

Fiengenbaum, Optometrist; W. P. McCall, Optometrist; D. C. Anderson, Optometrist; A. A. Ashby; Charles F. Ashby; Vincent S. Lynn; Edward J. Hinrichs.

Of the latter group, Drs. Albert A. and Charles F. Ashby, H. A. Rosenau, Edith Ridpath, D. C. Anderson, and Vincent S. Lynn are in active practice in 1967.

Dentists

R. M. Hazlett (1879), A. Mathews (1886), G. L. Stone (1882), J. C. Clark (1888), A. F. Cogswell (1894), J. W. Puckett (1898), Woodson T. Smith (1896), Charles C. Mozee (1897).

1900 to 1967: Robert Chenoweth (1900), Oliver Waldeman (1900), Waldo Propst (1901), J. H. Jackson (1902), L. H. Warner (1910), Clyde B. Cross (1913), George L. Carlson (1915), D. D. Donovan (1917), John Q. Adams (1925), Bud J. Bukacek (1929), Lewis Kerl (1930), David A. Portwood (1959).

Drs. Lewis Kerl, J. Q. Adams, and D. A. Portwood maintain dental practices in Geneva in 1967.

Veterinarians

W. H. Fauver (1890), J. M. Dunn (1893), F. Power (1893), J. Herriot (1894), H. N. Woller (1894), I. W. McEachran, John A. Barger, Harry Nothomb, L. C. Shaw, William F. Carter (from April 1, 1962), Carl Richard Johnson (August, 1964, to January, 1965).

Dr. McEachran was the first licensed veterinarian in Geneva, having received his license in 1905. Dr. William F. Carter remains in active practice in 1967.

Lawyers (in practice, 1967)

Robert Waring, John C. Gewacke, Grady Corbitt, Thomas J. Keenan, Ray Cellar, Howard Hamilton, Ed Steinacher, Walter O'Neal.



Photo from Geneva State Bank

Fillmore County Bar (1895). Back row, left to right: William Waite, deputy sheriff; Hon. W. G. Hastings, presiding; E. A. Cary, reporter; Bright B. Ogg, sheriff; F. B. Donisthorpe; John J. Burke, deputy district clerk; H. F. Putlitz, district clerk; H. P. Wilson. Seated: John Barsby, county attorney; Robert J. Sloan; A. Sandage, bailiff; D. Carson; James W. Christy; Frank W. Sloan; Charles A. Fowler; Charles A. Sloan.

Other Occupations

Painters (1967): Raymond Schupbach, Ray Jirkovsky, Frank Gibbons, Alvin Rizer.

Plumbers (1967)—licensed by City Clerk: Joe E. Schelkopf, Dean Garrett, Harrison Karr, Koehler & Co.

Electricians (1967)—persons and businesses licensed by City Clerk: James S. Matejka (Geneva Electric), Fred Schaldeck, Joe E. Schelkopf, Don Cuda, Andrews Electric, Kaneb Terminal (Fred Versemann), John Wilkins Construction (Wayne Churchill), Koehler & Co., Gambles, Gehrke Construction Co.

Contractors (1967): W. A. Biba Engineering Co., Nichols Construction Co., Maurice A. Nichols Construction Co., Kiestler & Walker, John W. Wilkins.

Masons (1967): Melvin Schnegelberger, Virgil Verhage.

Carpenters (1967): Virgil Reichert, Richard Oliva, W. W. Biegert, Dean Heath, Gehrke Construction Co. (Delfs Gehrke and Lawrence Peterson), John Wilkins Construction, Steve Watmore, Koehler & Co. (Lewis McCreath, company carpenter).

Morticians (1967): Robert Kritner, Paul Farmer.

Auctioneers (1967): Iryl Shaner, Kenneth (Bill) Shaner, Rex Shaner, Don Kimbrough.

