

Omemee Cemetery

The Omemee Cemetery is located at the SE corner of SW1/4 of Section 3, Willow Vale Township 160 N. Range 75 W. in Bottineau County, North Dakota. It is one mile west of Highway 60 on county road 18 or one mile east of the Omemee townsite. Angus Kippen bought this quarter of land in the late 1800's from a Minneapolis Trust Company. No one knows why this site was chosen for a cemetery, used mostly for the families that were members of the Presbyterian Church in Omemee.

Angus Kippen's son, Charles, and wife, Helen, live on the farm across the road from the cemetery. For the last several decades, there has been no marker at the cemetery. However, Charles Kippen committed to have brick gateposts with Omemee Cemetery lettering built in the near future.

As you head North into the cemetery driveway, Block 1 is on the right. Block 2 is on the left. These two blocks each have 63 plots in them. North of Block 1 is Block 3. There are no burials in Block 4, the center of the cemetery, since this is a turn-around area for vehicles. Block 5 is north of Block 2 and Block 6 is north of Block 3. Blocks 3, 5, and 6 each have 42 plots. A map of the township, a map of the cemetery layout, and individual maps of the blocks are on the following pages.

Above some of the plot squares is the name of the person who paid for the plot. Inside the square, the name (s) of the person/people buried in this plot are listed. Some purchased plots have not been used, and some plots are still available for purchase.

If you have a loved one and/or family member buried in the Omemee Cemetery and would like to contribute to the cost of the gateposts or care of the cemetery, please contact Charles and Helen Kippen at chkippen@utma.com.

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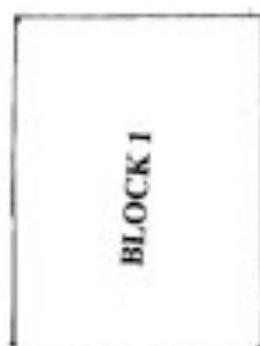
For reference, a booklet has been placed in the Bottineau County Library, the Bottineau County Court House, and the Bottineau County Museum.

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of the 4th P. M.
Scale 1/4 inch to 1 mile

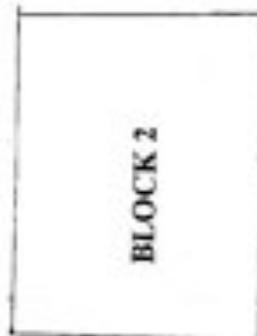
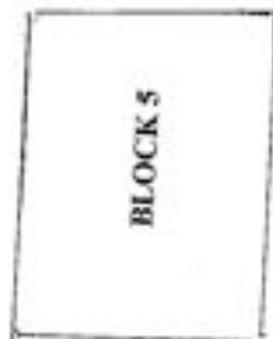
WILLOW VALE



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Block 1

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3		16	John Kuhnle	21	Jillie	34		39	Louis Leutsch	52	Wm Bowen	57	Oliver Maffix
4		15		22	John Wutzel	33	A.W. Baird	40		51	Jacob Bingham	58	
5		14		23		32		41	Geo Herrick	50	Brandt Toffel	59	John Brandt
6	E.E. Beach	13		24	Duncan Fraser	31	A.A. Fraser	42		49		60	June Brandt
7	R.J. Cooper	12	Geo McFarlane	25	GB Dutcher	30	Neil Axelson	43		48		61	Matthew Dew
8		11		26		29		44		47		62	Neil McDougal
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Block 2

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Block 5

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Block 6

BLOCK 1

Plot

5. Watson, Willis (9-9-1896– 1972) and Mildred Kohnen (1902 - 6-20-1953)



Willis was born at Milton, North Dakota. On June 16, 1925 he married Mildred Kohnen of Park River. To this union, a daughter, Marjorie, was born on December 12, 1928. Marjorie married Donald Cote of Willow City. Willis moved his family to Bottineau County in the spring of 1929. He lived on the Dan McCann farm, later moving into Omemee where he lived until 1934. Willis and Mildred adopted a son, Joe. Willis rented land and later bought the Annie Kippen Braun farm, where he lived until his death in 1972.

Watson, Joe A. (1940 – 1960)



Joseph was adopted by Willis and Mildred in September 1941 and educated in Omeme. He served in the U.S. Navy. He died as a result of a car accident in California.

6. Coryell, Nellie (1849 – 1923)



Nellie and her husband, Joe Coryell, came from Michigan in the early nineties and homesteaded in Amity Township. They had no children of their own, so they adopted two youngsters, Bill and his sister Mina. The children attended rural school north of Omeme at what was called the George Merrick School. The Coryells purchased a piano, and Mina became an accomplished pianist. Mina married John Clark, who emigrated from

Great Britain and came to the Wettlauffer's. The Wettlaufers were neighbors of the Coryells. After John and Mina's marriage, they farmed. Joe and Nellie Coryell moved in with them. Nellie died in 1923. John and Mina Clark moved to Portland, Oregon to be near Mina's brother, Bill. Joe Coryell soon followed them.

7. Batie, Adam (1867 – 1934)



Adam Batie was the vice president of the bank in Omeme. Two headstones inscribed with “Baby Batie” are also in this plot. When the rest of the Batie family left Omeme, they moved to California.



9. McKinnon, John (1860 – 1917)



John McKinnon was Scottish. He owned land North of Omeme. He was a stockholder in the first bank of Omeme.

10. Richardson, Edwin (1871 – 1931)



Edwin Milton Richardson was born in Ontario. He came with his large family to North Dakota when he was 9 years old. He became the postmaster in Omamee. He was married to Mary Gertrude Dixon on August 5, 1903. Gertrude's parents were George Wellington Dixon and Artensia Hawn Dixon. Artensia was a sister of Mary Hawn Elliott. Edwin took over the

hardware store from his in-laws, George and Artensia Dixon. Edwin and Gertrude had six children – Luella, Lorna, Keats, Orpha, Doris, and George Milton, who was killed in WWII. After Edwin's death, Gertrude moved to California and died in February 1967 in Los Angeles.

Richardson, Luella (1904 – 1905)



Infant daughter of Edwin and Gertrude Richardson.

12. **Musburger, Infant Daughter (3-14-1907 – 3-14-1907)**



Milo and Anna Musburger (sometimes misspelled “Musberger.”) were the parents of this daughter. Milo was the son of John Musburger 5-26-1844 – 1920 and Sarah Wakey Musburger 1850 – 1929. John and Sarah had moved from Illinois and Iowa to Willow Vale Township in 1902. They had three other sons besides Milo - George, Harrison, and Lloyd. They farmed near Omeme until 1910, when they moved to Fargo. John died there in 1920. Sarah died in Jamestown, where she had moved to be near a son. Milo and Anna had two sons, Leo and Cecil. Cecil had a son, Brent Musburger, the renowned sportscaster and actor.

Musburger, Anna (2-8-1882 – 7-10-1913) There is no headstone for Anna, Mrs. Milo Musburger, but an obituary in the Omeme Herald gives this information: Anna went to the Rugby hospital for an appendicitis operation, but she did not recover after the surgery. Her maiden name was Ann Suter. Her husband and two sons survived her, Leo, 4, and Cecil, 1. The funeral was held in Rugby. The remains were laid away in the Omeme cemetery.

13. Getzlaff, Otto A. (1864 – 1932)



Otto was born in Germany. His parents were August Getzlaff and Johanna Caroline. They had two boys, Charles and Gustav, besides Otto. August died, and Johanna was remarried to William J. Neuman. Together they had a son, William. Johanna and family immigrated to America when Otto was eight years old. They settled around Rochester, Minnesota. Otto married Anna Badke. They had a daughter, Pauline. Both Anna and Pauline died of consumption.

On December 26, 1898 Otto, age 35, was remarried to Metha Elftmann, who was 18 years old. Together they had eight children: Henry, Otto Jr., Herman, Walter, Metha, Hubert, Frederick (Fritz), and Elsie. The family farmed near Overly, Gardena, and then Omeme on the prominent Adlai Foster farm. Otto's wife, Metha, is buried in Willow City.

14. Lawrence, Walter (7-26-1898 – 3-8-1947)



Walter was the son of Charlie & Louisa Lawrence. He never married. He worked at San Haven for several years. In the Bottineau County book, it is reported that Charlie and Louisa are buried in Omeme, but no grave markers were found.

Lawrence, Laura Sparby (1901-1930)



Laura was the first wife of John Lawrence. John was born in 1903, the son of Charlie and Louisa Lawrence. John and Laura had two daughters, Donna Jean and Shirley. Laura died in childbirth in 1930. In 1932 John married Lenore Saxerude. Larry Lawrence was born to them in 1948.

21. Rasmussen, Chris (1898-1984) & Dagmar (901-1975)



Chris was born and raised in Denmark. His family was killed during WWII. He immigrated by himself to America when he was 18 years old. He married Dagmar Thormp, who was from Iowa. He bought the Omemee pop factory in 1923 and operated it until 1969. It was well known throughout the state. The good Omemee water was credited for the great taste of the product. After Dagmar's death, Chris sold the pop factory and spent the winters with

his daughter, Isabel, in California. He came back to his house in Omemee during the summers. Their children were Isabel, Mitzi, Gordon, Doris, and Karen.



Rasmussen, Doris (1938 - 1959)



Doris was the daughter of Chris and Dagmar Rasmussen. Doris graduated from the School of Forestry in secretarial science. After college, she was the secretary to C. N. Nelson, the president of the Forestry, until her health forced her to quit. She spent her last months at home with her parents. Many people from the area remember Doris as one of the Sunday School teachers at the Omemeo Presbyterian Church.

Rasmussen, Isabel (1-4-1930 – 11-23-2007)



Isabel Marita was born to Chris and Dagmar (Thorp) Rasmussen in Omemeo. A graduate of Clovis, CA High School, she then entered the military, working at the Pentagon. Upon her honorable discharge and marriage, she was employed and retired from the Perris, CA Post Office. She was an active member of the LDS Church all her adult life, and a missionary to Guatemala. She moved from California to Oregon to the home of her son, Jon and

family. Survivors include her four sons, Jon, Marc, Peter, and Paul; sisters Mitzi (Bryce) Bartholomew of Edgeview, WA; Karen Christenson of Faribault, MN; and brother, Gordon (Mavis) of Minot.

