

# EUGENE WILLIAM LAWLESS FAMILY STORY APPENDIX



Eugene Lawless Farm 2019.  
Driveway leading to house site.

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## APPENDIX—LAWLESS LETTERS

### Eugene to Bessie

These are transcripts of letters between Eugene and Bessie. These are complete texts. Eugenia Lawless (Aunt Gene) had the originals of the letters and Uncle Victor copied them. Uncle Victor cleaned out Aunt Gene's house when she died and he saved all the family stuff that he found.

Eugene was 8 years younger than Bessie. They knew each other for at least 4 years before they got married. Did she have any other prospects? Or was their love so enduring that it survived separations? It seems that she had some reservations as Eugene wrote in one of his letters.

These letters are between Eugene in Nebraska and Bessie in Ireland. (Mostly Eugene) Transcription is as they were written. Only one letter from Bessie to Eugene has survived that I know of.

This first letter is from Eugene in NE to Bessie in Ireland. It seems he was living with a family and working for them. Several years later he was able to buy a farm. (See later letters.)

#### Post Office Decatur, Burt County Neb Jan<sup>y</sup> 10th 1880

My dearest Bessie

How am I to ask forgiveness for not answering your kind & fond letter before this time. Indeed I am afraid I am not worthy of kindness when I take such a long time to acknowledge it. However my excuse is short. The second Son went away to Illinois for Christmas & I had to do both his and my own work, rendering me unable to write to anybody. He has come home now & therefore I have a little more time on hand to keep up my correspondence.

I suppose you have heard through my own folks at home a good deal about me so I therefore I will not bother you with the same news over again. However, before I go any farther I must (thank) you for the introductory letters & the handsome Christmas card you sent me. I saw by (unreadable) went back to Ireland again but they just came in nice time. I intend to make a trip Omaha when the next fair comes off which will be the latter part of the summer and will make it my business to see those gentlemen.

I must say that I have a good time of it here for such a thinly inhabited place. The neighbors are all so hospitable. I generally go some place every Saturday evening & stay over Sunday. There are very nice people about 7 miles from here & they have been very nice to me, always inviting me over to stay. He is a Mr. Goodell. He has a good size farm. His daughter is after getting married to my young master & a nice couple you couldn't see. He is a fine young fellow about 26 years of age & she is an extremely nice girl about 21. Awfully dark. They had a great wedding, invited everyone, myself included. They were married in her father's house, there being no chapel here. We danced from about 3pm in the day until the next morning. They are both living here for this winter. He is likely to go & live on his own farm next fall which is about 2 miles from here & I am going along with him. His wife says she will adopt me as her eldest Son. I'll have a splendid time of it then. He is the best fellow ever. I can do just as I please here & lets me go where ever I like & gives me my choice of any pair of horses in the stable.

This is likely to become a great State. It is said now that it is all one bed of coal & if that is the case, the country will fill in no-time. Even our own land I believe is all a coal bed. There is a company started in Decatur already. Very likely they will (unreadable) a great thing for the natives, as we have to go a long way for the wood & very laborious chopping it up for the fire. They burn nothing else but wood in this state.

I will now ask you to excuse me for not writing a longer letter, but not having any more news I am unable to lengthen it. With best love and wishes for Louis & Mary (or May?). Also Louis Junr, & particularly yourself whom I shall never forget. Give my love also to (?) and all friends.

I am, my dearest Bessie Yours most affectnl, Eugene.

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No more letters until 1883.

Eugene talks about buying land.  
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### **Decatur Burt Co Neb, Jan 3rd 1883**

My own dear Bessie,

I can plainly see that I have another true friend if not more in Ireland who thinks of me away in this wild country. And also not forgetting to tell you in return that I'll never forget you. There is an old saying "absence makes the heart grow fonder" which is truly adapted for me as regards you. I am glad to hear of your spending Xmas with Louis & Maggie. Indeed if it was in my power, I would be there. Also, if it was only to meet you once more.

Bessie I would willingly go home on a visit but if it was not for the expense. I have nobody to depend upon but my own health & strength and while I have that I want to try & make a comfortable house. And in that case I know you would make me put every dollar to the best advantage for that purpose. Father, of course, has done a great deal better for me than I expected. The £ 300 he has left me will give me a good start. I have bought an extremely pretty farm out of the above money and am only waiting for Harry to send the money to pay for it. However, I consider it mine as I paid 10 dollars to bind the bargain, a custom here to keep either party from backing out.

I like the country here & people also, but of course as you say, not as well as Ould Ireland or the Irish. I don't know whether you would find much to change in my appearance. I got much bigger. I guess coarser (being a farmer) but you would find my heart unchanged.

The Connealys here had a terrible time of sickness since the 8th of October. Nothing but Doctor coming every day and to make things worse they lost one fine fellow (Thomas) he would have been 19 in Feby if he lived. \_+ Agnes is not well yet.

Wishing you many happy returns of the New Year. With best love to Louis & family.

I am dear Bessie forever affectionate, Eugene.  
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He is looking for cheaper land than that around Decatur.  
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### **Decatur Burt Co Neb, March 6th 1883**

My dearest Bessie

It gives me great pleasure to answer your very affectionate letter which I received this day and was determined to answer it right away. It seems you are the only one who answers my letters with punctuality.

Dear Bessie I changed my mind about buying the farm I mentioned. I did not like the idea of paying so much money for a farm about 100 miles from here. I can get 320 acres under the Homestead Laws for \$20.00 and this farm of which I mentioned would cost me \$1300.00 (a great difference) without a house or any improvements on it whatsoever. You see the country here is pretty thickly settled. Consequently the land is much higher and also you cannot take a Homestead or Tree Claim here as they are all taken up. Consequently I've got to go further west and just as good land. I have invested in three splendid horses also a wagon and I've got two pretty

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colts and a young heifer and I am going to buy some more cattle. My principle work will be breaking my land up this Spring.

Only thing that bothers me is the idea of Baching. I am not a very good hand to cook or keep house. However I guess I can keep from starvation. Of course I'll have to build a nice house and barn as they are not included on the Homestead. The land is situated in Wheeler County. It is exactly West of here. (\*It is about 4 counties West of Burt County.) I'll not be going out there until May and by that time I expect to have an answer from Bessie. I am sure you must feel quite happy now in your little cottage. I hope you will send me some of your pansseys which I am sure you will have growing in your model garden. I may as well tell you not to expect any pansseys from me as I have not seen one since I came to this Country. In fact there is not such a thing as a flower garden near me. The people here do not know anything about flowers. One reason the winter here is too severe to keep flowers. The frost would take them all.

If you wanted flowers you would have to build a Conservatory and keep a fire night & day in winter. Even in the house the things freeze up. About two weeks ago I wrote to Louis & sent him the picture of a Pawnee Indian Chief, also one of his moccasins. I do not know whether he will receive the latter or not as I only tied a label with the address on it, but the photograph is in an envelope. I would like him to get the moccasin as it will be a curiosity at home. But I am afraid it will be stolen.

I will now bid you good night as it is bed time with me & Remember me to all relations & accept my sincere love for yourself.

I am dear Bessie, your ever faithful Eugene

**Decatur, Burt Co Neb April 25th 1883**

My own dear Bessie (If I may call you so)

It is nearly time for me to thank you for your kindness towards me at Easter. Yours was the only card I got. I would have written sooner but I am after a farm close by and expect an answer every day about the terms of sale so I thought I would not delay any longer, but as soon as I hear from the owner I will tell you all about it and if I buy it.

In my last letter I mentioned about taking a Homestead. Well, John Eddie Connealy and myself took a trip out to where this vacant land is & we were greatly disappointed. The land is not a patch on the land here. Nor is the country as pretty or as settled as it is here. All the houses are built of sod. In fact, they are not houses at all but huts. We stopped in one of them over night. It was inhabited by a bachelor, a Mr. Cleveland & Chris Hincó, & our supper was cooked by hay. They had neither wood nor coal. They are situated 18 miles from a place called Ewing. Of course they can get all the coal (at the above place) they want by paying for it, but I suppose the poor people are unable to find means to get it at present, at any rate.

These sod houses are extremely warm in winter & cool in Summer. Now, last winter was the coldest we have had here in a long time & they told us they did not suffer from cold at all. The walls are about 3 feet thick. The roof is built of rafters (the same as any house) covered with boards, then tar paper & then sods over that again.

This County I am in is the best in the State & the best land. It is really a nice Country here & some real good old families here. I've got so now that I would not leave it. It would be just like leaving home again. There is one nice family living in the town of Decatur. They came from Tipperary the year after I came. Their name is Roe and they have been extremely kind to me since they came here. It always appears like home when I go there. They keep up all the Irish customs. She was a Miss Scuse. Her father is a merchant. He owns a lot of merchant vessels & he trades all over the world. From all accounts they seem to be very nice people.

If I do not buy this farm I have mentioned, the government are going to sell 50,000 acres of the Omaha Reserva-

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tion, the property of the Indians. So the above are going to sell it for them according to their orders and I would rather have a farm there. Oh, it is just a beautiful country where it is situated and splendid land, and will be sold cheap.

I have five head of horses & six head of cattle. There is one of the former a splendid riding animal. I only wish you were here that you might enjoy the amusement of riding him. It takes very little for a fellow to start with in this country. If nothing happens it will not be long before I'll be comfortably settled. I often picture myself all alone on a farm.

I must say good night now as it is bed time & I'll try & dream of the one I love so dearly, but unfortunately who is so far from me. My Bessie. Best love to all at home, especially yourself.

I am dear Bessie your ever true & faithful Eugene.

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The next letter is dated August 21, but no year. It was probably 1883. Eugene has bought a farm but doesn't get possession until January of the next year. He asks Bessie to commit to him.

In this letter he more or less directly asks Bessie to be his wife.

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### **Decatur Burt Co Nebr, August 21st.**

My dearest Bessie,

Please excuse for not answering your kind letter sooner but owing to this time of the year being so busy with me, I was unable to find time to do so. I have not gone on my farm yet. I do not get possession until Jany 1st. (1884) There is a renter on it at present and I have to wait until he leaves, but I get interest on the money I paid and up to the time I get possession. I have got very nearly everything to start with. What things I want now I can get by degrees after I get on there. But there is one thing in particular which I want and cannot be displeased with and that is a partner to share the rest of my life with on the farm. And I ask you now my dearest Bessie with all the love I possess for you to become my pretty little wife & everything that I can afford shall be granted you with all my heart.

Oh, Bessie forgive me if I have offended you in asking so much but I speak as I feel and cannot hold it any longer. I am not rich, but I can say what many a rich man cannot. I have a true heart and an honest character. You and you alone have given me the courage and ambition to earn my bread by the sweat of my brow since I came to this country, and nothing would tempt me to leave my occupation tomorrow. Now my dearest Bessie if you do not consent, do not keep me in suspense but let me know as soon as possible so that I may know whether my future will be bright or miserable. I must also tell you, you must not on any account sacrifice yourself for me as I am not worthy of your hand, but I cannot help expressing my feelings by saying that I love you with all the love I possess.

