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## ANOTHER PIONEER HAS GONE

### Adam Walk, Sr. Died at Half Past Ten O'clock Friday Night.

## WAS A GOOD CITIZEN

A Native of Germany, He Came to America in 1850—Has Held Office in Lexington.

Another of Lexington's sturdy and upright pioneer citizens was taken away Friday night at half past ten, when Adam Walk, Sr. died in East Lexington of pneumonia. Some time ago he was taken ill with the grip, which afterwards developed into pneumonia and it was soon evident that death was near. His children living in Colorado were sent for, and they arrived last night in time to be present when their father breathed his last.

Mr. Walk passed away in serenity, surrounded by those he loved, knowing that his life work was accomplished. It was death which, although causing much sorrow, was an ideal death.

Adam Walk was born in Kaiserlauder, Bavaria, Germany on April 23, 1823. In 1850 he came to New York and shortly afterwards went to Erie, Pennsylvania and then to Wooster, Ohio. In May, 1852 at Wooster he was married to Miss Christina Beck, who has ever since been his constant companion and helper.

In 1855 Mr. Walk came to Lexington to take charge of Morrison's foundry and spent the remainder of his life in this city. He was city engineer two times and has also served on the city council. He was a member of the Baptist church and bore the reputation of being a staunch, Christian gentleman. An upright, hard working, kind man he was respected and esteemed by all who knew him. He was one of the most prominent and most popular of the German pioneers.

The family of which he was the head, is large and well known. Four sons—John, Jacob, William and Adam—live in Pueblo, Colorado. Chris and Albert are prominent citizens of this community. His one daughter—Mrs. Emma Bartlett—lives in Greeley, Colorado. Mr. Walk had 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

## Woodmen Install Officers.

The Woodmen of the World Tuesday had their annual installation ceremonies in their hall. The officers who went in were: J. W. Warder, Sr. Council Commander; W. A. Gaffin, Advisory Lieutenant; W. F. Marrs, Banker; Fred T. Hix, Clerk; H. K. St. Clair, Escort; S. P. Poole, Watchman; W. T. Price, Sentry; C. T. Ryland, N. B. Payne and J. Q. Cope, Physicians; C. T. Ryland, S. N. King and A. F. Winkler, Managers.

Ed Marquis, T. S. Green and Raymond Rice were initiated into the mysteries of the order.

After the ceremonies the Woodmen adjourned to Hinesley's where they partook of an elegant oyster supper.

Capt. H. W. T. Eglin, assistant Commandant of Cadets at Westworth Military Academy during the past term, has received his commission as second lieutenant in the Infantry of the United States Army. Capt. Eglin is a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute in the class of '04. The Academy will be very sorry to lose him, as he proved himself to be an efficient officer, a perfect gentleman and a good teacher. The many friends, whom Capt. Eglin has made during his stay here, will be pleased to learn of his success in securing the position.

The Lexington Historical Society has received from J. M. Vaughan of Butler, Missouri, a copy of "The Chronicles of Lexington," a story of local war time events, which now happily may be read with amusement. The Historical Society had extracts from this pamphlet and a part of the original manuscript, but had never been able to get possession of a perfect copy. The Society also received from the same source a copy of the annual catalogue of the Old Masonic college for the year 1858.

## Gratz-Rexinger.

Tuesday evening at 6:30 one of the most fashionable marriages of the season took place at Cincinnati in the rooms of the exclusive Cincinnati club, when Miss Mable Rexinger of that place was united in marriage to Mr. Ben Gratz of Lexington. The bride is a beautiful young lady, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Rexinger, and one of the social leaders in Cincinnati. The wedding attracted a great deal of interest at that place as well as here.

Mr. Gratz is one of the most popular young men of Lexington and possesses an excellent reputation for integrity, progressiveness and business ability. He is a member of the well known firm of Gratz Bros. and has charge of the shoe department in the store. He has an exceedingly wide circle of friends and is well thought of by all who know him.

The bride was the recipient of many handsome presents, among which was a dining room set from the young men of Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. Gratz left Cincinnati Wednesday for New York. They will go from there to Washington and visit in Cincinnati before coming to Lexington. They will go to house-keeping here as soon as Mr. Gratz can secure a suitable home.