23. Schultz, baby (Jan 2, 1949-Jan 2, 1949)



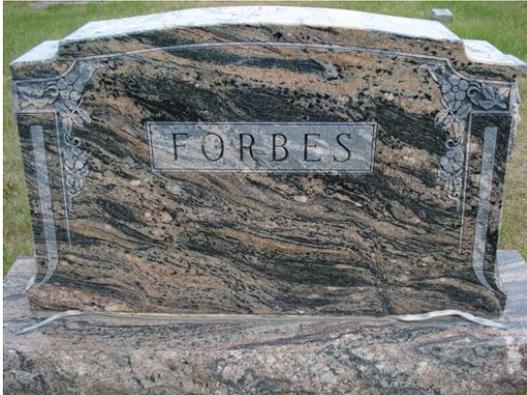
Infant son of Everett and Florence Schultz.

Schultz, Dennis K. Jr. & Kelly D. (1967-1967)



Infant twins of Dennis and & Jeanette Schultz

24. Forbes, Matt (1888-1946) & Agnes Forbes (1886-1965)



Matt was married to Agnes Wettlaufer (1886-1965) Agnes was a sister of Carl Wettlaufer. They moved from Ontario with several other family members in 1901. They lived and raised their family – George, Alexander, Allen, Robert (Pete) and Ethel on a farm NE of Omeme.

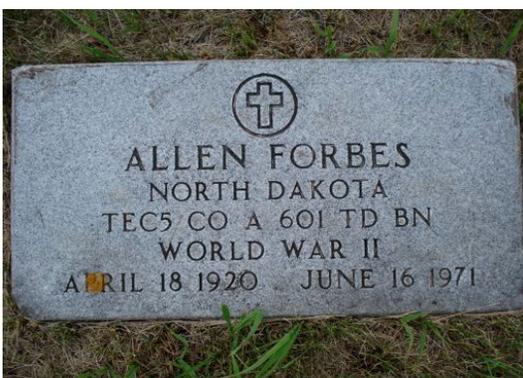


Forbes, Ethel (4-29-1912 – 11-29-1922)



Ethel was the daughter of Matt & Agnes Wettlaufer. She died of complications from polio.

Forbes, Allen (4-18-1920 – 6-16-1971)



Allen was the son of Matt & Agnes Wettlaufer. Allen served in WWII and farmed with his father.

25. **Wettlaufer, Christian (1-3-1875 - 8-21-1905) and Emma (1873-1913)**



Emma Wettlaufer married Christian Wettlaufer (not a relative) in Ontario. They came to North Dakota in 1901 along with several other family members. Emma Wettlaufer was a half sister of Carl Wettlaufer Sr. Emma was the daughter of Jacob Wettlaufer and his first wife, Catherine Mogk. Carl Wettlaufer was the son of Jacob Wettlaufer and his second wife, Louisa Hanke. Both of Jacob's wives are buried in Ontario. Jacob Wettlaufer bought land from Andrew Shervin in Amity Township. Jacob is buried in Bottineau.



Wettlaufer, Garfield (2-26-1905 – 5-2-1907)



Garfield was a son of Christian and Emma Wettlaufer. They had other children, but they all moved away from the area.

26. Cahill, Robert (1879 – 1932) and Annie Kippen Cahill (1885-1957)



Robert Cahill was of Irish descent, the son of Michael and Mary Cahill. His family operated a large dairy farm in Iowa. Robert married Annie Kippen (1885-1957) in 1914. Annie was the daughter of Robert & Christy Fraser Kippen. Her brother was Angus Kippen. Robert and Annie had one daughter, Mary Lucille, who was born November 1, 1915. After farming in the Omeme area for three years, the family moved to Iowa where Bob managed a John Deere Implement Company for eight years. North Dakota had strong ties, so the family moved back to Omeme. Bob resumed farming and Annie operated a boarding and rooming house for local teachers, hired members of the area's famous baseball team, utility repair crews, train crews, transients (those who paid and those who didn't) and

the local bachelors. After Bob died, Annie and her mother, Christy, moved to Seattle to be near Lucille, a registered nurse. Christy Kippen died in 1950 and Annie died in 1957.

27. Dixon, George – (1857-1924) and his wife, Artency (1860-1917)



George was born in Ontario. Artency is also spelled “Artencia”. Artencia was the sister of Mary Hawn Elliott. They lived a short while east of Willow City before opening a hardware store and a small eating place with a few rooms in Omemee. Artencia ran the hotel. A son, Charles married Thyra Olson. They lived in the Omemee area for part of their lives when Charles was a rural mail carrier for Russell, N.D. George and Artencia’s daughter, Mary Gertrude, and husband, Edwin Richardson, took over the hardware store. George died in Omemee of pneumonia in 1924.

28. Elliott, W. James (11-9-1859 – 3-20-1921) & Mary Simena Hawn (9-19-1877 - 3-25-1966)



Jim Elliott was born in Seaforth, Ontario in 1858. He came to Bottineau County in 1886 and homesteaded six miles west of Omemee. Neighboring homesteaders were Pat Scully, Harry Riel, and Tom Milloy. Jim married Mary Simena Hawn in 1898. She was born in 1887 and came with her parents from Canada in the mid 1880’s. They settled south of Dunseith and later moved to the Omemee area. Jim was a lover of horses. In June 1906 when Willow City had their big fire, the fire engine from Bottineau was called. Mules were used to pull

the engine as far as Omemee, then Jim’s broncos were used to take the engine on to Willow City. The Elliott’s had seven children, Olive (Hagen), Roy, Nora (Beyer), Gladys (Charnholm), Dorothy (Gagner), Alice (Beyer), and Vern (Vera.) Jim died in 1922. Mary lived with her son, Roy, in Spokane, Washington and Bottineau until her death in 1966.

Elliott, Harold (1903) and Elliott, Clarence



Harold and Clarence are two infant sons of Jim and Mary Elliott's. Another infant son, Francis, is also buried here without a marker.

Rupert, Mary Marguret (12-25-1841 – 5-8-1906)



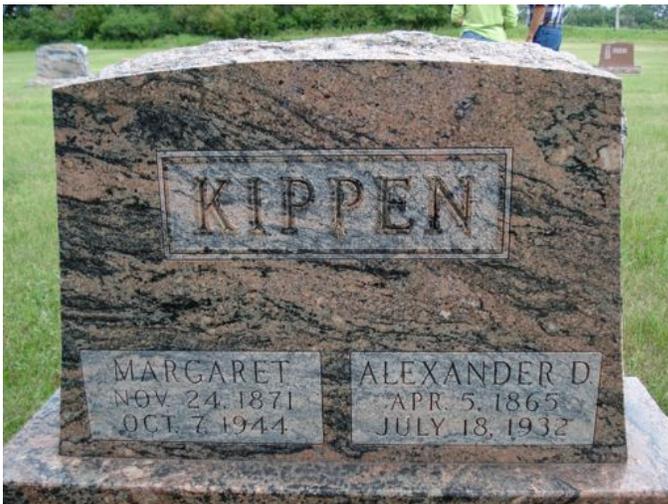
Mary was the wife of Elijah P. Hawn. She was born in Canada, the daughter of Frederick Rupert and Margaret Alguire. She married Elijah Peter Hawn on November 16, 1859 in Ontario, Canada. Elijah was also born in Canada, the son of Coonrod Hawn and Perlina Empey. Mary's husband, Elijah P. Hawn (6-2-1835 – 1916,) is also buried here, but there is no headstone.

Elliott, Roy W. (1899-1984)



Roy was the son of Jim and Mary Elliott. When Roy's father, Jim, died in 1922, Roy took over as head of the family and helped with the raising of his brothers and sisters. They moved to Amity Township in 1924 and to Omeme in 1928. Roy and his mother moved to Spokane, Washington in 1941. Roy worked for Boeing during WWII, and then they returned to Bottineau in 1947. Roy farmed and worked in the Seed House until his retirement.

29. Kippen, Alexander (1865– 1932) and Margaret (1871-1944)



Alexander D. "Sandy" Kippen, of Scotch ancestry, was born April 12, 1865 in Greenfield, Ontario. He grew up on a farm and worked in a cheese factory for a time. In 1887 he came to Bottineau County and homesteaded in Willow Vale Township, getting his deed in January 1889. Two brothers, Robert D. and Duncan, proved up neighboring homesteads. Lumber for the buildings was hauled from Devils Lake and neighbors helped build a barn, granary, and a one room house. The completion was

celebrated by having a dance. Land was broken with a team of oxen and a walking plow. In 1896 Sandy married Margaret McMillan in the McBrayan Hotel in Bottineau . Margaret was born of Scotch parents in Maxville, Ontario and came to Bottineau County with her widowed mother and other members of the family to homestead northwest of Omeme. Sandy and Margaret made their home on Sandy's homestead in Willow Vale Township. They were members of the Omeme Presbyterian Church. They had three children, all schooled in Omeme. Sinclair went into the lumber business and married Ruth Johnston, the daughter of Rev. Thomas Johnston. Their daughters were Grace (Chester Blanchard) and Annie (Arnold Braun.)

30. Tripp, Clifton (5-12-1903 – 12-19-1907)



Clifton was the 4-year-old son of Walter A. and Charlotte Tripp. The Omeme Herald newspaper reported he died of croupous laryngitis. “He was an exceptionally bright little boy and was a favorite with all who knew him. The sympathy of the community goes out to them in their hour of grief over a loss so overwhelming.” His father, Walter, was born in February 1880 in Minnesota and married Charlotte Hogge, born in February 1880 in Hamilton, Ontario. Walter and Charlotte made their home in Omeme for many years. Walter was in partnership with his brother-in-law in an implement business known as Holz and Tripp. Using the same business building, Walter managed the Omeme Opera House, which was the focal point of culture in the town. Traveling shows came

to town and put on plays in the opera house along with local actors and high school productions. Later, Holz and Tripp moved their business to Bottineau. Walter and Charlotte retired and moved to Fullerton, California. Besides Clifton, they also had a daughter, Helen (Horning.)

32. Schultz, Everett (1908 – 1973)



Everett was the son of Carl and Martha Schultz. He married Florence Hasenwinkel of Gardena. Everett & Florence lived with her brother, Awalt, on his farm north of Omeme. After Awalt was killed in WWII, Everett bought the farm. Everett and Florence had eight children: Dwayne, Kenneth, Doris, Gloria, Janice, Dennis, Connie, and Jeff. After Everett died, Florence moved into Bottineau.

