EARLY FACTORY DAYS

How many are there living in Evansville at this time that know there was a factory here as early as 1845. a chair factory and turning lathe run

by waterpower.

Wilbur Potter built a small dam about twelve rods above the Main street bridge. This created a small pond, it was not as large as Lake Leota but served for a fishing place for the boys and they spent many hours there trying their luck The fish they caught was mostly these little shiners, and their hook was a pin bent in shape of a fish hook and the boy that was lucky enough to have a real fish hook was greatly envied.

Just above this little pond in the bend of the creek was a pool which was used by these boys for a swimming place. This was nearly surrounded by timber and underbrush. The factory was a two story building situated about three rods north of Main street and in the center of what is now Mill street. The life of this factory was only about two years, The early settlers had but little money to buy with and were deprived of many of the bare necessaries of life. The building of Lake Leota dam and the saw and gristmills drove this little industry out of business. The waterwheel that was used in this factory was unearthed when they were excavating for the railroal cutoff in 1886.

A few years later this same factory building was used for another enterprise, the building of threshing ma-

A few years later this same factory building was used for another enterprise, the building of threshing ma-Two brother, Phillip Samuel Cadwalader and Erastus Quivey manufactured these machines at this place. They built quite a number and sold one to a Mr. Moon, another to the Maxon brothers, Sherman and Lorenzo. They threshed for the farmers in this vicinity for several seasons doing good work. Some parts, if not all of the machines were patented. The vibrator certainly was. This patent was finally sold to Altman & Taylor and is in use to this day. For some reason this enterprise did not prove a success.

June 17, 1915, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin



May 13, 1868, Evansville Citizen, p. 4, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

Charles A. Potter, for eight years a resident of Milton Junction, formerly telegraph operator and freight agent, and latterly express agent, has been appointed agent at Evansville on B & M Division C & N. W. Railway and will act as express agent and telegraph operator. The people of Evansville will find in him a courteous and efficient officer and a good citizen.

January 10, 1870, Janesville Gazette, p. 4, col. 1, Janesville, Wisconsin

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Bible Society Meeting,	en
The Annual Meeting of the Amer	
ican Bible Society was held Sunda	y
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and elected the following officers for	
the present year:	
Rev. C. H. Morehouse, Presiden	t. a
Jacob West, Vice-President.	1
Homer Potter, Secretary.	
J. H. West, Treasurer.	1
LOCAL AGENTS.—Mrs. L. T. Pu	11- ε
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for the Bishop District.	1
TREASURER'S REPORT.	
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February 8, 1871, Evansville Review, p. 4, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. E. M. French takes the post in the depot, as agent, recently vacated by Mr. Potter. Mr. French is from St. Louis, Mo., but more recently from Winetka, on the Milwaukee Division. He is a young man, but appears to have enough of the suavity about him to please the public. We hope so.

September 25, 1872, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

-Mr. Geo. F. Potter, our late depot agent, is at Camp Douglass station on the West Wisconsin road, a few miles East of Tomah.

December 4, 1872, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin | arrived.

—The Evansville Bible Society held its annual meeting last Sabbath evening, and elected Rev. C. M. Morehouse President, Jacob West Vice President, Homer Potter Treasurer and C. H. Wilder Secretary. Mrs. C. K. Landon, Mrs. C. M. Morehouse and Mrs. Geo. H. Palmer, local agents.

The Treasurer reported Bibles sold last year; \$80,75; Bibles on hand, \$28,60; collections by local agents, \$6,20.

Mr. Fellows, the agent, delivered one of the most pungent addresses, at the close of the business meeting, seldom listened to by a Bible meeting audience. His remarks were brief and pointed. No one tired with his subject.

March 26, 1873, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Village Election. The following is the ticket elected yesterday. The election was animated, but we think no bad blood was spilt. The old question of "billiards or anti-billiards" was a vital issue, resulting in favor of the anti-billiard party by a small majority. For President: A. S. Baker; For Trustees, Caleb Snashall, David Stevens, Lewis Spencer, E. W. Beebe; For Clerk, Homer Potter; For Treasurer, R. Winston; For Justice of the Peace, Jacob West; For Constable, Henry Hubbard; For Supervisor, A. S. Baker.

