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## **Funeral Services Mrs. Isaac Jackson Held Friday**

Final rites for Mrs. Isaac Jackson, who died following a long illness at the Lutheran hospital in Norfolk, on Tuesday, were held at the Immanuel Lutheran Church on Friday afternoon. Services at the Resseguie Funeral Home preceded the rites at the church. Mrs. Jackson, who had been in failing health for four years was taken to the Lutheran hospital on Friday preceding her death. The Rev. John E. Stayton officiated and burial was in the Crown Hill cemetery.

The last surviving member of a family of eight children, she was also preceded in death by her parents, one son, Hayden, and one daughter, Mrs. Mildred Calmer.

Minnie Belle Wiseman, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wiseman, was born in Richardson County, Nebraska on March 3, 1874, and moved with her parents to Nodaway County, Missouri when she was three years old. She was united in marriage with Isaac Jackson in 1894 at Marysville, Missouri, and to this union then children were born.

Surviving are her husband, five daughters, Mrs. Harold Reeves, and Mrs. Phillip Dieter, both of Madison, Mrs. Maude Feckler of West Point, Mrs. Mary Stairs of Norfolk, and Mrs. Floyd Mahan of Webster. Three sons, Harry and Howard of Madison and Herman of Hoskins. Also sixteen grandchildren and five great—grandchildren. Source: excerpts from Madison Star—Mail, Thursday, August 31, 1950, page 1.

## **PIONEER WOMAN PASSES**

Mrs. J. H. Jackson, 95, Dies at Home of Son.—Among Oldest of Madison County's Pioneers

Mrs. J. H. Jackson, 95 years old and among the oldest of Madison county pioneers, died late Thursday night at the home of her son, William Jackson, northwest of Battle Creek, with whom she had made her home in recent years.

Though complications due to old age were evidenced for some time, it was only within the past two weeks that her condition gave cause for immediate alarm.

Funeral services will be held at the Jackson home and burial will be made in the Jackson cemetery near the old homestead, where the husband and father was laid at rest over twenty years ago.

The son and three grandchildren are the only immediate relatives living.

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## **JOE JACKSON DEAD**

Old Settler Passes Away at Home in Meadow Grove

Joseph H. Jackson was born at New Boston, Iowa on December 24, 1845, and passed away at his home in Meadow Grove on February 23, 1917, at the age of 71 years and 2 months. He was united in Marriage to Miss Mary Ann Hesmer June 12, 1864, at GreenBay, Iowa. To this union were born three children, two sons and one daughter. The daughter, Mrs. Ella Nies, died at her home in Meadow Grove September 7, 1914. The son, Charles, died at the age of six years. A son, Will Jackson, with the wife and mother, a son-in-

law, J. H. Nies, and the grand-children are left to mourn his loss.

Mr. Jackson moved from Decatur county, Iowa, in the year of 1867 to Dakota county, Nebraska, and resided there until the spring of 1877, moving thence to Madison county, Nebraska, and settling on the farm near the Yellow Banks owned by him at the time of his death. He was among the early settlers of Madison County, and by his honesty and integrity built up one of the best farms in the Elkhorn valley. He took a great interest in national, county and community affairs, and when in health he took active part and held numerous offices in the Madison County Farmers Mutual Insurance Company of which he was a member. Mr. Jackson was known far and near for his kindness and hospitality to all with whom he came in contact throughout his life. He was a man of a big heart and always divided his substance to the poor and less fortunate. He was loved and respected by all who knew him for his uprightness of character and honesty in dealing with his fellow man, and gained for himself and family a character that will live on. Mr. Jackson was a kind and loving husband and father, ever watching over the welfare of those entrusted to his care. He was a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and held the office of an elder in the church. All that kind and loving hands could do to preserve life was done—but he had finished his earth life and the Lord called him home. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

A host of friends throughout the sphere of his acquaintance offer sympathy to the bereaved family in this hour of their bereavement.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder F. S. Gatenby of Orchard at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon and interment was made at the Jackson cemetery. A. C. V.

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**Henry Kampe**, age 22, son of Mrs. August Suckstorf, died Monday morning at a Norfolk hospital following a motorcycle accident at Pilger, Nebraska. Source: excerpt from Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, September 19, 1935, page 1.