33. Schultz, Arnold (1915 –1999) and Ida (1917 -1950)



Arnold was the son of Carl and Martha Schultz. He married Ida Opsedahl from Overly. They lived on a farm two miles NE of Omemee. They had four children: Irene, Carol, Roger and Ellen. Ida died when their house burned down. Arnold worked on farms in the area and then worked for the county. He died in Bantry, North Dakota.

34. Schultz, Carl B. (1879 – 1973) and Martha (1889 – 1982)



Carl and Martha moved from Illinois and lived on a farm East of Omemee. They had seven sons – Everett, Albert, Arnold, Carl, Wilmer, Marvin and Merle. Albert is also buried in the Omemee Cemetery, but there is no headstone.

35. Schultz, Carl H. (1917 – 2006)



Carl was the son of Carl B. and Martha Schultz. He never married or had children. He served in WWII. After the war, he returned to work on the farm. He had a stroke and was in the Bottineau Hospital for about a year before he died.

39. Duffey, Elson L. (1952 – 1977)



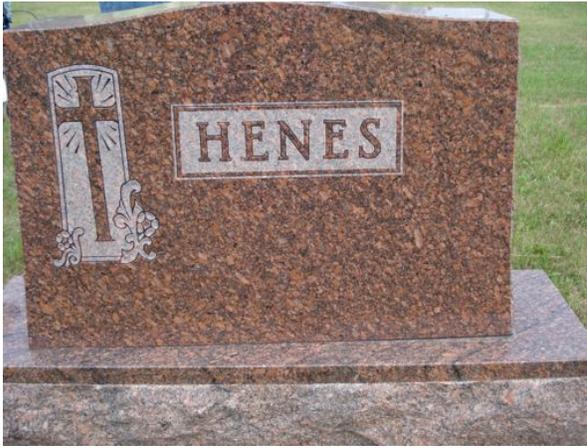
Elson was born and raised in Bottineau. He married Connie Schultz, daughter of Everett and Florence Schultz, in 1972. They had two sons, Jonathan and Mitchell. Elson was killed while working on an oil rig in Killdeer, North Dakota. Connie remarried Gary Sivertson of Souris.

40. Davidson, Alistar (1908 – 1975) and Alice (1910 –2002)



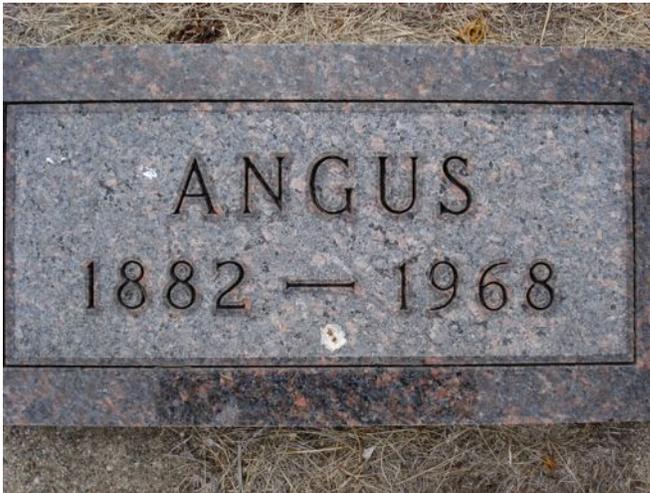
Alistar Davidson was the son of Alex and Bessie Davidson. He married Alice Welin, the daughter of Mr & Mrs. Warner Welin of Amity Township. They owned their land and farmed in Lordsburg Township. The Davidsons had four children Helen (Kippen), Donna (Brandon), Margaret (Peggy Nelson) and Morris (Louise.) After Alistar's death, Alice moved to an apartment in Bottineau for several years and then to the Good Samaritan Center before her death in 2002.

41. Henes, Jacob (6-14-1873 – 8-31-1949) & Della (4-20-1892 – 4-13-1984)



Jacob was born in Wittenburg, Germany. His parents were George and Elizabeth Henes. He came to Bottineau County as a young man from Remsen, Iowa where his parents had settled. On October 20, 1912 Jacob Henes and Adele (Della) Klebe were married, and they made their home on a farm southwest of Omamee. Della was born April 20, 1892 to Adolph and Henrietta Klebe. Three children were born to Jacob and Della: Milo, Roy, and LaVaughn (Marquardt.) Jacob helped organize and was the first township assessor in Oak Creek Township. After he became ill and was hospitalized, Della continued to farm. She was the Soil Conservation Award winner of the Turtle Mountain SCS District in 1948.

43. Kippen, Angus (1882 –1968) & Ellen (1889 – 1985)



Angus Kippen, the son of Robert and Christy Kippen, was born in 1882 in Glengary County, Ontario, and in 1887 accompanied his parents and sister to Willow Vale Township. He attended the first school in Willow Vale Township and then began farming at an early age. In 1920 he married Ellen Albertson of Rolla. Ellen was born in 1889 and came to Omemeé in 1917 to teach in the Omemeé School. Angus and Ellen farmed his father's homestead in Willow Vale Township and also managed the Omemeé Coop Supply for five years. Angus died in 1968 after farming for over 70 years and progressing from oxen to horses to tractors as the power source. Angus and Ellen were active in the Omemeé Community. They were members of the Omemeé Presbyterian Church where Ellen served as a Sunday School teacher for many years. Ellen taught in Omemeé for five years, served on the Omemeé school board for twenty-five years, and directed many community plays. Ellen taught school in the Freedom District of California for ten years and then moved into Bottineau where she maintained her own home until 1982. Angus and Ellen had two children: Joy (Sanders) and Charles Kippen. An infant daughter died at birth.

Baby Kippen (January 23, 1925)



Infant daughter of Angus and Ellen Kippen

44. Kippen, Robert (1855–1923) & Christie (1860–1950)



Robert and Christy Kippen moved from Glengary, Ontario, Canada with their two children, Angus, 5, and Annie, 3, to the Dakota Territory in 1887. They shipped their belongings in a box car to Deloraine and came to the Omeme community by wagon. They homesteaded on a quarter of land, Section 10 in Willow Vale Township. They built a sod house and lived in it for a few years. Robert was a farmer and a stonemason. He built a lot of basements in the area. Robert and Christy were charter members of the Omeme Presbyterian Church where Robert served as an elder. He was known as Black Bob, to distinguish him from the other Bob Kippen, who was called Red Bob. He died in 1923. Christy later lived with her daughter, Annie Cahill in Omeme. Christy and Annie later moved to Seattle to be near their granddaughter and daughter, Lucille. Christy passed away in 1950 at the age of 91.

47. Davidson, Alixander (4-17-1872 – 12-5-1945) and Bessie (4-26-1873 – 7-2-1946)



Alixander (Alex) Davidson and Bessie Morrison were both born at Inverness, Scotland. Alex came to America in 1903 and later the same year Bessie came over. They met at Bessie's cousin, Mr. Robert Wright, at Willow City where they were married in 1904. They moved to a farm northwest of Omeme in Lordsburg Township where they farmed for several years. Alex was married in Scotland and had a son, Donald. After his wife died, he married his wife's

sister, Bessie. Alex and Bessie had three children - Ann, Alistar, and Margaret.



Davidson, Donald (12-4-1900 – 12-21-1941)



Donald was the son of Alixander Davidson. He came from Scotland with his father and helped on the farm. He was crippled from polio and died of a heart attack.

Davidson, Anna (5-1-1907 – 7-9-1907) & Davidson, Margaret (1-27-1911 – 5-8-1915)



Anna was an infant daughter of Alixander and Bessie

Margaret was the daughter of Alixander and Bessie, Margaret died of burns

McCullough, Margaret – Aunt (9-3-1869 – 5-15-1911)



Margaret lived in Canada. She was visiting her sister, Bessie Davidson, when she died. Therefore, she was buried in the Omemee Cemetery.

48. Small, Walter Gassell (12-9-1895 – 3-25-1908)



Walter was the son of Fred and Carrie Small. They owned a store called F. Small's which sold fruits, confectionery, and cigars. They had two daughters, Nina and Erma. In the 1910 Census, both Carrie and daughter, Nina, are listed as clerks in the store.

49. **Johnston, Rev. Thomas (5-13-1856 – 1-12-1938) & Florence Urie (11-23-1874 – 3-11-1948)**



The Reverend Thomas Johnston was born at Bayfield, Ontario. His parents, Christopher and Catherine Erwin Johnston, came from Ireland. Reverend Johnston came to North Dakota in the 1890's as a Presbyterian Sunday School missionary to organize churches and Sunday Schools. His field extended from the Red River to the Montana border. Reverent Johnston with his buckskins and wagon or sled became a familiar sight to the early settlers in the Bottineau County area. On February 28, 1900 he and Florence Birdie Urie were married in Rolla. Mrs. Johnston was born at Ottawa, Ontario. Her father William Urie, came from Scotland and her mother, Caroline Lewis Urie, came from England. The Urie family came to the Dakota Territory in 1884 and settled on a homestead at Snyder Lake in what is now Towner County.

Their five children attended country grade school and some high school. Florence was proving up a claim when she and the Reverent Johnston were married. After the claim was settled they moved to Bisbee. When his work took him farther west, they moved to Surry and then to Omeme. In 1911 Reverent Johnston was called to the Antler Presbyterian Church where he served for seven years. In 1918 the family moved to Bisbee. In 1925 Reverend Johnston accepted a call from the Presbyterian Church in Omeme and ministered there until his retirement. The Johnston's had five children: Erwin, Ruth (Kippen), Edna (Egge,) Neva, and Thomas.

Johnston, Neva (1912 – 1985)



Neva was a daughter of Thomas and Florence. She graduated from Omeme High School. She attended Jamestown College and Minot State College. She moved to Seattle where she lived with her mother and grandmother. She worked at Ft. Lawton during WWII. She then worked for King County Medical in the insurance division. In the mid 50's, she moved to Bottineau to work for Dr. Malvey. In 1957 she moved to Rapid City and worked for Dr. Arlin for 24

years. She retired in 1980. She moved to Bottineau in 1981. She died in Rapid City while on vacation.