March 7, 1877, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

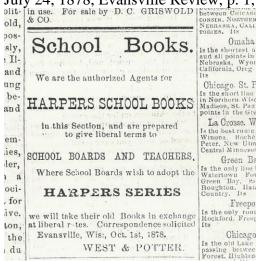
Our young drug clerk, Mr. Eddy Potter, has left D. C. Griswold & co.'s and is about to located in some part of Kansas, and go into the drug business. Well, Eddy has a good idea of the business, and we hope in his success.

Mr. John Son, of Ft. Atkinson, an experienced druggist, takes his place with D. C. & Co.

July 3, 1878, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

—Mr. Homer Potter returned from his Dakota trip by the train Wednesday of last week. He is feeling quite elated over the settlement of his boys on a good quarter section of Dakota lands, and left them to work up a homestead. He built a small house and set his boys to plowing for early work next Spring. He represents Mr. Richardson's family as being contented and highly pleased with their new homes. Mr. Potter got bronzed up considerable, sailing round in search of lands among the praries of Dakota, but he says that will wear off now.

July 24, 1878, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin



October 2, 1878, p. 3, col. 3, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

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at | church property.
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   elty in a timber growing country, and we
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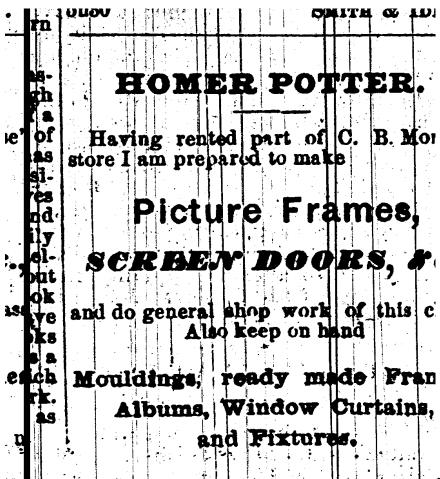
—We regret to learn that Mr. Homer Potter has lost his "claim," in Dakota through a misunderstanding of the law. He supposed that if his son Arvin remained there, he could hold it; but some acquainted with the fact of Arvins minority, took pains to look up the law, and finding that the title could not be held in that way, "jumped" the claim. Arvin and Nate are now in Lime Springs, Iowa, developing their "muscle" by farming

April 23, 1879, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

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A	n (Communicated.)	

May 28, 1879, Citizen-Review, p. 3, col. 6, Evansville, Wisconsin

Homer Potter is having some fun with our citizens just now. It's all about their poll tax. May 28, 1879, Citizen-Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin



June 25, 1879, Evansville Review, p. 1, col.

4, Evansville, Wisconsin

Hard on flies! Homer Potter has made? screen doors and 77 windows already and is ready to make as many more as fast as wanted.

July 16, 1879, Evansville REview, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. Homer Potter, who has been sick for several weeks, is out on the streets again. He is still quite weak, but is gaining every day.

September 24, 1879, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

Homer Potter has received his appointment as census enumerator in the town of Union.

March 17, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. Homer Potter has sold his residence and beautiful location on Main St. to Mr. John Swager. The price paid was \$700. We do not understand that it is Mr. Potter's intentions to locate out of town, although he may be absent somewhat during the summer.

April 21, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

-Mr. Homer Potter has received hi commission for taking the census of th d town of Union, and he will be found a lit tle after daylight Tuesday morning, Jun-1st, on Section I, asking every old maid SU where her huskand is, how many chil re dren she has, and what's their complex \mathbf{a} ion, and putting 52 other questions equal ly as pertinent to every farmer, and com ing games o' that sort on the whole com munity, and desires they should have the ti thing all figured up so as to cause him as little delay as possible.