## Machpelah's Dead For 1907.

Number of interments 106. Oldest in point of years 89, but two reaching that age.

Number returned for burial beyond the county 15.

Males exceeded females 8.

Number by accident or other than natural causes 4. The record shows there were fewer fatalities among those of extreme age than usual, while those of immature years were above the average in the latter half of the year.

It may be of more or less historical interest regarding the early days of the county, to note the removal from a family burial ground and reinterment in this cemetery of the remains of an old pioneer, Felix Hauck, who died in 1844, his birth occurring 1771, thus making him a boy of six at the time of the Declaration of Independence.

Respt.

T. J. GREENE, Supt.

## Savings Bank.

The stockholders of the Lexington Savings bank Wednesday re-elected the old board of directors and declared the regular semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent. \$2,500 was added to the surplus fund.

## Morrison-Wentworth Bank.

At the regular meeting of the stockholders of the Morrison-Wentworth bank Wednesday the old directors were re-elected and the regular semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent declared. \$2,000 was set aside as surplus.

E. Hoffman, Jr. went to Wellington Wednesday morning on business.

Ernest Kriehn went to Kansas City Tuesday evening on business.

James Cheatham went to Kansas City Tuesday evening for a short stay.

Andrew Schmidt left Tuesday evening for a trip to Galveston, Texas.

C. Gruber and nephew, Lewis, went to Kansas City Thursday to spend the day.

J. R. Moorehead left Wednesday for a trip through Cass and Johnson counties.

Dr. T. B. Ramsey left Tuesday evening for a short trip to Warrensburg.

Mr. and Mrs. William Welch returned from Kansas City, Kans. Tuesday evening.

Mrs. L. B. Brelsford returned Wednesday from a visit with relatives in Bowling Green.

Mrs. John Morrison went to Kansas City Wednesday to visit relatives for a few days.

F. T. Wilson and T. B. Fredendall went to Booneville Wednesday for a short stay on business.

Miss May Russell, who has been visiting in Kansas City for the past few weeks, returned home Tuesday evening.

Mrs. J. L. Huber left Thursday for Huerfano, Col. to spend the winter. Her husband accompanied her as far as Kansas City.

Mrs. R. W. Gentry returned to Columbia yesterday after a few weeks' visit with relatives in this city. Her sisters, Misses Nannie and Finkie Chinn, accompanied her as far as Kansas City.

## COUNTY COURT MEETS

### Appoints B. D. Weedin County Highway Engineer for Two Years.

The County Court met Monday in adjourned session from the November term with all members present. A good deal of time was spent in passing on abatements of taxes.

Upon the written request of Thomas C. Bally, the Court admitted Alice V. Hall to the colony at Marshall as a state patient.

The petition of J. H. Cather et al which was set for hearing on Jan. 10 was continued until the fourth day of the February term.

George Smith was allowed \$85 for making fill for approach to bridge.

Geo. H. Martin was allowed \$5.00 for a gray wolf scalp.

Abatements continued to occupy a large part of the county court's time Tuesday.

The court ordered that a sewer pipe culvert be erected south of Napoleon and east of Wm. Holke's place under the supervision of Judge E. M. Thomas.

Ed Hughes of Higginsville, who was denied a dram-shop license at the last meeting of the court, came with another petition and was granted a license to extend from January 7 to July 7.

The County Clerk was ordered to notify all the land owners, assesses in the Davis Creek drainage matter, named as F. W. Brand et al, so they may pay their assessment on or before February 1.

A large number of citizens from near Mayview appeared before the court in regard to the matter of a school tax. They had voted a 40 cent levy on the \$100 valuation and the school clerk had reported the levy as \$1.00. The assessments had been made out on that basis and about half of the residents of the district had paid before they found out the mistake. They wanted the court to give them their money back, but of course the court was powerless to give it.

Wednesday the court allowed the withdrawal of D. L. Mitchell et al in the matter of change of road in Sec. 18, Twp. 50, Ran. 27.

