

Obituaries from The Golden Record

“Nell” Kirkpatrick – 18 May 1897

J. W. Kirkpatrick’s dray horse, Nell, died May 18, 1897, aged 26 years old. She was the first colt born in the Soldiers Free Homestead Colony and died within a half mile of her birth place.

Lawrence Kem Eddy – 7 June 1897

Monday afternoon children of F. O. Eddy and Ed George playing on a footbridge over the Wood River near the Eddy Residence one mile west of town. Kem Eddy fell into the river and drown before help could reach him.

Members of the Soldiers Free Homestead Colony who died:

William Brady – 4 Sept. 1872

Killed by caving of sand pit along Wood River while making brick for the first Buffalo County courthouse. Buried on the prairie and later moved to Riverside Cemetery at Gibbon to be buried beside his daughter, Grace, who died of measles in March, 1876, and was buried there.

Jeremiah McKinley – 8 Nov 1872

Made little progress improving his claim because he was in the last stages of consumption.

J. Lloyd – 25 Dec 1872

Took a homestead and built a house and improved on it but was not strong.

Aaron Ward – 5 Oct 1879

Lumber business & built the first dwelling house in the village, in which was held a term of school in the summer of 1871. It was also used as an office for the county clerk and treasurer until the completion of the courthouse in Feb 1873. Ward served a term county clerk and was active in organizing Dist. 2 even though he did not have any children.

Euphemia Pember – 8 Jan 1883

Came as a widow, the only widow to take a homestead.

Clarence Mahoney – 9 Jan 1883

Age 9, herding cattle on the prairie south of Gibbon. Horse came home. He was found on the prairie, broken neck.

Joseph Hartman – 7 April 1889

Walking on a railroad track and miscalculated the distance of the train. The first car struck him on the head breaking his neck and crushing his head.

Father, age 84, 12 children, 2 of whom survive

Child, age 3, died of bean in windpipe

Man, came to Gibbon in 1871, made ox yokes from cottonwood trees

Mrs. S. C. Bassett's grandmother was married to a man who went from Ohio to Wisconsin to do missionary work. (the obituary is unclear as to whether he returned.) His wife had a house framed and ready for construction. It and the household goods were placed on a flatboat, taken down the Ohio River and then up the Mississippi to Prairie du Chain where the house was built.

There was at one time a North Gibbon Cemetery. When it was closed the bodies were move to Riverside, some to the Shelton Cemetery.
