

Ron & Carol Cope: A Nebraska Love Story

Errata

1. At the top of page 225, the first sentence should instead read as follows:

The latter group included Robert Phares, North Platte mayor from 1969 to 1976, who ran for governor in 1978 and became an NU regent in 2006.

2. In the fourth paragraph on page 233, the first sentence should instead read as follows:

“The phone rings and he answers, and pretty soon he says, ‘Jaynette, the phone call is for you,’” Jaynette said.

3. Beginning with the third paragraph on page 264, and continuing to the end of the subsection, the text should instead read as follows:

Ron and Carol looked at what she called a “Hill house” in June 1956, but it sold before Ron could make an offer. Real estate agent Carroll Morrow showed them another house in April 1957, but nothing came of that, either.

Finally, on Dec. 1, 1958, the Copes agreed to buy a two-level house at 20 Hillcrest Drive, built into the north side of the hill. Its living room looked out over Kearney, offering an ideal space for Carol’s Steinway. They could sun on the rear deck, descend to an attached two-car garage, watch birds around snowy bird feeders in the winter, and tend and enjoy a spectacular flower garden in the summer. A garage-door opener and garbage disposal were among then-new conveniences.

On April 3 and 4, 1959 — three weeks before they unveiled Claussen’s new storefront — Ron, Carol and Aunt Kate moved in. However, they couldn’t sell the Fifth Avenue house until Sept. 2, 1960.

4. In the third paragraph on page 296, the last sentence should instead read as follows: O’Connor Drug and Walter J. O’Connor’s original five-and-dime, however, would hang on into the Bicentennial year of 1976.

5. In the first paragraph of page 330, the second sentence should instead read as follows: He had fought for his life for the second time in two years.

6. In the second paragraph on page 497, the second sentence should instead read as follows:

In February 2008, she gave \$5,000 toward a planned \$50,000 splash pad in the city park at Pleasanton, neighbors to the Copes’ Goodview Farm II for 50 years.

Notes

Page numbers refer to the original text of Todd von Kampen, *Ron & Carol Cope: A Nebraska Love Story* (Kearney, Neb.: Morris Publishing, 2017).

Abbreviations used:

AP: The Associated Press.

CP: Cope Papers (preserved archives of Ron and Carol Cope).

DN: *The Daily Nebraskan*, University of Nebraska(-Lincoln) student newspaper.

GSH: Good Samaritan Hospital, Kearney.

KSC: Kearney State College (and earlier derivations, 1903-91).

NSHS: Nebraska State Historical Society.

NU: University of Nebraska (original Lincoln campus until 1968, university system 1968-present).

OWH: *Omaha World-Herald* (1889-present).

UNK: University of Nebraska at Kearney (1991-present).

UNL: University of Nebraska-Lincoln (1968-present).

UNO: University of Nebraska at Omaha (1968-present).

Part I: Becoming

Chapter 1: Cornhusker Origins

Page 6, “Pawnee County is one of Nebraska’s oldest”: “Revisiting our counties,” *OWH*, Aug. 8, 2004, p. 12B; “Our Counties — Pawnee County,” *OWH*, Oct. 24, 2004, p. 19B; and “Pawnee — History,” Nebraska Association of County Officials (<http://www.nacone.org>).

Page 6, “Pawnee County at its 1900 peak”: “Nebraska Historical Population Report, 1860-2007,” Center for Public Affairs Research, UNO, p. 22.

Page 6, “Farming remains”: “American FactFinder,” U.S. Census Bureau website (<https://factfinder.census.gov>).

Page 6, “And yet the county”: James C. Olson and Ronald C. Naugle, *History of Nebraska*, third edition (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1997), pp. 140, 153-54, 354.

Page 7, “A man on horseback”: Hosea Whitford Rood, *Story of the Service of Company E, and of the Twelfth Wisconsin Regiment of Veteran Volunteer Infantry, in the War of the Rebellion, Beginning with September 7, 1861, and Ending July 21, 1865* (Milton, Wis.: 1893), pp. 305-07.

Page 7, “James A. Cope was born”: Virginia (Cope) Thiemann, “Cope History,” 1970s, CP. The family name was spelled with two O’s (“Coope”) by Oliver’s children and grandchildren before reverting to “Cope,” Thiemann added.

Page 7, “Ron’s great-grandfather”: Thiemann, “Cope History,” CP.; Rood, pp. 142, 521-22. Thiemann says Ann Cope “and the 3 remaining children” moved to Wisconsin after the first James Cope’s death.

Page 8, “They joined their new unit”: Rood, pp. 145-46. One of James A.’s fellow recruits that day, Edwin Truell, would receive the Medal of Honor and a first lieutenant’s battlefield commission for staying at his post — despite a wounded foot which later would be amputated — during the Battle of Bald Hill being described here (pp. 142, 314-15).