### **Mrs. Kingsbury**

Mrs. Mary Hoag Kingsbury, who had been bedfast for nearly three months as the result of falling and breaking her thigh on December 18, quietly passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. N. A. Rainbolt, at 5:15 o'clock Sunday evening. Mrs. Kingsbury was almost 94 years of age, having been born May 2, 1816.

Funeral services will be held at the Rainbolt home Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. Edwin Booth, Jr., of the First Congregational church, in charge.

Mrs. Kingsbury was a woman of remarkable intellect and wonderful will power. Despite her extreme age, up until the time of the accident which led to her death she took the keenest interest in all that was going on in the world. Though her eyesight had failed to quite an extent, she continued, by the aid of a powerful glass, to be a great reader, keeping up with the telegraph news of the day with much more precision than most people fifty years younger. Save for her weakened sight and slightly defective hearing, she retained her faculties to an amazing degree. Her great constitution and her extraordinary will power were never more clearly shown than in Mrs. Kingsbury's last illness when, week after week and often when it seemed life could not linger another hour, she would revive and fight off the end with growing strength.

For one of her age, Mrs. Kingsbury had an unusually large number of friendships among younger folk of the city and her keen wit and quaint humor were a match for any age.

It was sixteen years ago that Mr. Kingsbury, then 84, expired. He died January 5, 1894.

Mary Hoag Kingsbury was born May 2, 1816, near Poughkeepsie, N. Y. On September 17, 1839, she was married to H. F. Kingsbury. Mrs. Rainbolt of this city is the youngest and only surviving child.

Mr. and Mrs. Kingsbury lived for many years in Aurora, Ill., moving thence to Ames, Ia., and later to San Diego, Calif. After a short residence in California they came to Norfolk in the fall of 1883 to make their home with Mr. and Mrs. Rainbolt.

Mr. and Mrs. Kingsbury usually spent their winters in California until the last winter of Mr. Kingsbury's life.

Mrs. W. H Bucholz and Mrs. W. M. Rainbolt are here and Mr. Buchholz and Mr. Rainbolt will arrive tomorrow.

Source: The Norfolk Weekly News-Journal, Friday, March 18, 1910, page 8.

### **Eva Klentz**

Word received from Sioux Falls says that on Saturday, December 31, Eva Klentz, aged four years and known in this city, died from scarlet fever. The remains were taken to Temple, Texas, for burial.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Wednesday January 25, 1905 on page 4.

**Mrs. Fred Knapp** died Wednesday. Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at Green Garden Lutheran Church with burial in Green Garden cemetery. Johanna P. Gross was born Sept. 4, 1891 to Jacob and Katherine Gross She married Fredolin Knapp on November 1, 1910. She was survived by her husband; three daughters, Mrs. Esther Thomsen, Hilda and Lydia Knapp; her aged mother; one brother Jacob Gross; one sister Mrs. Rosetta Nathan; and one granddaughter.

Source: excerpt from The Norfolk Daily News, Friday, January 9, 1942, page 7.

### **Peter Knapp, Madison Pioneer, Answers Call**

Peter Knapp, one of Madison county's highly respected pioneer citizens, died at the home of his son, Philip Knapp, in Green Garden, Thursday, May 26, 1920.

The deceased was born in Germany, December 31, 1838, and came to the United States in 1854, and first located in Illinois. He moved to Madison county in 1873. His first marriage was to Caroline Scheer and to this union were born five children, Philip Knapp, Mrs. Frank White, Mrs. Philip Demmel, Mrs. Wm. Blank and Mrs. Frank Schwarts. Mrs. Knapp died September 31, 1893. He was later married to Mabelle Stevens and to this union three children were born, two boys and one girl.

The deceased was confined to his bed about fifteen months before his death. He was a faithful member of the Evangelical Lutheran church. Burial was made in the Green Garden cemetery, Rev. E. Just officiating. Source: Madison Star-Mail, Friday, June 4, 1920, page 5.