Oh Bessie how I would like to know what your answer will be if it be in the affirmative it will fill my cup of happiness to the brim & if in the negative it will drain it to its dregs.

Your ever true and faithful, Eugene.

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It sounds like Bessie was not sure if she wanted to marry Eugene.

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**Decatur, Burt Co Nebr, Octr 15th 1883.**

My dear Bessie

At last have I made up mind to answer your weak excuse made to my proposal. However, I suppose you have a brighter future in view than this one I offered & therefore will not blame you. If I ever thought I would regret it, I never would have asked you & again if any one should regret it would certainly be yourself for this reason – this being such a new country you would be deprived of many luxuries & a good deal of enjoyment which you are subject to in Ireland & then what would I do if you should not be happy? I never would forgive myself. When I wrote and asked you to become my wife, I never dreamt of regretting my action. I believed & believe still that my future should be bright. But now dear Bessie as the last spark of hope for me has died away & nothing left to care for now, I will bid you farewell forever, and will ask you to accept my sincere thanks for all your kindness (past & present) and I wish you every joy & happiness through the rest of your life and in the most everlasting joy & glory.

I am dear Bessie still the same Eugene.

“Thought slighted memory will be forever dear.” C.W.L.

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Then this one from Bessie to Eugene. It sounds like she changed her mind.  
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**5 Upper Hartstonge St, Limerick. January 25th 1884**

My own dearest Eugene

I am only writing you a few lines today just to send you the enclosed scapulars which I hope you will receive before you start for home.

I am daily expecting a letter now from you and after that I will be expecting your own dear self. When you come I will tell you how welcome you are. That will be more than words can say. Louis wrote to me on receiving your letter last Tuesday. You say you will come as soon as you hear from him, but I do not know if he has yet replied. If you have time to write on receiving this just let me have a letter from you to say about what time you expect to arrive home exactly and how long you can remain & make arrangements to stay as long as you can. But whatever you wish now and always I will wish too.

I am afraid you will find me rather stupid at first but I will always try to be a help to you & hope to learn to be a grand housekeeper & please you in every way and thing. I can promise that is always to love you fondly. “Au Revoir” my own dearest Eugene.

I am always your own loving Bessie.

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Soon after that, Eugene arrived in Ireland and married Bessie there in February 1884.

Because of those decisions, we are here.

## APPENDIX—LAWLESS LETTERS (cont.)

### Examples of Eugene and Bessie's Handwriting

Complete scans of the letters transcribed in this Appendix are attached. These examples are to briefly show what their handwriting looked like. Eugene wrote in an elegant script with lots of flourishes.

Decatur  
Burt Co.  
Neb  
April 25<sup>th</sup> 1883

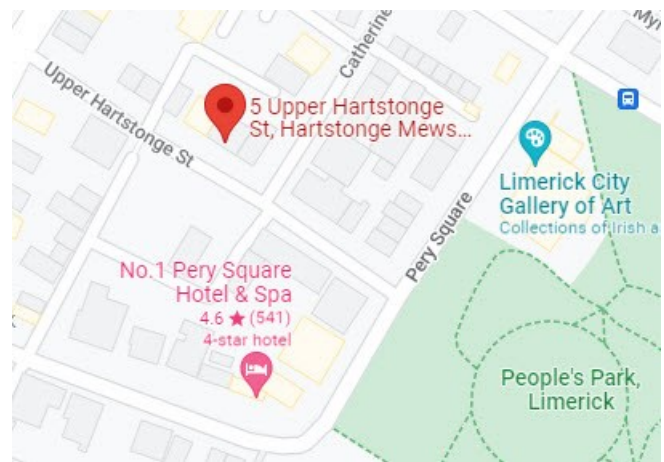
My own dear Bessie (if I may call you so)  
It is nearly time for me to  
thank you for your kindness towards me at Easter

Letter from Eugene in Decatur to Bessie in Limerick Ireland.

I am  
dear Bessie  
Your ever true & faithful  
Eugene

Letter from Bessie in Limerick Ireland to Eugene in Decatur.

5 Upper Hartstonge St  
Limerick  
January 25<sup>th</sup> 1884



one thing I can promise  
that is always to love  
you fondly  
An ever your own  
dearest Eugene  
I am always your  
own loving Bessie

Approximate location of Bessie's residence in Limerick. The picture below may or may not be the building that was in place in 1884.



# APPENDIX—Newspaper Articles

Alliance\_Sun\_Fri\_Jan\_29\_1892

No. 1413-North Divide Alliance Meets every 2 weeks on Saturday afternoon at 1. W. M. Parsons, Pres. Eugene Lawless, Secretary Decatur.

Don't know what this is about.^^

The\_Weekly\_Burtonian\_Thu\_Aug\_29\_1895

POPS IN CONVENTION.  
Best Men Put up for Slaughter  
—They go to Their Inevitable Fate Without a Murmur.  
The populist convention, met Thursday at 2 o'clock at the court house with a goodly number of followers present. The meeting was called to order by O. A. Farley. Geo. A. Crannels was elected chairman and Eugene Lawless secretary. It was voted that the chair appoint one committeeman on credentials from each precinct. The following were appointed: E. W.

Don't know what this was about, either. Eugene was Secretary.

The\_Decatur\_News\_Fri\_Oct\_25\_1895

**FARMERS CONVENTION**  
**Independents Meet and Nominate Precinct Officers.**  
Pursuant to a call from F. E. Lange county central committeeman, the independent precinct caucus was held in Decatur Burt county, Nebraska, on Saturday the 19th day of October, 1895, whereas F. E. Lang was elected chairman and Eugene Lawless secretary, for the purpose of nominating precinct officers. Following is the ticket:  
John Lewis.....Assessor  
Eugene Lawless....Justice of Peace  
M. J. Kenyon.....Justice of Peace  
C. B. Young.....Constable  
A. J. Miller.....Constable  
Clerk of election ward 1.....  
.....Arthur White  
Clerk of election ward 1.. A. K. Sears  
Judge of " ward 2... Wm. Calnon  
" of " ward 2.. W. H. H Busse  
" of " ward 2... Albert White  
Road overseer dist 33... W H H Busse  
" " dist 16.. Frank Darling  
" " dist 17... O. H. Porter  
Judge of election ward 1, F. B. Higley  
" " " ward 1... E. Lawless  
" " " ward I J E. Connealy  
Clerk of election ward 2.. Ben. Evans  
" " " ward 2 S. S. Farrens  
Road overseer dist 29... Al Brinley.

The\_Decatur\_News\_Fri\_Dec\_27\_1895

"The Connealy School House Entertainment A Success". ==>

This was a theatrical production "rendered in excellent style and the country boys and lasses are deserving of much credit for the interest and spirit with which they played their parts. Particularly those worthy of notice are Joseph Tracy and Eugene Lawless." They had an audience of 200 and they received \$13.60 to buy a school dictionary.

Eugene sang "I left Ireland and mother because we were poor." He also played a venerable old gentleman. In the "Rascal Pat", an Irish farce, Eugene played Major Puff Jacket. He was also in a dialogue with Daniel O'Connor.

Eugene had the Irish gift of smooth talking and storytelling. In spite of that he lost his Justice of the Peace position. (Below)

The\_Decatur\_News\_Fri\_Nov\_8\_1895

EDITOR NEWS:  
It is with feelings of deep regret I have to announce the obituary notice of the political career of Eugene Lawless pop nominee for justice of the peace whilst he polled many votes it is plain to be seen by the naked eye that he was defeated, ruined, scalped and is now you might say defunct. The other day I saw him delivering one of his brilliant speeches, which are always bubbling over with eloquence, to his constituents from the top of a straw pite and tell them that Bob Noirse and Ed Beck may be very good men in their way but that neither of them could run with him for office. Well, what is the result? he crowded Beck pretty close and as for Noirse why our friend Lawless would require a lack telescope to keep him in sight. The night after election I asked him what was the cause of his defeat and how he felt and he replied that I'm certain I was the victim of a malicious plot to ruin me on my birthday. Not being satisfied with kicking me when down they had to jump upon me until they tramped out the best piece of justice that was in me upon the whole I feel as if I'd been put thro' a western washer and thence thro' the wringer. He said he'd remember this to his dying day, to think of my coming 5000 miles and just about to reach the pinnacle of fame to be hurled into obscurity by a lot pemo-dop-redubli-cans. Time being precious we shook hands and parted and then calmly floating on the midnight air in the softest strains from a rich barrelitone voice I could hear the words of the following verse:  
Thou art so near and yet so far  
'Tis time for me to cease  
I think you'll twinkle little star  
Before I'm justice of the peace.  
GARRYOWEN.

The Connealy School House Entertainment a Success.  
The amateur theatrical introduced at the Connealy school house Friday evening was rendered in excellent style and the country boys and lasses are deserving of much credit for the interest and spirit with which they played their parts. Particularly those worthy of notice are Joseph Tracy and Eugene Lawless, both of these gentlemen doing some acting that might be ranked in professional lines. The former from a point of merit was really the star of the evening, causing many smiles and side-sneezes with his catchy Irish wit. The audience was a large and appreciative one, numbering perhaps about 200. Several loads of Decaturites helped fill in. The receipts amounted to \$13.60 which will be used to buy a school dictionary.  
The curtain rose at 7:30 Miss Dora Connealy making a short address and introducing the first selection:  
PROGRAM  
Song.....Miss Anderson  
Recitation "Words of welcome".....  
Instrumental music.....Miss Anderson  
Tribunaux "Faith Hope and Charity"  
Recitation "How big a man am I".....  
by the smallest boy in school  
Song "Must we leave the old home mother".....Miss Anderson  
Recitation "What became of a big the".....Orville Higley  
Instrumental music.....Miss Anderson  
A Barlesque entitled "Neighborly kindness" in one act, two characters  
Honor Murphy.....  
Ethel Connealy.....Sally  
Song "I left Ireland and mother because we were poor." Eugene Lawless  
"Fleeing from fate" was a comical farce in three acts. Characters:  
Venerable old gentleman...E. Lawless  
Young sport.....Fred Higley  
An heiress.....Annie Murphy  
Servant girl.....Elsie Kelso  
An old farmer.....Ward Higley  
Recitation "guilty or not guilty".....  
Miss Averill  
Instrumental music.....Miss Anderson  
"Rascal Pat" an Irish farce in two acts. Cast of characters:  
Chas Livingston.....Fred Higley  
Nancy.....Mrs. J. Eddy Connealy  
Major Puff Jacket...Eugene Lawless  
Rascal Pat.....Joseph Tracy  
Niece to Major Puff Jacket.....  
Miss Teresa Murphy  
Recitation "The last hymn".....  
Mrs. Fred Higley  
Instrumental music...Miss Anderson  
Dialogue:  
Daniel O'Connor...Eugene Lawless  
Bridget Moriarity...Pat Howard  
Song "False alarm" Miss Anderson  
From an impartial view no criticism could be admitted that would speak unfavorable. The school faculty and its patrons are to be commended for the able production of the entertainment and the manner in which it was handled. The entire performance reflects much original ability and credit upon the pupils of that school district and to their estimable teacher, Miss Dora Connealy.  
It is rumored that a re-production of the play, with added improvements, will be given by the same company, in the near future, in the Rogers school house.



