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**A BREWSKI, A HARDWARE STORE
PAWN & A MEAT MARKET TURKEY**

One November day in the mid -forties Dad came home to say he had lost his job. He, unlike many of the fathers in Maple Grove, was not a farmer but instead worked in Minneapolis. After a week or so it became noticeable that we were going to have to watch our food supply until Dad got another job.

Although we raised a few chickens and grew most of our own vegetables, it was obvious we were not going to afford a turkey for Thanksgiving dinner. During the week before the holiday, Mom was busy planning how to still have a nice meal, minus a Thanksgiving turkey. By then we were down to a few laying hens in the chicken coop and a mean old rooster. Because we needed those chickens for eggs the folks decided, no, we wouldn't eat them.

The last day before Thanksgiving Dad came home, after a long day of job hunting and stopping for a Brewski at his favorite watering hole, with a plan. As soon as he got home he quickly unplugged our family's prized radio looked at my Mom and said, "quick get the kids into their snowsuits we may have a turkey after all". Before getting into those snowsuits we were all asked the inevitable question of who had to go to the bathroom. By now it was getting dark and Dad said we had to hurry to get to the hardware store and then the meat market before they closed. After a quick drive into Osseo, Dad stopped the car in front of the hardware store, took our prized radio out of the car

and hurried into the hardware store. A few minutes later he emerged from the store sans radio with a grin on his face. "Quick", he said, "now over to the meat market". As soon as we got there he stopped the car, jumped out and ran toward the market. It looked like it might be closed but no he was able to get inside. Within moments he was headed back to the car with a butcher's paper wrapped package. He got in the car, handed Mom the package and proudly announced "We have a turkey" Hooray for Dad!

While all of us kids along with Mom stared at him he explained that while he was talking with the guys at the beer joint he had explained his jobless status and mentioned the fact that the family would not even have a turkey for the big day. At that point one of the fellows there mentioned that the town hardware guy would pay out cash as a loan if one had an item deemed worthy of the transaction. (Similar to today's pawn shop practices). Mention was also made that the fellow was very interested radios.

So quickly Dad acted on that information and because of his quick thinking Thanksgiving turned out great that year with that big old turkey fresh out of the oven sitting center stage on our Holiday table. All this thanks to a Brewski, a hardware store pawn and a meat market turkey.

P.S. & Yes after only a short time, Dad found another job and our radio came back home to stay. . .

S Hopkins 2016

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK



December 15th, 2016
MGHPS meeting at
6:00 pm. Bring a dish
to share.

Whose farm used to be here?

Maple Grove Parkway Bridge over Highway 610 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held on Oct 20th, 2016. We will now be connected! The land was acquired for the project in 1974. This celebration completed the project of expanding Hwy 610 from Elm Creek Boulevard/County 81 to interstate 94. The Project has been done in four sections over 40 years!

Did you know that LeVahn Brothers Plumbing was established in 1923?

The LeVahn Brothers Plumbing was established in 1923, by brothers Arthur, Ernie and Ed LeVahn. The first store was located at 4147 Fremont Ave in North Minneapolis' Camden neighborhood for over 70 years. LeVahn Brothers provided North Minneapolis with much of the plumbing work during the early days. They used horses and buggies early on, moving to Model T Fords to service customers.



The store began at 4147 Fremont, then moved to 4108 Lyndale Ave. (pictured) then 3200 Penn Ave. Arthur's son Bob took over the business in the 60's and he passed it on to his son Loren LeVahn. (Loren got his start in the family business by swatting flies for a penny a piece at the Lyndale location). Loren purchased Yes Hardware in 1995 and moved the business to Maple Grove in the Bass Lake Shopping Center. Today, LeVahn Bros Plumbing is run out of LeVahn Bros Hardware Hank. Loren and his son Andy specialize in all things plumbing including issues that affect residents of Maple Grove and Northwest suburbs. (Taken from their website with permission of Andy LeVahn).