**Dedrick Kucks** was drowned in the Elkhorn near the Sioux City railroad bridge west of town, last Saturday evening. He was in bathing with a couple of brothers, but was unable to swim much, and getting into a hole where it was over his head he went down. One of his brothers, seeing that he was drowning made an attempt to save him by jumping into the water and catching him by the foot, but compelled to let go or sacrifice himself to the same fate. Thus the poor man was obliged to drown. The unfortunate was nineteen years and seven months of age. He came from the province of Hanover, Germany about two years ago, since which time he has lived in Madison county. His body was found Monday morning but a little way below where he drowned, and the same day a

funeral was had and the remains laid away in the burying ground north-west of town. It is related of the poor fellow that he had been to Norfolk a few days before he was drowned and purchased a new suit of clothes remarking to a companion at the time that he was going to have a good time on the Fourth. How little he thought then that ere the pleasantly anticipated day arrived, so near at hand, death would overtake him and his body lie beneath the ground in the city of the dead. Verily are we nearly every day brought face to face with the fact that "In the midst of life we are in death."  
Source: Norfolk Journal, Friday July 6, 1883, page 3.

### **Death of John V. Kunz**

John Vincent Kunz died last Saturday night at his home 10 miles southeast of Meadow Grove. He was born Dec. 23, 1872 at Centralia, Wood Co., Wisconsin. He was survived by his wife, one son, two daughters, six grandchildren, two brothers and four sisters. Excerpts from Meadow Grove News, Friday November 11, 1921 on page 1.

**Mrs. Emma Laas** died September 10, 1935 at her farm home north of Battle Creek. Funeral services were held from St. John's Lutheran Church in Battle Creek with burial at the Lutheran Cemetery. Emma Schmidt was born in Weimar, Saxony, Germany, December 4, 1859 and she had reached the age of 75 years, 9 months and 13 days. She came to the United States at the age of 13 with her parents and they settled in Philadelphia for about 5 years. The family came to Nebraska in 1878. She married John Laas on April 18, 1881. Mr. Laas died ten years ago. Only two children, Alfred and Ida Laas, survive. Source: excerpt from Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, September 12, and September 19, 1935, page 1.

### **John M. Lederer, Former Battle Creek Man, Dies**

John M. Lederer, 66, former Battle Creek business man, died at his home in Kimball Wednesday night of a heart ailment with which he had suffered for several months.

Mr. Lederer left Battle Creek about twenty years ago and went to Kimball to be a field representative of the Durland Trust Company of Norfolk. He was twice married. His first marriage was to Miss Grace Parsons of Battle Creek, who died a number of years ago. He later was married to Mrs. Antia Lanphier of Kimball.

He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Donald Ingalehart, Washington, one son, Jack, University of Nebraska student, and two stepsons, both of Kimball. He was a brother of C. A. and Walter Lederer of Norfolk. Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, October 2, 1947, page 1.

### **JOHN LEWIS**

John Lewis was born about 1840, place unknown. He enlisted as a Private from Polk County, Iowa, on July 15, 1861 at the age of 21. He was in Company E, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment Iowa, on August 8, 1861. October 25, 1862 he was promoted to full Corporal in this Regiment.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment Iowa Infantry was organized at Council Bluffs and mustered in on August 8, 1861. This Regiment saw duty in various campaigns including battles at Pea Ridge, Chickasaw Bayou. John Lewis reenlisted in Company E 4th Infantry Regiment Iowa on January 25, 1864. His Regiment was in campaigns including Siege of Vicksburg, Battles of Chattanooga, Ringgold Gap,

Battle of Atlanta, and finally march to Washington, D. C. , and the Grand Review May 24, 1865. He was mustered out July 24, 1865 at Louisville, Kentucky.

In 1885 he was living in Clarinda, Iowa. John Lewis applied for an Invalid's pension on July 3, 1888 in Iowa. Mary E. Lewis, widow of John Lewis, applied for a widow's pension May 4, 1912 based on his service in Company E, 4<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry.

John Lewis died on May 14, 1912. He is buried in the Norfolk Regional Center (former State Hospital) (Old Cemetery). No data currently available on his wife or family if any.

If you know of any further information on these two Civil War veterans please let the newsletter editor know. Thank you to Bernice Walters for the research on these veterans.

The body of Aug. Litkey, who was killed at Washington by being crushed by a horse, arrived Tuesday and burial was made in the afternoon of same day in Crown Hill cemetery. The deceased was a grandfather of Mrs. Jesse Robertson. Source: Madison Star-Mail, Friday, June 11, 1920, page 5.