In the matter of John A. Thompson et al the report of J. A. Wilson was filed showing the sale of levee contract to J. A. Ashurst and the dyke contract to S. Gates. The contract bonds were filed.

The court awarded \$3.00 per month to Bishop Hays, a poor man.

A. L. Millsap of Higginsville, who was recently granted a saloon license, returned his license. The reason for his decision to withdraw from the saloon business is not known.

Thursday the Court finished up its business for their term and adjourned.

Mary Duncan was given \$2.00 as a poor person.

Applications for the position of county highway engineer were considered, applicants being J. K. Gray, John Walker and B. D. Weedin, and Mr. Weedin was appointed for the ensuing two years at a salary of \$300 per year.

In the matter of petition of Henry Bauman for new road and change of road the court appointed as commissioners W. W. Dowling, Jas. Jackson and John Hagerty, and ordered them to report at the February term.

Joe N. Mitchell was re-appointed as superintendent of the poor farm and allowed 35 cents per day for each inmate. This is a drop of 24 cents.

The report of Clerk C. L. Glasscock in the matter of John Thompson et al was approved and filed.

## Welsh-Golden.

William Welsh of this city was united in marriage at the Catholic church in Kansas City, Kansas at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning to Miss Anna Golden of that place.

Both of the contracting parties are well known and highly thought of here. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Kate Golden and has visited here frequently. The groom is an industrious young man, very popular among his associates. He was reared in Lexington and is an alumnus of the Lexington high school. At present he is in the employ of Gustav Haerle.

Mr. and Mrs. Welsh will live in Lexington, having procured rooms on Broadway.

Wilson Bros. sold for Mrs. Laura Earl her home on Main street to Clem Tyree for \$2,100. Mr. and Mrs. Tyree will take up their residence there the first of next month.

## DR. MOULTON'S LECTURE

### Subject Was "Richard III; a Study of Nemesis." Greatly Pleased the Audience.

Those who appreciate the higher forms of literature and prefer Shakespeare to George Barr McCutcheon and Lincoln J. Carter should not miss another of the course of the six lectures by Dr. Richard Greene Moulton, inaugurated Thursday evening at Murrell auditorium of Central college. This is an excellent chance, too, for those who have a desire to acquire some valuable knowledge with little effort. It is also a great opportunity for those who have no liking for literature nor knowledge of Shakespeare to put on a four-flush and be classed with the high-brows. In its line the attraction is undoubtedly the best thing for the money that has ever been put on in Lexington.

The audience which greeted Dr. Moulton at the initial lecture was not as large as it should have been. There were many who would have appreciated the address who were not on hand. But when those who were fortunate enough to be on hand have told their friends what a great speaker Dr. Moulton is, the demand for tickets will probably perceptibly increase.

A criticism of the lecture would be entirely out of place. Dr. Moulton is unquestionably the greatest authority on literature in America and one of the greatest in the world. His works are accepted as standard and his word is absolute. He is the head of the departed of literature in the University of Chicago and is the author of many famous critical essays.

"Richard III; a study of Nemesis" was the title of the first address and every word of the speaker was interesting even to those who had become rusty on their Shakespeare. Dr. Moulton's complete mastery of the subject and his knowledge of every phase of literature were so apparent that the listeners were spell-bound.

S. H. Clark, also of the University of Chicago, delivered a course of Shakespeare lectures here two years ago and proved very popular. But Dr. Moulton is Mr. Clark's teacher and the source of most of his knowledge. Those who are unable to attend the remaining five lectures ought to be sorry.

## Miner-Ludwigs.

Wednesday it became known that William L. Miner and Miss Katherine V. Ludwigs had been married last Saturday, January 4. The marriage was a strictly private affair and was performed at 5:30 p. m. by Dr. E. C. Gordon at the Presbyterian parsonage.

Mr. Miner secured the marriage license on Nov. 27, but was taken ill immediately afterwards. By the time he was well the holiday rush of business had begun at Ludwigs' jewelry store and it was decided to postpone the wedding until after the holidays.

The friends of the contracting parties have suspected for some time that they had matrimonial intentions; but the marriage was complete surprise. Mr. and Mrs. Miner are gracefully receiving congratulations and best wishes of their friends.

