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BOSWORTH, GEORGE STANLEY

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George Stanley Bosworth, a descendent of Miles Standish, and a grandson of General Ruffus Putman, was born in Marietta township, Washington county, Ohio, December 13, 1830. When but a small boy, his parents moved to the city of Marietta, where he grew to manhood.

George S. Bosworth was the son of Zephinah and Lucy (Burlingame) Bosworth. There were four girls and three boys in the family: Lucy, Silvina, Jerusia, Lottie; Daniel, George S. and William.

George S. Bosworth attended the public schools of Marietta. After he graduated, he went to Cleveland, Ohio where he completed a business course. He then returned to Marietta where he went to work for the Marietta Bucket Factory for a number of years. He, at one time, went into business with a partner in a store and mill. On account of poor health, he left this work and started west.

On June 26, 1855, George S. Bosworth married Mary Munson, daughter of Jasper and Harriet (Hubbard) Munson. Mary was born December 31, 1827, at Marietta, Ohio, where she spent the early part of her life. She received her education in the public schools there, and later she attended and graduated from a private school.

George S. and Mary (Munson) Bosworth had three children: Nettie H., George, and John Newton.

Nettie, was born in Marietta, Washington county, Ohio, April 17, 1856. She is a member of the Eastern Star Lodge at Paynesville, Minnesota, where she lives with her brother John Newton.

George, was also born at Marietta, Ohio, December 31, 1858. He was a very active member in the Paynesville Lodge Number 71 A. F. and A. A., M. He served as Master of the Lodge in 1912. He died January 6, 1933, after a short illness. His funeral was conducted by the Masonic Lodge Number 71,

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and he was laid to rest in the Paynesville cemetery.

The third child, John Newton, was born in Hartford City, West Virginia, November 15, 1865. John Newton was twelve years old when his parents moved west to Paynesville, Minnesota. He finished his elementary education here. He then attended the Duluth Business College at Duluth, Minnesota from which he graduated. John Newton worked on his father's farm for a time, and then was employed at the Bugbee and Schwartz Drug Store in Paynesville. In 1912, he took over the duties of janitor in the Paynesville Public School. He held this position for seventeen years. At present John Newton is employed on the Paynesville Police force. He is a very active member in the Paynesville Lodge, Number 71 A. F. and A. A., M. He served as Master in 1915 and 1916, and has held other offices ever since. John Newton is also a member of the Eastern Star Lodge, and has served for sixteen years as Worthy Patron.

George S. and Mary (Munson) Bosworth came west with their three children and settled in Paynesville township, March 20, 1878. They made the trip from Marietta, Ohio, to Atwater, Minnesota, by train. At Atwater, they hired a team of horses and a buggy to finish their journey. On the way, their buggy broke down and they had to borrow one from a farmer living along the way so that they could finish their trip to Paynesville.

George S. Bosworth was a bookkeeper by trade. He worked for John Holtz when he first came to Paynesville. Later he moved to St. Cloud and kept books for John F. Stevenson. He left St. Cloud and went to Superior, Wisconsin for a time. He soon came back to Paynesville, Minnesota, where he made his home.

In 1900, George S. and his family left for North Dakota. Here they took up homesteads. The boys, George and John Newton, took up a homestead

for themselves. They stayed there until 1903, and then returned to Paynesville.

George S. Bosworth and his family were very active in church work. They did all they could towards the betterment of the church. They were Congregationalists.

The only entertainment the family had was what was known as the "singing bee". They would hitch up the horses, gather up all the neighbors, and go to someone's home where they would all sing for hours. At that time, there were only two organs in Paynesville.

Mary (Munson) Bosworth died on March 12, 1907, at her home. She was laid to rest in the Paynesville cemetery.

George Stanley Bosworth died on March 19, 1925, at the age of ninety-four years. He was buried beside his wife in the Paynesville cemetery.

Interviewed: Mettie Bosworth  
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DEATH RECORD BOOK Z PAGE 17 LINE 469

George Bosworth Born in Ohio, December 31, 1858

Son of Geo. S. Bosworth and Mary Munson

Died January 6, 1933

Age 74 years 5 days

DEATH RECORD BOOK R. PAGE 16 LINE 474

Geo. S. Bosworth Born in Ohio December 13, 1830

Son of Zephania Bosworth and Lucy Burlingham

Died March 19, 1925

Age 94 years 3 months and 6 days