

Margaret McLaughlin Gibson

Margaret McLaughlin married Joseph B. Gibson in Jackson County, Wisconsin on June 5, 1895. Their marriage is recorded in Volume 3, Page 192 in the Black River Falls Court House.

Bridget (Crehen) McLaughlin died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joe Gibson, near Whitehall, Trempealeau County, Wisconsin on January 9, 1931. Her obituary is in The Banner Journal, Wednesday, January 21, 1931 (copied). A small death notice on the front page of The Banner Journal, Wednesday, January 14, 1931 states the funeral was held in Alma Center on Monday, which would have been January 12, 1931. The place of burial is not listed. I could not find a listing for a grave in any of the indexes.

On the 1900 census Joseph and Maggie Gibson were living in the Town of Springfield, Jackson County, Wisconsin. Joseph was 30 years of age, born in April 1870 and Maggie was 35 years of age, born December 1864. On the 1 June 1905 census for the Town of Springfield, Jackson County, Wisconsin Joseph was 34 years of age and Margaret was 39 years of age and Bridget McLaughlin 70 years of age were living together. On the 1910 census they were living in the Town of Springfield, Jackson County, Wisconsin. Joseph B. Gibson was 39 years of age; Maggie Gibson was 44 years of age; Sadie Gibson (in Joseph Gibson's obituary she is listed as foster daughter) was 5 years of age; Horace Gibson (later listed as Grover, foster son) was 3 years of age; Bridget McLaughlin was 77 years of age. On the 1940 census Joseph and Margaret Gibson were living in the Town of Lincoln, Trempealeau County, Wisconsin. Joseph was 69 years of age and Margaret was 74 years of age. I did not find them on a 1930 census.

The Find A Grave site has a picture of the gravestone for Joseph B. Gibson 1870 – 1941. This is in the Saint Peter and Paul Catholic Church Cemetery in Independence, Trempealeau County, Wisconsin. Plot: Section 3. There is no gravestone listed for Margaret and I have not been able to locate an obituary or any other information on her death. I believe contacting the court house in Whitehall may be the best option. I did check with the La Crosse Public Library listing for obituaries and found that Joseph Gibson had an obituary in the November 11, 1941 La Crosse Tribune and his residence was Whitehall, Wisconsin. I looked in the Whitehall Times newspaper, on microfilm here in the History Room, for November and found his obituary. It states he is survived by his wife, their foster son, Horace Grover of Whitehall; their foster daughter, Sadie Mickols of Eastman. Horace Grover passed away November 30, 2001 in Blair, Wisconsin and his residence was Blair, Wisconsin. His obituary is in the La Crosse Tribune of December 2, 2001. There may be information for Margaret in his obituary.

I looked in the Cemetery Inscriptions of Trempealeau County, Wisconsin 1985 and found Joseph B. Gibson listed on page 10 of St. Peter and Paul Cemetery, Town of Burnside.

R. N. A. INSTALLATION

The Royal Neighbors of America held their installation program at the Marsh hall last Wednesday evening. About 200 members and guests were present.

After installation of officers a program was given. One number put on by Neighbors Young and Fisher, of North Bend, was greatly enjoyed. The other number was a mirth provoking stunt similar to a mock wedding and was put on by members of Badger Camp B. R. Falls. Refreshments were then served and dancing was enjoyed by young and old to the music of Lee Orchestra.

The following officers were installed by Installing Officer Neighbor Madocks, Neighbor Gruber acting as ceremonial marshal:

- Oracle—Mayme Berg
- Past Oracle—Lily Pflanz
- Vice Oracle—Azilda Girouard
- Chancellor—Anna Gomer
- Recorder—Alma Weckwerth
- Receiver—Ida Vandervort
- Marshal—Mildred Glennie
- Assistant Marshal—Mildred Anderson.

- Inner Sentinel—Sarah Helbling.
- Outer Sentinel—Ethyl Sherwin
- Musician—Nettie Erickson
- Manager—Mabel Van Buskirk
- Chief of Degree Staff—Jennie Monson.

- Physician—Dr. H. Kalling
- Faith—Hulda Gardner
- Courage—Nettie Carlson
- Modesty—Birdine Meek
- Unselfishness—Lurline Cooper
- Endurance—Rachel Shankey
- Flag Bearer—Stella Frei.