BUSINESS HISTORY

The following summary is from the *Bulletin* for January 3, 1884:

Geneva This town is the county seat of Fillmore County, and is located at the geographical center of school Sec. 36, town 7, range 3

west. Its location is a pleasant one, on the level upland prairie. The town was laid out on an open prairie, but now a fine growth of forest and shade trees surround it. The population numbers about 400. It is located about 8 miles S of the B. & M. Railroad, and the nearest railroad station is at Fairmont.

Business Houses and Stocks Carried

Dempster Bros., drugs, general merchandise	\$25,000
Platt & Smith, general merchandise	10,000
F. H. Briggs, groceries	5,000
Mozee & Co.	1,000
A. G. Camp & Son, general	5,000
L. Fiengenbaum, drugs	5,000
H. Conant, notions	3,000
I. E. Mack, confectionery	2,000
B. W. Jones, restaurant	500
Jones & Barry, hardware	4,000
Stone & Pardue, hardware	3,000
Baris & Reed, furniture	3,000
S. H. Yates, flour and feed mill	2,000
M. Conwell, flour and feed mill	1,000
Mrs. Luke, millinery	1,000
Mrs. G. Hedge, millinery	1,500
Mr. Haywood, bakery	
J. Selby, coal	
C. Heath, harness	1,500
W. S. Crawford, harness	1,200
F. Stone, stone chimneys	
Total	\$74,700

Improvements

District schoolhouse	\$ 5,000
Opera house and stores, Jensen & Briggs	4,000
Mozee Bros., store and addition	3,000
Mr. Conant, store and addition	2,000
A. O. Taylor, office	500
S. Camp, store building	500
J. M. Fisher, dwelling	4,000
E. Spear, dwelling	1,500
C. Donisthorpe, dwelling	800
Mrs. Clark, dwelling	700
A. J. Jones, dwelling	800
Mrs. P. D. Sturdevant, dwelling	1,000
Mrs. McKee, dwelling	1,200
F. Heiderstadt, dwelling	1,200
C. H. Bane, dwelling	1,200
Mrs. Moore, dwelling	800
J. Lemon, dwelling	800
O. P. Lacy, dwelling	600
A. J. Beals, dwelling	600
G. Nettleman, dwelling	400
C. L. Spear, livery barn	2,000
Barns and cribs not enumerated will aggregate	5,000
Total	\$37,800

Professions

The attorneys are: C. H. Bane, J. Jensen, W. H. Cooksey, and J. D. Hamilton.

The doctors are: B. G. and William Mozee; R. T. Dailey and G. R. Hart.

The clergy are: Revs. M. E. Donisthorpe, Willis and Pardee.

Societies

Geneva Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; a lodge of I. O. of O. F.; a G. A. R. post and the Woman's Christian Temperance Society.

The Geneva cornet band and the juvenile band furnish music for the town.

The real-estate business is represented by Taylor & Day, S. Camp, and B. Shickley.

The insurance agents are as follows: J. C. D. McDonald, A. V. Dworak, and J. Miles.

In the next 22 months, the business interests of the town expanded considerably, as indicated by this Business Directory from the *Fillmore County Republican* of October 28, 1885:

Billings & Donisthorpe—attorneys-at-law (on Center St. near Court)
Banta, C.—Fillmore Hotel
Briggs, F. H.—groceries, etc.
Brunner, Adam—shoemaker (on corner next to Camp's store)
Brown, Mrs. F. M.—milliner and dressmaker
Carson, J. D.—attorney-at-law (office with A. O. Taylor)
Cooksey, W. H.—post office, news depot
Camp, C. D.—photographer
Camp, J. H.—liveryman and feed stable
Clark, George C.—painter (east side of courthouse square)
Cudworth & Evans—milliners
Dempster, Hazlett & Green—drugs, jewelry, and books
Dempster & Stewart—dry goods and tailoring (successors to Dempster Bros., opposite the courthouse)
Faust, J.—shoe shop
Fifield, W. A.—attorney-at-law
Fort, J. H. & Co.—real estate and loan agents
Fiengenbaum, Lou S.—drugs, wall paper, and books
Fillebrown, Mrs. Ellen—milliner