50. Welin, Warner (4-27-1864 – 4-24-1947) & Helen (4-1-1881 – 12-16-1956)



Warner Welin was born in Sweden. At the age of eighteen, he said farewell to the rest of his family and left by himself for America. He worked in the Red River Valley area and sent money back to his brother and sister, John and Alice, so they also could come to the United States. In 1885, Warner homesteaded in Amity Township, living in a sod house. Later he lived in a log house on his tree claim, replacing it with a two-room house before he was married. One winter he attended the Agricultural College in Fargo and one summer he worked in Spokane, Washington. He married Helen Munter of Hillsboro, North Dakota on April 15, 1903. Before her marriage, Helen had also attended the Agricultural College, taking courses in home economics. The couple had seven children: Lillie Purcell, Olive Vaughn, Francis, Alice Davidson, Lois Gilchrist, and twins, Victoria Ramey and Victor, who married Norma Wright of Willow City.



Welin, Francis (1906 – 1947)



Son of Warner and Helen Welin. He grew up on his parent's farm and helped with farming. He died of complications from polio and seizures.

51. Kippen, Sinclair (11-11-1899) & Ruth (1906 – 1985)



Sinclair Kippen, son of Alexander (Sandy) and Margaret Kippen was born on the farm at Omemee. He attended the Omemee Public School and high school. In 1918 he attended a Telegraphic School in Canada. He returned to Omemee and later was a telegraph operator at Antler, North Dakota. In 1920 he helped his father with his farming in the Omemee area and worked for John Rudolph setting up farm machinery in the summer months. He was

married to Ruth Johnston, daughter of Rev. Thomas and Florence Johnston of Omemee, in 1927. They had a son, Thomas, and a daughter, M. Ardith Pilker. In 1944 he moved with his family to the Black Hills of South Dakota and was manager and part owner of a saw mill and planer mill at Custer. In 1956 he sold his share in the mill and was on the road as salesman for the Knecht Lumber Company of Rapid City. He remained with them until his death in 1965. After his death, Ruth returned to North Dakota and lived in Bottineau.

59. Christofferson, Art (5-13-1891 – 11-5-1956)



Arthur Christofferson was born May 13, 1891 at Drammen, Norway. He came to Omemee about 1916 and lived with his sister and brother-in-law, Hilda and Andrew Egge. Later he rented the Rorvik farm west of Omemee. He bought the John Renick farm and lived there until his death.

60. Egge, George (1913 – 1991) and Edna (1912 – 2003)



George Egge, the son of Andrew and Hilda Egge, was born and grew up at Omemee. He attended the Omemee schools and for a time NDSU at Fargo. Edna Johnson, the daughter of the Reverend and Mrs. Thomas Johnston, was born at Antler and grew up at Bisbee and Omemee. She attended Jamestown College and taught school in the Bismarck area and at Omemee and Gardena. George and Edna were married December 30, 1939. George bought a farm from Vernon Cooper. Besides being a busy farmer, George helped in the community. He was treasurer of the Omemee school board, trustee, elder and treasurer of the Omemee Prebyterian Church and 4H leader. He served as board member of the Bottineau Farmers Elevator for 32 years and for two terms on the County Agricultural Improvement Association. Edna served on the County Special Education board. She was a member of St. Andrew's Hospital Auxilliary, Eastern Star, and Bottineau County Historical Society. George and Edna belonged to the Presbyterian church and both served as elders. They have a son, Dennis, who married Georgia Porath.

Egge, Cheryl (5-27-1943 – June 1, 1943)



Infant daughter of George and Edna Egge.

61. Gant, Guy Gerald (1-4-13 –1-21-13)



Son of Claude and Gunila Bengston Gant. Claude was an elevator agent in Omeme. In the court house records it is reported that Guy had a twin sister, Harriet G., who died at birth. The inscription on the gravestone says, "Suffer the little ones to come unto Me"

63. Heimbush, John (1860 - Aug. 2, 1904)



John worked on the section crew in Omemee. At one point, he and his family lived in a converted train car, which was situated two blocks west of the school. John and his wife, Helen, had seven children. On the marker is inscribed “dum taget clamat”- rest in peace. The symbol on the gravemarker is typical of a member of The Woodman Lodges. An article in the 1904 Omemee Herald states, “John, a farmer 6 miles northeast of town was struck by lightning Tuesday evening and instantly killed. His son, who was standing near, was severely injured.” It was later reported the son recovered from his injuries.

BLOCK 2

1. Milloy, Fay Lurline (1900 – 1903)



Fay was the daughter of Chas D. (Charles) and Edith Hunt Milloy. In the Bottineau Courant, it was stated that in 1897 C. D. Milloy built a hardware store in Omeme. The family moved to Williston in 1910.

6. Beach, Hazel (3-8-87 – 10-23-06)



Hazel's parents were Judson and Clara Beach. They were originally from Lake View, Sac County, Iowa. They later moved to New York. It is unknown what brought Hazel to the Omeme community.

7. Cooper, John “Bob” (9-26-1871 – 1927) and Margaret McCann (11-5-1877 – 1958)



John “Bob” Cooper was born September 26, 1871 in Manitoba. His mother died when he was four, so he was raised by his grandparents. In 1889 he came to North Dakota and worked in a livery stable in Omemee. In 1892, as soon as he could legally do so, he filed on a homestead near Gardena. In 1899 he married Margaret Ann McCann at Willow City. Margaret was born November 5, 1877 in Grays County, Ontario, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McCann.. John was a brother of Dan McCann’s. Margaret came to North Dakota as a young child with her parents. She left home when she was twelve and worked as a hired girl. In 1898 she filed for a homestead near Westhope. Bob traded off his homestead for a farm in Willow Vale Township, and that is where the children were born. Bob owned a threshing rig and threshed for his neighbors. He was noted for his spirited horses. In 1913 he sold his farm equipment and moved the family to Willow City, where he ran an elevator. In 1917 he became deputy sheriff and moved the family to Bottineau. He often accompanied auctioneer Col Berthiaume to liven up the bidding, sometimes ending up with a purchase not intended. The family moved back to the farm in 1924 where Bob died in 1927. Son Vernon ran the farm until the forties, but then sold it and moved away. Margaret died in Seattle in 1958. They had five children: Valeria, Alice, Vernon, Helen, and Frances.

Cooper, Valeria (2-14-1901 – 10-25-1906)



Daughter of John and Margaret Copper.

12. McFarlane, George (6-20-1850 – 12-14-1928) and Margaret (1851 – 1945).



George McFarlane was born June 20, 1850 in Ontario. His wife, Margaret (or Mary,) also came from Ontario. Both were of Scotch descent. They were married on March 26, 1874. After their marriage, they lived in Brandon, Manitoba for a time. Then they moved to old Bottineau, where George hauled goods from Rugby, the nearest rail point, for about a year. They bought a farm from Joe Coryell in Amity township and lived there in a log house with a sod roof until George died. They raised nine children: Annie (Duncan Stewart); Mary McFarlane, Susan, Duncan, John, Margaret, Robert, Janet Dutcher, and Clarence. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on March 26, 1924.

McFarlane, Robert G. (1891 – 1915)



Robert was the son of George and Margaret McFarlane

Note: In the Bottineau County book, the family name is spelled McFarland, but on the gravestones, it is spelled McFarlane.

McCaig, Malcom (1825 – 1911)



Malcom was born in Nova Scotia to Donald McCaig and Mary Cochrane. He immigrated in 1907. In the 1910 Census, he was living in the household of John McFarlane (Son of George and Magaret,) his wife, Mildred. and their one-year-old son, Earl. Malcom was Mildred's father. In the Bottineau County courthouse records, Malcom's death date is given as 4-20-1912 at the age of 86.

16. Kuhnle, John (1-15-1863 – 4-4-1937) and Ella (8-11-1870 – 9-21-1933)



John Kuhnle was born in Charles City, Iowa. He farmed near Floyd, Iowa before moving to Gardena for three years, then to Omemee for the remainder of his life. He married Ella Stafford at St. Paul, Minnesota. Ella's parents, William and Alice Stafford, operated the first Dakota Hotel in Bottineau, a livery barn, and a hardware store. John and Ella had four children, Blanche, Ruth, Ella, and one son, Leonard. One of the daughters married John Rudolf.



17. Hawn, L. L. (Levious) (12-1832 – 1903)

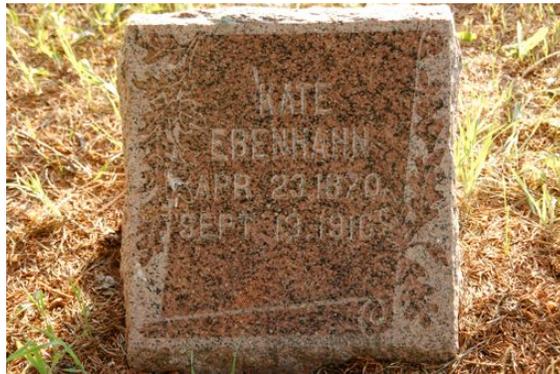


Levious was born in Canada to Coonrod and Perlina Empey. He was a brother of Elijah Peter Hawn who married Mary-Margaret Rupert. Elijah was the father of Mary Hawn Elliott. About 20 members of the Hawn family immigrated from Ontario, Canada to farm in North Dakota. Levious married Mary Elizabeth Waters. It is unknown where she is buried.

18. Ebenhahn, Max (7-26-1860–1-10-1936) & Kate Ebehahn (4-23-1870 – 9-13-1916)



Max Ebenhahn was born July 26, 1860 in Bunzlau, Silicia, Germany and immigrated to the United States in 1881. He attended business college in Fargo, North Dakota and was in business in St. Louis, Missouri, before coming to Bottineau County in 1898. In 1900 he married Kate Steiger, a Bottineau County school teacher. They made their home in Omemee where Max started a general store in 1902. In 1903 he built a new store, one of the four finest in the state. He was in continuous business there for thirty-three years and was president of the Omemee school board for many years. During his business career, he extended many favors to those in need, especially in time of poor crops. He died in 1936. Max and Kate had seven children: Max Ebenhahn Jr., Leon, Alfred, Cecelia Maiserholder, Thelma Baiseh, Marcella Getzlaff, and Gerhard.



Ebenhahn, Celia C. (1853 – 1923)



Celia was an older sister of Max Ebenhahn. When Max's wife, Kate, died at 46 years old, Celia moved in to help with the children.

19. Stewart, Mary Leone and St. Clair (1897 and 1899)



In the Bottineau Courthouse birth records, Mary Leone is listed as the daughter of Alexander Stewart and Lillian Hawn. Perhaps St. Clair 1897 was another daughter. In the 1910 Census, Alex is listed as 48 years old and Lillian 38 years old. Alexander Stewart farmed in the area. He and Lillian had a daughter, Edna, who was born in 1900. The family later moved to California.