Doug Ohman's presentation of "Saluting the Civil War"- Minnesota's Role was attended by 90 participants at the Maple Grove Community Center on Oct 6, 2016. Some of the authors of the book Patriots of Brooklyn, by the Brooklyn Historic Society, were present. I culled from their books Civil War 1861-1865 Vets from Maple Grove, and they are incorporated throughout this newsletter. Your editor



Civil War Participants
From the Books:
Patriots of Brooklyn

Buried at St. Vincent de Paul Cemetery -Osseo

Corporal Peter Bottineau Jr. was born 10-3-1840 in St Paul, son of Pierre and Genevieve Laurence. He lived on Bottineau Prairie. On 2-14-1862 he enlisted in the 5th Minn. Vol. Infantry Co F. By 8-1-1864 he was too sick to return to duty. On a visit to Osseo, he died from Yellow Fever 3-14-1865. p.60 Bk 1

David Dejarlais was born 5-11-1836 near Fort Snelling, son of Louis Dejarlais and Francoise "Os hkenequay" Bottineau. They moved to the French Canadian settlement on western edge of Brooklyn Township. He enlisted in the 10th Minn. Vol. Infantry from 9-1- 1862 to 8-31-1864. He farmed but died young in 7-24-1872. p134 Bk.1

Joel Dejarlais was born in Canada in 1831. He moved to Dayton in 1853. He enlisted in 11th Minn. Vol. Infantry Co. E on 8-24-1864 and mustered out 6-25-1865. He farmed by French Lake pp135-136 Bk 1

Alfred Gervais was born in New York in 1841. He was inducted in 5th Minn. Vol. Infantry CO F on 1-22-1862. Wounded at Battle of Corinth, he was mustered out 9-9-1862. He lived in Osseo. After his wife's death in 1890, he lived with the Pieter Odette family and was a U.S. mail carrier. He died 11-29-1890 p160 Bk 1

Aime Emile LaBonne was born in Canada 12-25-1841. He married Matilda Desjarlais and settled on Fabien Desjarlais farm near French Lake. On 8-11-1864 he enlisted in 11th Minn. Vol. Regiment Co. G. He died 5- 17 1906 p. 83-84 Bk 2

Peter LaVallee was born 1839 in Canada. He enlisted in the 11th Minn. Vol. Infantry Co. B. on 8-12-1864 and mustered out 6-26-1865. He farmed in Dayton. p 89 Bk 2

Buried at St. Vincent de Paul Cemetery –Osseo(Continued)

Luke Raiche born was in Sept 1840. His dad was a voyageur. His mom was the daughter of Peter Grant fur trader post operator at Rainy Lake. Luke’s grandmother married Charles Bottineau Sr. the father of Pierre Bottineau. They lived on Bottineau Prairie. He enlisted 8-14-1862 in the 10th Minn. Vol. Infantry Co K. He died while home on furlough 1-23-1865. pp.70-71 Bk 3

Severe Paul Raiche was born on March 12, 1838 at Fort Snelling, brother to Luke Raiche. He was mustered into 5th Minn. Vol. He died soon after the war. pp 72-73 Bk 3

Joseph Scott Jr. was born 1-20-1842 in Montana. He moved to Brooklyn Township 119 in 1854. He enlisted in Independent Battalion of Minn. Cavalry Co. B on 8-1-1863. He mustered out on 6-9-1866 and lived in Corcoran, but moved to Osseo in 1900. He was in the grocery business. He died on 1-26-1925 pp100-101 Bk 3



House in which Abraham Lincoln was born

Benny DesJarolds
- a man of the earth-
By Jerry Scherber

As a child ‘Ole Benny’ was my hero... I thought how wonderful it would be to sleep in the outdoors and hunt or fish for my dinner. Benny traversed the countryside on foot – usually with his two dogs tagging along... I remember my Grandpa Trombley might give him a ride to Osseo. I got the sit in the back seat of the Model A Ford with the two dogs... To this day I think of the odor which was common.

Ole Benny lived in a shack on the outskirts of the woods near the Stern Farm. A wood fire provided warmth when winter came... his furnishings were meager. He cooked his own food. When his pipe needed cleaning he used broom grass – moving it around in his skillful manner. Water in his hut was carried from the creek... Ole Benny didn’t have a radio, and television was not invented then. His entertainment followed him with his fiddle on which he played his *tunes*. When his shack burned, hammers, saws, even brought a window. Everyone nearby helped to rebuild another place for him to live in the woods.



Ole Benny with his expert on stacking the grain bundles so no rain could enter and rot the inside grain. When he completed his building of the grain bundles

his end product was a circular building with a conical roof. To see him walking through the countryside was a common thing... He walked, and walked many miles from neighbor to neighbor. Frequently he was welcomed and given a meal at Grandma Trombley’s...

