

Viola Paine Shumway and Family

The following entries are newspaper clippings collected by the late Maxine Sandquist

•Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cass have received the announcement of the marriage of their nephew, E. L. Cass to Miss A. Irene Addir, at Dubuque, Iowa on Feb.16th. Mr. Cass is a Lyons boy, having made his home for several years with his uncle, and is now engaged in the telephone business in Mexico, Mo. Feb 25 1904 Lyons Star

•**Eighty Years Old** There was a reunion of the Shumway family here, Tuesday, Oct.15, 1907, in honor of the 80th birthday anniversary of J. Shumway of this place. All of the seven children were present except C.O. Shumway who is in Oregon. A sumptuous dinner and supper was served.. Those present were: E. E. Shumway, of Denver, Colo., H. P. Shumway and wife, of Wakefield, M.E. Butterfield, of Lincoln, Arthur Cass. of Florence, Colo., Mrs. Fremont Everett, of Oregon, besides all the Lyons children and their families. The children living here are: Mrs. Wm. Cass, L. G. and Roy Shumway. Oct 17, 1907 Lyons [NE] Weekly Mirror

•There was a gathering of the J. Shumway family in Lyons last Tuesday to celebrate his eightieth birthday. A dinner, at which twenty members assembled, was served at the home of the daughter Mrs. William Cass. There were present the sons H. P. Shumway and wife, of Wakefield; E. E. Shumway, of Denver; L. G. and Roy Shumway and families, of Lyons; the daughters Mrs. Wm. Cass and Mrs. Fremont Everett and families; Dean Shumway, a grandson, of Oregon; A. W. Cass, of Denver, a Grandson; and Myron Butterfield, of Lincoln, a nephew. As a memento of the occasion Father Shumway was presented with a handsome heavy gold ring bearing the insignia of the G. A. R. and a large diamond set. In the evening the G. A. R. Post and W.R.C. commemorated the occasion with a banquet and reception at the post hall where they presented him with a handsome G. A. R. pin. J. Shumway is one of the "grand old men" of this country. Everybody delights to do him honor. .His good works and always cheery disposition have left their impress in his countenance and his magnificent manhood, which, physically is one of the best preserved ever seen. Six days in the week he is at his post of business and he tells the Sun he. never has an ache or pain and carries a full set of natural teeth which have never given him a moment's distress. That he may continue to enjoy the good things of life for many years to come is the wish of his many friends. Oct 17, 1907 Lyon's [NE] Sun

•The Shumways are holding a family reunion at Portland Prairie, Minn, this week. Those attending from here are: J. Shumway, L. G. Shumway and wife, Mrs. J G. Coil, Mrs. Wm. Cass and Ralph Shumway and wife of Denver, Colo. June 3 1909

•**Portland Has A "Home-Coming"** One of the principal events, while our visitors were here, was the celebration of the golden wedding of R. E. Shumway and wife, which took place at their home, Monday, June 7th. Besides the neighbors present, those from abroad were J. Shumway, Herbert Shumway, Loren Shumway and wife, Viola P. Cass and Mrs. Coil from Lyons, Neb. Edmund K. Shumway and wife and Ralph Shumway and wife from Denver, Colorado, David C. Metcalf from Wakefield, Neb. Ellery Arnold and Frank Arnold and daughter from Larimore, N. D. and Fred Shumway and daughter from La Crosse, WI J. Shumway acted as master of ceremonies. Mrs. E. E. Shumway gave a recital of a very nice little poem written by herself for the occasion. It was printed in gold in booklet form and she presented it to the couple with appropriate remarks. Frank Arnold, Fannie Lapham and E.E. Shumway made felicitous little speeches. Among other things, Mr Shumway remarked that it had done them good to be here, that we had made it pleasant for them, that they had enjoyed being with us very much and that they would not soon forget the kindness bestowed upon them. We would like to respond by saying that we who have stayed here in the old homes and lived the "simple life" have enjoyed very much that Mr. and Mrs. Shumway have been with us, and that the memory of their pleasant associations will remain with us a bright spot in our lives. A bountiful dinner was served of which all partook with a zest that showed that all were able to enjoy the good things of life. Mr. Palen of Caledonia was present and took several group pictures, which will be handed down to future generations to allow what a good looking crowd their ancestors were. The sad, faraway look on the faces of a few was caused by their having been called out to have their pictures taken before they had their dinner. After the festivities of the day the guests departed, thanking Mr. and Mrs. Shumway for the pleasure they had afforded them and wishing them many returns of their wedding anniversary. The couple were presented with a purse of sixty-seven dollars, mostly in gold. Tuesday, June 8th, Miss Alice Albee entertained a large company in honor of the visitors. On Saturday, June 6th, we enjoyed a picnic at the Big Springs on Duck Creek. Among other attractions was a base ball game which we would report in full if we could do it justice. We are sure it would be interesting reading to lovers of the game. The way that Frank Arnold, Edmund Shumway and the rest of the "boys" handled the bat and ball, showed that "men are only boys grown tall." One of the players surprised the boys by making a home run the "first crack out of the box:" If they had let him stop then his reputation would have been made and undoubtedly New Albin would have been after him for their team. We hope that the visitors had a good enough time so that they will come again. W. K. M. Caledonia Journal June 23, 1909