21. Rowley, Mary Ann (5-5-1816 – 4-29-1902)



Wife of Williams Mills. In the 1850 Census of England, a William Mills and wife, Mary Ann Mills are listed. William is listed as a shoemaker. They had four children: Henry, Liddie, Matilda, and Alice. However, no records can be found to place Rowleys or Mills in the Omeme area, so this may not be the same family.

22. Wetzel, John (1889 – 2-1982) and Emma (1894 – 1-1974)



John Wetzel was born in Germany. In 1909 at the age of 20, he, his parents, six brothers and sisters and four step-brothers and sisters came from Russia to the United States. They settled at Wishek. In 1911, he came to Bottineau County and worked for Warner Welin on a farm north of Omeme. At this time he spoke very little English having had only a German education. After a year, he went to

Jamestown where he met Emma Hehn. She was born in 1894 to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hehn in Germany. At the age of 11 years, she emigrated with her family from Russia to the United States settling in Jamestown. Emma and John were married in January 1914 and returned to Bottineau County. After living in various places in the Omeme and Willow City areas, they purchased a farm five miles east of Omeme known as the George Cape's farm. Mr. Wetzel farmed for many years the first years with horses and in later years with tractors and modern machinery. He was known as the Durum King. He was also called the necktie farmer because he always wore a necktie while out working the fields. John became a United States citizen in 1921. Six children were born to the Wetzels – the first being twin girls. They are as follows: Helen Schneider, Tillie Lessard, Ceclia Milbrath, Alvin Wetzel, Coryne Lillestrand and Rodney. John and Emma farmed until their retirement in 1948 at which time they moved to Bottineau. They were both active members of the First Baptist Church during their retirement years.

Wetzel, Alwena 12-6-1915 – 3-21-1919



Alwena was the daughter of John and Emma Wetzel. She died of burns. Grave marker says, "Buried on earth to bloom in heaven."

Wetzel, Katharina Barth (1886 – 1932)



Katharina was a sister of John Wetzel. She and her husband, Phillip Barth, immigrated from Germany about 1906 and settled on a farm near Omemee in Willow Vale Township. They farmed there a number of years and then moved to a farm near Dunseith, North Dakota. After Katherine died there in 1932, the family members began moving to Coos Bay, Oregon where Phillip died in 1950. They had five

children, all born in Willow Vale Township and schooled in Omemee and Dunseith; Jack, Herb, Walter, Elizabeth Pothier, and Lorraine Buckingham.

23. Merrick, George (1863 – 1928 and Louisa (1868 – 1941)



George William Merrick was born August 6, 1863 at Libertyville, Illinois. His parents were born in the state of Maine, and the family moved first to Madison, Wisconsin, and when George was a young man, to the Ft. Dodge, Iowa area. On March 20, 1895 at Vincent, Iowa, he married Louise Intermill, whose mother was from Ohio and whose father was born in Switzerland. He had served in the

Civil War. The couple farmed and

raised livestock in Iowa, where two children were born to them: Floyd, who later served in World War I, and a daughter, Freda (Foster.) The George Merrick family moved to Omemee March 25, 1906 and lived on the Steinmeyer farm. They had a son, Glenn, who was born July 23, 1906 at their farm home. George was interested in politics, serving on the Township Board. He was a member of the Methodist Church in Omemee, later joining the Presbyterian Church. He died November 20, 1928 at his farm home. Louise died June 30, 1941 in Bottineau.

24. Fraser, Duncan (1890 – 1967) and Alda Fraser (1896 – 1986)



Duncan Fraser was born May 17, 1890 in a log house on the SW1/4 of Section 17, Township 160-75, later known as Willow Vale Township. His parents were Allan and Jane Fraser. Duncan had four brothers and sisters. In 1908, Duncan and his brother, Angus, went to Canada where they filed on land. The homestead was located about twenty-eight miles east of Milk River, Alberta. In 1912, he joined the Canadian Volunteers and became head cook for a camp of about 150 men. He was called back into the Volunteers in 1914, but spent most of the time in a hospital. He was given a pass then to return to North Dakota. He decided to stay and try farming here. On June 18, 1917, he married Alda McFayden. Alda's aunt, Mary Jane McFayden, had married Duncan's father, Allan, in 1911. Alda was from Ontario, Canada. That fall they rented a farm just east of Omemee, where they lived until 1921.

Then they moved to the Nicholson farm southwest of Omemee. They lived on this farm until the year 1954, when they moved into Willow City. In 1926, the Farmers Union was organized and Duncan and Alda were both very active members of the organization. Duncan served on the Bottineau County Board for many years as well as being a local officer. Alda was secretary-treasurer of both the local and the county organizations. Duncan was also a charter member of the Farmers Union Oil Company of Willow City, manager of the Turkey Shippers Association of Willow City, a member of the board of the Farmer Union Livestock Shippers Association of Omemee (and later manager) and also one of the first members of the Willow City Co-op Cred Union. In March 1938, he was drafted by the Nonpartisan League to run for the State House of Representatives. He was elected that fall and was re-elected five times. In 1948, he was elected to a two-year term in the Senate to fill out the late Wm. Thatcher's term. Duncan was re-elected to the Senate in 1950 and 1954. He served as Representative and Senator for a total of twenty years. Duncan and Alda had seven children. They are Elizabeth Bergman, Robert, Lorne, Evelyn Gasser, Jean Tohm, Marian Hancock, and Ruth Duff. After Duncan's death in 1967, Alda remained in Willow City for about five years. She then moved to Bottineau and stayed there until her death in 1986.

Fraser, Lorne (1921 – 1978)



Son of Duncan and Alda Fraser. Lorne lived with his parents and helped on the farm.

25. Dutcher, Janet (1877 – 1960)



Janet was the daughter of George and Mary McFarlane. She married Charlie Dutcher, and they lived in the town of Omemee. Charlie was the janitor at the school. They had no children.

30. Axelson, Neil W. (1904 – 1941)



Neil was a depot agent in Omemee. He was an excellent piano player. He married Mae Harrison. They had no children.

31. Fraser, Allan A. (1861 – 1931)



Allan Fraser, of Scottish ancestry, was born November 25, 1861 at Glengary, Ontario. In 1884 he married Jane Kippen, sister of Robert Kippen, at Martentown, Ontario. Jane was born in 1859 at Glengary. The Frasers farmed near Martentown for several years before coming to Willow Vale Township to homestead. Two of their children were born in Canada. When the Fraser family moved to North Dakota they brought with them some household effects, three horses, three cows, a few sheep, a dog, a walking plow, a two-horse iron drag, a broadcast seeder, a wagon, and a buggy. In 1891 they build a 16 by 30 house out of aspen hauled from the Turtle Mountains. Three straight logs were used for roof supports. They were covered with tar paper, then sod, and finally with gravel. The Fraser sod house was one of the

largest in the area. Jane passed away in 1902, leaving Allan the sole responsibility of caring for the children. Jane is buried in Bottineau. There were seven children: Angus, Jennie Dawson, Duncan, Hugh, Pete and Jack (twins,) and Ellen Bonewell. Allan was married after Jane's death to Mary Ann McFadyen in 1911. Allan passed away March 12, 1931.

Fraser, Mary Ann McFadyen (1867 – 1936)



Second wife of Allan Fraser. They married in 1911. Her niece, Alda McFadyen, married her step-son, Duncan Fraser.

Fraser, Hugh (1892 – 1959)



Hugh was a son of Allan and Jane Fraser. He married Loretta Chasse in Cutbank, Montana. They had two sons, Robert and Kenneth. Hugh worked in the oil fields in Montana.

33. Belt, Winnie (1905 – 1906)



Daughter of Walter and Kate Belt, Winnie died of pneumonia at 9 months old. The Belt family had moved from Iowa to a 160 acre virgin prairie sod farm in Fidelity School District in Bottineau County near Omamee. After eight years of crop failures due to either hail, drought, rust, or grasshoppers, Walter became discouraged and moved back to Iowa. Besides

Winnie, Walter and Kate had Floyd, Ray, Wilbur, and Dorothy.

36. Welkos, Eldin (8-5-1901 – 8-30-1901)



Eldin was the infant son of Nels Welcos and Lillian Hawn. Lillian was a daughter of Elias Hawn. Elias was a brother of Elijah Peter Hawn. Lillian was one of the many Hawn family members who moved to North Dakota from Canada. On September 14, 1886, she married Nels Orval Welkos, who was born in Wisconsin in 1858. He died in 1913. Lillian died in 1952.

Welkos, Dorwin (Aug 23, 1898 - Sept. 29, 1898)



Infant son of Nels and Lillian Welcos

38. **Stewart, Malcolm A. (3-6-1859 – 9-4-1915)**



Malcolm Stewart was a doctor in Omeme. He drove a Model T. One day it overturned, and he was killed.

Stewart, Ralph



Ralph died at two months and 15 days. Dates not given. Apparently infant son of Malcolm Stewart.

Stewart, Flora (8-4-1906 – 9-18-1906)



Apparently infant daughter of Malcolm Stewart.

39. Leutsch, Louis (1855 – 1908) and Helen (6-1862 -1900)



Both Louis and Helen were born in Germany. They immigrated in 1886 with their two children, Clara and Paul. In the 1900 Census, it is reported that Louis was a farmer and that they had two more living children at the time – Emma and Ella. In the Bottineau County book, it states that their daughter, Clara Leutsch, married Frank Bingham, son of Jacob and Olga Bingham, who farmed near Omemee. They had two children, William and Lily.

50. Brandt, Taféal (1902 – 1921) Son of John and Fredrika Brandt



51. Bingham, Jacob - Pvt. 10 Mich. Cav. July 5, 1922.



In the Bottineau County book, a biography is given on Jacob H. Bingham who was born June 18, 1851 in Saginaw, Michigan. However, in the 1910 census, he is listed as being born in December of 1843 in Michigan to Lorenzo Bingham and Sarah Hiller. He is listed on the record of Civil War Soldiers 1861-1865. Jacob married Olga Brown in 1875 and moved to the Red River Valley in Minnesota near the town of Neilsville. He later moved his

family to North Dakota and settled first in Willow Vale township south of Omamee. In 1894 he filed on land in Elysian township, the south half of the northwest quarter of section 25. His son, Frank, filed on land neighboring that of his father's. Five children were born to Jacob and Olga: Frank, Maggie Hirlike, Mina Chase, Sally Ward, and Edie Writ. Jacob retired from farming in 1910 to live in Omamee in the summers and in Tampa, Florida during the winter months. He died on the family homestead. In the 1920 Census, he was still living at 75 years of age and a widower.