I can only wonder what this man of the earth with all his survival skills might have been today. His obituary on March 8, 1958 at age 92 listed him as a trapper and hunter.

With Thanksgiving so near, I find myself thinking of this very humble man who was very, very thankful for what he had.

**How did Bottineau Boulevard
Get its name?**

In 2003 the Hennepin Co Board asked the public to suggest new names for the highway that evolved from an Indian path connecting the sacred lands around the Chain of Lakes and St Anthony to the rich area of game in the Red River Valley. In 2004, the Hennepin County Board accepted the Northwest Corridor Partnership suggestion of Bottineau Boulevard. Signs now read **Bottineau Boulevard.** (From Patriots of Brooklyn p63 Bk 1)

Thanksgiving has been celebrated as a federal holiday since 1863, when, during the American Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens," to be celebrated on the last Thursday in November. Wikipedia



Have you seen interesting signs around Maple Grove? Please send your stories of what you have seen and photos for our January newsletter.

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The Magic Wish Book

My seven
anxiously
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Everyday my
out the catalog pages, dreaming of the wonderful
monkey, he would have as a pet on Christmas morn. I
don't know if my parents ever ordered from the
wonderful magic wish book , but Santa brought a
wonderful snuggly brown and white rat terrier puppy
that year. The live monkey remained in his dreams and
on the Sears Christmas Catalog pages for another
seven year old boy to order.

year old brother
awaited the arrival of
Christmas catalog.
monkeys were listed
wonderful present.
brother sat and wore

Pat Ruffing



Civil War Participants from
the Books:
Patriots of Brooklyn

Buried in Niggler Cemetery Osseo

Nicholas Arn was born in Switzerland in 1835, but came to
Minnesota Territory before 1850. He enlisted 2-6-1862 in
Light Artillery CO A. He was mustered out 6-5-1866. He
returned to Township 54 later known as Osseo. He died in
1875. p18 Bk1

Capt. John H. Hechtman was born 12-27-1828 in Bavaria. He
enlisted in 83rd Penn. He was discharged from service 9-
1864. He moved to Maple Grove and lived in Rudolph
Niggler household. He owned the Hechtman General Store
in Osseo. By 1900 Hechtman was a grocery merchant. He
died 10-15-1902. pp15-21 Bk 2

Robert Idell was born 1827 in Pennsylvania. He enlisted in
8th Illinois Infantry Regiment Co A. He was one of the Osseo
1883 Roll of Pensioners. He worked as a farm laborer for the
Cotton family in Brooklyn Township through the 1880's.p 52
Bk 2

Abraham Knobel or Noble was born 7-3-1841 in Switzerland.
He mustered into the 31st Wisconsin Regiment Co B. In 1890,
Knobel lived in Maple Grove. From 1900 to 1905 he worked
as a school janitor in Osseo. He lived in Maple Grove until
his death 12-11-1932. p 81 Bk 2

Christian Wolter was born in Germany 9-22-1836. Upon
arriving in St. Paul he enlisted as a private in Hatch's Minn.
Independent Battalion Vol. Co. A to keep marauding Indians
away from Minn. Frontier. He mustered out 6-5-1866 and
farmed 200 acres of in Brooklyn Township. He died in 1889.
p 212 Bk 3

Buried in Rush Creek Cemetery

Adin Laflin was born in Milton, Vermont 10-17-1840. His
family farmed the very west corner of Dayton Township. In
5-17-1861, he enlisted in 1st Minn. Vol. Infantry. He returned
to farm in Dayton Township. He died 9-27-1915 and is
buried in Rush Creek Cemetery in Maple Grove, near the
farm. pp 85-86 Bk 2

Buried in St John's Lutheran Cemetery Corcoran

George R Schafer was born Germany 8-14-1829. By 1855, he
was farming by Fish Lake. He enlisted as private in 1st Minn.
Heavy Artillery Regiment Co B on 9-14-1864. He mustered
out 6-17-1865. He hung himself in 1905. H-18 Bk 3



A STAR AND A TIPSY SANTA

1948 Christmas program. An evening at Maple Groves
District 46 Fish Lake School - Every December we
students at District 46 Fish Lake School put on an
evening Christmas program. All parents, grandparents,
aunts, uncles, friends and neighbors were invited to
attend. One afternoon during school hours our
teacher, Mrs. Shiffmann, along with the help of a
group of mothers met, wrote the program and
assigned each student a part. This group was also
responsible for volunteering a fellow to play Santa that
evening. After long deliberation a neighbor, who did
not have a wife at the meeting, was volunteered. It
was known that this fellow enjoyed a good beer or
three but that had never been a problem.