- Page 8, “As part of the Army of the Tennessee”:** Rood, pp. 191, 205, 211.
- Page 8, “Now the 12th Wisconsin”:** Shelby Foote, *The Civil War: A Narrative*, Vol. III, “Red River to Appomattox” (New York: Random House, 1974), pp. 419-20.
- Page 8, “So it was that James A.”:** Rood, pp. 305-12.
- Page 10, “The soldiers, having toiled”:** Rood, pp. 316-17; Foote, p. 530.
- Page 10, “The Confederates made”:** Rood, p. 522.
- Page 10, “In October 1864”:** Foote, pp. 788-89.
- Page 11, “Such units became”:** Rood, pp. 444-48; Foote, pp. 1014-17.
- Page 11, “News of Gen. Robert E. Lee’s surrender”:** Rood, pp. 461-62.
- Page 11, “The war over”:** Thiemann, “Cope History,” CP.
- Page 12, “In November 1874”:** Todd von Kampen, “Dodge mapped out original town,” “Rails 2016,” *North Platte Telegraph*, September 2016, pp. 8-9, and “North Platte in 1867: Where the Tracks End, A New Town Begins,” Revisited magazine, *Telegraph*, spring 2017, pp. 8-11.
- Page 12, “Army troops were stationed”:** Thomas R. Buecker, “The Post at North Platte Station, 1867-1878,” *Nebraska History*, Vol. 63 (1982), NSHS, pp. 381-98.
- Page 12, “Other UP station stops”:** Elaine Nielsen, *Ogallala: A Century on the Trail*, first edition (Ogallala, Neb.: Keith County Historical Society, 1984), p. 19.
- Page 12, “His father Louis Schrepel”:** Carol Cope, “F.J.,” handwritten account, ca. 1970-71, CP.
- Page 13, “He was born in Innsbruck”:** Carol Cope, “F.J.,” CP; Carol Cope, handwritten list of family biographical information, CP; “Ferdinand Bstandig,” from *Portrait and Biographical Album of Johnson and Pawnee Counties, Nebraska* (Chicago: Chapman Bros., 1889), pp. 430-32; U.S. Census Bureau, 1870 Census, Pawnee County, Neb., p. 83.
- Page 13, “Not until the end of 1876”:** “Gun-Smith,” in “A Brief Review: Business Men of North Platte,” *North Platte Western Nebraskian*, Dec. 30, 1876, p. 2.
- Page 13, “NEW GUNSMITH SHOP!”:** Advertisement, *Western Nebraskian*, Jan. 8, 1875, p. 1. This first version of Louis Schrepel’s ad ran regularly through May 28, 1875.
- Page 13, “A July 1875 item”:** Information on the original Sharps company comes from Rebecca Hoback, “Powder Hour: The Sharps Legacy,” Buffalo Bill Center of the West website, Cody, Wyo. (<https://centerofthewest.org>), and Joe Bilby, “The Sharps,” “Shotgun’s Home of the American Civil War” website (<http://www.civilwarhome.com>).
- Page 13, “Louis Schrepl [sic]”:** “Local News,” *North Platte Republican*, July 17, 1875, p. 2.
- Page 14, “Louis, who first moved his shop”:** *Western Nebraskian*, Nov. 13, 1875, p. 3.
- Page 14, “Just a week later”:** “Hungry Ones! Read!” advertisement, *Western Nebraskian*, Nov. 20, 1875, p. 2.
- Page 14, “Louis Schreple [sic]”:** “Local News,” *Western Nebraskian*, Dec. 22, 1875, p. 3.
- Page 14, “Gold had been found”:** “Local News,” *Western Nebraskian*, Jan. 27, 1876, p. 3.
- Page 14, “A NEW GUN SHOP”:** Advertisement, *Western Nebraskian*, March 25, 1876, p. 3.
- Pages 14-15, “Lewis Schrepel commenced”:** “A Brief Review/Business Men of North Platte,” *Western Nebraskian*, Dec. 30, 1876, p. 2.
- Page 15, “A tantalizing family tale”:** “History of ‘The Flagship,’” Emmert Bros., Salem, Neb., 1947, CP.
- Page 15, “On Aug. 24, 1878”:** Nellie Snyder Yost, *Buffalo Bill: His Family, Friends, Fame, Failures and Fortunes* (Chicago: Sage Books, 1979), pp. 82-94, 96-101, 111. Scout’s Rest Ranch, the Wild West Show’s home base and now a Nebraska state historical park, wasn’t built until the 1880s.
- Page 15, “A month after this exhibition”:** *Western Nebraskian*, Sept. 21, 1878, p. 2.
- Page 15, “By then, he had taken”:** Carol Cope, “F.J.,” CP.
- Page 15, “A ‘Forty Years Ago This Week’”:** *Colorado Transcript*, Golden, Colo., Aug. 29, 1918, p. 2.
- Page 15, “A year later, he moved”:** Advertisement, *The Colorado Miner*, Georgetown, Colo., Aug. 23, 1879, p. 3. Louis Schrepel also is listed as a gunsmith in the *Colorado State Business Directory*, 1881, p. 190.

Pages 15-16, “By 1883, the family”: Carol Cope, handwritten list of family biographical information, CP; Gunnison County records, State of Colorado census, June 1, 1885; *Aspen (Colo.) Daily Times*, Oct. 7, 1885, p. 2.

Page 16, “The birth of this first”: The extant record of this item appears in “Twenty Years Ago Today,” *Aspen Daily Times*, Jan. 24, 1906, p. 1.

Page 16, “The next public notice”: “Died,” *Rocky Mountain Sun*, Aspen, Colo., May 1, 1886.

Page 16, “Louis apparently tried”: “The District Court,” *Rocky Mountain Sun*, July 10, 1886, p. 2.

Page 16, “The Denver city directory”: Denver city directory, 1887, p. 653. The location is six blocks from Coors Field, the home of the Colorado Rockies major league baseball team.

Pages 16-17, “Three years earlier”: Ownership records, Clerk/Register of Deeds Office, Pawnee County, Neb.; Warranty Deed for real estate sold by Lyman and Elsie Parsons to James A. Cope, signed by sellers March 7, 1883, and filed by buyers in Pawnee County, Neb., April 4, 1883, CP and Pawnee County Clerk/Register of Deeds Office.

Page 17, “Virginia Thiemann’s family history”: Thiemann, “Cope History,” CP; U.S. Census Bureau, records for Township 2 North, Range 11 East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, 1870 U.S. Census records for Pawnee County, Neb., Aug. 29, 1870, p. 46. The section containing the original Cope farm in Pawnee County is given in his biographical sketch in *Andreas’ History of the State of Nebraska* (Chicago: The Western Historical Co., 1882) (<http://www.kancoll.org>).

Page 17, “His first wife”: Rood, p. 522; Thiemann, “Cope History,” CP.

Page 17, “Three years later, James A. married”: Rood, p. 510; Thiemann, “Cope History,” CP.

Pages 17-18, “Olive Cope bore”: Thiemann, “Cope History,” CP. She added that she remembered a cherrywood square table from her childhood that had traveled on the Stewarts’ covered wagon.

Page 18, “Thiemann doesn’t tell”: “Pawnee County — Biographical Sketches,” *Andreas’ History*.

Page 18, “James A., who was re-elected”: “The G.A.R. in Nebraska,” *The National Tribune*, June 24, 1882, p. 5; *The National Tribune*, March 22, 1883, p. 6; Rood, p. 522; entry on Upright Lodge No. 137, Burchard, Pawnee County, in *Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, June 15, 1887, to June 19, 1891*, second edition (Omaha: Omaha Printing Co., 1902), p. 3844.

Page 18, “James A. and Eleanor”: Thiemann, “Cope History,” CP; “State Political Notes,” *Omaha Daily Bee*, Aug. 18, 1884, p. 1; “Nebraska Legislature,” *Bee*, Nov. 24, 1884, p. 5; *House Journal of the Legislature of the State of Nebraska, 19th Regular Session* (Lincoln: State Journal Co., 1885), pp. 17, 23, 26-27.

Page 18, “Rep. Cope immediately was named”: *House Journal*, 1885, pp. 7-9.

Page 18, “Once again, the imposing”: C.L. Hall, *Biographical Manual of the Members and Officers of the Twentieth Legislature of Nebraska* (Lincoln: State Journal Co., 1887), pp. 55-56.

Page 19, “He authored no bills”: *House Journal*, 1885, pp. 408-12, 1462; *Bee*, Jan. 6, 1887, p. 1; Guy A. Brown and Hiland H. Wheeler, *Manual For Use Of the Legislature Of the State of Nebraska For the Year 1887* (Lincoln: State Journal Co., 1887), p. 124.

Page 19, “Rosewater proclaimed”: Edward Rosewater, “The True and the Faithless,” editorial, *Bee*, April 14, 1887, p. 4.

Page 19, “But Rep. Cope opposed”: *House Journal*, 1885, p. 1403; “Doings in the House,” *Bee*, Feb. 11, 1887, p. 1; “The Railroad Bill Passed,” *Bee*, March 31, 1887, p. 1.

Page 19, “Rep. Cope introduced”: “The Railroad Bill Passed”; “Doings in the House,” *Bee*, Jan. 29, 1887, p. 1; *Bee*, Feb. 3, 1887, p. 1, and Feb. 17, 1887, p. 1; “Doings of the Lawmakers,” *Bee*, March 1, 1887, p. 1; “Doings in the House,” *Bee*, March 29, 1887, p. 1;

Pages 19-20, “On Feb. 7, 1887”: “But Little Business Done,” *Bee*, Feb. 8, 1887, p. 1; “Doings in the House,” *Bee*, March 29, 1887, p. 1; *Bee*, March 30, 1887, p. 1, and *Omaha Daily World*, March 30, 1887, p. 1; “A Sixty-Day Agony Ended,” *Bee*, April 1, 1887, p. 1.