Green, G. R.—jeweler and watch maker
 Glover, Mrs. S. J.—dressmaker (in Mrs. Fillebrown's millinery store)
 Hart, G. R.—physician and surgeon (office in Fiegenbaum's drugstore)
 Herb, S. M.—physician and surgeon (office over Woodruff's hardware store)
 Heath, Mrs. C. H.—teacher of vocal and instrumental music
 Heath, C. H.—harness and saddles
 Henderson, S. J.—blacksmith
 Hitch, G. R.—groceries, etc.
 Jensen, J.—attorney-at-law (in Citizens Bank)
 Jensen, Fillebrown & Griffiths—bankers
 King & Wilkins—real estate, loans, and abstractors
 Lemmon, E. O.—contractor and builder
 Lacy, O. P.—furniture dealers (west side of courthouse square)
 Luke, J. H.—real estate and insurance (in Citizens Bank building)
 Luke, Mrs. L. M.—milliner
 Mathews, A.—dentist
 McClintock, Miss Martha—teacher of instrumental music (at Mrs. Heiderstadt's in NE Geneva)
 Martin, H. H.—contractor and builder (on corner, northeast of courthouse)
 Mozee Bros.—drugs and dry goods
 Mozee Bros.—physicians and surgeons
 Matson & Wilkins—tonorial artists
 Ough, T.—wagon maker
 Pittman, A.—carpet weaver
 Smith, Fisher & Fifield—bankers
 Shumway & Alexander—meat market
 Sayas & Boyce—plasterers and stone masons
 Spear, D. J.—dry goods and hardware
 Stone & Sager—windmills, pumps, and belting
 Spear & DeWolf—livery, feed, and sale stable
 Shickley Bros.—Farmers' Loan and Trust Company
 Turner, Robert—dairy
 Voris & Reed—furniture and farm machinery
 Vondra, George N.—blacksmith (east side of square)
 Wilkins & King—*Republican* printing office
 Wirtz, Kate—laundry (at residence)
 Woodruff, C. H.—hardware
 Williams, T. L.—house and sign painter (over H. H. Martin wagon shop)
 Youngers & Preston—nursery
 Yates, S. H.—flour and feed
 Zink, George H.—confectioner
 Martin, E. C.—barber shop (west of Spear & DeWolf's livery barn in Charlie Downing's old stand)



Photo from Mrs. C. C. Camp
 View of Main Street from west end of block, about 1888.

Then, some four years later, still further gratifying growth was recorded by the *Nebraska Gazetteer* for 1888-89:

"Geneva is the county seat of Fillmore County and is an important railway point. It is a station on the Chester and Fairmont line of the B. & M. Railroad and the Geneva line of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley R.R., which gives it a direct outlet to different points of the compass. Other railroad companies are extending their lines in this direction, among which are the Missouri Pacific and the Wyandott & Northwestern, and indications are that Geneva will in a few years be one of the leading railroad centers of the state. The town is situated in [the] center of [the] county, the products of which are grain, cattle, and hogs, increasing in such measure as to attract attention. The soil is rich and fertile and admirably adapted to growth of all cereals. . . . There is a large school building and an excellent graded school. The churches are the Methodist, Rev. G. M. Couffer; Congregational, Rev. H. S. Wannamaker; Baptist, Rev. L. T. Fisher.

"Societies: Geneva Lodge No. 79, A.F. & A.M.; Geneva Lodge No. 125, A.O.U.W.; Geneva Chapter (U.D.) order; Geneva Lodge No. 65, I.O.O.F.; Wilson Post No. 22, G.A.R.; Geneva Lodge No. 73, K. of P.; Geneva Union Aid Society . . .

"Two weekly papers are published here, the *Republican* and *Democrat*, both of which are ably conducted, the former under management of T. Wilkins, and the latter by Sumner E. King; the

Citizens Bank, capital \$50,000, J. Jensen, president, H. L. Smith, vice-president, J. M. Fillebrown, cashier; the Exchange Bank and the Bank of Geneva are solid banking institutions and are substantial aids in building up the place.