•**Shumway Reunion** The Sun is in receipt of a copy of the Journal of Caledonia, Minnesota, containing an article descriptive of the "home coming" of the Shumway family and the celebration of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Shumway. It says that besides the neighbors present, those from abroad were J. Shumway, Loren Shumway and wife, Herbert Shumway, Viola P. Cass and Mrs. Coil from Lyons, Neb., Edmund F. Shumway and wife and Ralph Shumway and wife from Denver, David C. Metcalf from Wakefield, Nebr., Ellery and Frank Arnold and daughter from Larimore, N. D. and Fred Shumway and daughter from La Cross,

Wis. J. Shumway acted as master of ceremonies. Mrs. E. E. Shumway gave a recital of a very nice poem written by herself for the occasion. It was printed in gold in booklet form and was presented to the couple with appropriate remarks. Remarks were made by E.E. Shumway and others. On the Saturday following a big picnic was enjoyed by the visitors. One of the features of the entertainment was a ball game in which the men engaged, much to the entertainment of all. As described it was a most enjoyable homecoming and celebration of the Shumway family and their neighbors. July 8 1909

•**MARRIED** We learn from *The Daily Citizen* of Florence, Colorado that, Arthur W. Cass, formerly of Lyons, and a son of Wm Cass, was married Sunday evening December 12, 1909, at the home of Clarence Jones, of West First Str. in Florence, to Miss Emma C Freeman, Earl J. Shumway and Miss Sadie Cass being attendants, Wedding dinner was served at The Fremont Hotel.. The Citizen adds: "Mr. and Mrs. Cass will take up their residence on West Main Street. The bride has been a resident of Florence for the past six months and has made many friends during her short sojourn here. The groom holds a responsible position with The Rocky Mountain Fuel Co., at Williamsburg and has lived here for several years." Dec 23 1909

•The J. Shumway family held a reunion and picnic dinner at the Wm. Cass home Decoration day. Aside from the relatives in this vicinity there were present from out of town: Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Shumway, of Denver; Herbert Shumway of Wakefield; Mrs. Florence Shumway, of Minneapolis; and Miss Clara Stephens, of Connecticut. June 1910

•Miss Sadie Cass and Frank A Smith of Jamestown, New York will be married at the Memorial M.E. Church Saturday evening at seven o'clock Sept. 10, 1910 Sep 1 1910

•**A Church Wedding** The wedding of Miss Sada Cass, of this city, and Mr. Frank Smith, of Jamestown, New York. is announced for Saturday, September 10th. The ceremony will be a public one and will take place in the Memorial M. E. church in Lyons at seven o'clock that evening, a cordial invitation being extended to the many friends of the family to be present. The day is also the thirty-fifth anniversary of the marriage of the bride's's parents. Miss Sada was born here and has grown to womanhood in the midst of Lyons scenes and friends. She is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cass and a granddaughter of J. Shumway and owing to the prominence and long residence of these families in the community and their universal friendship for the people it was decided to make the marriage a public one and thus obviate the necessity of drawing the line by invitations. A reception will be held at the home of the bride's parents from 7:30 until 9:00 o'clock, - Sept 8, 1910 Lyons Star

•**Wedding Bells** As the old saying goes, "one of the prettiest weddings" in Lyons for many a day was that of the marriage of Miss Sarah Evelyn Cass to Frank A. Smith of Jamestown, N.Y. at the Memorial M.E. Church

Saturday 7. p.m. September 1910, Rev. A.S Buell officiating. It was the 35th anniversary of the marriage of the bride's parents, so they stood up with them. The ceremony was very beautiful, 12 chorus girls marched in to the strains of the "Bridal Chorus" from Lohengrin, then 10 ribbon girls, followed by 8 usher girls. The groom and Mrs. Cass came in at one door and the bride and her father from the opposite side of the church and met the minister and ring-girl, little Evelyn Shumway under a beautiful white arch and white wedding bells.