The bride is well known in Lexington. She is the daughter of the late C. G. Ludwigs and since her father's death has been associated with her sister, Miss Cornelia, in the management of Ludwigs' jewelry store. She is a young lady of attractive personality and business ability. The groom came to Lexington last June and has engaged in his business as an insurance underwriter with marked success. He is a pleasant gentleman of good address and has made many friends during his stay here. His home is in Indianapolis.

For the present Mr. and Mrs. Miner will remain in Lexington.

Master Robert Hays went to Independence yesterday to spend a few days.

Dr. E. C. Gordon went to Odessa Thursday to attend a meeting of the Lafayette Presbytery.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Young returned to their home in Sedalia Thursday evening after a visit with relatives in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Stalling and son, Fred, returned to Kansas City Thursday evening after a visit with relatives in this city.

Miss Opal Early returned to her home in Kansas City Thursday evening after a visit with her aunt, Mrs. M. E. Nickell, in this city.

## MAYVIEW NOTES.

J. C. Calfee and wife visited in Kansas City last Sunday.

John Triefel transacted business in Lexington last Tuesday.

David J. Powell is still very sick. He is not expected to live.

Mrs. Jo Wilson went to Corder for a short visit last Tuesday.

Mrs. John Sturgis of Lexington is the guest of Mrs. Bert Taubman this week.

Art Reynolds and George Smith shipped a bunch of fat hogs to Kansas City last Tuesday.

Harvey Hulver had 37 head of fat cattle on the Kansas City market last Monday. They brought 5.20.

Mrs. Martin Roach, Judge Butt, O. M. Bullard and John W. White have been confined to their rooms, on account of the grip.

T. R. Brock and Chas. Pointer have bought the coal mine north of town from the Triefel Bros. and will take charge of same next Monday.

H. W. DeBolt has traded his drug stock to Sam Green of South West City, McDonald Co. and will soon go to that place to live, Mr. Green coming here.

The sheriff bee is buzzing in the ears of one or two citizens of our town. There is nothing like political aspirations, it seems, to give one an uplifting feeling as it were.

We must be on the tail end of prosperity. We had a moving picture show advertised here for last Tuesday evening. The show came, but the people failed to respond. Hence we had no show. We heard one young lady say, "I can take that quarter and buy me a collar."

Thomas Vivion, who was accidentally shot in the eye by a stray single shot some two weeks ago, went to Kansas City. After examination it was found necessary to remove the eye entirely. He is in the hospital there, and is getting on as well as could be expected. It will be several weeks before he can come home.

## DEATH OF TURNER WILLIAMSON.

Turner Williamson numbers another old citizen and pioneer of our county, who departed this life Jan. 3rd, 1908 at 7 a. m. of pneumonia at the home of his son, Thos. D. He was born near Georgetown, Scott Co., Ky. March 15th, 1820, being 87 years old, 9 months and 18 days old at the time of his death. He married Miss Dicy Cox in Jackson Co., Mo. in the year 1832. By this union there were twelve children—six sons and six daughters. At this time two daughters and six sons are living.

When he was a young man he worked at his trade of millwright and by being economical and making good investments he accumulated a handsome amount of property. He was a model of honesty and dealt fairly and honestly with all mankind. We notice he was a charter member of the I. O. O. F., No. 81 which was organized in Wellington, December, 1855. When the Citizens Bank of Higginsville was organized he became its president and remained so until it liquidated and went out of business. He became a member of the Christian church in about 1868 and remained in full fellowship until the church in Wellington disbanded. Since then he has not united with any church. Funeral services were held at the home of his son, Thos. D., conducted by Eld. J. N. Crutcher of Higginsville. He read the first 12 verses of the 5th chapter of Matthew. His talk was on the thoughts suggested. The choir sang, "A Home over There," and "We Are Gathering Home One by One." The remains were taken to the Wellington cemetery where he was tenderly laid near the resting place of his wife, where the soft sweet melodies of the winds will ever chant loving requiems and where, now, with grief-stricken hearts, we must leave him to await the resurrection morn. The six sons now living—Thos. D., Renick, Bert, William, T. W., and T. L., were the pall bearers.

