

Their Ages
— Total 711 Years

This is Rev. G. G. Rice of Council Bluffs, reading the bible that has been his constant companion for many, many years. He celebrated his 101st birthday anniversary last September. The Reverend Rice is the founder of Congregationalism in western Iowa and organized the first churches in Council Bluffs and Omaha 70 years ago.



Mrs. William Rothschild, 719 South Thirty-eighth street, celebrated her 100th birthday anniversary April 15. "I may be a bit old in years," she told the camera man, "but I haven't lost all my youthful ways." Whereupon, she refused to be photographed until she had rearranged her hair and put on her very best shawl. Then she posed, reading an exciting chapter from that very modern novel, "Idle Wives."



Don Carlos Starr, known to inhabitants of his home village, Dunning, Neb., as "Uncle Pete," bears the distinction of being the oldest person in Nebraska. He reached his 104th birthday anniversary April 8. Mr. Starr was born in Pavilion, N. Y., and homesteaded in Blaine county, Nebraska, in 1887. He plowed the first furrow in the sand hills of that section and was Blaine county's first county assessor. He had always enjoyed robust health until six months ago, when he suffered a light stroke of paralysis. During the world war, when labor was scarce on Nebraska ranches, "Uncle Pete" did his "bit" by riding a mower all day in the hay fields and assisting with farm chores at night.



As an Irish colleen 85 years ago she was "as pretty as they make 'em." Mrs. Pat Convey, 5207 South Fifty-fifth street, confided to the photographer when he took this picture. Her face is now seamed with the wrinkles of 102 years, but she's still active. "Grandma" says she has no rubs for longevity, but it may be of interest to note she enjoys a pipe and strong tobacco, a circumstance that may form the basis of argument in favor of the threatened revival of pipe smoking among women of today.



Nathan Carey, age 102, still retains an active interest in world events and the affairs of his community, though now totally blind and compelled by failing health to spend most of his time in his room. He lives with his son, Lester, in Upland, Neb. This centenarian was born in Berne, N. Y., and at the age of 27 pioneered to Wisconsin. He served through the civil war in the Thirty-sixth Wisconsin volunteers and settled after the war in Iowa, later moving to Nebraska. Mrs. Estella Anderson, Omaha, is one of his five living children.



Mrs. Johanna Anderson, age 103, of Benedict, Neb., came from Switzerland to America with her husband in 1871. They settled on a farm near Benedict, Neb., in 1880. The husband died 17 years ago. Mrs. Anderson has five living children, nine grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren, all residents of Nebraska.



Here's another centenarian, a century plant which has come into full bloom after 100 years of patient growth. The photograph was taken at Miami, Fla. Dewell photo.



Here is Mrs. Anna Rapp, age 102, busy with her knitting, in which she takes great delight. Weaving rag rugs is another of her centenarian hobbies. Mrs. Rapp's birthday is May 19. She lives with a daughter, Mrs. Anna Pierson, of Aurora, Neb.