During the upcoming weeks students diligently
practiced their parts. The week prior to Christmas
vacation some of the dads got together, built a stage
for the performance and went out and cut down a pine
tree. While that was being done some moms strung a
clothes line across the room in front of the stage and a

curtain was created with blankets held up by clothes pins. The dads brought in the fresh pine, set it in the school room, and voila the school had its Christmas tree.

Each student was given a piece of drawing paper and told to draw a big circle and then inside that circle to draw a Christmas decoration of their choice along with their name. Once the circles were completed and cut out Mrs. Shiffmann took a needle and thread, pierced the drawings and hung them individually on the tree. To finish the tree each student cut strips of red and green paper. One strip was pasted together like a ring and then another strip was added to the ring prior to it too being pasted. With all the students working together a beautiful paper chain of red and green rings was formed. Mrs. Shiffmann took that long chain and



draped it over the tree and oh wasn't it just so beautiful? The date of the evening's school program arrived. Most of the school day was spent in practice and dress rehearsal. Everyone had a costume of some type to wear.

At the end of the day the students were sent home with instructions to return at 6:30 that night.

Upon our return the one room school seemed like a magical place. The fire in the little potbellied stove burned brightly, the smell of fresh pine filled the room, neighbors greeted neighbors, and the improvised curtains were drawn closed across the stage. All was ready. Mrs. Hoffmann stepped up to the front of the room and the show began. The program included skits and songs and ended with the presentation of the Nativity story with all parts played by students except for baby Jesus who was portrayed by a doll. I myself had a speaking part. I was the angel at the manger. My line was "A brilliant star shone overhead". Well with the help of my father who earlier had asked me what my line was going to be and after my speaking it for him asked me how I was going to present it? Present it? "Yes", he said, "You can step out and say your line or try this." He said the line, and while saying it, swept his right hand above his head in an arching maneuver. Oh I liked that! I would most definitely present my line that way. I did, and I am convinced to this day, that line and using that move, stole the whole show.

Ok, Ok back to the program, The Nativity scene was finished. Quiet laughter had begun during the last few lines. Several "shhs!!!" near the back of the room were heard. The last student's song was sung and then a big loud "HO HO HO" was heard from the back cloak (coat) room entrance. In came Santa, singing away. Not, exactly, a Christmas song but fun to hear never the less. He was dressed in his finest red suit, smelled like a grain belt (beer) and was as jolly as could be. He reached into his bag, furnished by Mrs. Shiffman, and gave each child in the room a small decorated bag containing an apple and five pieces of candy. We were ecstatic. Candy was a treat in those days and five pieces each WOW. Following the appearance of the jolly old elf himself, the evening ended with everyone in the room singing a rousing chorus of We wish you a "Merry Christmas" and a hearty cheer was led by one of the fathers, might even have been Santa, for Mrs. Shiffmann, District 46's Fish Lake School's, best teacher ever. ...Sharon Hopkins



Civil War Participants
From the Books:
Patriots of Brooklyn

Lived or worked in Maple Grove/ Osseo

Alpheus Angell born was in 4-14-1834. In 1854 he moved from Adrian, Michigan with his widowed mother Melinda Brown Angell and claimed land in Maple Grove-Section 10 .He farmed five acres of wheat, two of oats and two of winter wheat and cared for his sick mother. He mustered into the First Regiment of Mounted Rangers Co. B on 3-16-1863 and began cavalry service with Henry Sibley's and pushed the Dakota Indians to the Missouri River. He has discharged by special order 5-10-1865. He returned to Maple Grove on 6-8-1865 and married Jane Atkinson. She taught in one of the early schools. They farmed in Maple Grove. He died from a fall on 4-6-1893 and is buried in Brooklyn Crystal Cemetery. pp 13-17. Bk 1