"The traveling public and others are cared for by the Stowell House, G. Stowell, proprietor; the Platt House, by Frank Strong; and the Fillmore Hotel by C. Banta.

Alexander, Mark—meat market
 Antes, S. F.—station agent
 Arnold, George F.—real estate
 Atherton, H. A.—manager of the Nebraska Telephone Co.
 Bailor, L. D.—physician
 Bank of Geneva—A. O. Taylor, president; William H. Jameson, cashier
 Banta, C.—proprietor of Fillmore Hotel
 Beals, A. J.—city transfer
 Beals, T. J.—lumber
 Beals & Webster—carpenters
 Beals & Wilkins—barbers
 Bentley, D. B.—blacksmith
 Berdolt, M. & Son—clothing
 Billings, E. M.—attorney
 Breitting, J. F.—restaurant
 Brown & Farr—groceries
 Brown, William—ice
 Burk, J. M.—hardware
 Burnett & Merrill—carpenters
 Camp, C. D.—photographer
 Camp, J. H.—livery
 Camp, J. H., Mrs.—millinery
 Carson, John D.—attorney-at-law
 Chapman, A.—real estate
 Citizens Bank—authorized capital \$50,000; J. Jensen, president; H. L. Smith, vice-president; E. K. Cobb, cashier
 Clark & Bumgarner—agricultural implements
 Clark, J. C.—dentist
 Cobb, E. K.—cashier of Citizens Bank
 Conant, D. H.—attorney
 Cone, C. H. & Co.—lumber—R. W. Schmoltdt, manager
 Cooksey, W. H.—postmaster
 Crawford & Brown—groceries
 Crowley Bros.—rubber stamps
 Curtis & Son—loans
 Daley, E. H.—pianos, organs
 Darrow, J. R.—groceries
 Dempster & Conwell—general merchandise
 Dempster & Hazlett—drugs
 Donisthorpe, F. B.—attorney
 Donisthorpe, S.—abstracts
 Dworak, V.—loans, insurance
 Exchange Bank—George M. Smith, president; J. M. Fisher, cashier
 Faust, J. F.—shoemaker
 Fauver, W. H., Dr.—veterinary surgeon
 Fiegenbaum, L. S.—drugs, etc.
 Fifield, W. V.—attorney
 Fillebrown, Ellen, Mrs.—millinery
 Fillmore County Democrat—Sumner E. King, publisher
 Fillmore County Republican—T. Wilkins, publisher
 Gaylord, Will R.—abstracts
 Geneva Manufacture & Repair shop—David C. Mowry, proprietor
 Geneva Milling Co.—Jacob Pflug and others, incorporators
 Geneva Roller Milling Co.—A. O. Taylor, president; F. H. Briggs, secretary; J. Jensen, treasurer
 Glover, S. J., Mrs.—dressmaker
 Green, G. R.—jewelry
 Gustafson, John—blacksmith
 Hamilton, J. D.—attorney and justice
 Harris, William—plasterer
 Hart, G. R.—physician
 Haskins Bros.—carpenters
 Held, Frank—tailor
 Hitch & Rathbun—general merchandise
 Huston & Schofield—lightning rods
 Jensen, J.—president Citizens Bank, attorney-at-law
 Jewell, T. T.—broom manufacturer
 Jones, P. W., Mrs.—dressmaker
 Keeler, F. A.—groceries
 Kent, Mattie, Miss—laundry
 King, Sumner E.—publisher of *Fillmore County Democrat*
 Koehler & Co.—grain
 La Paul, C. A.—well digger
 Lau, Martin—shoemaker
 Lemmon, E. O.—carpenter
 Lightbody & Tilzy—livestock
 Limback & Heath—drugs
 Longly, N. L.—wagonmaker
 Luke, J. H.—real estate
 McClintock, Martha, Mrs.—music teacher
 McFadden, Jap—barber
 McGrew, C. F.—attorney
 Mayland & Gill—meat market
 Mussner, C. L.—dry goods
 Miller, H. A. & Son—furniture
 Mohrman & Arends—general merchandise
 Mozee, B. B.—physician
 Mozee, George—physician
 Mozee, W. T.—physician
 Nebraska Telephone Co.—H. A. Atherton, manager
 Noyes, J. M.—coal
 Otis, F.—carpenter
 Ough, Thomas—wagonmaker
 Pardue, Henry—billiards
 Parker & Son—groceries
 Parkhurst, H. H.—lumber and coal
 Peth, George—harnessmaker
 Phelps & Son—hardware
 Platt House—Strong & Ward, proprietors
 Powell, W. H.—restaurant
 Price, Joseph—grain
 Propst, M.—physician
 Shickley Bros.—real estate
 Shickley, J. B.—auctioneer
 Shuster & Co.—foundry
 Sloan, W. C.—attorney
 Smith, Luke—photographer
 Smith, H. L.—vice-president of Citizens Bank
 Smrha, Charles—harnessmaker
 Spear, C. J.—livery
 Spear, D. J.—hardware
 Stanley, S.—flour and feed
 Stevens, Ed—coal
 Stowell House—G. Stowell, prop.
 Strong & Ward, Props.—Platt House
 Stultz, Q.—painter
 The Fillmore Hotel—C. Banta, prop.
 Thompson, W. H.—restaurant
 Tidball & Fuller—lumber and coal
 Traver, M. J., Mrs.—millinery
 Turner, Robert—dairy
 Tyson, L., Mrs.—restaurant
 Wait, J. E.—subscription books
 Walker, S. S.—painter
 Ward, J. H.—furniture
 Watrous & Spear—millinery
 Webster & Ladmeser—carpenters
 Weed, W. L.—station agent B. & M. R.R.
 Wheeler, T. W.—poultry
 Wilkins, T.—publisher of *Fillmore County Republican*
 Williams Bros.—painters