Page 20, “Despite the *World’s* harsh-sounding description”: Dave Carew, “Adoptee grateful for Nebraska Industrial Home,” *Lincoln Journal Star*, March 29, 2008.

Page 20, “During his years”: Thiemann, “Cope History,” CP.

Page 20, “James A. attended reunions”: “Veterans Talk,” *World*, Sept. 8, 1887, p. 1; “The Census Enumerators,” *Bee*, May 26, 1890, p. 2; “State Grangers Welcomed,” *Bee*, Dec. 10, 1891, p. 3; “Nebraska State Grange,” *Morning OWH*, Dec. 9, 1891, p. 5.

Pages 20-21, “In 1890, the Omaha World-Herald”: “The Burchard Style,” *Morning OWH*, Sept. 3, 1890, p. 2.

Page 21, “Coupled with his considerable”: Thiemann, “Cope History,” CP (underlined by Jessie (Cope) Johnson).

Page 21, “James A. Cope died”: “James A. Cope Dead,” *Morning OWH*, Feb. 14, 1894, p. 5; Thiemann, “Cope History,” CP.

Page 21, “Lon Cope, who had just turned”: Thiemann, “Cope History,” CP.

Pages 21-22, “In that same winter”: Carol Cope, “F.J.,” CP; map of Pawnee County showing former rural (Class I) school buildings, ca. early 1900s, records of Pawnee County Superintendent of Schools office (now defunct).

Page 22, “Frank would have attended”: Carol Cope, “F.J.,” CP; roster of Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Wymore, Neb. (<http://cinetropic.com>). Carol doesn’t give Frank Schrepel’s confirmation date; it likely was around 1889, given a long American Catholic tradition of confirming children around age 14. Fred Bstandig played baritone horn in Burchard’s band, Carol wrote (“F.J.”).

Page 22, “Frank traveled to Chicago”: Carol Cope, “F.J.,” CP; ad for H.W. Reuter shop, *The Steinauer Star*, Nov. 1, 1895, p. 3.

Page 22, “In 1887”: W.F. Huff, “Steinauer, Nebraska: A Town Twelve Years Old,” editorial, *The Steinauer Star*, Aug. 18, 1899, p. 4; Pawnee County entry, *Andreas’ History*; Steinauer entry, *Nebraska ... Our Towns* (Seward, Neb.: Second Century Publication Committee, 1997).

Page 22, “Frank and his sisters”: Anna Schrepel to Frank Schrepel, Oct. 3, 1896, CP; *The Steinauer Star*, Oct. 23, 1896, p. 3.

Page 23, “Carol Cope’s Aunt Ida”: “Christmas exercises,” *The Steinauer Star*, Jan. 1, 1897, p. 2; “Our School,” *The Steinauer Star*, June 11, 1897, p. 3; “Our Public Schools,” *The Steinauer Star*, May 31, 1901, p. 5.

Page 23, “But Frank Schrepel had joined”: Carol Cope, “F.J.,” CP.

Page 23, “He was spending more time”: Autograph book of Mary Lena Pettinger (later Schrepel), 1892-1904, CP.

Page 23, “Her father, Michael Pettinger Sr.”: Carol Cope, handwritten list of family biographical information, CP; interview with Raymond and Kathleen Pettinger, Aug. 13, 2014; family tree of Michael Pettinger Sr. (provided to author by Raymond and Kathleen Pettinger); Michael Pettinger Sr. obituary, *The Pawnee Republican*, Pawnee City, Neb., Nov. 27, 1924, p. 5; Huff, “Steinauer, Nebraska: A Town Twelve Years Old”; “Mrs. Frank J. Schrepel,” obituary, *Pawnee Republican*, Jan. 23, 1936; Katharine M. Pettinger obituary, typewritten draft by Carol Cope, June 1963, CP.

Pages 23-24, “In 1949, Carol described”: Carol Cope, “The Most Unforgettable Character I’ve Met,” brief handwritten memoir of Lena (Pettinger) Schrepel, ca. 1949, CP.

Page 24, “Like Frank’s sister Anna”: Lena’s friend Myra Steinauer wrote in 1902 that she had heard Lena “would not work out any more” and asked if Lena would come back when Myra was ready to “go away to learn to sew” (Myra Steinauer to Lena Pettinger, Oct. 6, 1902, CP).

Page 24, “But when a mysterious pain”: Diary of Lena Pettinger (later Schrepel), CP; *The Steinauer Star*, Jan. 31, 1896, p. 3, and Oct. 2, 1896, p. 3.

Page 24, “The news item”: Anna Schrepel to Frank Schrepel, Oct. 3, 1896, CP. She addressed the letter to him in care of Dr. C.M. Coe, “SW cor(ner of) 11th & Walnut Sts.,” Kansas City.

Pages 24-25, “Dr. Coe’s treatment”: Frank Schrepel to Dr. S. Murdock, dated Jan. 6, 1897, CP.

Page 25, “Dr. Murdock replied”: Dr. S. Murdock to Frank Schrepel, Jan. 7, 1898, CP; diary and autograph book of Lena Pettinger (later Schrepel), CP.

Page 25, “This doctor apparently succeeded”: Membership and accident insurance policy and application form of Frank Schrepel, The Woodmen Accident Association, Lincoln, Neb., June 16, 1903, CP.

Page 25, “Even after Frank moved”: Diary of Lena Pettinger (later Schrepel), CP; *The Steinauer Star*, June 2, 1899, p. 5; July 28, 1899, p. 5; Aug. 25, 1899, p. 4; Oct. 13, 1899, p. 5; Dec. 1, 1899, p. 5; April 27, 1900, p. 4; Aug. 10, 1900, p. 5; Nov. 30, 1900, p. 5; Dec. 7, 1900, p. 5; June 21, 1901, p. 5; Oct. 11, 1901, p. 5.

Page 25, “A May 1900 letter”: Ida Le Som, Guide Rock, Neb., to Lena Pettinger, May 1900, CP.

Page 25, “Friend Emma”: Emma (Steinauer) Rucker to Lena Pettinger (later Schrepel), ca. 1899-1905, CP.

Page 25, “Not until Oct. 2, 1904”: Autograph book of Lena Pettinger (later Schrepel), CP; item on wedding of Ida Schriepel [sic] and William Reuter, *Tecumseh* (Neb.) *Chieftain*, Oct. 12, 1904, CP.

Pages 25-26, “Lena was 30 years old”: Marriage license and certificate of Frank Joseph Schrepel and Mary Magdalena Helen Pettinger, Pawnee County, Neb., June 21, 1905 (from NSHS microfilm).

Page 26, “The *Star* Told More”: *The Steinauer Star*, June 22, 1905, p. 4.