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The Decatur News Fri Jan 24 1896

**Flashes From Garryowen.**  
 Frost last Friday night.  
 Miss Mary Murphy is visiting with Mrs. Mussleman at present writing.  
 It is rumored that James Carruthers will make Herman his future home.  
 The annual chopping bee at Mrs. Patrick Conneally's was held on Thursday last. Following are the names of the gentlemen present: Lieutenant John Mc D Greene, George Calnon, George Murphy, Louis Calnon, James Burns, John Rafferty, John Crawford, John Mussleman, Joe Tracy, Ed. Carruthers and Eugene Lawless. It was a grand sight to see the boys march in, single file to the seat of action, their gleaming axes and glittering cross-cut saws, glistening beneath the bright rays of the morning sun. Lieutenant Greene maneuvered his men after the manner of an old and experienced soldier, commenced work immediately and continued on until the noon gong sounded for dinner. It was then that the real chopping began. Lawless "yanking the bun." After dinner work was resumed and by evening they had a very creditable supply of wood ready for the stove and Mrs. Conneally thanked the boys for the noble work they had performed. Lieutenant Greene sounded the trumpet for the boys to fall into line, and all marched in time to that beautiful air "Oh Woodman spare (not) that tree."

Burt County Herald Fri Aug 27 1897

Following is a list of the names that will compose the petit and grand juries for the next term of court which convenes on Monday, Sept. 27th:

PETIT JURY.

W. S. Roberts	John Oberst
C. W. Cawthorn	C. K. Cull
John Curley, Jr.	J. G. Ludwig
C. L. Brandt	C. E. Cram
Alfred Gustafson	John Richards
Oscar Samson	R. A. Templeton
H. N. Wheeler	A. K. Sears
O. M. Hennig	C. A. Stapleton
G. G. Gates	C. J. Swanson
E. Rhode	G. M. Calon
C. M. Jensen	John L. Wilson
E. A. Baugh	Wm. Flanagan

GRAND JURY.

J. W. Holmquist	A. A. Plummer
Fred Rhode	Ralph McPherson
Aug Koudele	Joe Peterson
S. E. Hurlocker	Andrew Christensen
W. B. Newell	Ell Shafer
W. J. Isgreg	J. B. Walker
Joe Johnson	Eugene Lawless
Clyde Schilling	John Tranmer

The Decatur News Fri Mar 20 1896

**Flashes From Garryowen.**  
 The "Milky Way" from north to south.  
 Is a sure sign of another drouth:  
 But the "Milky Way" from east to west.  
 With crops you surely will be blest.  
 Mrs. Mussleman was visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Murphy Thursday.  
 The brothers Atkinson will farm nearly all of J. E. Conneally's land the coming season.  
 Milt Waiston and Eugene Lawless made a trade on Wednesday, the former as usual came off on top.  
 In order to pronounce the Russian word "Vzryv" just take an ounce of snuff and stand on your head.

The Logan Valley Sun Thu Jul 2 1896

The Decatur people are a kindly lot with large and sympathetic hearts and willing hands to help a fellow mortal in affliction. John Carruthers has been sick for some time and unable to give his growing crops the attention they needed. One day last week a lot of his neighbors came about 7 o'clock in the morning with teams and cultivators and went through all his corn by noon, and each man promised to come again at an early day and give it another dressing. The kindness will probably never be forgotten by Mr. Carruthers nor any of his family. The following are those who were present to do the work: J. E. Conneally, W. Parsons, G. Calnon, L. Atchison, Irving Rogers, J. C. Conneally, F. E. Higley, Al Martin, J. Musselman, J. McAllister, Ed. Carruthers, A. Woodrich, B. Murphy, Eugene Lawless.

Tekamah Journal Thu Apr 25 1901

Eugene Lawless was over from Decatur Saturday. He says he has the real hog cholera preventative.

Tekamah Journal Thu Jun 27 1901

Eugene Lawless, of Decatur township, is still carrying on experiments with hog cholera remedies, a work he has been giving considerable attention for a couple of years past.

Tekamah Journal Thu Jul 5 1900

Two Sisters of Charity visited last week at Eugene Lawless'. They had with them Ilene Lawless, daughter of Chas. Lawless who used to reside here.

The Lyons Weekly Sun Wed Jul 11 1900

Sister Gertrude and Sister Serphine, of St. Joseph's Hospital, Marysville, Missouri, were the guests of Eugene Lawless and family east of Lyons last week. In company with them was Mary Lawless, the only child of Charles Lawless. Shortly after the death of Mrs. Lawless several years ago Charles went to Port Arthur, Texas where he now is and the little girl entered a convent. She owns considerable land in Thurston county left to her by her mother and the sisters came up to look after Mary's interests. They were also selling chances on a lot in St. Louis at \$1 per chance. They returned home by the way of Lyons last Friday.

Tekamah Journal Thu Oct 4 1900

Eugene Lawless of Decatur, gave vaccination with the hog cholera virus a trial last August. He secured the services of Dr. Peters of the state agricultural college, who inoculated or vaccinated fifty-two head of shoats and twenty-eight head of old hogs. Cholera had a strong hold on the herd and the doctor was doubtful of a very large degree of success. Of the twenty-eight old hogs inoculated, seventeen survived and of the fifty-two shoats fourteen survived. To those who have lost entire herds with cholera this may be considered a successful test taking into consideration the diseased condition of the head when the trial was made. After returning to Lincoln the doctor, for an experiment, sent Lawless two healthy pigs that had been inoculated. They were put in with the sick ones and ran with them for three weeks and came out unscathed.

Burt County Herald Fri Dec 21 1900

Eugene Lawless of Decatur, was in the city Tuesday with wheat and made this office a pleasant call. Mr. Lawless says that he received eight cents more per bushel here than he could get at any other town in the county.

Oakland Republican Thu Aug 29 1901

Eugene Lawless and Dick Lewis, of near Decatur, were in this city Friday talking up a hog cholera remedy.

## APPENDIX—Newspaper Articles (cont.)

Decatur, October 9, 1902.

October 1st, 1902.  
Decatur Herald,  
F. A. Shepherd, Pub.  
Dear Sir:  
Enclosed find 25c in stamps for what issues of your paper I've received. Since you cannot find any better literature than that taken from that "demi monde" paper The Saturday Blade, Reply to Pat's love letter by Floyd. D. Raze, in your issue of Sept. 25th. I wish you to discontinue sending me The Decatur Herald. The man (if he is one) that composed such a slur on the on the Irish knows as little about them or the Irish brogue as he does about common decency. Whatever faults the Irish may have they are known the world over for their virtue. A divorce in Ireland is a rare thing and is never tolerated in the Catholic Church but I'm sorry to say living beneath that noble flag The Star Spangled banner tis a crop that never fails amongst the Yankee's.

Yours Truly,  
E. W. Lawless.

For publication.

The above letters speak for them selves. The first all publishers welcome. Those like the second generally speedily find the waste basket and but for several reasons it is retained and published. Mr.

Blackstone is evidently a gentleman who does all in his means to prosper his home community. Mr. Lawless, (we're not personally acquainted) is evidently one of those turbulent spirits, (by his letter,) who are quick to take offence where none is intended, always licering the community in a turmoil wherein he resides. He, as a matter of courtesy and good will toward his home paper, we suppose, just to make business lively for a few days has solicited 20 or 30 of his friends to drop it, on account of the article mentioned. The piece referred to was not at all bad, and we doubt if the author intended it as a slur on the Irish people. The Saturday Blade and Boyce's Monthly

May 14, 1903

Eugene Lawless children, who has been sick with measles are convalescing.

with a combined subscription list of over a million and a half published the article, and their list is composed of all people and their publisher of Irish decent. None but a bigoted mind would find a reflection on the Irish people or on their religion or about divorce. We have lived amongst the catholic people the greater part of our lives and our best friends are amongst them and we would not knowingly cast a reflection against theirs or any other man's religion. That is a matter each must settle with their own conscience and their God. The virtue of the Irish people was not questioned and none but a base mind would distort the article to do so. Mr Lawless should take the beam from his own eye before accusing others with inferior motives. He makes no bones about his slap at yankee neighbors which is overly deserved and certainly not intended to promote friendly feeling in the neighborhood. If he did not want this paper, and was not intent on making trouble he could have refused it at the post office. His money has been returned. We do not want it, as long as as he bears us ill-will. We would gladly take it under other circumstances as we bear ill-will toward none.

This world is a difficult world, indeed,  
And people are hard to suit,  
And the man who plays the violin,  
Is a bore to the man with a flute  
And I myself have often thought  
How much better 't would be,  
If every one of the folks I know  
Would only agree with me.  
But since they will not, then the  
very best way  
To make this world look bright  
Is never to mind what people say,  
But do what you think is right.

Local newspapers in small towns and rural areas focus on local happenings. The towns of Decatur, Lyons, and Pender all had active newspapers where many references can be found about the Johnson and Lawless families. Many of the items are mundane, like who visited who and who traveled here for what. These give us glimpses into how they lived their lives.

The weekly Decatur Herald usually was published on Thursday. Occasionally it came out on Friday.

October 16, 1902—Response to Eugene

Monday morning we had the pleasure of meeting Mr. E. W. Lawless, and had an understanding as to the controversy over the "Reply to Pat's Love Letter." Mr. Lawless denies that he had solicited his friends to stop their papers which we were glad to hear. He also gave us a dollar on subscription and told us we were a better Shepherd than he had supposed. We hope the others who withdrew their names for similar reasons will do likewise. We bear no ill-will toward others and hope others have none toward us.

Lyons\_Mirror\_Thu\_May\_22\_1902

Eugene Lawless was over from near Decatur Tuesday. He told us some fine Irish yarns, etc. Mr. Lawless is a fine man and we enjoy having him call on us.

Tekamah\_Journal\_The\_Weekly\_Burtonian\_Thu\_Sep\_25\_1902

Eugene Lawless, of Decatur township, after thoroughly testing the immune hog cholera proposition pronounces it a success.

## APPENDIX—Newspaper Articles (cont.)

### Burt County Herald Fri Sep 2 1904—What fun!!

The Catholic Picnic was held at the "Garry Owen" (Lawless) farm. 963 people showed up! It sounds like a very fun day. They raised nearly \$400 that was designated for building a new church that would cost \$3000. One of the events was the raffle of a giant cake that had to be transported in sections. Many games were played and prizes won. What a day!