Photo from Mrs. Guy Brown, Sr.

Peter Youngers' nursery crew in the early 1900's. This building, later used by the Economy Paint Mills, is now the American Legion Hall.



Photo from Warren Lefever

H. F. Mohrman's general merchandise store (early 1900's).

Williams, M. D.—real estate
Wolfe & Burder—carpenters
Wilson, D. W.—restaurant
Wood, T. L. & Co.—merchant tailors

Wyoming Improvement Co.—C. W. Shickley, secretary
Youngers & Co.—nursery
Zirhut & Trant—soda water manufacturers

Then, as we move some 20 years from that first list of 1884, we find the population quadrupled. This description and directory are from the *Nebraska State Gazetteer and Business Directory* for 1902-03:

Geneva—Population 1,600, is on the B. & M. and F.E. & M.V. R.R.'s near the center of Fillmore County of which it is the county seat. It has 2 banks, 2 newspapers, 2 elevators, 1 roller mill, and an abundance of churches. Express: Adams, American.

Attorneys—F. B. Thorpe Dorris,¹ G. D. Matthewson, B. F. Shickley, Sloan Brothers (Charles H. and Frank W.), H. P. Wilson.

Abstracts—F. M. Flory

Banks—Citizens Bank, J. O. Walker, president; C. W. and V. C. Shickley, vice-presidents; E. K. Cobb, cashier
Geneva State Bank, E. Sandrock, president; E. Laffer, vice-president; C. S. Trotter, cashier

Bakery—William Manning, Fred A. Williams

Bicycles—D. W. Haskins

Barbers—Beals & Wilkins, O. Merrill, — Severens

Blacksmith—D. B. Bentley, M. L. Flick, Henderson & Son (S. J. and W. H.), F. J. Kabley, Shackelford & Son (A. C. and J. D.)

Billiards—F. M. Eaton

Bottler—M. Gasper

B. & M. R.R.—W. L. Wood, agent

City Clerk—J. D. Hamilton

City Treasurer—W. S. Huston

Clothing—W. P. Eaton

Carriages and implements—Walter Huston

Coal, brick, lumber—A. Koehler & Co.