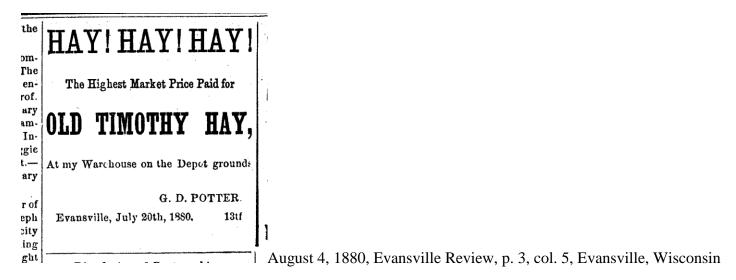
May 26, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Ed H. Potter, of Watertown, Kansas, appeared early upon our streets the other morning from an absence of a year or more in that state. He takes to his old chums quite naturally. He is browned up like a Kansas farmer's boy.

June 9, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

George Potter is building a hay and straw press near the depot. He will soon be purchasing the article for press and shipment.

June 9, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin



George D. Potter has had his large new hay warehouse at the depot painted with Miller Bros. Paint. Geo. Backenstoe & Son did the work.

August 4, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

-On Thursday last, Geo. Potter while oiling some of the gearing by which he p-CE gets his power from the Furniture Factory in to his hay press, stuck his finger in benta tween a screw and the coupling, and then in got right down and went hunting for a ·C· fic piece of cloth to wrap the finger up in. It rn m wasn't very badly mashed, but it was quite painful.

September 1, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

-Geo. D Potter has had presented him a fine Gordon setter pup, and George now takes advantage of the season and spends his spare time training him in the way he should go—after prairie chickens.

September 8, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

-Mr. Potter, R. R. agent, informs us it wi that a special train will be run to accomur modate persons desiring to visit the State r Fair, every day until and including Friday, tin 1-The trains will leave here at 8:16 A. M. ar \mathbf{F}_{0} S riving at Madison at 9:25. Returning th t. they will leave Madison at 6:30 P. M. arriving here at 7:33. The fare for the round 0 1. trip is \$1,10. \mathbf{C}_1

September 8, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

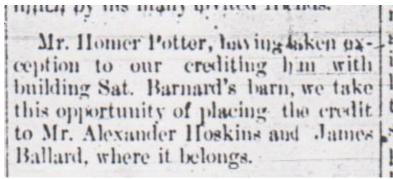
Katie Potter has a clerical position in the Assembly, under Chief Clerk Coe, on engrossing work. She came down Friday, accompanied by Miss Barnes, of Madison, and returned Monday.

February 15, 1882, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

C. B. Morse has repurchased his jewelry business of H. Potter & Son, and has settled down to business. Mr. Morse has traveled about considerably since he went out of business the first of April, altho' he has gained somewhat in health, finds no place quite so suitable to him as Evansville. He has also bought Mr. Potter's picture frame and bric a brac business.

August 19, 1882, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Joseph Eastman takes the place of Herb Morehouse in the baggage and freight business at the depot. Herb has gone to New Mexico at the request of Geo. Potter, who is in the employ of the Santa Fe company at Socorro, New Mexico.



May 8, 1883, Enterprise, p. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

F. A. Baker and E. Sargent, are putting a tin roof on Homer Potter's new residence. They are doing a large amount of that kind of work this season.

July 3, 1883, Enterprise, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. Nate Potter has shipped her household goods to Socorro, N. M. where she expects to join her husband soon. Their many friends will wish them every success possible in their new home, but regret their departure very much.

May 5, 1885, Enterprise, p. 5, col. 6, Evansville, Wisconsin

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Treasurer Eager has kindly fur-
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      February 6, 1885, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 3,
Evansville, Wisconsin
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Homer Potter has a corpse cooler of his own invention that will be a very convenient arrangement for corpses to lie upon previous to being encoffined. The bottom is of rattan similar to chair bottoms and was made by Mrs. Samuel Smith.