52. Bowen, Wm. Henry (5-12-1902 - 4-6-1903)



His parents, William and Jeanette (Nettie) Matheson were from Canada. His father was a grocery salesman in Omamee.

53. Oliver, Baby (7-1907 – 8-1907).



Infant of John Oliver and Annie Violet Keefe. Mrs. Oliver was known in Omeme for making hats.

54. Cole, William (1862 – 1906) and Christina (1862 – 1948)



William Cole was born in 1862 in Chatfield, Minnesota and married Christine Johnson. They came from St. Charles, Minnesota to Bottineau County in 1886 and homesteaded in Willow Vale Township where Omeme was later built. William became the owner of considerable land in Bottineau County and raised a large number of cattle which he marketed in Minneapolis. He sold his large brick home to the Omeme school district, and it eventually became the Omeme High School. William died in 1906 from diphtheria, which he contracted when being treated for gangrene in an injured leg. William and Christine had ten children: Minney, Anna Mears, Della Gillespie, Hazel, Mary Coulter, Ida Sheridan, Margaret Sheridan, Tom, Henry, and Norman.



Cole, Minney September 1897 – January 1898.



Infant daughter of William and Christina Cole.

Cole, Hazel (1898 – 1918)



Hazel is the 20-year-old daughter of Wiliam and Christina Cole

55. Winkler, Phillip (1850-1904) and Anas Dasice (1856-1948)



Phillip and Anas immigrated to the USA from Odessa, Russia in 1898 with their daughters, Carolina and Margaret. They settled at Omemee. Their daughter, Carolina, married John Brandt, Jr.

57. Mattix, Oliver (11-8-1857 – 8-22-1910) and Clara (2-28-1865 – 2-1-1959)



In the 1900 Iowa Census, Oliver and Clara are listed except Clara's birth year is 1863. They were both born in Illinois and had three children, Etria, Vernon, and Gladys.



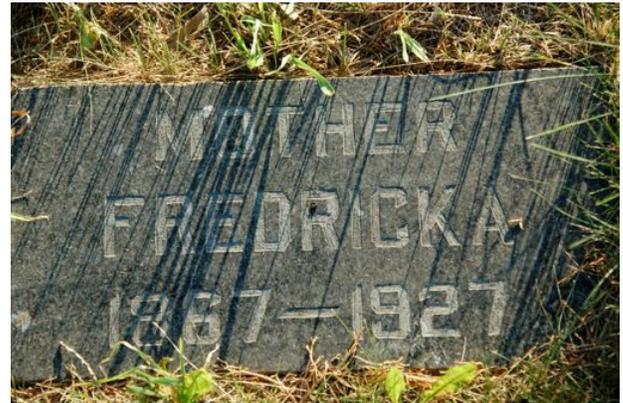
59. Brandt, June A. (9-17-1915 – 11-19-1918) Daughter of Andy and Rosa Brandt.



60. Brandt, John Sr. Brandt (1845 – 1916) and Fredricka (1867 – 1927)



John and his first wife, Karolina Strayle, came to the United States from Germany in 1874. Karolina died in childbirth with their ninth child in 1886 when she was 41 years old. She is buried near a creek in the Dakota Territories where they were living at the time. John married Fredricka, also of German descent, in 1887. They moved to the Omemee area in 1896. John and Fredricka had 14 more children.



Brandt, John Jr. (8-28-1870 – 1-31-1940) and Carolina (1881-1929)



John Jr. is the son of John Brandt, Sr. In 1874, John Jr. at the age of four, came to the United States with his parents. They settled in the Dakota Territory. Carolina Winkler's parental home was near Odessa, Russia. When she was sixteen, she and her parents and her sister, Margaret, age twelve, came to the United States in 1898 and settled at Omemee. In 1896 John Jr. staked his claim on a quarter section of land in Willow Vale Township, three and a half miles south of



Omemee. During those struggling pioneer days, the town of Omemee was growing to meet the needs of the homesteaders. The Great Northern railway became a life-line to the town. At each day's stop, it left off many hungry travelers who found sustenance at the downtown hotel. Caroline Winkler worked at this hotel as a cook. It was here that she and John Jr. met. John Jr., age 34, and Carolina, age 23, were married at Omemee July 13, 1904. To this

marriage the following children were born: Leo, Albert, Elsie, Emil, Alvin, William, Ida, and Martha. The entire life of John Jr. and Carolina was spent on the farm homesteaded by John. On February 18, 1929, Carolina succumbed to a brief illness of pneumonia. Ten years later, John passed on following a lingering illness as a result of a farm accident.

61. Dew, Mathew (Jack) 1928 – 1975



Jack Dew was born September 4, 1928 in Langdon, North Dakota to Mathew and Aida Dew. He attended NDSU at Fargo. While there, he met Evelyn Ashbaugh from Browns Valley, Minnesota. After they were married, Jack worked on a few farms in the Fargo area. They moved to Bottineau where he worked in the office of a garage shop. They moved to Omemee and lived on a farm nearby. After the post office closed in

Omemee, Jack and Evelyn moved into Erick and Grace Schultz's house. Jim stored antiques in the old Omemee Presbyterian Church building. The Dews had four children: Dan, Mathew, Jim, and Judy. Jack died in 1975. Evelyn moved to Mohall to be near her son, Dan, and family.

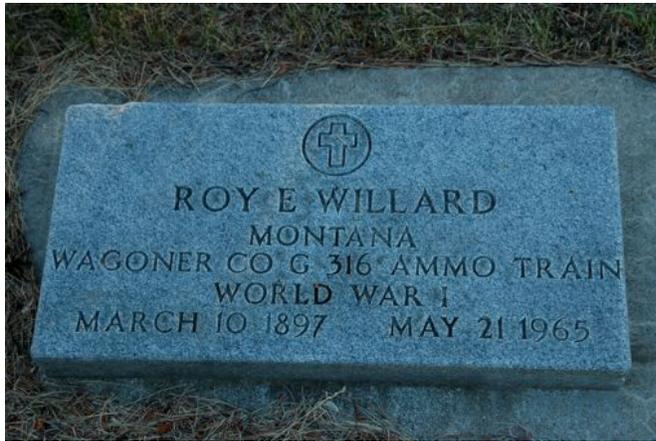
62. McDougall, Neil (1874 – 1953) and Jennie (1882 – 1951)



Neil McDougall was for many years a sage, scribe, postmaster and merchant in Omemee. He was born in County Bruce, Ontario, was a clansman of the ancient Clan McDougall, West Highland, Scotland. He was a writer of some notes as could be seen from clippings of comments and editorials from the old Ontario and Omemee papers. His chief interest, however, was his family consisting of his wife, Jennie, and their three sons, Hector, Stewart, and Bruce. Neil was a long time member of the Odd Fellows Lodge

and passed away at the Lodge Home in Devils Lake.

63. Willard, Roy E. (3-10-1897– 5-21-1965) and Viola A. White (10-1-1901– 9-8-1984)



Roy and Viola lived in Bottineau County during the early 1900's farming during the Depression and WWII. Roy was a World War I veteran inducted in Montana and served in Europe. For many years, he was the janitor at the Omemee elementary school. He was killed in a car accident driving back from Montana. Viola survived the car accident and died in 1984. There were four Willard children, all educated in schools at Gardena, Omemee, and Bottineau: Elroy, Eileen Askelson, Yvonne Weigum, and Ardell Grimm.



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18. Jacob Hawn (1867-1934) & Carrie Hawn (1882-1910)



Jacob was the son of Elijah and Mary Rupert Hawn. He was a brother of Mary Hawn Elliott. Jacob Urquert Hawn (also called Eric) was born September 21, 1867 in Ontario, Canada. He was one of the many Hawn family who immigrated to North Dakota from Canada. In 1896 he married Carrie M. Due. Carrie was born January 1, 1881 in North Dakota and died in 1910. In 1898 the first barber shop was built by G. W. and Jake Hawn in Omeme. When Carrie died at 29 years old, some of the children, like Lillian and Violet, lived with different relatives in the area.

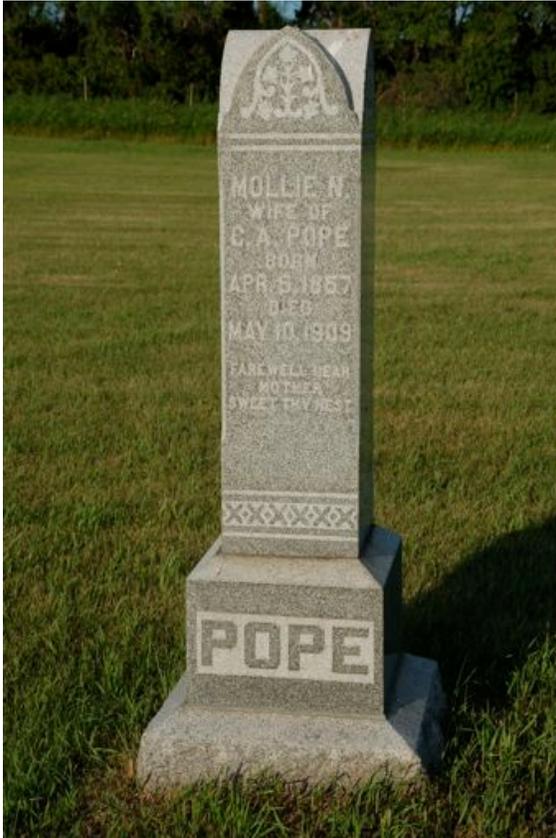


19. Gladys Welkos (9-18-1895-1909)



Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Welkos. Her family had a store in Omeme & then moved it to Gardena. Perhaps Charles Welkos was a brother of Nels Welkos, the father of Eldwin Welkos in plot 1. The 1907 Omeme school records show 12-year-old Gladys Welkos's parent as Chas. Welkos. Nels Welkos is listed as parent for his own children.

30. Mollie Pope (4-5-1857 – 5-18-1909)



Mollie was the wife of Chester. A. Pope. His parents were Ichabod Pope and Esther Olmsted. Charles (Chester) and Mollie Pope lived in the red brick home in Omemee. Single teachers that came to Omemee would live with them - like Ellen Albertson (who married Angus Kippen) and Violet Watson (who married Bill Campbell, son of William and Jennie Kippen Campbell.) Violet was Willis Watson's sister. Charles died 1-7-1924.