Coal and grain—F. F. Beals & Co.

Clerk of District Court—W. A. Combs

Confections—B. F. Walton

County Attorney—Frank W. Sloan

County Clerk—A. N. Strickland

County Judge—Frank Skipton

County Superintendent of Schools—Charles Smrha

County Treasurer—Jacob Weis

District Court Reporter—J. W. Brewster

Dentist—[J. W.] Puckett, W. T. Smith

Doctors—W. C. Beaver, Thomas C. Canine, Abner G. McGrew, B. B. Mozee, George Mozee, G. D. Pendell, Morgan Propst

Drugs—Hutchins & Skinkle (Sterns Hutchins, Gregory Skinkle), E. B. Woodworth

Drugs and stationery—L. S. Fiegenbaum

Dry Goods—Solomon & Nathan (E. Solomon, Isaac Nathan)

Fillmore County Abstract Assn.—Sid Donisthorpe, secretary

Flour, feed, implements—W. T. Thomas

Flour and feed confr.—C. A. Smith

Flour mill, elevator—Guthrie & Co.

Furniture—C. W. Hrubesky, Matt Youngers

F. E. & M. V. R.R.—E. F. Elmore, agent

General merchandise—W. I. Carson, Newton Hitch, F. A. Keeler, Mohrman & Arends (H. F. Mohrman, J. H. Arends), H. L. Reeve & Son (H. L. and C. B.), Thomas Brothers Co.

Girls Industrial School—H. W. Clark, superintendent

Grocers—VanNice & Morrow (H. A. VanNice, S. F. Morrow)

Grain elevator—W. H. Ferguson

Hardware and harness—Hranac Brothers

Hardware and furniture—D. Geiselman

Hardware and implements—C. M. Barnett, W. H. Spear & Co.

Harness and upholstery—A. Barnes

Ice and meat market—M. Alexander

Hotel—Fillmore Hotel, L. W. Thompson, proprietor

Jeweler—L. S. Fiegenbaum, G. R. Green

Judge of 7th District—G. W. Stubbs

Livery—E. A. Bidelman, Albert Kline, Wise & Owens (Peter Wise, Joseph Owens)

Laundry—A. C. Phelps

Mayor—H. P. Wilson

Meat market—W. E. Eckley, F. Wright

Newspapers—*Nebraska Signal*, F. O. Edgcombe, editor; *Geneva Gazette*, W. J. Waite, manager

Millinery—Mrs. F. E. Houchin, Palmer & Wheeler (H. L. Palmer, A. M. Wheeler), Mary J. Traver

Music dealer—George H. Nelson

News and cigars—Hyde & Co.

Nursery—Youngers & Co.

Pastors—Rev. C. B. Aldrich (Baptist); Rev. Charles Becker (Catholic); Rev. A. F. Colony (Methodist); Rev. T. C. Ferguson (Free Will Baptist); Rev. T. Griffith (Congregational); Rev. R. C. Talbot (Episcopal)

Photographer—Fred H. Camp

Produce—Armour & Co., A. R. Daugherty, agent

Postmaster—M. V. King

Real estate and insurance—George F. Arnold, Bruner & Atherton (H. C. Bruner, H. A. Atherton), Curtiss & Waring (A. D. Curtiss, J. K. Waring)

Real estate—John Mills

Restaurant, Confectioners—Matthew & Phillips (Mrs. W. W. Matthew, R. G. Phillips)

Saloon—J. B. Cross, Lyman Russell

Sewing machines—Singer Manufacturing Co.—John Fryxell, agent

Sheriff—M. W. Dinneen

Shoemaker—George Bower

Shoes—F. N. Burleigh

Tailor—Frank Held

Wagonmaker—Nick Longly



Courtesy Geneva State Bank

Burleigh's shoe store (in 1890's). Left to right: J. S. Burleigh, Laura Bender, J. C. Bender.

¹ One must assume that the reporter could not read his own handwriting; this is obviously "F. B. Donisthorpe."