March 18, 1887, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. Nate Potter and wife who have been the past year in New Mexico returned to Evansville, Monday. Mr. Potter will go into the furniture and undertaking business with his father.

May 13, 1887, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Henry Potter, who has been connected with his uncle, Homer Potter, in the furniture and undertaking business, retired from the concern, Monday. He expect to go into the stock and produce business with Wm. Nelms upon the latter's return from Nebraska.

May 13, 1887, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin



June 24, 1887, Evansville Review, p. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

Amasa Coville moves into the tenement over Potters undertaker rooms to be vacated by Mrs. E. Robinson. March 25, 1890, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

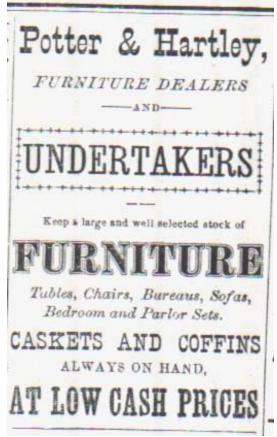
Mr. W. W. Chapin, whose wife is Mr. Homer Potter's only sister, from Michigan, came Wednesday night for a visit. Mr. Chapin likes Wisconsin and is much pleased with Evansville.

August 2, 1896, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Dr. D. C. Griswold, of Shulsburg and his cousin, Mr. Eddie Potter, of Kansas, were Review callers, Monday. Mr. Potter was formerly a druggist's clerk here but for a number of years past has lived and carried on his widowed mother's farm in Kansas.

August 2, 1896, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Jonathan Potter has moved into Mr. Chas. Lowery's new residence on South Madison Street. August 7, 1897, The Badger, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin



September 16, 1887, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 5, Evansville, Wisconsin



February 7, 1888, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 5, Evansville,

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+1 October 6, 1888, the Tribune, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville,

Died -- April 12, at her home in this city, Mrs. Homer Potter of heart failure, aged 67 years.

Elizabeth Turner was born in N. Y. April 22, 1831. She was married Dec. 14, 1853 at Monroe, Mich. to Mr. Homer Potter. They came to this city in 1866 where they have since resided.

Mrs. Potter has been a faithful member of the M. E. Church for about forty eight years. Since her residence in this city she has endeared herself to all as an ever helpful and sympathetic friend and by her devoted christian character has added much to the piety of the community.

Besides a husband she leaves one daughter, Mrs. Kate Hanover of Stevens Point, and one son, Mr. N. Potter of this city to mourn the loss of a loving wife and mother.

The funeral was held from the house Thursday morning at ten o'clock, Rev. Wm. Rollins officiating. Interment in Evansville cemetery.

The Badger, April 16, 1898, p.1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. Homer Potter, aged 67 years died at her home in this city on Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock from the effects of a cancer, from which she has been a great sufferer for some time, but only confined to her bed for a few days.

Mrs. Potter has long been an earnest christian worker in the M. E. church of this city, who will not only be greatly missed from this society but this entire community, for she was ever ready and willing to lend a helping hand to all in need, no matter what their position in life was, and by such a life of self-sacrifice had become greatly endeared to both young and old. She leaves a husband who is and has been city assessor for several years, and a son, Nathaniel, of this city, and one daughter Mrs. Kate Hanover, of Stevens Point, who have the deepest sympathy of all.

The funeral was held at her late home on Thursday morning, Rev. Wm. Rollins resident pastor of the M. E. church, officiating. It is seldom if ever that any community is called upon to attend the funerals of two people as highly respected and loved, as here on Monday and Thursday of this week.

April 15, 1898, The Enterprise, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

Jonathan Potter died at his home in this city, Wednesday morning, aged 57 years. The deceased was born in Canada and came to this city about ten years ago. For years he has held the position of city clerk, and proved himself faithful to the trust.

Funeral will be held at the house Friday at 1:30 and at the Methodist church at 2:00 o'clock.

A wife and two sons are left to grieve over the departure of a loving husband and kind father.