Pierre Bottineau Sr. was not officially a U.S. Civil war soldier. He was the guide for Sibley's expedition of 1863. He advised Sibley on the long journey through

the Dakota Territory as the Indians fled, pushing them to the Missouri River. He died in Red Lake Falls, MN in 1895 and is buried there. pp61-63 Bk 1

Octave Caron, native of Canada lived in Maple Grove from 1878. He farmed. He attended the 4th Minn. Vol. Reunion 7-22-1884 at Camp Beath in Minneapolis. He was buried 10- 11-1923 in Faribault. p.88 Bk 1

Sergeant Leo J Cook born in Cherry, Penn. 8-16-1839. He settled on a farm in Rockford, MN. He was inducted into Co B 4th Minn. Infantry 9-30-1861. He was discharged on 7-19-1865. He farmed outside of Osseo. He was very active in Civil War Reunions. He died in 1912 and is buried at the Brooklyn Crystal Cemetery in Brooklyn Park, MN. p.120 Bk 1

Chauncey Haviland was born in Raisin, Michigan in 1843. He enlisted in the 4th Mich. Cavalry Co A. After the war he was a railroad engineer, and settled Champlin and finally Osseo. He died February 13, 1908. p8 of Bk.2

Hamilton Henderson was born 1844 in Ohio. He enlisted as a private 1-25-1865 in the 1st Minn. Heavy Artillery Regiment Co E. He farmed next to the Curtis and Thayer families, south of Osseo p. 23 Bk 2

Sergeant George Laflin was born in Vermont 2-19-1837. The family settled near Dayton. On 5-17-1861 he enlisted in 1st Min. Vol. Infantry Co D. He enlisted with his cousin Henry Crown and young brother Adin. He married Annie Eddy of Maple Grove, where they farmed. In 1888 he moved to Lake City, MN- died 1-6-1918. p. 87 Bk 2

Corporal Isreal Parker was born in Ohio 1832. He enlisted from Plymouth, MN on 8-8-1864 in Hatch's Minn Independent Cavalry D .He farmed in Plymouth at Parkers Lake. Records show he later farmed in Maple Grove from 1885 thru 1910. He died on 7-1-1913. He is buried in the Brooklyn-Crystal Cemetery. pp-3-4 in Bk 3.

Charles Whitford Savage was born in Syracuse, NY in 1833. The family moved to Maple Grove in 1853. In April 1861 he enlisted in Minn. Vol. Infantry Co D. He served in 28 battles. He invested in the mercantile business. He was the Constable of Maple Grove. He

moved with Northern Pacific Railroad to North Dakota and Montana .pp 96-97 Bk 3

Jacob John Schwab was born 3-24-1837 in Switzerland. He was a brick maker before enlisting in 10-9-1861 for the U.S. army. 12th Infantry Co B. He mustered out on 3-18-1867. He first lived in Brooklyn Township but moved to Anoka. He was the Osseo school director. pp.96-97 Bk 3

Captain Dewitt Clinton Smith was born 8-20-1825 in New York. In 1857 he purchased a farm on the northeast corner of Osseo. He was elected County Commissioner in 1859, and Osseo Postmaster. He enlisted in Civil War in the 1st Minn. Vol. Infantry Co D on 4-29-1861. Gov. Stephen Miller of MN appointed him State Librarian on 1-14-1864. Shortly he became the Paymaster in military Corps. He died in battle on Oct 28, 1864 and is buried in Illinois. His wife Melissa became the State Librarian on 4-1-1867. She died in 1905 and she was buried in Osseo.pp b122-129 Bk 3

Corporal Henry Snyder was born in 11-3-1831 in New Jersey. He lived in Maple Grove in 1860. He enlisted in 6th Minn. Vol. Regiment Co D 8-11-1862. After the war Aug 1865 he returned to Industriana, MN. pp136-139.Bk 3

Buried in Weaver Lake Cemetery

Reull Baldwin Byram or Byron was born 12-17-1843 in Maine. He enlisted 12-4-1861 in Maine 13th Regiment Infantry Vol. Co. C. He mustered out 1-6-1865. He moved to Dayton and started a contracting co. He died on 8-1-1936. pp.83-84. Bk 1

Sylvanus Thomason was born in Ohio in 5-17-1841. In 1862 he enlisted in 92nd Ohio Vol. Infantry Co F. He mustered out 9-1-1865. He moved to Maple Grove MN. He spent 1900 to 1915, in St Peter and Anoka State Asylum as Insane. He died 3-6-1915. p.169 Bk 3