31. Catherine Doole (11-21-1908 – 1-7-09)



Catherine's parents were Leon and Lillian Doole. They are listed in the 1910 census. They also lived in the Gardena and Bottineau areas.

41. Severson, Paul (12-18-85 – 4-16-1960) & Aagot (3-31-03 – 1-22-1940)



Paul was a blacksmith in Omeme. Paul and Aagot had several children. One baby, Jean (12-6-38 – 1-19-1939) is also buried here and included on the headstone inscription. After Aagot died in 1940, many of the children were raised by families in the community. Eventually the family reunited and moved out West.

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12. Lillian M. Doud (6-22-1882-12-9-1947)



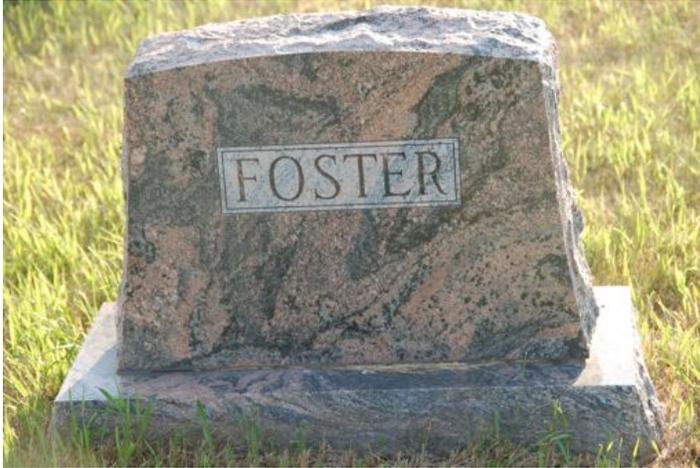
In Lillian's obituary, it states that Mabel Lillian Rankin was born at Flint, Michigan. She married James T. Doud, who was born about 1870, in Royalton, Wisconsin on December 10, 1902. James died in 1953 and was buried in the Omeme cemetery, but there is no marker. James and Lillian had ten children. Lillian died in Seattle, but she was buried in Omeme.

Doud, Mabel L. (1882 – 1947)



Another grave just to the north of the grave of Lillian M. Doud has this headstone. Since the birth and death years are the same as Lillian's, this may be a second headstone for the same person.

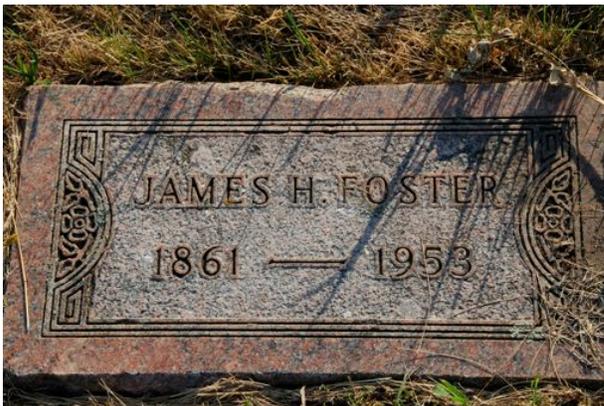
14. Foster, James (1861-1953) and Jane (1868 – 1935)



James H. Foster was born at Martinsburg, Kentucky, September 29, 1861 to James Sheldon and Penelope Hester Foster. Mary Jane Fannin was born at Martinsburg, Kentucky on November 3, 1868. James and Mary Jane were married November 28, 1889 at Paxton, Illinois. They moved to a farm near Gardena and later relocated to a farm near Omeme.

Mrs. Foster died January 2, 1935 in

Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mr. Foster continued to live in Omeme part of the time, also in Minneapolis and California. Nine children were born to James and Mary Jane: Alta Keller, Adlai, Imo Renick, Stanley, Pauline Elliott, Hampton, James, Vernon, and Genevieve Mayse.



21. Kate Edmonson (1857 – 1928)



Kate Smith Edmonson, born in 1857, came from eastern Canada to Omeme in the 90's with her husband and daughter Ethel. Kate and her husband built a hotel called the Shamrock Hotel which offered rooms and meals. Five more children were born: Ollie, Tug, Maim, Hazel, and Jim. Kate continued to operate the hotel after her husband died. She was a wonderful cook, an

art she taught her children. The girls married and made their homes in Omeme for a time. Maim became a very good dressmaker; Ethel was widowed; and Hazel married Ray Dwyer, a railroad employee, and they moved out west. Ollie stayed at home and helped her mother. Tug became a cook. Jim moved out west and worked for a railroad. Kate, ailing in old age, had to give up the restaurant part of the hotel but maintained the room aspect. She was aided by her brother, Hillrey Smith, and his daughter, Blanche Smith Krohn. After the hotel closed, Alistar Davidson tore it down to build his barn.

23. Leckman, Helen M. (1892 –1919)



Helen was the wife of Luther Leckman. Luther was a son of Emanuel and Hilma Leckman. He was born in 1890. He came with his family from Illinois and settled on a farm just west of Omeme. Luther was a fine artist and the star second baseman for the famed Brandt baseball team based in Omeme. Luther married Helen Ellis in 1919. She died the same year in childbirth.

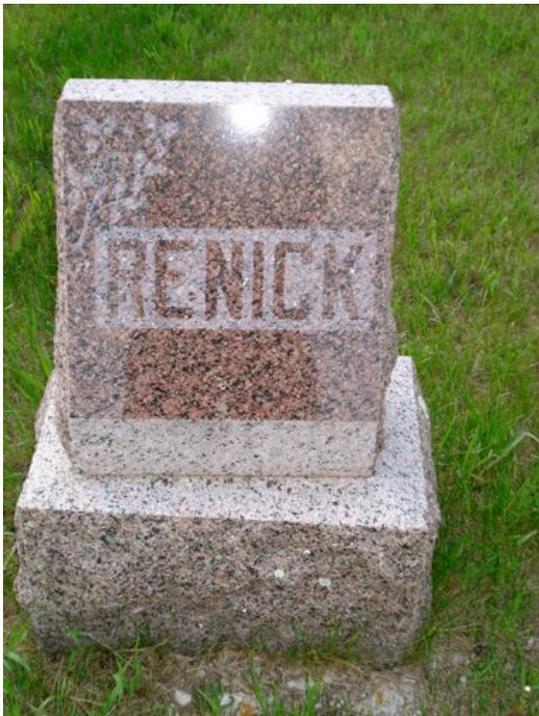
Luther moved into Minot with his mother where he worked for the Great Northern Railway for thirty three years. In 1930 he married Marjorie Allan. They moved to Brownwood, Texas in 1973. Luther passed away there in 1978 at the age of 88.

24. Leckman, Emanuel (1-6-1856 – 3-30-1909)



Emanuel Leckman and his wife, Hilma, both came from Sweden to Illinois. They were married there, rented a farm, and farmed it for a time. They came to Bottineau County with their four children and purchased a farm in Willow Vale Township just west of Omeme. Emanuel died shortly after moving onto the farm. Hilma continued to live on the farm until 1920 when she sold the farm and moved to Minot. Emanuel and Hilma had four children: Ethel, Paul, Evar, and Luther.

26. Renick, John Finney (1851- 8-17-1925)



John was from Bowling Green, Kentucky. His parents were William Renick and Caroline Harper. He married Martha Pedigo Renick who died February 9, 1945 in Bottineau. They had three children: John (Jack), George, and Marie (Long.) John (Jack) married Edna Doud. George and his wife, Imo Foster, also farmed in the Omeme community before moving to Bottineau.



29. Dorothy Brekke (1906 – 1992)



Dorothy was a sister of Harold McCann. She married S. B. (Ben) Brekke. They had no children. They lived with Ben's father and brother in the hills by the Calvin store. Ben died in California and is buried there. Dorothy died in a nursing home in Dunseith.

32. Alma Morgan (1913 - July 3, 1918)



Alma was the only daughter of I. E. and Elizabeth Morgan. She died at a young age of a throat infection.

32. Fred K. Morgan June 9, 1942 North Dakota – Pvt. 140 Inf. 35 Div.



Fred was the son of I. E. and Elizabeth Morgan. Fred was a German prisoner in World War I and died in the Fargo Veteran's Hospital. He was married, but had no children.

33. Morgan, Ithamer (10-4-1860 – 5-28-1920) and Elizabeth A. (7-14-1861 – 5-3-1947)



Ithamer Ellis (I.E.) Morgan and Elizabeth Woodall, born of English parents in Wisconsin, were married in 1880. They made their home in Iowa where all their children were born. In 1906 or 1907, they and their children moved to Bottineau County and settled northwest of Overly. They soon moved into Omeme where their son, Ed, operated a dray line. I. E. died in 1920. Elizabeth operated a restaurant in Omeme and later a boarding house. She and her son, Ed, moved to Spokane, Washington in 1943. Elizabeth spent most of her life caring for members of her family. Because she was the oldest in the family, she had the responsibility of taking care of her mother who was ill, as well as tending to the needs of her sisters and brothers. When Ed and Oren's wives died, she played the mother role for her grandchildren. This dedicated woman died in 1947 at the age of 86. I. E. and Elizabeth had seven sons and one daughter: Edward, James R. "Rell", Madison "Matt," Frederick K., Oren, Homer, Elmer, and Alma. I. E. and Elizabeth were the grandparents of Luella Fraser (Sookie). Since Sookie's mother died when she was a few months old, Elizabeth raised her. Sookie's father, Oren Morgan, eventually moved to Washington and is buried there.