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Catholic Picnic</b></p> <p>DECATUR, Neb., Aug. 31, 1904.—(Special).—The annual picnic under the auspices of the members of the Catholic church of this diocese, which took place last Wednesday in the "Garry Owen" grove on the Eugene Lawless farm five miles west of town, was one of the most pleasant events of the summer, and a social and financial success, really more flattering than was anticipated. It was an ideal day for the occasion, with a clear sky and a bright sun, and people from all over the county flocked in to enjoy the festival. A splendid program of games and amusements had been carefully prepared and every number advertised came off faithfully with a handsome prize for the victor. The juvenile drum corps of Decatur furnished lively music all day long for the fun seekers. The attendance was very large, and by count 963 persons were tallied as they passed through the big gate on their way to the grove. The aggregate receipts were dangerously close to \$400, most pleasing to the picnic committee, and considered as a very large sum of money to be realized from so enjoyable an occasion. This money will be contributed to a fund already established for the erection of a new church to cost \$3,000, with the hope of the diocese, its erection will take place in the near future. A splendid dinner and supper was served by the ladies and about 500 meal tickets sold. Geo. J. White was marshal of the day and Eugene Lawless occupied the position of the man who represented himself as "the power behind the throne." Not an accident of any kind occurred to mar the beauties and the pleasures of the day. The Decatur base ball club played an interesting game with a picked team from the country, and the basket ball contest by the young ladies of this city was a charming attraction. It was a hard fought battle of twenty-eight minutes, resulting in a score of 8 to 1 in favor of the White Ribbons. Geo. Gleason, with the help of friends, fence boards and a step ladder, after a most determined struggle of one hour, ten minutes and four seconds, with a smile of triumph, reached the pinnacle of the greased pole from which he detached a small American flag and a brand new two-dollar bill. The flag he donated to a kid, but the money he declared would be used for the purpose of purchasing another pair of blue outing pants, made of canvas, and a hickory shirt. The raffling of a huge cake was one of the</p>	<p>most laughable features of the festival, 286 was the lucky number to win it, and Dr. Sears the owner. This cake was so large, of such mammoth proportions, it had to be transported to the doctor's home in this city, in sections. The last consignment was brought in Saturday afternoon by that most pleasing and affable gentleman, Mr. Eugene Lawless. The fat woman's race was also one of the entertaining numbers of the program, causing a great deal of merriment. The proud and happy winner was Mrs. Em. Fuller, who took home as her reward, a beautiful water set. Master Geo. Ashley won the potato race without a struggle and was presented with a gold watch chain. Leon Ross took first prize in the sack race and was rewarded with a handsome riding whip valued at \$2.50; Geo. Ashley came in second and was made happy by being given a pair of suspenders. Dan Ettleman came out ahead in the boy's foot race and captured a young ladies parasol. And so the numbers on the program ran; it would be impossible on account of space to enumerate the entire list. The auction sale, consisting of calves and pigs was interesting and the stuff brought a good price. The Catholic people are proud of their picnic and the attendance and thankful to their friends and the public for the courtesies shown. There is strong talk of presenting a church fair during the winter season to be held in Decatur. This would be a novelty for the reason it is something the town has never experienced and bound to prove a success. Such an entertainment would be hailed with delight.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A. P. DEMILT.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Abscess.</b></p> <p>W. H. Harrison, Cleveland, Miss., writes, Aug. 15, 1902: "I want to say a word of praise for Ballard's Snow Liniment. I stepped on a nail, which caused the cords in my legs to contract and an abscess to rise in my knee, and the doctor told me that I would have a stiff leg, so one day I went to J. E. Lord's drug store (who is now in Denver, Colo.) -He recommended a bottle of Snow Liniment; I got a 50c size, and it cured my leg. It is the best liniment in the world.</p> <p>Abscesses, with few exceptions, are indicative of constipation or debility. They may, however, result from blows or from foreign bodies, introduced into the skin or flesh, such as splinters, thorns, etc. Sold by</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Adams Drug Co.</p>
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### The Decatur Herald Fri Apr 7 1905—The Telephone arrived!

**Farmers to the Southwest Will Connect Here—Omaha, Agency, Gets a Line.**

Fred Scott of Omaha, with the Nebraska Telephone Co., was in town the first of the week for the purpose of establishing two more telephone lines out of Decatur.

In company with John Lewis Mr. Scott drove over the different routes making an estimate of the cost of establishing the same.

One line goes southwest to the A. Halstead farm, a short line running south to A. K. Sears and F. Darling's farms; west from Halsteads to Taylor Lockharts thence to the Eugene Lawless place. Ten subscribers are already secured on this line.

### Friday June 23, 1905—ready for July 4

Col. W. Harrington of Tekamah, and Judge Hiram Chase have kindly consented to orate here on July 4th; Eugene Lawless has agreed to act as marshal of the day; R. G. Langley will have charge of the singing, all of which guarantees us two good speeches, good singing and a good man at the helm. Stand privileges and other concessions can be secured from G. F. Morley, secretary. Appearly and get your pick.

### Tekamah Journal Thu May 10 1906

E. L. Johnson was a Tekamah visitor Saturday.

Minnie Lawless spent Friday night with Anna and Clara Johnson.

Mary, Lena and Jessie Blue visited Emma and Ella Christensen Saturday.

Geo. Cady called at the Ed Thomas' home one evening last week.

Vern Carpenter spent Saturday in Tekamah.

Barney Burns his sister Anna and Minnie Lawless visited at Jas. Holmes' at Riverside Sunday.

## APPENDIX—Newspaper Articles (cont.)

### Neighbors and the Social Scene

Visiting neighbors was a big part of the social life in the community. Many of those visits were reported in the papers.

What did they do when they got together? They probably played cards, made music and danced, ate, and possibly had performances. An Irish tradition is that when there are gatherings, everyone has to sing or recite a poem or tell a story. Barn dances and house dances were always a lot of fun.

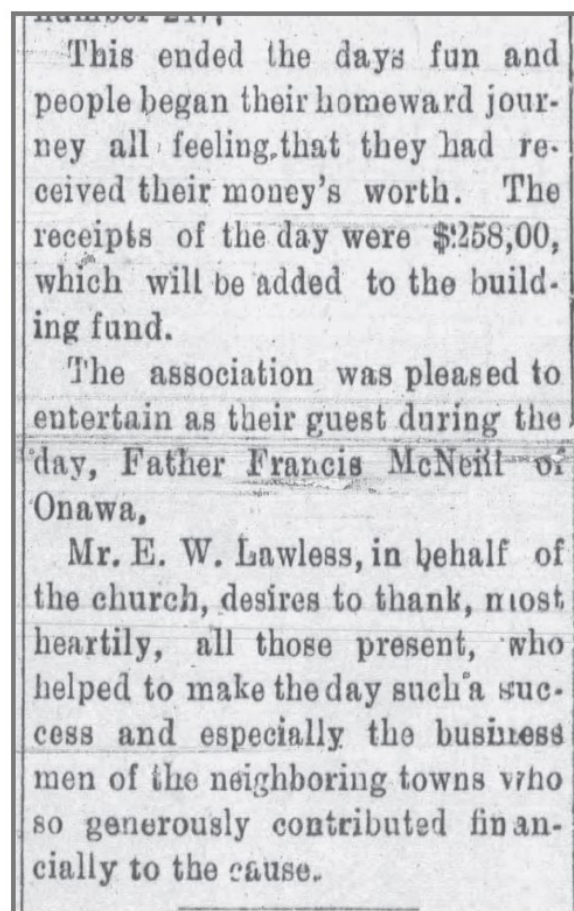
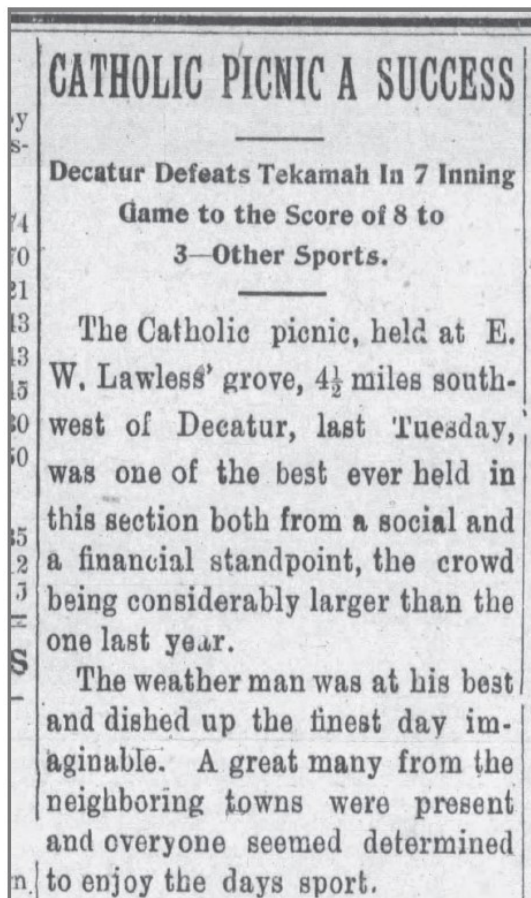
The newspapers also let you know what else was going on in the area. Some of the things you would learn: whose cow died; who spent the day or night with who; who was traveling or coming back from travels; when the next barn dance was happening; who was sick and who was getting well.

The Lawless family was very active and their visiting around, travels, and other activities were documented in the Decatur Herald and sometimes in papers in nearby cities. These notes give us some insight into how they lived their lives.

### The Decatur Herald Fri Aug 25 1905

Another fun Catholic Picnic at the Lawless Farm.

This time they raised \$258 for the building fund!



## APPENDIX—Newspaper Articles (cont.)

The Decatur Herald Thu Feb 21 1907

### Eugene Puts his Auctioneer Skills to Good Use.

“Col.” E.W. Lawless was the auctioneer for the Box Social fundraiser at the Opera House on Feb 14. Money was raised for graduating exercises for the Senior class.

The Band Concert and Box Social at the Opera House last Saturday evening was a decided success both socially and financially. The crowd was not as large as could have been expected but the receipts more than made up for that. There were 48 boxes in all, the bunch bringing \$52.35. Col. Lawless would not let a single box go for less than 50 cents, and the highest price paid for one box was \$5.00, Dr. Whittier being the bidder, for which the boys are very grateful, as this is the third time the Dr. has helped them in a financial way this year. The boys are also very grateful to the able auctioneer, Col. E. W. Lawless, for the excellent work he performed. The concert part of the program was very much appreciated by all.

The Decatur Herald Thu Jan 23 1908

**E. W. LAWLESS,**  
**Practical Auctioneer**  
 Open for all dates at present Satisfaction guaranteed. Best of references.  
 Phone Q 39 — DECATUR, NEBR.