•It was a public wedding and public reception, with light refreshments. Baker's Orchestra furnished excellent music. The bride was dressed in white lace and satin ribbons and carried cream roses - Mrs Cass wore white Phillipino linen, the groom and Mr. Cass wore the conventional black. They received many valuable and useful presents and quite a sum of cash. They will make their home in Jamestown . N.Y. Sep 15 1910

•**Smith-Cass** Saturday night at 7 o'clock in the ME Memorial Church occurred the marriage of Sada Evelyn, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cass to Mr. Frank Arthur Smith of Jamestown, N.Y. The auditorium of the church was artistically decorated in green and white tissue paper, potted plants and ferns. Promptly at the hour appointed the bridal party, entered the church to the strains of Lohengrin's Bridal Processional sung by Misses Grace White, Bessie Little, Wilhemina Miller, Mamie Piper, Clara Newmyer, Alma Heintzelman, Becca Robbins, Charlotte Cass, Celia Fritts and Mesdames Gertrude Wigton and Nelle Haydon, with Miss Inez Thomas as accompanist. The bride accompanied by her father was proceeded down the isle by Bernice Johnson, Neva Robbins, Gertrude Brady, Mary Wigton, Bernice Brady, Rachel Stiles, Dorothy Dickenson, Jenette Fisher, Eloise McMonies and Ruth Paine as ribbon bearers and was met at the alter by the groom accompanied by the bride's mother, the bride and groom took their places beneath an arch beautifully decorated with two hugh white wedding bells and a profusion of white and green tissue paper. Rev. A. S. Buell pronouncing the words which joined the two promising young lives, the ring ceremony was used little Miss Evelyn Shumway carrying the ring in a white rose. The soft notes of the processional sung during the entire ceremony added to the impressiveness of the occasion. The bride was beautifully attired in a gown of cream white lace and messaline carrying a shower bouquet of white roses and carnations. The bride's mother wore a gown of cream Filipino linen with lace trimmings. The groom and the bride's father were attired in the conventional black. Misses Mable Robbins, Gertrude Newell, Beulah Gaffney, Alice Babcock, Vernie Luce, Eva Brown, Jessie Shumway and Flora Ramsey acted as ushers and during the ceremony, occupied the side isles of the church. Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, the bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cass, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cass and Miss Charlotte Cass forming the receiving-line. Dainty refreshments consisting of punch and cake were served by Misses Edith Douglas, Olive Davis, Jesse Shumway and Lulu Theis. The Lyons Orchestra furnished. music during the evening. The bride is one of the most popular [.....] [.....] young man of pleasing address and is held in

high esteem by the people of his home community. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were the recipients of many beautiful and useful gifts. The bridal couple endeavored to steal a march on their friends by getting out of town without the usual shower of rice, but a number of young people got wise to their intentions and waylaid them at the Burlington depot where they took the late train for Lincoln to spend a few days with friends. Mr. and Mrs. Smith returned to Lyons yesterday and after spending a week or ten days with relatives here will leave for Jamestown, N.Y. where the groom will enter business. They will take with them the best wishes of Lyons people for a happy and prosperous wedded life. The day was of unusual interest to Mr. and Mrs. Cass, it being the thirty-fifth anniversary of their wedding day. Sept 15 1910.

•J. Shumway and daughter Mrs. Wm. Cass went to Lincoln last week to see H.P. Shumway, who is in the Green Gables Sanitarium. They returned Friday, leaving Mr. Shumway about the same. 1919

•**Birthday Dinner** The ninety-third birthday anniversary of Jeremiah Shumway was celebrated at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Wm. Cass, Friday 15. Thirty-one persons sat down to the flower decked, bounteously laden tables at one o'clock. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cass; the two resident sons, Loran and Roy Shumway and families; Mr. and Mrs. Chas Shumway and family of Rosalie; Mrs. Irma Bostic and son and Mrs. Nona Miller of Portland, Oregon, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shumway; Mrs. and Mrs. Arthur Cass; Mr. and Mrs. G.H. Miller; Mrs. Florence Shumway of Minneapolis, sister-in-law of J. Shumway; and Miss Mary Taylor of Chicago. Four generations were represented. It was a most happy occasion and all expressed the wish that "Grandpa" might be spared in his present good health for many more reunions. Mr. Shumway received many pleasant remembrances. Oct 21 1920--Lyons Mirror

Further articles -

Hammond, Louisiana. September 1935 Smiths Figure in Two Wedding Anniversaries Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Smith and daughter Adelaide returned from an extended auto tour that carried them to many important and interesting points. On September 10th they celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary and at the same time Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cass celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. These events were celebrated in Lyons, Neb., and proved enjoyable to a large number of relatives and friends. Congratulations to the Smiths.

Lyons, Nebraska. September 1939 LYONS COUPLE CELEBRATE 64TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs William Cass passed very quietly this year. They were married September 10th, 64 years ago, and came to Lyons in 1880. Their present home was built after their arrival here, and they have always lived in the same residence, which is a credit to the town as the yard is always kept mowed, and for many years the Cass flower gardens were always attractive. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cass are 88 years of age. They were dinner guests of Rev. and Mrs. C. O. Troy on their anniversary day.