¹ Marriage license and certificate of Alonzo James Cope and Grace Maude Smith, Pawnee County, June 21, 1905 (from NSHS microfilm); guest book and unofficial marriage certificate of Alonzo James Cope and Grace Maude Smith, reprinted in Thiemann. Harry Cope married Carrie E. Smith in Pawnee County on Dec. 20, 1892 (marriage license and certificate, Pawnee County, Neb., accessed via NSHS microfilm), but she was not part of the family that included Maude (Carol Cope handwritten notes on family of Austin and Mary (Hamilton) Smith, CP).

Page 26, “In Pawnee City”: Thiemann, “Cope History,” CP; Maude Grace Cope obituary, *Pawnee Republican*, Jan. 6, 1972, reprinted in Thiemann.

Pages 26-28, “Thiemann’s history says”: Handwritten list by Carol Cope of names and birth dates of family of Austin Martin and Mary Isabel (Hamilton) Smith, CP; Burchard School Alumni Directory, May 2001, CP; “Pawnee City Academy,” on “Pawnee County History” website (<http://www.pawneecountyhistory.com>); Thiemann, “Cope History,” CP.

Page 28, “Nine days after her wedding”: Lena Schrepel to Michael Sr. and Mary Pettinger, June 30, 1905, CP.

Page 28, “She soon lamented”: Lena Schrepel to Michael Sr. and Mary Pettinger, Aug. 27, 1905, and Oct. 15, 1905, CP.

Page 28, “But ‘Mr. Pfeiffer’”: *The Steinauer Star*, Nov. 2, 1905, p. 5, and Jan. 9, 1906, p. 4; Carol Cope, “F.J.,” CP.

Page 28, “A year later”: *The Steinauer Star*, Feb. 28, 1907, p. 5.

Page 28, “In February 1908”: Real estate and personal property-tax statements for Frank Schrepel, Pawnee County, Neb., 1906-30, CP; *The Steinauer Star*, Feb. 6, 1908, p. 5, and March 12, 1908, p. 5.

Page 28, “More than 17 months later”: Ron Cope baby book, presented by “Aunt Carrie” (Smith) Cope, July 11, 1911, CP. She misspells Ron’s first name as “Roland,” a mistake that would often be repeated over the decades. No similar baby book for Ida (Carol) is extant.

Chapter 2: Childhoods

Page 29, “Because Nebraska didn’t begin”: “Family History (Genealogy),” Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (<http://dhhs.ne.gov>); copy of baptismal certificate of Ida Ernestine Schrepel, St. Anthony Catholic Church, Steinauer, Neb., Oct. 3, 1909 (copy prepared by St. Anthony Church, Sept. 12, 2009), CP.

Page 29, “It would seem”: Thiemann, “Cope History,” CP.

Page 29, “Carol continued to use”: “Monday Musicales Meets,” *North Platte Evening Telegraph*, Dec. 11, 1934, p. 4.

Page 29, “In marrying Ron Cope”: “Cope-Schrepel,” *Pawnee Republican*, June 22, 1939, p. 5; “Schrepel-Cope,” *Kearney Daily Hub*, June 23, 1939, p. 3; “Former N.P. Couple Wed in Steinauer,” *Telegraph*, June 24, 1939, p. 5.

Page 29, “Once married, she signed”: Birthday card from Carol Cope to Ron Cope, Feb. 23, 1948, CP. The earliest apparent legal document referring to her as “Carol Cope” is the deed by which she and Ron Cope bought their first Kearney home on May 24, 1941. She first used “Carol I. Cope” in buying the Claussen’s Shoes building with Louise Claussen of North Platte on March 14, 1946 (Warranty Deed Records, Register of Deeds Office, Buffalo County, Neb.).

Page 30, “But write and save she did”: Carol Cope, “F.J.,” CP.

Page 30, “The town owed its existence” Erich Tegtmeier, “Tate — A Village That Vanished,” in *Bicentennial History of Pawnee County* (Pawnee City, Neb.: Pawnee County Historical Society, 1976), p. 283.

Page 31, “In October 1914”: “History of ‘The Flagship,’” CP.

Page 31, “It was at Sacred Heart”: Certificate of First Communion and confirmation of Ida Schrepel, signed by Fr. O.N. Turgeon, Church of the Sacred Heart, Burchard, Neb., CP.

Page 31, “Her faith was always vital”: Contents of Ida (Carol) Schrepel trunk, CP.

Page 31, “A November 1909 letter”: Emma (Steinauer) Rucker to Lena Schrepel, Nov. 16, 1909, CP.

Page 31, “She also had her mother’s hair”: Hair samples of Lena Schrepel and Ida Schrepel (Carol Cope), CP.

Page 31, “Carol described her first”: Handwritten biographical account by Carol Cope, ca. 1940s, CP.

Page 32, “She would remain close”: Arthur Schrepel to Michael Sr. and Mary Pettinger, ca. early 1910s, CP.

Pages 32-33, “When little Ida was old enough”: Tate School 1918 calendar, Christmas 1917, CP; Carol Cope, 1940s memoir, CP.

Page 33, “But Carol would look back ruefully”: Ida Schrepel, “My Autobiography,” English composition assignment at Peru (Neb.) State Teachers College (hereafter Peru State), fall 1926, CP.

Page 33, “Under Miss Hart”: Report cards for Ida Schrepel, grades 1, 3, 5 and 6, Pawnee County District No. 43, CP; “Heartiest Congratulations” card from Ida O. Hart to Ida Schrepel, 1916, CP; Carol Cope, 1940s memoir, CP.

Pages 33-34, “She remembered”: Report cards and county examination scores for Ida Schrepel, grades 7 and 8, Pawnee County District 43, CP; Carol Cope, 1940s memoir, CP.

Page 34, “Having received”: Eighth-grade diploma of Ida Schrepel, Pawnee County District No. 43, May 25, 1922, CP.

Page 34, “Art, after finishing”: Carol Cope, 1940s memoir, CP; Michael Pettinger Sr. obituary, *Pawnee Republican*, Nov. 27, 1924, p. 5.

Pages 34-35, “Five of the seven children”: “The Family of Michael Pettinger, 1841-1924,” within private notebook on Cope and Schrepel relatives, CP.

Page 35, “Their affection for Aunt Kate”: Art Schrepel (signed “H.A. Schrepel”) to Katherine Pettinger and Ida Schrepel to Katherine Pettinger, both Dec. 20, 1919 (sent in single envelope), CP.

Page 35, “The town had reached”: “Population of Nebraska Incorporated Places,” 1860-1920 and 1930-80, Nebraska Department of Economic Development website (<http://www.neded.org>).

Pages 35-36, “The second St. Anthony”: “A Half Century of Religious Progress,” St. Anthony Catholic Church, Steinauer, Neb., 1933, pp. 5-7, and “Church of St. Anthony, Steinauer, Nebraska, 1882-1947,” p. 13, CP; Convent House Bed & Breakfast website (<http://www.conventhousebb.com>).

Page 36, “He quickly made a mark”: “Irene B.” and “Marie S.,” St. Anthony Academy, Steinauer, to Art Schrepel, Tate, Nov. 23, 1920, CP.

Page 36, “When Ida arrived”: “Steinauer Items,” *Pawnee Republican*, Sept. 21, 1922, p. 6.