The Decatur Herald Thu Feb 13 1908

This is very bad weather for the little fellows and older people, There is a great deal of sickness in the country at this time.  FOR SALE—Six thorough bred Poland China shoats and five red shoats, also 75 bushels of corn. Call at Mandelstam's store. 230  Don't forget the Box Social at the Opera House, Friday night next, Feb. 14. Proceeds to be devoted to the graduating exercises of the senior class. Col. E. W. Lawless will be there at his best. Don't forget the date.  The auction sale of W. A. Gilliland is advertised elsewhere in this	and bears signs of being well fed in his Omaha home.  Col. E. W. Lawless crossed the Rubicon last Monday for Onawa and reports a successful passage over and back. The Col. has a goodly quantity of grain that he hopes to be able to sell before he plants his next year's crop.  The inclement weather will retard the marketing of grain in this locality quite considerable this week. Many farmers around Decatur have an immense amount of grain ready for shipment that they will be obliged to get to market as soon as they possible can.
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“Col. E.W. Lawless crossed the Rubicon last Monday for Onawa and reports a successful passage over and back. The Col. Has a goodly quantity of grain that he hopes to be able to sell before he plants his next year's crop.”

*(Onawa is 8 miles east of Decatur in Iowa. EW had to cross the Missouri River. Decatur is one of the few places a bridge crosses the river between Sioux City and Omaha.)*

## APPENDIX—Newspaper Articles (cont.)

The Decatur Herald Thu Apr 15 1909

**Notice to Woodmen.**

At the regular meeting of the Modern Woodmen Tuesday evening, an adjournment was taken to next Tuesday evening April 20th, at which time a good attendance is desired. An initiation will be held and the refreshment committee will be expected to act at this time. Let there be a good crowd. E. W. Lawless, V. C.

The Decatur Herald Thu Jun 10 1909

Miss Minnie Lawless has accepted a position in the Alaska-Yukon Exposition at Seattle this summer, having charge of a booth, the nature of which we were unable to learn. She has been tendered the same school at Bonners Ferry, Idaho, at \$70 per month. She will not come home this summer.

E. W. Lawless was on the South Omaha market with a carload of hogs last week, and incidentally visited in Omaha a few days.

The Decatur Herald Thu May 20 1909

John Allie and Ira Richards and Eugena and John Lawless spent Sunday evening at the J. T. Lockhart home.

Quite a crowd of young people hung a May basket at the E. W. Lawless home Wednesday night, a most pleasant evening reported.

Sunday visitors at the J. M. Connealy home were; Thomas Guerin, Dee Watson, Prof. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. George Connealy.

The Decatur Herald Thu Aug 26 1909

est extent.

The many friends of Mrs. E. W. Lawless will be pained to learn that no hopes are held out for her recovery. An operation was performed last week but no relief was obtained. Mr. Lawless will make an effort to bring her home as soon as possible.

Mr. Lawless and children returned from Omaha Saturday evening.

Lyons Sun Thu Oct 21 1909

Mrs. Eugene Lawless who has been seriously ill for many months is reported as almost completely recovered.

The Decatur Herald Thu Sep 2 1909

Mr. Lawless went to Omaha Monday- He expects to bring Mrs. Lawless home the middle of the week.

The Decatur Herald Thu Oct 14 1909

**FARM NEWS NUBBINS**

Minor Mention About People Who  
Reside on the Farms—By  
Our Correspondents.

From Garryowen.

This week will wind up the threshing in this burg. Weather permitting.

The dance given by Dudley Lockhart Saturday night was well attended considering the weather. Such pretty girls, and the gents were a close second. I was there. The orchestra by Walters Bros., was charming.

Minnie Lawless came home Friday evening from her school. She teaches in Dist. 43, 6 miles north of Craig and  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles northeast of Oakland. It is a large school, 63 drawing public money.

It is with the greatest delight that I can announce, through the columns of your brilliant little journal, of Mrs. Lawless' almost complete recovery and I wish to thank all her friends and acquaintances for their loving inquiries and acts of kindness during her convalescence.

APPENDIX—Newspaper Articles (cont.)

The\_Decatur\_Herald\_Thu\_Jan\_6\_1910

The\_Decatur\_Herald\_Thu\_Jan\_6\_1910

**A Friendly Appeal.**  
 If the party who annexed my horse blanket and who kindly brought it to town, one day last week, giving me a chance to recover my abstracted property, will please give me the same opportunity in regard to my new Mitchell neckyoke, which he also purloined, no questions will be asked.  
 E. W. Lawless.

**Sleepy Hollow.**  
 Quite a number of the farmers are husking corn again.  
 Thos. Guerin spent a few days last week with Leo Hayes.  
 A. C. Anson was a Sunday visitor at the Richards home.  
 E. W. Lawless and family Sundayed at J. E. Connealy's.  
 Anna Lawless spent Saturday night with Nellie Connealy.  
 Wm. Ebert was a business caller at the Tjardes home Friday.  
 A few from this vicinity attended the dance in Decatur Friday night.  
 Don't be surprised if you hear wedding bells in this vicinity soon.  
 Pauline Connealy spent a few days in Lyons and Sioux City last week.  
 C. A. Richards and wife spent Thursday evening at the Lawless home.  
 F. L. and C. A. Richards were business visitors on Elm Creek Friday.  
 Everyone is rejoicing over the change in the weather. We hope it will continue.  
 Rose Ebert and Eugenia Lawless were New Years visitors at the Tjardes home.  
 Mrs. E. W. Lawless and son, John, visited at the Wm. Murphy home Thursday.

The\_Decatur\_Herald\_Thu\_Jan\_13\_1910  
 Busy Day!!

**Sleepy Hollow.**  
 John Lawless Sundayed at the Ira Austin home.  
 Eugenia Lawless spent Sunday at the Burns home.  
 Nell Connealy visited at the Lawless home over Sunday.

Eugenia Lawless, Jack Crawford and Edgar and Nora Connealy spent Sunday at Jas. Burns'.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Boucher, of Oklahoma, spent a few days last week at the Elmer Hightree home.  
 The dance at the Ebert home Saturday night was well attended and a good time reported by all.  
 Mrs. Wm. Colligan and children Mrs. Guy Squires, Anna Lawless and Nellie Connealy spent Saturday afternoon at J. M. Connealy's.

**Attention Woodmen**  
 An adjourned meeting of Camp No. 673 will be held next Tuesday evening, and as there is very important business to be transacted a full attendance is desired.  
 E. W. Lawless, V. C.

## APPENDIX—Newspaper Articles (cont.)

April 28, 1910.

Those who spent Sunday evening at the Hileman home were: Eugenia, Anna, and Johnnie Lawless, Louis Snyder, Bruce McCluskey, Mathew Guerin, Don Major's and Gregg Darling.

**The Decatur Herald Thu Nov 10 1910**

This was a busy week for the Lawless family! The area where they lived was called Hunting Valley. (on the left)

**The Decatur Herald Thu Nov 17 1910**

The following week was pretty busy, too! (on the right)

**The Decatur Herald Thu Jul 28 1910**

The dance at the E. W. Lawless home last Friday night was well attended and a good time was reported by all present.

**Hunting Valley**

E. W. Lawless marketed oats in Onawa Tuesday.

Ed Carruthers spent Saturday and Sunday in Omaha.

Garret Tjardes was a Tekamah business visitor Tuesday.

Mrs. Bud Guill and children called on Mrs. Tjardes Thursday.

Miss Rumley, of Omaha, was a guest at the Lockhart home last week.

Bud Guill and family were Sunday visitors at the G. Tjardes home.

Eugenia and John Lawless spent Tuesday evening at the J. T. Lockhart home.

Les Hayes, Ted and Bernard Connealy spent Sunday evening with John Lawless.

J. E. Connealy, who has been in Omaha at St. Joseph's hospital, returned home Wednesday.

J. T. Lockhart and family, John, Anna and Eugenia Lawless, Rattie Rumley and Ed Carruthers visited at the Will Austin home Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Austin, Mr. and Mrs. John McCormick, John, Anna and Eugenia Lawless, John Richards and Charley Teel spent Saturday evening at the Lockhart home.

**NEWS FROM HUNTING VALLEY**

**Hunting Valley**

Frank Badje finished husking corn Saturday.

Eugenia Lawless visited at the Leslie Warren home Thursday.

Garret Tjardes and family Sundayed at the A. K. Sears home.

Edgar Connealy spent Sunday evening at the Peter Badje home.

According to old tradition we are bound to have twenty more snows.

Mamie and Ted Connealy spent Wednesday evening at the E. W. Lawless home.

Mr. Fiscus, of the reservation, was a business visitor in this neighborhood Saturday.

Dr. Rogers put in some cement walks for J. M. Connealy the latter part of the week.

John Lawless was among those who assisted Stephen Sears with corn picking Saturday.

Thornton Gatewood and family and Earl Mussock visited at the J. E. Connealy home Sunday.

Sunday visitors at the Lawless home were: A. M. Heath and wife, Nellie and Bernard Connealy, Ed Wehrer and Louis Snyder.

The many friends of Mr. J. E. Connealy were glad to learn that he was able to take an automobile ride to Decatur on election day to record his vote.

A box social was held in Dist. No. 41, Saturday evening for which E. W. Lawless auctioned the boxes and realized the sum of \$17.

**The Decatur Herald Thu Dec 22 1910**

**Hunting Valley**

Corn shelling is the order of the day in this vicinity.

E. W. Lawless and son, John, were Lyons visitors Thursday.



APPENDIX—Newspaper Articles (cont.)

Decatur Herald December 1, 1910

**Hunting Valley**

Frank Badje shelled corn Monday.

Nell Connealy spent Thanksgiving with Anna Lawless.

Geo. Connealy and family spent Thanksgiving with home folks.

Eugenia Lawless is visiting this week with Mrs. Leslie Warren.

Eugenia Lawless lost a valuable Jersey heifer Wednesday from blackleg.

What doth it profit a man to get his corn out and suffer the loss of one arm.

Corn cribs in this neighborhood are now all filled full of the "Pride of Nebraska" and the farmers seem well pleased.

Mr. J. E. Connealy spent Saturday with E. W. Lawless. His many friends will be glad to hear of the improvement in his health.

According to the old tradition the weather of the last three days of November govern the next three months. Let us watch and see if the tradition prevails this year.

The Decatur Herald Thu Jan 12 1911

**Hunting Valley**

Ed Carruther visited at the Murphy home Sunday.

Mamie and Nell Connealy spent Tuesday night at the Burdick home.

Several in this neighborhood attended the Fireman's dance at Lyons Friday night.

Minnie Lawless, who has been home for two weeks vacation, returned Saturday to her school in Clyde, Mo.

Sunday visitors at the E. W. Lawless home were; Misses Nell and Pauline Connealy, Earl Byram Ira Austin, Bernard Connealy and Samuel Woolheater.

