

## 1900 Inter Lake Obits

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### Obituary.

By Rev. R. M. Craven

Flora Belle Coram was born in the state of New York in 1868, and had just passed her 32nd birthday when called from bodily affliction to the land where the spirit knows no care. She was adopted, when yet very young, by a wealthy lady of New Hampton, who bestowed upon her the advantages of a good education, as well as the training and culture of a christian home. She was accomplished in both vocal and instrumental music, and was for years organist in the church.

Mrs. Coram was a sweet spirited, unobtrusive and exemplary christian, a tireless worker in both church and Sunday school, and was a member of the Congregational church but there being none of that denomination in this city, she affiliated with the Methodist church.

She was twice married, and had a daughter, Ruby, now ten years of age, by her first husband. She was united in marriage to Mr. J. A. Coram September 17th 1899, by Rev. R. M. Craven. As a wife and mother she was affectionate and devoted, bringing into the home that which made the family circle a fellowship of joy. As a stepmother she was kind and tender, leaving nothing undone that would contribute to the happiness of those, in the providence of God, committed to her care.

Her illness was of several weeks duration, but she held on tenaciously to life, and fought a brave battle against the encroachments of death, but when the final hour came, faith was equal to the test, and she awoke to consciousness, gave a smile of recognition to her husband and family, and peacefully passed from the shores of time.

Mr. Coram has the sympathy of a large circle of friends in this great bereavement.

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Charles Ernest Franke, youngest son of Herman and Christiana Franke, was born September 1st, 1880, and died March 3rd, 1900. He was born at their home near Arlington, Iowa, where he lived until the spring of 1898, when he and his mother joined father and brother in Montana, remaining here one summer and fall, when he returned to Arlington, remaining there until his health failed, when he returned to his parents here. He was a patient sufferer, and did not realize that he was going to die, often speaking of his intentions when he got well. He was a young man of unusually good habits. The morning before he died he called his parents and brother to his bedside, bidding them good bye, saying: "I am going to die. I will meet you over yonder. I am not afraid to go." His body was taken by his father to Arlington, Iowa, for burial.

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Died—On Monday July 30, 1900, Gladys Garneau Horn, age nine years, beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Horn.

After a long illness and days of acute suffering, the spirit of this beautiful child was released to continue its growth in a brighter, fuller life—but a home is saddened through the loss of a dear and only daughter.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist church, Rev. J. W. Falls speaking from the passages, "In my Father's house are many mansions" and "Suffer little children to come unto me."

Symbolical of the child life was the wealth of flowers in their freshness, beauty and perfume, speaking eloquently as a last offering from loving hands.

Little Sunday school classmates with saddened hearts attended the casket which was borne to the altar by other white clad school mates.

In sympathy for the bereaved mother the Ladies of the Maccabees lodge attended their sister of the order.

With a full heart, the pastor spoke of the passing of the young life across our vision of knowledge out into a brighter beyond.

IN MEMORIAM—BY J. W. F.

Grieve not for her whom God hath called  
To live in realms of light;  
Perhaps God in his wisdom saw  
A blessing in the blight.

Frail blooming flower, too frail for earth  
Or for the blasts of sin;  
God loved her most, and gave command  
To bring the flower to Him.

Then look beyond the gloomy grave,  
Where Summer's solstice reigns,  
Where Gladys walks with angel bands  
O'er glad and vernal plains.

In thy hour of grief and sorrow,  
Have faith in God, thy shield;  
Say in this and all thy future,  
"Thy will be done—I yield."

Two Old Citizens Gone.

James J. Kimmerly, an old and respected citizen of this county died at his home a mile southwest of Kalispell on Tuesday afternoon of consumption. His death was not unexpected, as he has been sinking for the past year, and he had been quite low for some time. The funeral occurred from the Episcopal church yesterday afternoon, the services being under the direction of Kalispell Lodge A. F. & A. M., of which the deceased was a member. In addition to the Masonic ceremony, Rev. H. E. Clowes delivered a funeral sermon. The members of the A. O. U. W. also attended the funeral in a body, Mr. Kimmerly having been a member of that order also. The body was followed to its last resting place by a great number of his former friends, and at the grave it was consigned to earth with the impressive Masonic burial service.