Buried in St Paul Lutheran Cemetery

Fred K Bader or Bowers? He is listed as serving in Hatch's Minn. Cavalry Battalion Co A. p.26 Bk1 also see p64 Bk 1

Daniel Sherman was born July 3 1822 in New York. He came to Maple Grove in 1860. He enlisted on 2-10-1865 in Hatch's Independent Battalion of Minn. Cavalry and was discharged on 5-10-1865. He was a stone - brick mason. He died on 9-4- 1876. p108 Bk 3

Reindeers pause (Paws)



Christmas Eve 1948 or so.

All us kids were in bed. Sounds were heard coming from the roof above our heads. "Mom what's that noise" we all yelled? "Oh probably Santa's reindeer" was her reply. Yes!!!

Years later we found out the noise had been created by our Dad throwing rocks up on the roof of our old two story farm house in Maple Grove. His intention being to make it sound like reindeer was landing. Problem was when the rocks rolled down off the house they landed on the soft roof of the family car making holes that kept us all air conditioned until Dad was able to have it repaired... Merry Christmas.

Another Christmas Eve maybe 1947 could have been 1949 was upon us. Mom and Dad decided they had to come up with a way to hang Christmas stockings without our family having a fireplace. Mom thought about it long and hard and then had an idea. She started saving those round Quaker Oats containers that the cereal came in. By Christmas Eve there were enough for each of us kids to have one. So, Instead of hanging stockings we each got to draw our name on one of those round containers and put them in a row in the living room right near the front door. They looked real nice and along with a plate of cookies and a glass of milk we were so ready for Santa. Us kids went to bed and were all soon fast asleep. Eventually Mom and Dad went to bed too and the house was quiet.

OH MY GOODNESS!! All of a sudden loud popping sounds were heard coming from the living room. Dad jumped out of bed and ran down the stairs with Mom and the rest of us right behind him. There for all to see

were the two culprits. The kittens, yes the kittens. You see Mom and Dad had filled those oatmeal box "stockings" with all kinds of goodies and on top of each one they had placed a large blown up Mickey Mouse balloon complete with cardboard feet. Well, it appears that after those kittens drank Santa's milk they decided a game of ping pong with those mice just might be fun. Obviously, it was as they had popped every single Mickey Mouse balloon.

After we all had a good laugh and saw that yes indeed, Santa had come, us kids still had to go back to bed for a few more hours of sleep before Christmas morning could officially begin. ...Sharon Hopkins



Civil War Participants
from the Books:
Patriots of Brooklyn

Buried in Brooklyn Maple Grove, Cemetery

David Alexander was born in Ohio on 4-3-1844. He was a miller at age 15- perhaps why he came to Hennepin County. He enlisted in the 174th Ohio Regiment Co. F on 8-29-1864 and mustered out on 6-14-1865 in Ohio. He and his wife Amanda moved to Maple Grove and farmed. He died 2-6-1912 p.11 Bk 1

Sergeant Elias Gilbert Brown was born 5-28-1830 in New York. Elias Brown enlisted 8-13-1862 into the 6th Minn. Vol. Infantry Co D. He mustered out 8-19-1865. In 1857, he and his wife Amelia Caffee were living in Hennepin Co Brooklyn Township. Their first child Anna was the first white child born in Hennepin Co. In 1860 they moved to Maple Grove. He later farmed in St Francis and lived in Anoka with his children. He died 7-20-1908. p76-77 Bk1

Oscar Champlin was born in New York on 1-8-1832. In 1854 he moved to Maple Grove and settled on Section 16. He enlisted in 2nd Minn. Cavalry Co. F. He mustered out 12-2-1865. He farmed in Maple Grove until his wife's death, then moved to Stearns Co. He died 1-20-1906. pp 93-94 Bk 1

Enoch Chandler was born in Maine 3-5-1839. In 1854 his family moved to Minneapolis. Chandler enlisted on 4-29-1861 in the 1st Minn. Infantry Regiment Co. D. He was discharged on 5-5, 1864. He married Sarah Curtis in 1864 and they farmed in Brooklyn Township but moved to Osseo in 1880. He was the Village Marshall. Sarah's