The Decatur Herald Thu Jan 19 1911

**Hunting Valley**

Mamie Connealy spent Wednesday and Thursday at Ira Austin's.

John Lawless and Brenard Connealy marketed corn in Lyons Monday.

Everett McCormick visited at the Will Austin home a few days last week.

Rev. Father O'Driscol, of Blair, called in this neighborhood Wednesday evening.

Dudley Lockhart and Charley Teel spent Tuesday evening at the E. W. Lawless home.

The pleasure of skating is much enjoyed now by the young people of Elm Creek and Hunting Valley.

Sunday visitors at the Lawless home were: Mamie, Margaret, Nell and James Connealy and Frank Hall.

The Decatur Herald Thu Jan 12 1911

**FOR SALE—20 good full blood Poland China Brood sows. E. W. Lawless, Decatur, Nebr. 18-2t**

The Decatur Herald Thu Feb 16 1911

**E. W. Lawless Puts Up \$100 Note**

This is to certify—That E. W. Lawless has placed in this bank a note for \$100 payable to the Baker Construction Company, of Omaha, Neb. under the following conditions that, "That if the said Nebraska Transportation Company has an Electric Railway in operation between Omaha, Neb., and Decatur, Nebr., within one year from date hereof the said note shall be turned over to the Baker Construction Company. That if said line of railway be not in operation between the points mentioned within the specified time then the note shall be returned to the said E. W. Lawless. —The First National Bank of Decatur, Neb.

Signed—E. W. Lawless. Per J. E. Moss,  
Signed—C. W. Baker, President Baker Construction Co.

APPENDIX—Newspaper Articles (cont.)

The Decatur Herald Thu Mar 9 1911

**Mrs. Lawless Very Low**  
 Friends of Mrs. E. W. Lawless will be sorry to learn that her condition is very critical and the end seems close at hand. She has been failing for some time and recently was taken much worse. Enquiring friends will please observe that her condition is very grave and the family has requested that their friends kindly avoid using the telephone to enquire after the welfare of the patient as the phone is in the sick room and questions cannot be answered intelligently.

Elizabeth "Bessie" DeCourcy Lawless died on March 28, 1911. See Obituary on p. 12-13. This was a hard spring for the Lawless family. Eileen died just a few months later. (See the *Charles Lawless Family Story*.)

The Decatur Herald Thu Mar 9 1911

**District No. 32.**  
 Gussie Bockman Sndayed at the Peterson home.  
 Nell Connealy spent Sunday with Anna Lawless.  
 J. M. Larson was on the South Omaha markets with cattle Monday.  
 Hilda, Ella, Edith and Herman Demian spent Sunday with Clara Larson.  
 Jno Jacobsen moved onto the place vacated by Montgomery Monday.  
 Mrs. Nelson, of Omaha, is here keeping house for Mr. Rafferty and the boys.  
 J. M. Connealy and wife were Sunday afternoon callers at the Lawless home.

The Decatur Herald Thu Jun 15 1911

**Hunting Valley**  
 Mrs. Dudley Lockhart is on the sick list.  
 Ira Richard spent Sunday with John Lawless.  
 Anna Lawless and Nell Connealy were Lyons visitors Thurs.  
 Charles Lawless of Port Arthur, Texas visited over Sunday at the Lawless home.  
 John Lawless and Bernard Connealy called at J. M. Connealy's Sunday evening.  
 Mrs. Carl Hauschildt had a run away Monday while coming from Basford and was laid up with a lame arm all week.  
 E. W. Lawless returned the latter part of the week from Maryville, Mo., where he attended the funeral of his neice, Sr. M. Anselma.

In the death of his accomplished daughter, Eileen, Chas. Lawless has the sympathy of all his Decatur friends.

Miss Minnie Lawless is home from Marysville, Mo., at present.

The Decatur Herald Thu Jul 20 1911

**Hunting Valley**  
 Mr. Carl Hauschildt and wife spent Sunday with Mrs. Ebert and family.  
 Janie Hileman was a guest at the Lawless home from Thursday until Monday.  
 Eugenia Lawless and Janie Hileman were Basford sightseers Friday afternoon.  
 Minnie Lawless enjoyed several days at the Vern Carpenter home the latter part of the week.  
 Mrs. L. Goodrich and son James visited a couple of days last week at the J. T. Lockhart home.  
 Archie and Joe Connealy are assisting Mr. Lawless in picking his immense crop of blackberries.  
 J. E. Connealy and A. M. Heath and their wives and Frank Hall were Sunday visitors at the E. W. Lawless home.

APPENDIX—Newspaper Articles (cont.)

The Decatur Herald Thu Aug 17 1911

Miss Minnie Lawless left on Monday for Spokane, Wash., where she will visit relatives and friends before taking up her school work in Idaho.

**Hunting Valley**

Ed. Wehrer spent the week end in Omaha.

J. M. Connealy and wife were Lyons visitors Thursday.

Mrs. Dudley Lockhart called on Tjardes' Wednesday afternoon.

Dudley Lockhart and wife and Harry Sears spent Thursday evening at E. W. Lawless.

Mrs. J. E. Connealy who has been in Omaha the past few weeks returned home Thursday.

Eugenia Lawless returned home Monday after a few weeks visit with friends in Whiting, Iowa.

Carl Hauschildt went to Lyons Friday to meet his wife who has been visiting in Omaha and Papillion the past week.

E. W. Lawless and daughter Minnie drove to Macy Wednesday to visit friends, also attended the pow-wow. Miss Eva Lewis accompanied them to their home on Thursday.

Sunday evening visitors at the E. W. Lawless home were Leslie Warren and family, Carl Hauschildt and wife, Samuel Woolheater, Mamie, Ted, James and Bernard Connealy.

The Decatur Herald Thu Sep 28 1911

**Hunting Valley**

Tim Lewis, of Laurel, Nebr., is visiting at the Lawless home.

Carl Hauschildt was a Lyons visitor Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Connealy spent Wednesday night in Lyons.

Charlie Perry was in this neighborhood Thursday repairing Walter Parsons' engine.

Frank Connealy and Charlie and Roy Mussock spent Monday evening at the Lawless home.

Sunday visitors at the Lawless home were: Jas. Burns and family, A. M. Heath and wife, Samuel Woolheater Frank Hall, Tom Musselman and Margaret and Joe Connealy.

Miss Edna Burnell, a guest at the E. W. Lawless home for the past few weeks, left Tuesday for Lyons where she intends to spend a few days before returning to her home in Omaha.

The Decatur Herald Thu Oct 5 1911

**Hunting Valley**

Carl Hauschildt returned from Omaha Tuesday.

Dudley and J. T. Lockhart were Lyons visitors Tuesday.

John Lawless and Dudley Lockhart transacted business in Lyons Friday.

Mrs. C. A. Richards called on friends in this neighborhood last Thursday.

A. M. Heath and wife were Thursday evening callers at the Lawless home.

Carl Hauschildt and wife and Ted Connealy spent Sunday evening at E. W. Lawless'.

Mrs. Geo. Connealy and little Terrance are visiting at the J. M. Connealy home at present.

The Decatur Herald Thu Oct 26 1911

**Hunting Valley**

Dudley Lockhart and Claude Bush Sundayed with John Lawless.

Mrs. August Mussock called on Mrs. James McCormick Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Garret Tjardes and Mrs. Dudley Lockhart called at the Will Weaver home Sunday evening.

Floyd Prutt who has been visiting at the homes of Will and Ira Austin left Sunday for the bottoms.

Mrs. Frank Clark and baby of near Lyons and Eugenia Lawless spent most of the week in Whiting, Iowa.

Sunday visitors at J. E. Connealy's were E. W. Lawless and daughters Eugenia and Anna and Lizzy and Dora Badge, Chris Jensen, Ed Wehrer and Charley and Roy Mussock.

APPENDIX—Newspaper Articles (cont.)

The Decatur Herald Thu Jan 25 1912

**Hunting Valley**

Wm. Connealy is visiting home folks at present.

Will Ebert spent Sunday at the G. Tjardes home.

James McCormick and family called at the Lawless home Saturday.

Eugenia Lawless spent the first of the week at the Leslie Warren home.

J. M. Connealy and family were Sunday visitors at the Matt Guerin home.

Grandma Squires who has been caring for Mrs. Dudley Lockhart the past two weeks returned home Sunday.

Sunday visitors at the E. W. Lawless home were Margaret Connealy, Samuel Woolheater and James Burns and family.

Two dances  
this week!!  
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The Decatur Herald Thu May 2 1912

**Hunting Valley**

Mrs. Geo. Connealy and children spent the week end at J. M. Connealy's.

Earl Sizemore, of Dakota, visited over Sunday with relatives in this valley.

Two dances were given in Hunting Valley this week at the Lawless and Tjardes homes. A good time has been reported at both.

Harry Phipps and Earl Cook went to Tekamah Wednesday and were obliged to stay all night on account of the former's sick horse.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Phipps accompanied Earl Cook to South Sioux City Saturday morning where the latter was called on account of sickness.

Sunday visitors at the L. Phipps home were: Ed and Katie Kellog, John, Eugenia and Anna Lawless, Clara Phipps, Charley McKee, Samuel Woolheater and John Richards.

The Decatur Herald Thu Dec 5 1912

**Hunting Valley**

E. W. Lawless is on the sick list.

Geraldine Snyder visited over Sunday with Mrs. Louie Hanson.

Anna Lawless and Harry Phipps visited over Sunday at their homes.

Lena and Harry Phipps spent Monday evening at the E. W. Lawless home.

E. W. Lawless and son John and Everett McCormick spent Monday evening at the Ira Austin home.

Sunday visitors at the E. W. Lawless home were: Frank Clark and family, of Lyons, Ted Connealy, Bryan Sophers, Everett McCormick, J. Hoppy and Geraldine Snyder.

E. W. Lawless, Harry Sears, J. T. Lockhart and families, M. Hopewell and daughter, Everett McCormick and Frank Asket spent Thanksgiving at the Dudley Lockhart home.

## APPENDIX—Newspaper Articles (cont.)

The Decatur Herald Thu Jan 9 1913

Mr. E. W. Lawless received word early yesterday morning that his brother, Charles, who resides at Port Arthur, Texas, was dangerously ill and for him to come at once. Mr. Lawless boarded the afternoon train from Onawa. Charles Lawless has a host of friends in Decatur who hope for a speedy recovery.