E. R. Adams went to Otterville yesterday for a short stay.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Barnard left yesterday for a trip to Alton and Decatur, Ill.

William Aull and Horace Blackwell went to Kansas City Thursday evening on legal business.

Mrs. D. M. Franter was called to Corder yesterday by the serious illness of her father, John Wilson.

Mrs. William Walker of Harrah, Okla. arrived Thursday evening for a visit with the family of her nephew, R. A. Megenity.

## SAMUEL TILDEN HOWE DEAD

### Was a Member of a Prominent Lafayette County Family.

## FORTY-TWO YEARS OLD

### Died from a Complication of Diseases Resulting from Grip—Funeral Sunday Morning at 10:30.

Samuel Howe died Saturday at 8:20 o'clock a. m. at his home on College street after a four weeks' illness from a complication of diseases. Four weeks ago, Mr. Howe was stricken with the grip, but his illness, which developed into other diseases, was not regarded as dangerous until a week ago. His death comes as no surprise to the community, as he has been sinking steadily for the past few days preceding his death.

Samuel Tilden Howe was born on the Howe farm, several miles southwest of Lexington, Aug. 20, 1866 and was 42 years of age at the time of his death. He was the son of Mrs. Nannie J. and the late John R. Howe. He resided at the farm until a year ago, when he came to Lexington to accept the office of Deputy County Recorder, in which capacity he served until he was taken ill. On June 29th, 1893, Mr. Howe was married to Miss Sallie Woods, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Woods, of Odessa. Four children, all whom survive, were born of this union. They are: Joseph R., Edna L., Estelle and Ruth. Besides these, Mr. Howe is survived by his wife, mother, two brothers, Robert and Frank R., and two sisters, Mrs. Charles Kinkead and Mrs. George Callaway, all living in or near this city. Another sister, Mrs. Henry McNeel, wife of County Recorder McNeel, died a short time ago.

Mr. Howe was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church at Odessa, and of the Masonic and Modern Woodman lodges of this city. He was known all over Lafayette county and was respected by all who knew him. He had high ideals of honor and integrity and lived up to them. Although unostentatious and of a quiet temperament, to those who were fortunate enough to be well acquainted with him his worth was known to be great. His death at this time is sad, indeed, for the loving wife and the four small children. They have the sympathy of the entire community in their hour of affliction.

## Eastern Star Installation.

The local chapter of Eastern Star held its annual installation Thursday night. Mrs. Anna L. Stewart of St. Louis, past Grand Matron, was present and conducted the ceremonies. Mrs. G. H. Stier of Kansas City, past Worthy Matron of the Lexington chapter, also was present.

The officers installed were: Mrs. Fannie Shelton, Worthy Matron; W. J. Bandon, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Ida B. White, Associate Matron; Miss Nellie Russell, Secretary; Mrs. Mary Norfolk, Treasurer; Miss Anna Shelton, Conductor; Miss Nora Potts, Associate Conductor; Miss Leslie Bates, Marshal; Mrs. Mary Rankin, Chaplain; Mrs. Florence Eckle, Adah; Mrs. Nannie Steele, Ruth; Mrs. Addie Moorehead, Esther; Miss Stella Bandon, Martha; Mrs. Fannie Stone-street, Electa; Mrs. F. T. Hix, Warder; Claude Marquis, Sentinel; Miss Lucy May Payne, Organist.

After the installation the chapter presented Mrs. Stewart with a cut glass cologne bottle as a token of esteem. Then refreshments were served.

Mrs. Frank Bowman spent yesterday in Higginsville.

Mrs. W. G. Thompkins returned to Kansas City Thursday evening after a visit with her father, Capt. J. H. Ardinger, in this city. Her sister, Miss Eugenia Ardinger, accompanied her home for a visit.

Mrs. G. H. Stier came down from Kansas City Thursday evening to attend the installation of affairs of the Eastern Star, Mrs. Annie L. Stewart, Past Grand Matron of the order of St. Louis accompanied her to the installation.