Page 36, “The Steinauer paper”: *The Steinauer Star-Post*, Sept. 15, 1922, p. 1, and Dec. 14, 1923, p. 3.

Page 36, “In one last brief”: “Carol,” brief memoir by Carol Cope of her teen and adult years, ca. 2000, CP.

Page 36, “As a first-semester”: Ida Schrepel, “My Autobiography,” CP.

Pages 36-37, “The Republican’s”: “Steinauer Items,” *Pawnee Republican*, June 7, 1923, p. 5.

Page 37, “The correspondent noted”: “Steinauer Items,” *Pawnee Republican*, Dec. 6, 1923, p. 5; “Sousa and His Band” program, Lincoln Auditorium, Nov. 27, 1923, CP; Carol Cope responses to “Begin Your Recovery from Rescuing with a Celebration of Your Unique Life,” Richard H. Young Hospital, Kearney, July 1992, CP.

Page 37, “This item from February”: “Steinauer Items,” *Pawnee Republican*, Feb. 14, 1924, p. 6, and May 1, 1924, p. 6.

Page 37, “But Aunt Kate”: Art Schrepel to Katherine Pettinger, “Saturday eve. 9:25,” ca. November or December 1924 ff, and “Here in Lincoln, Tues. nite,” ca. late 1926, CP; “Big New Years Eve Dance at Star-Litt Arcade,” *Lincoln Evening Journal*, Dec. 31, 1931, p. 6.

Pages 37-8, “In 2009, nearing”: Author’s interviews with Cindy Pickel, Sept. 27, 2014, and Carolyn Menke, June 11, 2015; Mike Konz, “Carol Cope reflects on shoe business with husband, growing wealth, then giving some of it away,” *Hub*, Aug. 24, 2009.

Page 38, “With friend Leo Wenzl”: “Steinauer Items,” *Pawnee Republican*, May 22, 1924, p. 5.

Page 38, “When his class of six”: “Steinauer Items,” *Pawnee Republican*, June 5, 1924, p. 5.

Page 38, “Along with Clarence Wenzl”: “Steinauer Items,” *Pawnee Republican*, Oct. 2, 1924, p. 6; Dec. 18, 1924, p. 8; Jan. 15, 1925, p. 5; and Feb. 19, 1925, p. 5.

Pages 38-39, “Ida’s English-class”: Ida Schrepel, “My Autobiography,” CP. In her 60s, Carol would employ a similar technique in writing a handful of short essays, based on events of her life, for publication in Lincoln newspapers and newsletters.

Page 39, “Amid those adjustments”: Obituary for Michael Pettinger Sr., *Pawnee Republican*, Nov. 27, 1924, p. 5.

Page 39, “The rest of his children”: “The Family of Michael Pettinger,” CP; quit-claim deed from heirs of Mike Pettinger Sr. to Katherine Pettinger of Lots 1 and 2, Block 2, Steinauer, May 6, 1925, CP.

Page 39, “The true reason was much simpler”: “Church of St. Anthony, Steinauer, Nebraska, 1882-1947,” p. 13, CP.

Pages 39-40, “Since Burchard was 8 miles south”: Carol Cope, 2000 memoir, CP; “Senior Class History,” “Who’s Who at B.H.S.,” Burchard High School yearbook, 1925-26, p. 8, CP; “Burchard Items,” *Pawnee Republican*, Oct. 22, 1925, p. 5. The paper’s Burchard correspondent rendered Ida’s name as “Alda Schreppel.”

Page 40, “In fact, the families’ names”: “Steinauer Items,” *Pawnee Republican*, Feb. 19, 1925, p. 5.

Page 40, “Upon hearing”: “It’s a Boy, Too,” *The Pawnee Chief*, ca. March 1911, CP.

Page 40, “His parents wrote”: Birth announcement postcard, Lon and Maude Cope to Mr. and Mrs. A(ustin) Smith, Feb. 24, 1911, CP (underlines blanks in original; italics stand for handwritten additions).

Page 41, “Ron was baptized”: Ron Cope baby book, CP. Though the baptism date is unrecorded, it’s likely it took place around the time the baby book was presented on July 11, 1911. The lack of a precise date, and the absence of a baptismal certificate in the Cope Papers, likely figured in the one-year delay in Ron and Carol’s wedding and Ron’s conditional baptism when he converted to the Catholic Church in July 1938. The background of Rev. Orrill (1868-1935) appears in “Rev. Richard Nelson Orrill,” Find a Grave website (<https://www.findagrave.com>), “Assignments Made for Methodist Ministers,” *Evening World-Herald*, Sept. 22, 1903, p. 5; and “Knights Templar Service,” *Morning World-Herald*, April 13, 1909, p. 2.

Page 41, “His baptism likely took place”: “Bookwalter,” *Bicentennial History of Pawnee County*; reprinted in Thiemann, “Cope History,” CP.

Page 41, “Ron was still a toddler”: Thiemann, “Cope History,” CP; World War I draft registration card for Alonzo James Cope, Sept. 11, 1918, CP.

Page 42, “The few glimpses of life”: *Pawnee Republican*, Sept. 4, 1924, p. 7.

Page 42, “Two good teams”: “Forty Years Ago,” *Pawnee Republican*, ca. 1963 (clipped by Frank Schrepel and sent to Ron and Carol Cope), CP.

Page 42, “In 1923, the year before”: “Farmers Prepare to Fight Thieves,” *The Lincoln Star*, Sept. 29, 1923, p. 8; “Farmers Support Gas Tax Increase,” *The Lincoln Star*, Dec. 16, 1926, p. 5; “County Farm Unions

Elect,” *Lincoln Journal*, Dec. 12, 1927, p. 6; “Bush President [of] Pawnee County Farmers Union,” *The Lincoln Star*, Dec. 9, 1928, p. 3; “Sunday School Meet,” *Lincoln Sunday Journal and Star*, Oct. 14, 1934, p. 12.

Page 42, “The county’s Erosion Control Association”: “Awards to Ten Farmers,” *Lincoln Sunday Journal and Star*, March 13, 1938, p. 2; “Announce More Wool and Lamb Contest Winners,” in “Notes on Nebraska Farming,” *Nebraska State Journal*, May 26, 1941, p. 3.

Page 42, “But except for”: Eighth-grade diploma for Ronald Cope, Pawnee County School District No. 37, May 22, 1924, CP.

Page 42, “Ida may have appreciated”: Ida Schrepel, “Steinauer and How It Received Its Name,” English composition assignment, Peru State, fall 1926, CP.

Page 43, “It also amplifies”: Ida Schrepel, “My Autobiography,” CP.

Page 43, “Her grades again were lackluster”: “High School Report” for Ida Schrepel, Burchard Public Schools, 1925-26, CP; “Who’s Who in B.H.S.,” p. 7, CP.

Page 43, “But one can hear”: Ida Schrepel, “Toast — ‘Welcome to the Teachers,’” from Public Speaking notebook (first of two), Burchard High School, 1925-26, CP.

Page 43, “Ida’s class put on”: “Come Please!” postcard invitation from Ida Schrepel to Katherine Pettinger, postmarked March 16, 1926, CP.