The officers wore white and the graces carried red and white carnations which they presented to the Installing Officers. The degree staff then formed on the floor making the letters R. N. A. which was nicely executed.

Visitors from away were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Young, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Milbright, of North Bend, Mrs. Hicks and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Button, of Merrillan, and Mrs. G. W. Metzgar, of West Salem.

Badger Camp takes this opportunity to thank each and every one who assisted with the program, refreshments and decorating which helped to make such a great success of our annual event. * *

"GRANDMA" McLAUGHLIN DIES AT WHITEHALL

Mrs. James (Grandma) McLaughlin passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joe Gibson, near Whitehall, on Friday morning, January 9. Death was due to pneumonia.

"Grandma" McLaughlin (nee Bridgett Crehen) as she was known to many residents of Jackson and Trempealeau counties, came to America at the age of 15 years, and settled in Indiana.

In 1850, she was married to James McLaughlin. They continued their residence in Indiana until about 45 years ago, when they moved to Jackson county, settling on a farm near Taylor, Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin raised a family of eight children, six of whom preceded Mrs. McLaughlin in death.

They sold their farm near Taylor to their daughter, Mrs. Joe Gibson, about 1900, and removed to Madison, Ind., where they made their home until Mr. McLaughlin's death in 1905. After her husband's death, "Grandma" McLaughlin returned to Taylor to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Joe Gibson.

It was some time later that the Gibsons sold out at Taylor, and moved to Kendall. One year later they again "pulled stakes", and brought "Grandma" McLaughlin to Alma Center. They purchased the Ormsby farm (now owned by Mr. Rubenbauer) and resided there for about five years. They also made their residence in the city for about five years. In the ten years residence here, Mrs. McLaughlin and the Gibsons made a host of friends.

Their next move was to a farm near Whitehall, where Mrs. McLaughlin made her home up to the time of her death.

Mrs. McLaughlin was a busy woman during her entire life. Her friends tell of her keen eyesight in that she had never worn glasses. Last summer at the age of 98 years she showed her visitors a few quilts she had made. The quality of the work showed that she was very handy with the needle.—Alma Center News.

HUMBIRD MAN RETURNS

Harley Durham, formerly of Humbird, disappeared and had not been heard from in a number of years. Recently when an estate was advertised for settlement he appeared to take his share and was quite a shock to the natives inasmuch as he had been identified as a man shot in the street

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An Untimely Death

Funeral services were held at Our Saviour's Lutheran church on Friday for Richard Laverne Morden, son of Emma and Dewey Morden. The Rev. O. G. Birkeland officiated and a group from the Senior and Bible School choirs sang three hymns, "Nearer My God to Thee," "Jesus Lover of My Soul," and "Praise God, This Hour of Sorrow." The pallbearers were Ralph Schansberg, Alvin Windjue, Milan Sveen, Arthur Galstad, Morris Fremstad and Harland Schaefer.

Brief services at the home preceded the church rites, at which Miss Bertha Galstad sang "Sweet Be Thy Rest."

Richard was born in the village of Whitehall Nov. 26, 1921. He attended the Coral City school and graduated from Whitehall High school in June, 1940. He was baptized as a babe by the Rev. Arthur Hanke of the German Valley Lutheran church and confirmed by the Rev. Birkeland at Our Saviour's church. He was a member of the Luther League at the time of his death, and in spite of all kinds of weather and the fact that they lived in the country, he and his brothers held an almost perfect record of attendance at Sunday School and Bible classes.

Richard's father was taken ill in February, 1941, and passed away at the Colonial Hospital in Rochester in May. A week later his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Russell Morden of Alma Center, passed away. Richard then felt that, as the oldest in the family, he should be the one on whom his mother could depend for their livelihood. He worked in the neighborhood by day and attended night school, hoping to learn a trade that would finance a college education.

In July, however, he became ill, and from that time to his death he slowly failed. In October he was taken to Rochester, where everything was done for him. His mother was his constant and loving companion during his confinement there, and when medical aid failed he asked to be brought home. He was removed to the Dr. Skroch hospital in Arcadia, the doctor being a good friend of the family and wanting him there. He passed away Monday, Nov. 17, at 1:30 p. m. He was conscious to the end, discussing with his mother many plans.