Mr. Kimmerly was born in northern New York in 1847, and while a small boy his parents moved to Lancaster, Ontario, where they lived for a number of years, moving later to Detroit, Michigan. From Detroit Mr. Kimmerly came to the Flathead in 1882, Mrs. Kimmerly being the first white woman to make a home in the valley. They made their home on the place where they have ever since lived.

George Lakin, one of the first settlers in the valley, and one of its best known citizens, died at the Kalispell hospital Wednesday morning. He had been in bad health for many months, and for the past year had been under a physician's care most of the time, his trouble being heart disease. A week before his death he had been brought up from his home at the lake to the hospital in order that his physician might be able to see him oftener. The funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church yesterday forenoon, Rev. G. M. Fisher preaching the funeral sermon. The interment was at the Demersville cemetery.

Mr. Lakin was born near Galesburg, Illinois, and was 56 years old at the time of his death. He went with his parents to Oregon in 1852, and lived in that state until 1882, when he came to the Flathead, and after looking over this country he arranged his affairs in Oregon, and in 1884 made his home at the mouth of the Big Fork, on Flathead lake, where he had lived ever since. He leaves a widow and two children, a son and a daughter.

All the old settlers in the valley, and most of the newer ones, knew George Lakin, and few men had more warm friends than he.

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Mrs. Libbie Crawford Pettit, wife of C. E. Pettit, died at her home on the west shore of Flathead lake, Monday night, April 30th. Mrs. Pettit had suffered for the last two years from malignant cancer, which caused her death. She spent much of that time at different hospitals seeking relief from the dread disease, and made a cheerful, but almost hopeless struggle against it. The funeral occurred at Brocken Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Pettit was born at Abingdon, Illinois, May 12th, 1852, and was educated at Hedding College at that place. She adopted the profession of teaching, which she followed for 22 years, teaching in her native state, and at Washington, Kansas, where she taught in the city high school for six years. She was eminently successful as a teacher, and had the love and respect of her pupils and associates.

She was married to C. E. Pettit in 1893 at Munson, Illinois, and in the following year came with her husband to the Flathead where they have since made their home. □

Mrs. Pettit never was identified with any church organization, but she was zealous and active in all church work, and in all matters for the cause of education. She was sympathetic and loving by nature, and no needy person was ever turned from her door.

She leaves two children, Mrs. Clare Shreve, of San Francisco, and Roy A. Shafer, of Rosidal, New Mexico. Mrs. Shafer, the son's wife, has been at the mother's bedside for the past two months.

Mrs. Pettit was one of the best known women in the Flathead, and her kindly and sympathetic nature gained her a large circle of friends, who mourn with her family in their loss.

Card of Thanks.

To the kind and sympathetic neighbors who have so nobly ministered to Mrs. Pettit during her long and painful illness, the husband and children tender their heartfelt gratitude and thanks.

C. E. PETTIT.

Death of Mrs. Harriett A. Sewell.

On Sunday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Conlon, Mrs. Harriett Sewell passed from this life.

Harriett A. Greene was born in Medford, Mass., Oct. 14, 1831. She was married to the late John Sewell at Fond du Lac, Wis., in 1850, where she spent thirty years of happy married life. One son and three daughters survive her, Mrs. Clarence A. Knapp of Sioux City, Mrs. A. C. Searl of Owatonna, Minn., John M. Sewell of Jennings, O. T. and Mrs. James Conlon of Kalispell, Mont.

A home service conducted by the Rev. H. E. Clowes was held on Monday evening, and the remains accompanied by Mrs. Knapp and Mrs. Conlon were taken to Fond du Lac for burial.

Mrs. Sewell was dear to all who knew her. Her gentleness of voice, charity in thought and kindness of act reflected a character refined through a life of both joy and sorrow. In the full maturity of a beautiful life her soul winged its flight home.

At the harvest time, the ripening of the golden grain, gathering in of the sheaves, and in the bright autumn days, it is a peaceful and happy time for the earthly close of a well spent life.