The Decatur Herald Thu Jan 2 1913

Mr. E. W. Lawless has received word of the death of his brother, Mr. Louis J. Lawless, C. E., of Dublin, Ireland. In speaking of the demise we publish an article from a Dublin paper as follows: "We regret to announce the death of Mr. L. J. Lawless C. E., Assistant City Engineer of Dublin, which took place on Monday at Kilkee, Co. Clare. The deceased gentleman had been unwell for some time, but a change to the bracing Kilkee air had almost restored him to health, and the attack, which terminated fatally, was sudden and unexpected. Mr. Lawless was the son of the late Mr. John Lawless, a well-known member of the legal profession in Dublin. He was a graduate of Dublin University and took his professional course at the Engineering Schools of T. C. D. He was engaged in the construction of the Thurles-Clonmel line of railway, and subsequently joined the Dublin Coorporation staff, on which he has worked for thirty-five years."

The Decatur Herald Thu Jan 16 1913

### Charles Lawless Dies

A message tells of the death of Mr. Chas. Lawless, at his home in Port Arthur, Texas, yesterday. The remains is expected in Walthill Saturday afternoon and the funeral is to be held at Macy, Sunday, the interment being made beside the wife and children, who are buried on the Chase farm near that place.

The Decatur Herald Thu Jan 30 1913

### Hunting Vallev

Harry Phipps visited over Sunday with home folks.

Bernard Connealy Sundayed at the J. M. Connealy home.

Eugenia, Anna and John Lawless, Samuel Woolheater, Geraldine and Ed Snyder spent Tuesday evening at the J. T. Lockhart home.

Ed Snyder spent last week with Ed Rafferty.

E. W. Lawless, who has just returned from Port Arthur, Texas, claims the weather very pleasant and all kind of roses in bloom.

John Lawless and Ed. Snyder called at the Harry Sears home Wednesday evening.

The Decatur Herald Thu May 22 1913

### Hunting Vallev

Miss Minnie Lawless, who has been teaching school the past year in Cavendish, Idaho, returned home for her summer vacation.

May Phipps visited over Sunday with Lena Phipp.

Katie Kellog called oe Mrs. J. T. Lockhart Friday.

Terrance Connealy spent the week with his grand parents.

John Lawless, Everett McCormick and Harry Phipps were Tekamah visitors Friday and Saturday.

APPENDIX—Newspaper Articles (cont.)

The Decatur Herald Thu Jun 5 1913

**Hunting Valley**  
 Will Ebert and wife were callers at the G. Tjardes home Thursday.  
 Anna Lawless and Clara Larson left Monday for Wayne where they will attend school this summer.  
 Charlie Potts Sundayed at the E. W. Lawless home.  
 Nell Guerin spent a few days last week at the home of her aunt, Mrs. J. M. Connealy.  
 Mrs. L. Phipps, Lena and Harry Sundayed at the Charlie Phipps home.  
 Lena and Harry Phipps called at the Lawless home Thursday evening.

The Decatur Herald Thu Jul 31 1913

**Hunting Valley**  
 Anna Lawless returned from Wayne Saturday.  
 Sam Woolheater Sundayed on the Island with home folks.  
 Dud Lockhart and family visited at the G. Tjarde home Sunday.  
 J. T. Lockhart and family spent Sunday at the G. O. Squires home.  
 Wm. Ebert and wife spent Wednesday evening at the G. Tjarde's home.  
 J. E. Connealy and wife and Everett McCormick Sundayed at E. W. Lawless'.  
 Oscar Carlsten and Clyde Tunberg are putting up a new barn for E. W. Lawless.

The Decatur Herald Thu Oct 16 1913

**Hunting Valley**  
 Eugenia Lawless left Tuesday for Marshall, Minn.

The Decatur Herald Thu Nov 20 1913

The  
**NEXT DANCE**  
 : At the :  
**Lawless Barn**  
 : :  
 —: Will Be on the Evening of:—  
**November 29, 1913**  
 : :  
 Four Piece Sioux City Union Orchestra  
 : :  
**GOOD ORDER GUARANTEED**  
**BELIEVE ME!!!**  
 : :  
**E. W. Lawless**

The Decatur Herald Thu Feb 5 1914

**GOSSIP by OUR CORRESPONDENTS THAT MAY OR MAY NOT INTEREST YOU**

**Hunting Valley**  
 Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lockhart Feb. 2nd a boy.  
 Chris Jensen and wife Sundayed at the J. E. Connealy home.  
 Miss Eva Lewis was down from Macy the last of the week visiting friends.  
 John Lawless and Roy Woolheater were Tekamah visitors over Sunday. "What's the attraction boys?"  
 Harry Sears and family Sundayed at the Ira Austin home.  
 Anna Lawless is spending this week with Mrs. G. C. Govey near Lyons.

## APPENDIX—Newspaper Articles (cont.)

The Decatur Herald Thu Mar 5 1914

**Weather Forecast**

Weather Forecaster Lawless predicts a warm, dry March and an early spring. The HERALD can't vouch for the accuracy of the prediction but we are in favor of it, you can bet. We have noticed, too, that Mr. Lawless usually comes much nearer the mark in forecasting local weather conditions than do the government men.

The Decatur Herald Thu Jul 16 1914

Garret Tjardes and family Sundayed at the M. C. Guill home.

Mrs J. W. Connealy and Minnie Lawless spent Friday at Stanton Wilder's.

Shannon Gatewood and family and Herbert Beek of South Omaha visited over Sunday at the J. E. Connealy home.

Nora Connealy spent Thursday night at Herman Moeller's.

John Lawless harvested grain for Harry Sears Saturday.

Eugenia Lawless spent Tuesday night with Pauline Connealy.

Koss Smith is working for J. M. Larson at present.

Banjo Lawless spent Thursday night with Sissie Connealy.

Earl Mussack and family Sundayed at the J. M. Larson home.

John Gaerin and family, Matt Guerin and wife Sundayed at the J. M. Connealy home.

Frank Clark and family of near Lyons, Chris Clausen, Gerald Burns and Oliver Johnson visited over Sunday at the E. W. Lawless home.

Oliver Johnson visited the Lawless family

Lyons Mirror Thu Oct 1 1914

Oliver Johnson and Jack Luttrell will have a wrestling match at Lawless barn Friday Oct. 3 1914.

For the benefit of merchants and business men I have changed my usual Saturday dance for one time to Mouday, October 5, 1914, at Lawless barn west of Decatur. Collins Bros. Orchestra will furnish the music.  
Eugene Lawless,

The Decatur Herald Thu Dec 17 1914

The Decatur City basket ball team will play the Basford boys Saturday evening at Lawless' barn. The High School boys have put a basket ball goal in the Opera House to use in practicing.

The Decatur Herald Thu May 13 1915

**Lawless-Johnson**

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Anna Lawless to Mr. Oliver Johnson of Lyons, which took place Saturday, May 8th at Bancroft, Rev. Father O'Donohoe officiating.

The bride is the daughter of E. W. Lawless and is an excellent young woman whose scores of friends will testify to her sterling worth. The groom is a stranger to us but is well spoken of by those who know him.

The young people will reside on a farm two and a half miles northwest of Lyons, where they will be at home to their friends after June 1. The HERALD extends congratulations.

APPENDIX—Newspaper Articles (cont.)

The\_Decatur\_Herald\_Thu\_Sep\_13\_1917

Remember the Red Cross dance at the E. W. Lawless barn on Saturday September 22, Music by Sullivan's Orchestra.

The\_Decatur\_Herald\_Thu\_Nov\_8\_1917

Wm. Holst was seen chasing a pig Tuesday, the pig came from the Lawless place, which no doubt has a great deal to do with its being so lawless in breaking out.

The\_Lyons\_Mirror\_Sun\_Thu\_Feb\_21\_1918

Miss Eugenia Lawless spent from Monday until Wednesday with her sister Mrs Oliver Johnson  
Miss Ruth Besst is teaching the Mt. Pleasant school. Mr Eryak having gone to the army  
John Lawless and Archie Connealy were Lyons callers Tuesday

The\_Pender\_Republic\_Fri\_May\_19\_1922

Attorney J. A. Singhaus of Tekamah, accompanied by his wife, was here Monday as attorney in the Eugene Lawless referee sale.

Burt\_County\_Herald\_Thu\_Mar\_8\_1923

<p>Tekamah male chorus will sing at the Methodist church Sunday evening, March 11. A fine program is promised as the boys have been organized a year or more. The Presbyterians plan on joining in union services and Rev. Hart has been asked to preach the sermon. Supt. H. H. Reimund is leader of the chorus.</p> <p>Eugene Lawless made the Herald a friendly visit Monday morning. Mr. Lawless states from March 2 to 20 will give the character of the weather for the next three months. That the past three years the month of June has been dry which is in-</p>	<p>dicative of a good corn crop for 1923.</p> <p><b>LIFE UNCERTAIN</b></p> <p>Did it ever occur to you that people are more careless to provide insurance on themselves than they are to insure their homes, livestock or their automobiles.</p> <p>Think of it and consult Henry Tunberg, representing the old reliable—North Western Mutual Life of Milwaukee, Wis. 23tf</p> <p>Harding's Ice Cream at the H. &amp; H. Store, Phone 396. 23-tf</p> <p>Men's Suits Cleaned at the Pantorium for \$1.50.</p>
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The\_Decatur\_Herald\_Thu\_Apr\_26\_1923

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## Arbor Day Begun Cleanup

Decatur Marches Abreast  
With Modern Progress;  
Joins National Move

Arbor Day was ushered in Monday morning with cool but rainy and growing weather. Eugene Lawless broke the usual village calmness by discharging dynamite upheaving holes in the earth on the front of the H. D. Byram property where he and Mr. Byram set out trees.

Thousands of trees were planted during the day. E. Dudley Beck put in 450 and 200 grapes. He had previously set out 1000 trees and has 200 evergreens ordered for his farm south.

The banks closed as Monday (Arbor Day) was a legal holiday.

Burt\_County\_Herald\_Thu\_Dec\_15\_1927

**EUGENE LAWLESS DECATUR  
PIONEER BURIED MONDAY**

The funeral services for the late Eugene Lawless, who passed away in Omaha, were held in Decatur at 11 o'clock Monday morning.

A large number of old friends and associates gathered to pay tribute to their late friend and neighbor. Mr. Lawless was an old settler in Decatur and was known by practically the entire community.



# APPENDIX—Anna Report Card and Letters

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**TO THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN:**  
This report will be sent for your inspection and signature at the end of each school month. Please read it over carefully and take notice of the following points:  
(1) ATTENDANCE—Days of school and days absent.  
(2) PUNCTUALITY—How often tardy during the month.  
(3) DEPORTMENT—If low, state why.  
(4) BRANCHES PURSUED—Which ones.  
(5) STANDINGS—In the various branches.  
(6) Whether the pupil is advanced alike in all his studies. If he is behind in any branch, cooperate with the teacher in having extra work done in that branch till he catches up.