Pages 43-44, “The yearbook’s”: “Who’s Who at B.H.S.,” pp. 6-8, CP; Ida Schrepel photo album, ca. 1922-26, p. 2, CP.

Page 44, “As graduation approached”: Ida Schrepel, “Class Prophecy,” “Who’s Who at B.H.S.,” p. 9, CP.

Pages 44-45, “She also left with”: Ida Schrepel, “My School-Day Autobiography,” pp. 21, 25, 27, 29-30, 39, 77 and 141, CP; “Who’s Who at B.H.S.,” p. 14, CP.

Page 45, “And the autograph book bore”: Ronald Cope to Ida Schrepel, “My School-Day Autobiography,” p. 117, CP; “Who’s Who at B.H.S.,” p. 14, CP.

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Page 46, “At the end of one”: Dean Terrell, “Pawnee City Bandmaster Lost Career to ‘Talkies,’” *Lincoln Journal*, Sept. 11, 1967, p. 7.

Page 46, “But comments in her last years”: The birthplace of Lloyd (April 20, 1893-March 8, 1971) is maintained as a museum by the Harold Lloyd Foundation of Burchard. He made some 200 films, most notably *Safety Last* (1923), between 1913 and 1947; by 1928, *Variety* magazine had declared Lloyd to be America’s highest-paid film star, outgrossing even Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton (<http://www.haroldlloyd.com>).

Page 46, “Carol’s 2012 obituary”: “Carol Cope, Kearney resident, 103,” “Regional Deaths,” *Hub*, Sept. 17, 2012, p. 6A.

Page 47, “The Depression was officially”: Olson and Naugle, pp. 305-09; Carol Cope, 2000 memoir, CP.

Page 47, “Thus Ida Schrepel began”: Ida Schrepel, “My Autobiography,” and Carol Cope, 2000 memoir, CP.

Pages 47-48, “Now called Peru State”: Ernest Longfellow, *The Normal on the Hill: One Hundred Years of Peru State College* (Grand Island, Neb.: The Augustine Co., 1967), pp. 10-13, 25-27, 31-32.

Page 48, “She was ready to enjoy herself”: Carol Cope, 2000 memoir, CP; grade transcript for Ida E. Schrepel, second semester 1927, State Normal School and Teachers College, Peru, Neb., July 1, 1927, CP.

Page 48, “You know how much”: Ida Schrepel to Katherine Pettinger, ca. early March 1927, CP.

Page 48, “Interestingly, the same class”: Ida Schrepel, “What I Should Get From College,” English composition assignment, Peru State, fall 1926, CP.

Page 48, “Her senior-year roommate”: *The Peruvian 1927*, Peru State Teachers College yearbook, pp. 75 and 79 (accessed via Peru State online archive, <https://issuu.com/psclibrary>).

Pages 48-49, “And in diving”: *The Peruvian 1927*, pp. 80, 137, 148 and 150; program for the College Girls’ Club concert, Dec. 10, 1926, CP.

Page 49, “Despite her lackluster grades”: Carol Cope, 2000 memoir, CP; Ida Schrepel, Peru State 1926-27 appointment calendar, CP.

Page 49, “Carol’s written childhood memories”: Ida Schrepel, “Standard Works Studied at Peru State Teachers College” (with high school repertoire also listed), CP.

Pages 49-50, “She revealed the depths”: Ida Schrepel, “My Use of Leisure Time,” English composition assignment, Peru State, fall 1926, CP.

Page 50, “She failed an audition”: *The Peruvian 1927*, p. 165; program for *The Gondoliers*, Peru State, March 12, 1927, with handwritten scrapbook notes by Ida Schrepel, CP.

Page 50, “As the school year closed”: Ida Schrepel to Katherine Pettinger, ca. early March 1927, CP; Ida Schrepel, Peru State 1926-27 appointment calendar, CP; program for “The Holy City,” Peru State College Chorus, May 25, 1927, CP

Page 50, “At graduation two days later”: Nebraska Teacher’s Elementary State Certificate for Ida E. Schrepel (Carol Cope), issued by Peru State May 27, 1927, CP; program for Peru State commencement week, May 21-27, 1927, CP.

Page 50, “She returned for Peru State’s”: Summer school grade transcript for Ida Schrepel, Peru State, Aug. 25, 1927, CP; program for “The College Orpheum,” Peru State, June 30, 1927, CP.

Page 50, “I made a bunch”: Ida Schrepel to Katherine Pettinger, ca. late March 1927, CP; Teacher’s Contract between Pawnee County District No. 24 and Ida Schrepel, Sept. 3, 1927, CP; map of Pawnee County with former rural (Class I) school buildings, county superintendent’s office.

Pages 50-51, “After graduating from Burchard”: Ida Schrepel, Hotel Logan, Omaha, to Frank and Lena Schrepel, Tate, postmarked May 24, 1926, CP. Information on the Troyer family comes from the U.S. Census Bureau, 1930 census, Ward 4, Enumeration District 55-22, Lincoln, Neb., April 18, 1930.

Page 51, “Even late 20th- and 21st-century”: Desktop appointment calendar of Ida Schrepel, Peru State, October 1926-May 1927, CP; Ida Schrepel to Katherine Pettinger, ca. early March 1927, CP; Ida Schrepel to Katherine Pettinger, on Peru State letterhead, ca. late 1928, CP.

Page 51, “Fulfilling her stated avocation”: Ida Schrepel photo albums, 1922-35, CP; *The Peruvian 1927*, pp. 66, 70, 75 and 78.

Page 52, “Art Schrepel, now in his second”: Art Schrepel to Katherine Pettinger, “Lincoln, Nebr., Sunday Nite,” ca. 1925-26, “Here in Lincoln/Tues nite,” postmarked Oct. 20, 1926, and “Friday 4:30,” ca. 1927, CP; “Buick Company to Open KFAB,” *Sunday World-Herald*, Nov. 30, 1924, p. 17. The station opened an Omaha studio in 1944 and had fully moved to Omaha by 1957 (“Radio Days,” *OWH*, Dec. 10, 2000, p. 1E).

Page 52, “But Art would drive”: Desktop appointment calendar of Ida Schrepel, Peru State, CP. She wrote on March 27, 1927, that “Mr. & Mrs. Fd. [Ferdinand] Bstandig [Ida’s uncle and aunt] & friend brought Dave down” to Tate; various letters from Art Schrepel to Katherine Pettinger (CP) also indicate Dave was a cousin.

Pages 52-53, “In a March 1927 letter”: Desktop appointment calendar of Ida Schrepel, Peru State, CP; photo of Art Schrepel and Joseph Van Ackeren at Peru State Teachers College, fall 1926, CP; Joseph Van Ackeren, Christmas and New Year’s greeting to Ida Schrepel, undated, CP; Joseph Van Ackeren to Ida Schrepel, “A Pal Like You,” undated, CP; Joseph Van Ackeren, on NU School of Music stationery, to Ida Schrepel, March 11, 1927, CP. (His letter is dated March 11, 1926, but its content clearly indicates a 1927 date.)

Page 53, “One more vital and lifelong”: Desktop appointment calendar of Ida Schrepel, Peru State, CP; *The Peruvian 1926*, p. 52; *The Peruvian 1928*, p. 39; Burchard School Alumni Directory, May 2001, CP.