March 2, 1905, Evansville Review

OBITUARY

Johnathan H. Potter, the highly esteemed city clerk of Evansville, died at his home, March 1, 1905, after a lingering illness.

Mr. Potter was born in Canada November 6, 1847, and came to Wisconsin in his boyhood and this state has since been his home.

January 1, 1873 he was united in marriage with Nancy Meekins. He is survived by his wife and two sons, Elmer F., of Rice Lake, Wis., and Albert Ray of Minneapolis; also one brother Josiah Potter, and one sister, Mrs. Victoria Bovee, both of Waterloo, Iowa.

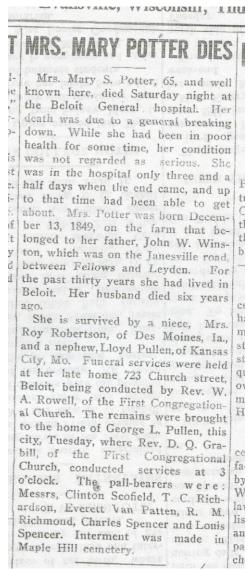
The deceased has been city clerk for four years and by his kindly personality has widened his circle of friends

so as to include nearly all of our residents.

He was a member of the I.O.O.F., and D. of R. fraternities, both of which organizations turned out in bodies to pay their last tribute to a much beloved brother.

The funeral occurred Friday at two o'clock at the Methodist church, the Rev. James Churm officiating. Interment at Maple Hill Cemetery.

March 4, 1905, The Badger, Evansville, WI



October 14, 1915, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

DEATH OF MRS. NORCISSA MEEKINS

Mrs. Norcissa Meekins died Nov. 15, of old age. She was born May 16, 1815 at Clarksburg, Ohio.

At the age of twenty-two she was married to Isaac Meekins and moved to Wabash, Ind., from which place they moved to Wisconsin in 1844.

For a short time they lived at Spring Grove, Green County,later they settled on government land in Dane County, where they lived until the death of Mr. Meekins in 1875. Mrs. Meekins came to Evansville in 1893.

She leaves the following children: Mrs. Margaret Warner Colby, Elizabeth Meekins, Mrs. Nancy Potter and George Meekins, all of this city and Mrs. Louvina of South Haven, Mich. She leaves a sister, Mrs. Margaret Beam of Peoria, Ill, ten grandgrandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren and three great, great grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the home on Park street, Monday forenoon. The burial was in the family lot in the Storytown cemetery. Five of the gransons acted as pallbearers. The funeral service was in charge of Rev. Mr. Roberts of the United Brethern church of Janesville.

Those present from out of the city were Mrs. Fred Barnum of Rockford, Ill., Arthur Warner of Beloit, John Warner of California, Mr. and Mrs. Francis and brother of Madison, Mr. and Mrs. Short, Fred Prussia and Mrs. Fletcher of Oregon, John Shutler of Stoughton, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Richardson of California and Mrs. W. Hansen and daughters of Oxford, Wis.

November 20, 1913, Evansville Review, p. 4, col. 2, Evansville,

Wisconsin

MRS. NANCY POTTER.

Mrs. Nancy Potter, for 35 years a resident of this city, died at the home of her son, Elmer Potter, Beaver Dam, last night. She had been ill for several months.

was born near Nancy Meekins Belleville, Dane county, 70 years ago. She was married to Jonathan Potter, who lived in the same community, 45 years ago. They moved to Evansville 10 years later, his death occurring here in \$905.

Mrs. Potter is survived by two sons, Elmer, Beaver Dam, and Ray of California; two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Warner and Miss Elizabeth Meekins, Chetek; and two grandchildren of Beaver Dam.

The body arrived here Wednesday afternoon and was taken to the home on West Liberty street. The funeral will be held from the home at 2 | i o'clock this afternoon and at 2:30 from the M. E. church of which she was a member. The Rev. Hugh Mis-Ex- dall will conduct the services. Burial will be made in Maple Hill cemetery.

April 15, 1920, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

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