Please encourage the pupil:  
(1) To attend every day of school.  
(2) To be on time ALWAYS.  
(3) To do all the regular work of the course and thereby earn a diploma.  
(4) To respect the AUTHORITY of the school.  
If COMPLAINTS reach you, see the teacher at once. Give the teacher credit for being sincerely interested in the welfare of your child and don't wait for complaints, but keep in touch with the school by making frequent visits.  
THIS PUPIL SHOULD keep this report as a precious and valuable souvenir of this year's work. Show it to the next teacher.  
**CAUTION TO THE TEACHER.**—Do not wrong the PUPIL BY MARKING HIM ABOVE HIS ACTUAL MERITS. Let your tests be fair and sufficient. Honest patrons will sustain the honest teacher. **FILL out remark column.**  
The parent will please sign below and return promptly to the SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

**TEACHER'S**  
**Report to Parents**

SCHOOL District No 32  
Burl County, Nebr.  
Pupil Anna Lawless  
Age 9 Grade or Year of Course 4  
For School Year Ending \_\_\_\_\_ 1904

Teachers to whom pupil recites during the year:  
Justava Griffith  
Helen M. Patterson

Superintendent. (Teacher insert name.)  
Eugene Brookings

Form 8.  
Published by  
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PARENTS, NEBRASKA.  
PRICE, ONE CENT.

MONTH  
1 E. W. Lawless  
2 E. W. Lawless  
3 E. W. Lawless  
4 E. W. Lawless  
5 E. W. Lawless  
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Report for the Year beginning Sept 7 1903, and ending June 17 1904.

BRANCHES PURSUED, ATTENDANCE, DEPARTMENT, ETC.	YEAR OF COURSE OF MONTHS WORK TAKEN UP	STANDING FOR MONTHS ENDING AS SHOWN BY DATE IN EACH COLUMN				SUMMARY FOR	YEAR OF COURSE FINISHED	REMARKS ON WORK DONE AND RECOMMENDATIONS OR PROMOTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR, ETC.	
		Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec				
Orthography	4	80	80	85	88	68	88	90	
Reading	4	90	96	99	99	98	99	99	
Writing	4	90	90	90	90	97	98	99	
Number									
Arithmetic	3	95	95	95	95	96	95	90	
Language	4	80	80	80	85	97	95	94	
Grammar									
Geography	4	80	83	80	85	97	90	91	
Physiology									
History									
Civil Gov't									
<b>Average</b>		<u>86.87</u>							
Days of school		20	20	20	20	20	20	19	
Days absent		3	5	5	8	13	0	3	
Times tardy		2	4	6	3	0	0	3	
Department		90	90	90	90	90	95	95	

Following are several letters that Anna's mother Bes-sie wrote to her while she was away studying at the St. Joseph Academy in Clyde, Missouri.

## GarryOwen, Sept 10, 1908

Send you the fine card the postman  
brought to town. I think he told of  
the same to Missie yesterday.  
I'll write you the night of the  
10th or 11th. While waiting  
my letter soon. I'll ship  
you a letter from my mother  
and brother. I am glad  
you called you for Iowa and  
will be glad to see you. The  
little chickens are getting on rather  
well in the brooder. I hope  
you will find some studies easy  
after a little while. I know you  
will be able to.

Garry Owen  
Sept 10th 1908

My own dear Child,  
As of going  
going to Osawawa this morn.  
I shall send this letter to  
you. I was very glad to  
get your letter and will  
expect another this coming  
week. I hope you are well  
and happy.

forget me in your prayers  
or be such than particularly  
for me. We heard from Jimmie  
and he is coming with some  
of the money is lovely.  
address in post.  
Dorothy  
Garry  
I'll see you one night since  
you left. Missie says there is  
our new teacher for 2 months  
and she is teaching in  
Clyde.

It is a little lonely for you  
in respects to be very sad when  
you come home. Do not  
forget to write to your  
mother. Do not forget to write  
to your father. Do not forget  
to write to your brother. Do not  
forget to write to your sister.  
I'll see you one night since  
you left. Missie says there is  
our new teacher for 2 months  
and she is teaching in  
Clyde.

## GarryOwen, Sept 30, 1908

Just as your funeral tomorrow, Father  
said he would be with you to get  
the church ready in the morning  
for the funeral. I hope  
you will be able to go. I will  
write you all about the funeral  
arrangements. I will soon write  
again. I am going to bed now.  
I hope you are well and happy.  
I'll see you one night since  
you left. Missie says there is  
our new teacher for 2 months  
and she is teaching in  
Clyde.

Garry Owen  
September  
Sept 30th 1908

My own little darling,  
When I saw  
this morning I thought,  
"There is my treasure's letter  
& I hope you will be happy  
& be followed by many  
happy ones." I hope you  
will be well and happy.  
I'll see you one night since  
you left. Missie says there is  
our new teacher for 2 months  
and she is teaching in  
Clyde.

are, always with me. I  
love you and I hope you  
will be happy. I'll see you  
one night since you left.  
Missie says there is our  
new teacher for 2 months  
and she is teaching in  
Clyde.

to you as it came today.  
Father is in town to get  
the church ready for the  
funeral. I'll see you one  
night since you left. Missie  
says there is our new teacher  
for 2 months and she is  
teaching in Clyde.

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was the name you would choose  
 we received the medals & you  
 were very good to send them, I  
 supposed they are blessed for us  
 I am glad you got the hat I  
 told Father when he wrote to ask  
 you if you did not want one  
 I know you ought to have one <sup>at least</sup>  
 this time, & you must have owned  
 & I suppose you have not <sup>any more</sup>  
 now let us know how much you  
 need & Father will send it to you  
 as there may be other things you  
 want that I do not think of.  
 Oh bill, indeed please me my  
 darling to have you merit a dis-  
 tinction for good conduct, I am  
 quite sure you will do your best  
 both for that & the other examination

"Garrey Olsen"  
 Decatur  
 Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> 1908

My own sweet little darling,  
 I got the  
 very nice letter this morning  
 that I ever received (Father  
 was in at his lodge last night  
 & brought home the mail)  
 I am so glad that you wrote  
 the day of your confirmation  
 it was so nice that there  
 was confirmation at Maryville  
 I hope Sr Anselma is getting  
 better, I did not write quite

Early as Eugene was writing  
 to you, the card was very  
 pretty we got a from home  
 today I was a picture of  
 my dear old Laurel Hill  
 convent where I spent so many  
 years. We always pray for  
 you my child & know you  
 do the same for us, we are  
 very busy now making we  
 all go out, I help Volney  
 & he two talk about you  
 & the fun you & he used to  
 have in the cornfield, it will  
 take over 2 weeks regular dusting  
 to get it all out.  
 Loan has been teaching our

school since the 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. she  
 drove from home every day until  
 yesterday when she came here, she  
 is gone to St. C's tonight she  
 drove old Hilby, Dora stayed  
 here all night too. Joan Marie  
 is at St. Joseph's hospital, where  
 she underwent an operation  
 on Monday. Mrs. Connealy  
 phoned to us that it went  
 successful so I hope she will  
 soon be all right, Lolare the baby  
 is at Volney's as good as gold.  
 Lella was sent for they expect  
 her home tomorrow.  
 I am very glad you took our  
 Ladie's name in confirmation, I  
 said on Sunday I felt sure that

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Garry Olson  
 Of cabin  
 March 9<sup>th</sup> 1909

My darling little one,  
 As your father  
 may go to town this evening  
 I shall take the opportunity of  
 writing to you, and if he  
 does not go I shall mail  
 it as soon as possible. It  
 is snowing "beautifully" now  
 & has been doing so almost  
 incessantly since Sunday morning  
 or Sunday evening last. Had  
 thunder lightning & hail, I wonder  
 if the weather is as bad at Cape.  
 There was Mass here Sunday  
 Father & Eugene went, but I  
 regret to say, Johnnie & I  
 had to miss it as he had a bad  
 cold, he is better today but does

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not venture out yet. It was  
 very nice of Father Leo to remember  
 you & I suppose it seemed to  
 you as if it was an old friend  
 from home was conducting your  
 retreat. There was a Jackson  
 round, in & was Onawa last  
 summer pretending his name  
 was Father Leo, of course he  
 was not a priest, but he dressed  
 like one & got money from  
 several Catholics but always  
 avoided Father McNeil, of course  
 he was found out after awhile, Joe  
 O'Gorman told me all about him.  
 We cannot go to Onawa now for  
 awhile as the old ferry boat has  
 smelt again, this time I think  
 to stay, no one is very sorry  
 as we hope they will get a  
 better one, there was quite an

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excitement in town the other day  
 as a house boat was seen going  
 swiftly amongst the floating  
 ice, and a man aboard crying  
 for help, he was rescued at  
 once, he had just been chopping  
 wood at Maple Landing far away  
 from here, and seeing the boat  
 had gone in to it to eat his  
 dinner, in comfort when the  
 rope it was tied with gave way  
 & he was at the mercy of the  
 "Old Muddy". Emma Lewis  
 is going to be married soon  
 to a Mormon preacher I would  
 not wonder if it is the gentleman  
 to whom you gave the catechism  
 if so they may both be Catholics  
 some day. It is still snowing  
 but father will go to town  
 I am glad as I will get

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the little letter I know is now  
 at the P.O. Johnny is feeling  
 grand this evening, he says  
 he will write to you perhaps  
 tomorrow, Eva & Eugene have  
 just washed the dishes  
 We all send you good  
 love & kisses, we say the  
 rosary every night & father  
 always wants my beads he  
 says he is color blind, & you  
 know his are exactly like mine  
 but for the color, his being  
 black. Goodnight my darling  
 always yours  
 Your loving brother

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"Garryowen"  
Decatur  
April 17<sup>th</sup> 1909

My darling little Anna,  
As it is about  
a week since I wrote to you  
I think it is time I should  
write again, I hope &  
I feel sure you had a  
lovely Easter, of course we  
had no Easter mass here  
but Father O'D. intends to come  
on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Eugenie got your  
letter on Tuesday indeed that  
day is always looked for-  
ward to for the sake of  
the letter from our little one  
your handwriting pleases me  
very much as father & I see a

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decided improvement, even if  
you do not win <sup>me</sup> of Mrs. Palmer's  
buttons. Eugenie & Johnny  
are I think starting to get  
the mumps, but I do not  
know yet, Annie also expects  
to have them this week.  
Last Sunday we had Maggie  
& Tom Guerin & their sister-in-law  
& 2 children, also Eva & Will, and  
Frank Connealy, & Mrs. George  
who stayed a few days & in  
the evening Clarence & Annie.  
How many Easter cards did  
you get; I got 4, the others got  
some also. It is quite cold  
here yet there was a snow  
storm Thursday. We have had  
one clutch of chickens but they

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did not do well, now we have the  
incubator & 2 hens set so hope you  
will see lots of chickens when you  
come home, we have not started  
to clean house yet but will as soon  
as winter is over. Now as it is  
almost time to get dinner I  
must stop. All send you  
fond love  
Your loving  
Mother

DEC 17 1909  
NEB.

MISS ANNA LAWLESS  
St. Joseph's Academy  
Clyde  
Mo.