34. Burns, Henry W. Burns (1912-1964) & Hilda Burns Kolbo (1916-2003)



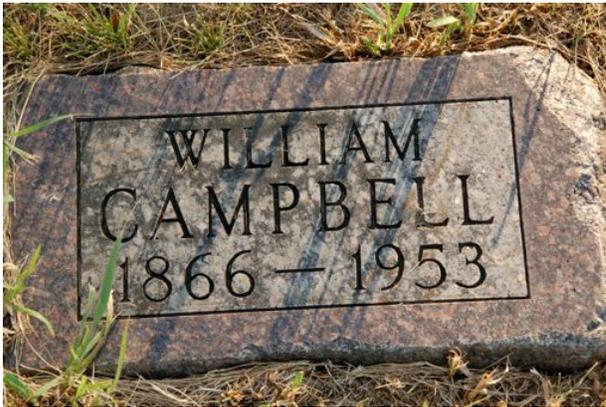
Henry William Burns, Jr. was born in Omemee on October 4, 1912 to Henry William Burns, Sr. and Maye Covey Burns. His father immigrated from Germany to Antler in the early 1900's. The family eventually moved to Omemee where they owned and operated the Omemee Hotel. Henry (Hank) was educated in the St. John Public School and graduated from Lee Barbering College in Minneapolis. He married Hilda Sundin of St. John, North Dakota on October 4, 1935. She grew up in the St. John area and attended school there and graduated from the St. John High School. They moved to Souris in 1944 and resided there for twenty years. Hank was the Saturday evening barber of the Souris community for twenty years and worked at the Souris Co-op Elevator for 17 years. He was a member of the Volunteer Fire Department of Souris. He and Hilda were members of the Presbyterian Church. Two children were born to this marriage: Barbara (Lanny Larson) and Kathy. Hank passed away October 28, 1964. After his death, Hilda attended Minot Business College and was employed at St. Joseph's Hospital for a few years. She married Mel Kolbo in 1968 and moved to Salem, Oregon and later to Portland, Oregon where she worked at the University of Oregon Medical Center until 1979. She died in 2003.

Maye Burns (11-23-1871 – 9-28-1914)



Maye and her husband, Henry, lived in Antler and then moved to Omemee. They owned and operated the Omemee Hotel. They had a son, Henry William Burns Jr.

36. Campbell, William (1866-1953) & Jennie (1868-1944)



William Campbell was born in Glengarnoeh, Scotland, April 25, 1866, the youngest son of Colin and Catherine Campbell. Shortly after his birth, his father passed away and the young widow and her seven children came to Ontario, Canada, where she had relatives. William became very ill and the crew wanted to throw him overboard but his

mother said, "Not until he stops breathing will you do that!" Later he came to Dakota to make his home with his older brother Malcolm and his wife Flora.

Jennie Kippen, who became his wife, was born in Glengary, Ontario July 18, 1868, the seventh child of a family of nine. In 1885 she came to North Dakota with her two brothers, Alexander and Robert and his wife, Christie. They drove from Deloraine and brought the bare essentials for housekeeping. Most of their furniture was homemade.

They all filed on land; Jennie's land was a mile and a half northeast of Omemee where she also had a tree claim. Having arrived late in June, no crop was planted. One of the horses died the first year so their farm power

consisted of the two oxen and one horse. Their house was made of Turtle Mountain logs and heated with Turtle Mountain wood cut during the winter months. On December 1, 1891 Jennie married William Campbell in Bottineau. For a short time they lived on a farm southwest of Omemee, later moving into Omemee where William was manager of the Bovey Schutt Lumber Company. He also was a grain buyer for many years. A great booster for Omemee, he was a member of the school board when the school was

consolidated and buses used for transportation, a member of the town council, I.O.O.F., and The Woodman Lodge.

There were six children, all raised and attended school in Omemee, active members of the Presbyterian Church, where each volunteered services from serving as janitors to Sunday School teaching. Their children were: Dwight, Malcolm M, William P., Raymond, Anne, and Glen. They had only two grandchildren. William and Jennie celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 1941.

Campbell, Dwight D (1899-1908)



Dwight was a son of William and Jennie Campbell.

Campbell, Glen (1908 - 1988)



Son of William and Jennie Campbell. He worked at the desk of the Steinmeyer Hotel in Bottineau for many years.

Campbell, Anne A. (1906 – 2002)



Daughter of William and Jennie Campbell. At one time, she ran the filling station in Omemee. Later, Anne lived in Bottineau with her brother Glen. Anne taught school for 44 years.

37. Smith, Hillrey (2-26-1881 – 12-22-1919) and his wife, Hattie (1-25-1876 – 12-17-1921)



Hillrey H. Smith was born in Arthur, Ontario, Canada, in 1861. When he was a young man he went to the Red River Valley in eastern Dakota Territory. In 1886, he started west on foot with the intention of homesteading. When he came to where they were constructing the Great Northern Railroad northwest of Rugby, he was given a bulky mule by the foreman in charge, and he continued on muleback to a point about six miles northwest of Omemee. There he filed a homestead in Amity Township. Not liking it there, he sold his land and filed a tree claim on the east side of Omemee in Willow Vale Township. In 1900 he married Hattie Fulwiler (2-26-1881-12-22-1919,), built a good brick house to accommodate a family, and settled down to farming. Hillrey was a brother of Kate Smith Edmonson, the owner of the Shamrock Hotel in Omemee. When Kate was unable to run the Shamrock Hotel by herself, Hillrey and his daughter, Blanche Smith Krohn helped her. Hillrey was a great prankster and took part in many escapades, one in the late 80's that generated a short-lived Indian scare. Hillrey and Hattie had four children: Alice, John, Blanche, and Ross.



39. Fulwiler, Horace (1850 – 1911)



Horace was perhaps the father of Hattie Fulwiler Smith, who was married to Hillrey Smith.

40. McCann, Dan (2-3-1862 – 1-30-1937) and Nora McCann (1882 – 1909)



Dan McCann was born February 3, 1862 at Owen Sounds, Ontario. In the spring of 1883 he came to the Red River Valley and that fall he came to Bottineau County, and staked a claim South of Lord's Lake. That winter he, his brother John, Frank Sims, and George Weed spent the winter in the Turtle Mountains cutting trees and preparing them for their cabins. When the land was surveyed, his claim was in two sections, so all four moved their claims eighty rods West and his claim was the SE ¼ of Section 26 in Lordsburg Township. In 1898 he married Mary Morrison at Dunseith; she passed away in 1901 in childbirth. She is buried in Dunseith. In 1903 he married Nora Busch. They had two sons, Clinton and Harold, and a daughter, Dorothy Brekke. Nora passed away in 1909 of tuberculosis. In 1923 he married Phyllis Turcotte. She had come to Lordsburg township to teach at the rural school. They had one son, Dan, and three daughters: Emilie Wallace, Cecelia Amundson, and Rosemarie (Rosebud) Cote. For many years, Dan served on the Lordsburg Township Board of Supervisors, most of them as Chairman. He also helped organize Fidelity School District and served as president of the school board for many years. Dan passed away January 30, 1937. His wife, Phyllis McCann, moved to Bottineau in 1950 and lived until her death in 1978.

McCann, Harold (1907-1992)

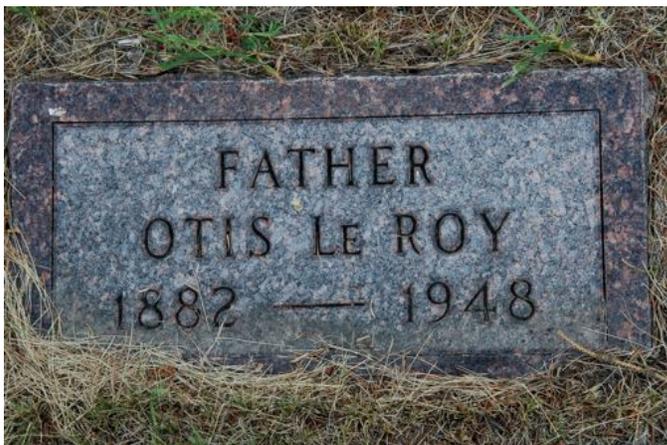


Harold was the son of Dan and Nora McCann. He sold his quarters of land when he went to WWII. When he came back, he bought the Rose family farm. Later he moved into Willow City and lived in the 10-plex there. He never married.

41. Jones, Otis LeRoy (1882-1948) and Matilda C. (1881-1965)



The Jones family lived on a farm east of Omamee. Otis was killed when his tractor and swather overturned. Matilda moved into Willow City. She died in the Bottineau Hospital. They had a son, LeRoy Jones and a daughter, Lorraine Habermann.



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13. Thompson, Andrew (12-12-1859 -11-11-1910)



Andrew's wife's name was Lottie C. In the 1910 Census, they are listed in Eidsvold Twp. Their children included a son, Miller, who was born in South Dakota, and the rest of their children – Carrie, Ann, George, and Celia - were born in Iowa. In the Bottineau County Courthouse records, Andrew's death is recorded as 11-15-1910 instead of November 11th that is on the headstone.

26. Egge, Andrew J. (1873 – 1929)



Andrew came from Norway. His grandfather, Andreas Gabriel Egge had three sons: Gabriel, Julius, and Anton. Andrew was the son of Julius and Karen BJORHUS.. He married Sophia Sandberg. They lived in the Westhope area. Sophia died 3-31-1944. They had no children. Andrew was the brother of Anton Egge and the uncle of Andrew Egge (Hilda) who all

lived in Omamee. Andrew Egge (Hilda) was the son of Gabriel. Andrew and Hilda Egge are buried in Bottineau. Andrew and Hilda had Ella, Gerda, George, and Randy.

35. Sandberg, Caroline (2-23-1823 – 7-23-1913)



Caroline is possibly the mother of Sophia Sandberg who was married to Andrew J. Egge.

36. Egge, Anton (11-24-1852 – 2-10-1908)

Anton's dates are inscribed on the side of the tall Egge headstone. Anton was the uncle of Andrew J. Egge (1873-1929.) Anton was the son of Andreas Gabriel Egge of Norway. Anton and his wife, Pauline, had two sons: Carl and Arnie. Arnie Egge never married or had children. He worked on the railroad. Arnie died 3-12-1940 and is buried in Willow City Township.



37. Arneson, Ted (1865 – 1947 & Karen (1884 – 1920)



Ted immigrated from Norway and homesteaded land NE of Omemee. He started the buildings on his homestead. He kept making trips back to Norway to visit Karen. When the homestead was all prepared and beautiful, he and Karen were married. They had three children, Art (1910), Emma (1913) and Thelma (1918). After Karen's early death, he raised the three children alone.

He hired some help. After his stroke, his son, Art and wife, and his sister, Emma Saxerude, farmed the land. They later moved to Yakima, Washington. All that is left on the farm is part of a concrete granary.

38. Egge, Carl (1901—1946)



Carl was the son of Anton Egge. He farmed near Omemee. He married Mae Harrison. They had a son, Robert. After the deaths of Carl and Mae, Robert was adopted and raised by his half-brother, Marvin Harrison and his wife, Muriel.

RESOURCES

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All information recorded in this booklet is not necessarily documented. It is more of a personal history. Both my husband and I have a set of grandparents buried in this cemetery, which caused our interest in this endeavor.

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