Page 53, “Nebraskans operated 7,655 school districts”: Olson and Naugle, p. 257; Martha Stoddard, “Class I districts end today, but fight goes on,” *OWH*, June 15, 2006, p. 2B.

Page 53, “Pawnee County’s school districts”: “History of District 24,” NSHS (on file at Pawnee City Historical Museum); map of Pawnee County with former rural (Class I) school buildings, county superintendent’s office. Several of Pawnee County’s rural districts had apparently been consolidated by the time the early 1900s map was made.

Page 53, “But she did preserve and label”: Ida Schrepel, photo of group of six Pawnee County District No. 24 female students, including Carol and Marjorie Prine, and separate photo of Carol and Marjorie Prine, ca. 1927-28, CP.

Page 53, “The girls’ parents”: Ida Schrepel, photo of Frank and Lena Schrepel with Ida and Lloyd Prine and Carol and Marjorie Prine, 1928, CP; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Prine and family to Frank, Arthur and Ida (Carol) Schrepel, Jan. 20, 1936, CP.

Page 54, “Whether they knew ‘Miss Schrepel’”: Marjorie Prine to Ida Schrepel, Feb. 16, 1930, and Carol Prine to Ida Schrepel, Feb. 17, 1930, CP; Marjorie Prine to Carol Cope, May 29, 1943, CP.

Page 54, “During her second year”: *B.H.S. News*, Burchard High School newspaper, Feb. 5, 1931, p. 4, CP.

Pages 54-55, “She likely found encouragement”: Victor H. Jindra, Peru State, to Ida Schrepel, Dec. 5, 1927, CP.

Page 55, “She occasionally escaped”: Program for *Il Trovatore*, Chicago Civic Opera Company, NU Coliseum, March 29, 1928, CP. The program for this opera was found in Carol Cope’s trunk and catalogued with the Cope Papers but was not scanned for further use in this book.

Page 55, “Two weeks later, a young man”: Delmar Fichtner, Armour, Neb., to Ida Schrepel, April 14, 1928, CP. “Lindy did” most likely refers to Charles Lindbergh, who had completed the first solo transatlantic airplane flight the previous year, meeting and beginning his courtship ambassador’s daughter Anne Morrow while her father’s houseguest in Mexico City in December 1927. The couple wed in 1929 (“Anne Morrow Lindbergh,” PBS “American Experience” website, <http://www.pbs.org>).

Page 55, “She was rooming with a relative”: *The Peruvian 1929*, p. 109; “The Family of Michael Pettinger,” CP.

Pages 55-56, “She didn’t save”: *The Peruvian 1929*, p. 92, CP.

Page 56, “Her yearbook entry doesn’t include”: *Peru Pedagogian*, Feb. 5, 1929, to May 21, 1929, CP.

Page 56, “A notable exception”: Ida Schrepel, “Rapid Advancement of Music at Peru,” *Pedagogian*, March 19, 1929, p. 3, CP.

Page 56, “She was taking a newswriting course”: Uniform Certified Statement of College Credits for Ida Schrepel, Peru State, March 31, 1931 (with summer 1932 credit hours added later by Ida), CP.

Page 57, “Ida’s photo appears”: Program for *Betty’s Birthday Party*, Peru Training School, May 1929, CP; “Peru College Notes,” *The Lincoln Star*, May 17, 1929, p. 5.

Page 57, “As the year ended”: *The Peruvian 1929*, pp. 68, 81, 88, 134 and 141, CP; Carol Cope, 2000 memoir, CP; Uniform Certified Statement of College Credits for Ida Schrepel, Peru State, CP; Ida Schrepel to Katherine Pettinger, “Wednesday afternoon,” ca. spring 1929, CP; schedule and program for First Annual Music Meet, Nebraska High School Music Association, District Two, at Omaha Central and Technical high schools, April 12-13, 1929, CP; program for “Prepsters Win Music Contest,” *Pedagogian*, April 16, 1929, p. 1, CP; program for Ruth J. Shelley student recital, Peru State Department of Music, May 21, 1929, CP.

Page 57, “She was slowed down”: Lena Schrepel to Ida Schrepel, March 27, 1929, CP.

Page 57, “But Ida also received”: Ida Schrepel to Katherine Pettinger, “Mt. Vernon Hall, Sunday,” ca. spring 1929, CP.

Page 57, “Evelyn Wenzl”: Program for May Day Pageant, “Indian Moons,” Peru State, May 30, 1929, CP.

Pages 57-58, “Remember Burchard Hi”: *The Peruvian 1929*, pp. 94, 113, CP; Anne Pettinger (later Murphy) to Ida Schrepel, written in personal copy of *The Peruvian 1929*, p. 8, CP.

Page 58, “Dear Ida, wasn’t it good”: Ralph Chatelain to Ida Schrepel, inscription on photo in personal copy of *The Peruvian 1929*, p. 53, CP; author’s interview with Steve Chatelain, Dec. 28, 2014.

Page 58, “Elton Reinmiller, a fellow sophomore”: *The Peruvian 1927*, p. 79; Elton Reinmiller to Ida Schrepel, inscription on photo in personal copy of *The Peruvian 1929*, p. 91, CP; *Evening OWH*, April 1, 1935, p. 17; “Former UNO Coach Yelkin Tops Inductees Into State Baseball Hall of Fame,” *OWH*, Feb. 3, 1985. The relationship between Elton, George and Clete Reinmiller is confirmed in letters from Clete to Carol Schrepel, March 12 and April 2, 1939, CP.

Page 58, “On May 31, 1929”: Diploma and Nebraska First Grade Certificate of Ida Schrepel, Peru State, May 31, 1929, CP, and certificate of completion of two-year music course by Ida Schrepel, Peru State, May 31, 1929, CP.

Page 58, “Art Schrepel, two years away”: Carol Cope, 2000 memoir, CP; Teacher’s Contract between Burchard School District No. 54 and Ida Schrepel, Aug. 31, 1929 (year confirmed by other preserved contracts), and April 26, 1930, CP; Teachers Personal Data for Ida Schrepel, Pawnee County, 1929-32, county superintendent’s office.

Page 59, “Her 2000 account implies”: Canceled checks written by Ida Schrepel, State Bank of Burchard, Oct. 2, 1929, to July 22, 1932, CP.

Page 59, “She wrote the school district”: Ida Schrepel to M. Sams, superintendent, Sterling (Neb.) Public Schools, March 10, 1930, CP.

Pages 59-60, “A month later, Ida received”: Notice of teaching vacancy and invitation to apply, Utica (Neb.) Public Schools, April 11, 1930, CP; L.S. Smutz, superintendent, Utica Public Schools, to Ida Schrepel, April 13, 1930, CP; completed application of Ida Schrepel for teaching position, Utica Public Schools, April 14, 1930 (returned), CP; L.S. Smutz to Ida Schrepel, undated, ca. April 1930, CP; Teacher’s Contract between Burchard School District No. 54 and Ida Schrepel, April 26, 1930, CP. For confirmation of Smutz’s name and position, see “Coach Kellner Leads Seward County Mentors,” *OWH*, April 1, 1930, p. 15, and Wally Provost, “The Voice From the Grandstand,” *OWH*, Jan. 17, 1974, p. 31.

