening went with Mrs. Botsford to the movie. All of a sudden she complained that she could not get her breath. She was taken to her home and died immediately, the cause being heart-failure.

Mrs. Cloyd had been subject to heart attacks for many years. Usually they were of short duration and would be relieved by ease and quiet. They were becoming more numerous recently and the last one came Wednesday evening.

Source: Meadow Grove News, Thursday, July 31, 1930, page 1.

**Martha Christina (Ransdell) Cloyd** was born February 20, 1859 in Franklin, Indiana and died in Meadow Grove, Nebraska on July 30, 1930, age 71 years 5 months, and 10 days. She was the youngest and last living member of a family of 13 children. She was united in marriage to Wilson Cloyd on February 21, 1881. Survivors were Mrs. Audrey Higbee, Mrs. Martha Buffington, Cora, Irvin, and Donald Cloyd, along with 10 grandchildren. Two children, Robert and Clellen, and her husband preceeded her in death. Burial was in the Best Cemetery beside her husband and oldest son. Source: excerpts from Meadow Grove News, Thursday, August 7, 1930, page 1.

#### Another Old Veteran Dead

Meadow Grove, Neb., Jan. 27.—

Last Friday morning the community was shocked to learn that another of our old residents, W. W. CLOYD, had passed away. He had been in his usual health, but died suddenly of heart failure.

The funeral was held from his home at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, Rev. Ford of Meadow Grove conducting the services. Interment was made at the Jackson cemetery.

William W. Cloyd was born in Tippecanoe County, Indiana, February 22, 1833, and died Jan. 24, 1913, aged 79 years, 11 months and 2 days. On Nov. 24, 1863, he enlisted with Co. H 44th Indiana Volunteers and was discharged at Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 14, 1865. He moved to Iowa in 1865 and from there to Madison county, Nebraska, in 1868. Of his family surviving him are three sons and one daughter, James of Tilden, Wilson, Doan and Miss Olive all of Meadow Grove. He also leaves ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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**Mitchell Collins** died Saturday at Lincoln. His body was taken back to Battle Creek being the home of his sisters, Mrs. D. L. Fender and Mrs. H. C. Chrisman. The funeral was held on Tuesday with burial in the Union Cemetery. He was about the age of thirty. He was unmarried but leaves many relatives in the vicinity besides his sisters. Source: The Norfolk Weekly News-Journal, Friday Feb. 17, 1905 on page 8.

## DEATHS

### **Custer's Messenger Dead**

**Ben Arnold, Scout and Soldier, Answers Final Call. Had Let Eventful Life. Right Name was Connor. Married a Meadow Grove Girl in 1877.**

His name was shown as Benjamin Monroe Connor and as Benjamin Moore Connor in the article. He was born March 5, 1844 at Nelsonville, Ohio. On January 5, 1877 he married Josephine Grandon at Meadow Grove, Nebraska. They had six children with one of whom died in childhood. Excerpts from Meadow Grove News, Friday December 8, 1922 on page 1.

**Mrs. Giles S. Craig** died September 9, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Gallagher east of Inman. Funeral services were held in Inman and the burial was in the family lot at Union cemetery at Battle Creek. Dora F. Chewning was born in Bedford County, Virginia. She had reached the age of 79 years, 1 month and 13 days. She was married to Giles S. Craig in 1871 and came to Madison county, Nebraska in 1885. Mr. Craig died in 1910. Survivors were A. W. Craig, Mrs. Gallagher, William Craig, George Craig, Mrs. Harry Niles, Mrs. J. M. Warner, Mrs. William Decker, Mrs. J. W. DeMerritt, and Mrs. Edwin Hallee. Also surviving were twenty-five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Source: excerpt from Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, September 11, 1930, page 1.

### **Mary O. Crooks**

Mary O. Crooks was born near Port Andrew, Richland Co., Wisconsin on August 30, 1874. She was married to Geo. John Medenia in 1907 in Cherry County. Due to her deep study to gain a higher education, poor eyesight and broken down health, it was necessary for her to be taken to the State Hospital at Norfolk about two years after her marriage, remaining there until the final summons came Dec. 17, 1920. Interment was made in the Hutchins burying ground. Excerpts from Meadow Grove News, Friday December 24, 1920 on page 1.

**Mrs. William Daniel**, 75, was a native of Virginia. She was married to W. R. Daniel in Virginia on November 22, 1876 and came to Nebraska in 1885. She died Oct. 13, 1935. Survivors were her husband, four daughters: Mrs. Lewis Braun, Mrs. Guy Duel, Mrs. Harry Beal, Mrs. Eddie Jockheck, and one son, Homer, and nineteen grandchildren. Source: excerpt from Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, October 17, 1935, page 1.