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Long, Useful Life Closed

A long, useful life came to a close Monday, Nov. 10, when Joseph Gibson answered death's call. His passing occurred at the Whitehall Community Hospital, where he had been taken a few days previously when he became ill. Although Mr. Gibson was not a robust man, he had enjoyed comparatively good health until recent months, when the duties of his large farm situated about a mile and a half south-east of Whitehall over-taxed his strength.

Funeral services were held Thursday morning, Nov. 13, at SS. Peter & Paul's church at Independence, Father John Krasowski in charge. Burial took place in the Independence church cemetery.

Joseph Gibson was born in Cleveland, Ohio, April 27, 1870, a son of James and Catherine Gibson. His boyhood days were spent in that city. The Gibson family decided to move west and in January, 1881, they left their Ohio home and settled on a farm a short distance east of the village of Blair. It was there that Mr. Gibson grew to manhood and assisted his parents in developing a home.

On June 5, 1895, Mr. Gibson was united in marriage to Maggie McLaughlin. They chose farming as their vocation and settled on the farm of Mrs. Gibson's father, the James McLaughlin place near Taylor. Later they acquired a splendid piece of land a few miles west of Alma Center, which they developed into a fine farm home. They succeeded in their work and in 1918, disposed of their place to John M. Ingalls of Whitehall and moved to the village of Alma Center. There for a period of six years they enjoyed a retired life. Through a business deal, however, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson found it necessary to take over what was then known as the old McKivergin farm east of Whitehall, which they have owned and operated the past 16 years.

Mr. Gibson was a quiet but pleasant man. His interests were in his home and his farm work. He was of high character, his integrity was unquestioned, and he was of a class of citizen that any community would welcome. While the Gibsons had no children of their own, they took into their home Horace Grover when he was a young lad, who was reared to manhood by them. While of no blood relation, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson treated him as a son.

Enters Eternal Rest

Funeral services were held Mrs. Fred White, 54, at the home of her sister, Mrs. G. M. Butt Melrose and at the Methodist church in that village Friday after Nov. 21. The Rev. F. A. Faber officiated. Burial was in the family lot in the Melrose cemetery.

The deceased was born Oct. 1887, at Estelline, S. D., a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Nichols. In the summer of 1894 she came with the family to the Nichols homestead in the town of Blair north of Melrose. The family continued to reside there until the fall of 1900, when they moved to Melrose. She was united in marriage to Fred White of that village May 13, 1907. They resided there until last August, when she and her husband went to Lamolille, Wis., to operate tourist cabins owned by their son, Gordon White of Lamolille. On Tuesday, Nov. 11, her husband took her to Melrose for a few days' visit with her sister and friends. She appeared to be in usual health. On Monday afternoon, Nov. 17, while calling on a friend, Mrs. Claude Wensel, she suffered a paralytic stroke. A doctor was called and relatives summoned. She was taken by ambulance to a La Crosse hospital, where she passed away while in a coma at 8:15 in the evening of Nov. 17.

She is survived by her husband and three sons, Gordon of Winona, William of Milwaukee and Fred of Camp Dicks, N. J.; and one daughter, Mrs. Dean Sawyer of Milwaukee. She also has two sisters, Mrs. Mattie Butt Melrose and Mrs. Lulu Ree Melrose; and one brother, B. Nichols of Whitehall.

Mrs. White was a member of the W. C. T. U., the Royal Neighbors and Rebekah lodges, and a faithful supporter of the Methodist church.

Several York Hunters In Quest of Deer

Several deer hunting parties in this vicinity the latter part of the week for the woods. Among the hunters were Carl Iverson, Alfred Iverson and Bryce Humphrey. Humphrey joined his brother-in-law at Black River Falls and is hunting in that vicinity. Olger Mickelson, Martin Mickelson, Fred Mickelson and Donald Swenson are hunting near Toga. Thomas son, Oswald Nelson and Hebert Anderson are trying their luck in the Jackson county woods.

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Mmes. Henry Hanson, Tomson and Mabel Leer were du visitors at Whitehall Monday, going on to Arcadia, where they stayed at the home of Mr. and Adolph Kube.

Mrs. Emma Wilson had a phone installed in her home Sunday.

The Robert Wilson family, Emma Wilson and Tolaf Vesta Thanksgiving day guests at home of Mrs. J. Stave and family. Lewis Tarbox spent Thanksgiving with his family at Ludington, remaining until Monday to hunt a couple of days.