Buried in Brooklyn Maple Grove, Cemetery(continued)

address was 3717 5th Ave S Osseo. He was in the Soldiers Home in Minneapolis died 11-15-1918. pp 96-97 Bk 1

Joseph Cushman Chandler was born in Maine, Enoch's brother. He enlisted 12-12-1861 in the 1st Minn. Infantry Regiment Co K. In 1870 he lived in Brooklyn Township and then moved to Benton Co. He died 7-13-1915. p99 Bk1

Charles W Colburn was born in New York in 1836. He entered the Co. A of the 27th Iowa on 8-13-1862. He mustered out in 1865. In the 1890 Census, he and his wife Barbara were listed as farming in Maple Grove. In 1910 Census he is retired, living on the farm of Herman and Clara Kroening. He is buried with wife Barbara. p111 Bk 1

Archibald Curtis was born in Cook Co. Illinois in 1839. He moved to a farm in Brooklyn, near Osseo. He enlisted in Co. D of 1st Minn. Infantry. In July 1863 he was at Gettysburg and was severely wounded. He mustered out in 1865. He returned to the family farm in Brooklyn. He was a member of the William Grant Post Grand Army of the Republic in Osseo and died 12-24-1916 p. 127 Bk 1

Henry Wallace Curtis was born in Cook Co. Illinois and moved to Brooklyn, MN, near Osseo in 1855. He enlisted in the 6th Minn. Infantry Regiment Co D on Aug 13, 1862. He was discharged 8-19-1865 at Fort Snelling. He married Susan Thayer and they farmed in Brooklyn. In the 1905 Census they lived in Osseo. He died 7-15-1919. pp130-131 Bk 1

Thomas Edwin Ellsworth was born in Canada in 1845. His family moved to Bottineau Prairie in 1850s. He enlisted on 9-23-1862 in 1st MN Mounted Rangers Co C. He died at Fort Snelling 10-21-1862 while in service. p144 Bk1

William W Ewing was born in Canada in 1816. In 1851, he surveyed in Maple Grove. As Minnesota needed wagon makers he returned to live in Osseo. In July 31, 1858 at City of Maple Grove Council meeting he introduced the fourth motion to allow hogs to run at large. He lost! He helped organize Maple Grove Township. He enlisted in the 1st Minn. Cavalry Mounted Rangers 9-23-1862 to 10-31-1863 (his 1st wife died around this time). pp 151-152 Bk 1

Eli Haviland b. 1834 in New York, farmed on the John Hechtman farm, but soon became a partner with Charles Savage in a general store. He enlisted in 1st Minn. Cavalry Co F on 3-23-1862 and was discharged with a wound 12-2-1863. He converted his store to a blacksmith shop and eventually a hardware business. He served on the Osseo School Board and Village Council. He died 10-1-1913. pp 9-11 Bk 2

Corporal John Lee was born 1831 in New York. He was a Private in 11th Mich. Infantry Regiment Co F. He lived in Minneapolis. He died in 1884. Four years later, Lavina Lee, married Eli Haviland of Osseo. p 93 Bk 2

Sergeant George Washington Savage was born in Michigan in 1844. He enlisted in 11th Mich. Vol. Infantry Co F on 8-24-1861. After his discharge 11-24-1864 he settled on a farm near Osseo. In 1905, he was an Osseo mail carrier. He died 1909 p 91 Bk3

John Henry or James Shimmin was born in NY on 1829 or 1830. On 2-29-1864 he mustered into 6th Minn. Vol. Infantry Co. B from Brooklyn Township. He mustered out 8-19-1865 at Fort Snelling. He lived in Meeker Co. He was buried sometime after 1885. p109 Bk 3

2nd Lieutenant Andrew Jay Smith was born in 1844 in Michigan. He moved near Osseo. He was in Vol. U.S. Army from 5-14- 1864 to 11-22-1864 as a volunteer paymaster clerk. In 1876, he was elected to the House of Representatives for Brooklyn area. By 1880, he ran a railroad spur for Great Northern Railroad in Robbinsdale, and farmed and logged. He died in 1927.pp 120-121 k 3

Chalkley Thomas was born in Ohio in 1844. The family moved to Brooklyn Township in 1857. On 2-23-1864 he enlisted in 6th Vol. infantry Co. B. He served in several Co.'s and was discharged 8-19-1865. He died 3-20-1867 p163 Bk 3

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