**William R. Daniel** died early Sunday morning just one week after the death of his wife, with whom he spent 59 years of married life. Mr. Daniel was born January 5, 1854, in Montgomery county, Iowa. On November 22, 1876 he was married to Miss Alice Murray in Virginia. At the time of his death he had reached the age of 81 years, 9 months and 15 days. Burial was made in Deer Creek Cemetery.

Source: excerpt from Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, October 24, 1935, page 1.

### **Brother Dies in Iowa**

Julius DeCamp, brother of Mrs. Jennie Fichter and of Geo. DeCamp, died at Randolph, Iowa, and funeral services were held Tuesday.

Those from here who attended were Mrs. Jennie Fichter, and sons, Ray of Neligh, and Judson, and her daughter, Mrs. John Horrocks; Geo. Jr., Roland, Lucy and Margaret DeCamp; Mrs. Mae Moore and Mrs. Vera Weingart.

Source: Meadow Grove News, Thursday, April 11, 1935, page 1.

Mrs. Jennie Fichter and Judson, Mrs. John Horrocks and Ray Fichter of Neligh drove to Randolph, Iowa, Tuesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Fichter's brother, Julius DeCamp, who died Sunday. Mrs. Curtis Olmstead of Neligh is staying with Grandma DeCamp during their absence. Source: Meadow Grove News, Thursday April 11, 1935, page 8.

### **Jurors Decide Fatal Stabbing Accidental**

A corner's jury called to investigate the death of Frank P. Diederichs, 31, of Norfolk, found the accident unavoidable and without felonious intent.

Diederichs, it will be recalled died instantly when a knife held by his wife pierced his heart at the family home last Friday evening.

The dead man, an automobile repair man, came home to dinner at the usual hour Friday evening. He found his wife in the kitchen preparing some radishes and almost instantly after placing his arms around her, slumped to the floor as if in a faint. Mrs. Diederichs, not realizing what had actually happened and thinking him only ill, called a physician who after a hurried examination found the man dead. An examination revealed a knife wound about a half inch long directly over the heart.

Diederichs is survived by his wife, two small sons, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Diederichs and one brother, Henry of Norfolk.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at St. John's Lutheran church.

Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thursday, March 12, 1931, page 1.

**Mrs. Nettie M. Dover**, the daughter of Henry and Susan Twing, died Jan. 1 at Enola. Funeral services were to be held on Monday with burial to be at Crown Hill cemetery. She was born near Des Moines, Iowa, August 13, 1874. She married Alfred Dover, at Madison, on November 2, 1890. He preceded her in death in 1927. Survivors were a daughter, Mrs. Edna Arehart; three sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Upton, Mrs. Agnes Mercer, and Mrs. Edythe Steinbaugh; and one brother Edward M. M. Twing. Source: excerpt from The Norfolk Daily News, Monday, January 5, 1942, page 5

## **Last Rites Performed Funeral of Frank Dufphey Interment at Mt. Zion Cemetery**

The funeral of Frank Dufphey, brief mention of whose death was made last week, was held at the J. A. Wright home in Battle Creek at 10:30 last Saturday afternoon, Rev. M. Doherty of the First

Baptist church conducting the services. Interment was made at the Mt. Zion cemetery southwest of Battle Creek.

In the passing of Frank Dufphey, Madison County loses another pioneer. Born in Virginia, he came to Madison county in 1879 and worked with his brother, Joe, until 1883, when he was married to Miss Ellen Casey and bought the farm which has since been his home. Though experiencing all the hardships and privations with which the early settlers had to contend, he had faith in Nebraska and after years of hard work found himself free of debt and in position to enjoy his declining days. Honest to a fault, he was held in highest regard by all acquaintances and his death is a loss keenly felt by the community.

Mr. Dufphey was 61 years and 6 months old. Aside from the wife and one daughter, Mrs. Stover Mink of Emerick, deceased is survived by four brothers and three sisters, Joe and Mrs. J. A. Wright of Battle Creek, Lawrence and Tom of Tilden, Mrs. Joe Osborn of Schoolcraft, Dick of Idaho and a sister in Virginia.

Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Battle Creek, Nebraska, July 16, 1914, page 1.

A note that the burial of Franklin M. Dufphey who was born 19 February 1853 and died 10 July 1914, is at Osborn Cemetery. Source: Personal visit to cemetery by Richard R. Strenge on August 12, 2001.

### **Mother Dies in Virginia**

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Leona Dunivan, mother of Mrs. J. C. Bagwell and of Chas. Dunivan.

She passed away March 24 at her home at Fox Creek, Va., at the age of 59 years.

Word came here too late for the relatives to attend the funeral services.

Our sympathy to the bereaved.

Source: Meadow Grove News, Thursday, April 11, 1935, page 1.