The John Olson family Thanksgiving dinner with the win Moe family.

Mrs. Aaron Hulett visited Friday afternoon with Mrs. Robert Wilson and her mother, Mrs. Nora Wilson.

Mrs. Ella Rudd spent Thanksgiving with relatives in North Branch. Mr. and Mrs. Severin Thomsen and daughter Helen spent Saturday evening at Robert Wilson's.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hanson Thanksgiving dinner at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Moe.

A dozen neighbors dropped in on Mrs. Ella Rudd Saturday evening and spent a social time visiting and playing "Keno Bridge." The women brought lunch and it was served. They also left a gift of money as a parting gift. Mrs. Rudd left Sunday for Alma Center where she expects to spend part of the winter.

John Dettinger, Stanley Dettmer and family spent a week ago at Fall Hall Glen, where daughter and sister, Miss Lillian employed. They celebrated birthday.

Mrs. Augusta Olson of Park Falls visited from Friday to Saturday evening at the home of son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Olger Mickelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Larson son Bruce enjoyed a family Thanksgiving dinner at the Charles I. Endorf home in Eau Claire.

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Surviving Mr. Gibson are his wife; their foster son, Horace Grover of Whitehall; their foster daughter, Sadie Mickols of Eastman; one sister, Gertrude Gibson of Chicago; and three brothers, Will of California, Charles of Blair, and Frank of Taylor.

"Friends"

"You sent me roses from your garden,
I treasured them all the days;
You gave me smiles of welcome
That cheered me on the way.
Don't fill my bier with flowers—
A simple cross place there,
Filled with lilies of the valley
And humble violets fair.
Then shed no tears at parting,
But comfort the loved ones here;
Your roses and smiles were priceless,
More precious than countless tears."

Those from a distance attending the funeral services were Mrs. Gibson's brother, William McLaughlin, his wife and sons Charles and Ellwood of Milwaukee; Mr. and Mrs. Milton Fredrixon and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gibson of Blair; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Johnson and Mrs. Stanley Ouradnik, Menomonte; Miss Gertrude Gibson, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Curran, Mrs. B. L. Van Gorden and Delia Lowery, Taylor; Mrs. Douglas Gilbertson, Onalaska; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Van Gorden, Eau Claire; Mrs. Joseph Kutcher and son Louie and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Van Sickle and daughter, Hixton; Mr. and Mrs. John Feyen, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Laney, Alma Center; and Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Stoltz, Galesville.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank relatives, neighbors and friends for their many acts of kindness in our sorrow. The donation of \$8.50 is to be divided between the Red Cross and the Crippled Children's fund.

Sincerely, Margaret Gibson,
Horace Grover & Family.

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Richard's faith in God never failed him and to the last upheld and sustained him. He was a very fine young man. He lead an exemplary life and was held in highest esteem by all who knew him, in spite of the fact that only a few short years were allotted him. He crowded into 20 years of life more real Christian living than many who attain their three score and ten. His sunny smile and cheerful disposition came from a kind and loving heart.

Survived by his mother and two brothers, Russell and Douglas, he was laid to rest beside his father in Lincoln cemetery.

"Away"

"I cannot say and I will not say
That he is dead—he is just away.
With a cheery smile and a wave of
the hand
He has wandered into an unknown
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And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be since he lingers
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And you—O you, who the wildest
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For the old-time step and the glad
return,
Think of him faring on, as dear
In the love of There as the love of
Here.
Think of him still as the same I say;
He is not dead—he is just away!"
James Whitcomb Riley.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank every one who so kindly assisted us during the illness and following the death of our beloved son and brother. We thank those who sent flowers and memorials, and especially the Rev. Birke-land for his kindness and comforting words; Mr. and Mrs. Rhode; the choir; the pallbearers, all of whom were Richard's friends; Miss Galstad and the choirs for their beautiful songs; and all neighbors and friends for their many acts of sympathy, and to all who contributed to the sunshine fund.

Mrs. Dewey Morden and Sons.

Mrs. Hjalmer Sedahl of Osseo, Route 3, is a new Times subscriber. Mr. and Mrs. W. P. De Bow and Mr. and Mrs. Lester De Bow of

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