Page 60, “The Burchard School”: Kelly Harre Gold and Al Koontz, “School’s demise inevitable ... but memories live on,” *Beatrice Daily Sun*, ca. fall 1987, pp. A1, A3, CP; “Burchard,” *Andreas’ History*; Burchard map, *Standard Atlas of Pawnee County, Nebraska* (Chicago: Geo. F. Ogle & Co., 1917).

Page 60, “Years later, former Burchard Postmaster”: Author’s interview with Ed Pepperl, Aug. 13, 2014.

Pages 60-61, “Burchard had 69 students”: *The Scarlet and White*, Burchard School yearbook, 1929-30, pp. 3, 12, CP; Burchard Grade School program for *Raspberry Red* and *The Indian Princess*, Wonderland Theatre, Burchard, April 24-25, 1929, CP.

Page 61, “The high school seemed not to offer”: *The Scarlet and White*, pp. 3-5 and 8, CP.

Page 61, “Ida, you know what I think”: Eddie, last name unknown, to Ida Schrepel, inscription on back cover of *The Peruvian 1929*, CP (underline his; it was underlined twice in the original). Carol’s 1932 diary (Feb. 8, 1932, CP) speaks of getting a letter from “Eddie S.” If so, it could refer to Edward Schaefer of Brock, Neb., a Peru State junior in 1929 who was in the school’s Dramatic Club but did not inscribe his own portrait in Ida’s copy of *The Peruvian* (p. 81). Edward’s brother, Russel Schaefer, was a sophomore and inscribed his photo on the same page as Ida’s (p. 92).

Page 61, “Will you save me a date”: Stan, last name unknown, Virginia, Neb., to Ida Schrepel, Sept. 20, 1931, CP.

Page 61, “Well I got back here”: John Armstrong, Crab Orchard, Neb., to Ida Schrepel, March 18, 1931, CP; photo of Ida Schrepel and John Armstrong, summer 1930, CP; Ida Schrepel to Katherine Pettinger, “Monday,” ca. April 1930, CP.

Page 62, “Another companion”: Roy Shearer to Ida Schrepel, Sept. 1, 1928, CP; Roy Shearer to Ida Schrepel, “Sunday nite,” postmarked Dec. 10, 1928, CP; two photos of Roy Shearer in Detroit, 1930, CP; Roy Shearer to Ida Schrepel, postmarked Sept. 12, 1929, Dec. 24, 1929, and Dec. 24, 1930 (all from Burchard), CP.

Pages 62-63, “The inaugural edition”: *B.H.S. News*, Vol. 1, No. 1, Oct. 16, 1930, CP.

Page 63, “She taught”: *B.H.S. News*, Oct. 16, 1930, p. 4, Nov. 6, 1930, p. 4, Dec. 18, 1930, p. 4, and Jan. 6, 1931, p. 4, CP.

Page 63, “After accompanying”: Program for Christmas concert, Burchard Community Chorus, Dec. 15, 1930, CP; *B.H.S. News*, Oct. 16, 1930, p. 3, and Feb. 5, 1931, p. 3, CP; ticket to M.I.N.K. Music & Dramatic Contest, Peru, Feb. 6-7, 1931, CP.

Page 63, “On March 18 and 19”: *B.H.S. News*, Feb. 19, 1931, p. 4, March 5, 1931, p. 3, and March 19, 1931, p. 3, CP; program for *The Brave Little Tomboy* and *Tad’s Inspiration*, Burchard High School Auditorium, March 18-19, 1931, CP.

Page 63, “She signed her 1931-32 contract”: Teacher’s Contract between Ida Schrepel and Burchard School District No. 54, March 5, 1931, CP; Nebraska Permanent Elementary School Certificate for Ida Schrepel, Nebraska Department of Education, April 3, 1931, CP; *B.H.S. News*, May 14, 1931, pp. 2-3, CP; Baccalaureate Program, Senior Class of Burchard High School, United Presbyterian Church, May 10, 1931, CP; Commencement Program, Burchard Senior High School, high school auditorium, May 14, 1931, CP.

Page 63, “On June 6, 1931”: Teacher’s Personal Data for H. Arthur Schrepel, Pawnee County, 1931-67, county superintendent’s office; Associated Press, “Nebraska Uni Class Largest in History,” *OWH*, June 6, 1931, p. 4.

Pages 63-64, “Despite the Depression”: Programs for Lincoln Symphony, Stuart Theatre, Lincoln, March 9, 1930, and Jan. 11, 1931, and *Carmen*, Chicago Civic Opera Company, NU Coliseum, March 20, 1930, CP (catalogued but not scanned); *Cavalleria Rusticana* and *I Pagliacci*, Chicago Civic Opera Company, NU Coliseum, March 17, 1931, CP.

Page 64, “Art Schrepel often went with her”: Art Schrepel to Ida Schrepel, Jan. 20, 1931, CP.

Page 64, “But Art was destined”: “Bands,” *Pawnee City Centennial, 1857-1957* (on file at NSHS), p. 16; Donald R. Hickey, Susan A. Wunder and John R. Wunder, *Nebraska Moments* (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2007), p. 145.

Pages 64-65, “Pawnee City’s high school band”: “Bands,” *Pawnee City Centennial*; “Band Not to Compete at Lincoln This Year,” *Pawnee Republican*, Aug. 20, 1931, p. 1; “New Bandmaster to Wield Baton Here,” *Pawnee Republican*, Sept. 3, 1931, p. 1.

Page 65, “He would ‘double up’”: Teachers’ Personal Data for Art Schrepel, Pawnee County, county superintendent’s office; Dean Terrill, “Pawnee City Bandmaster Lost Career to ‘Talkies,’” *Lincoln Journal*, Sept. 11, 1967, p. 7; obituary for H. Arthur Schrepel, *Pawnee Republican*, ca. December 1997, CP.

Page 65, “Before Ida’s vacation”: “Burchard Alumni Annual Banquet,” *The Lincoln Star*, June 18, 1931, p. 5, CP; “Alumni Entertain Graduates,” unknown newspaper, ca. June 1931, CP; “Alumni Banquet ’31,” program handwritten and hand-drawn by Ida Schrepel, CP.

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Page 66, “Just before Christmas 1933”: Ron Cope to Ida Schrepel, postmarked Dec. 22, 1933, CP.

Page 66, “But after he was gone”: “Ron,” brief biographical account by Carol Cope, Aug. 27, 1993, CP.

Page 67, “The first, Ron’s ‘love letters’”: Collection of letters from Ron Cope to Ida (later Carol) Schrepel, Nov. 11, 1932, to June 2, 1939, CP. These letters are cited separately; their dates generally are determined by postmarks. Approximate dates are given where possible for letters that were separated from their original envelopes, many of which also were found in Carol’s trunk.

Page 67, “But on the first day”: Five-year diary of Ida Schrepel (Carol Cope), Jan. 1, 1932, to Dec. 31, 1936, inscribed by Musetta Campbell on Sept. 13, 1931, CP. She kept her diaries in subsequent five-year volumes until 1951, after which she typically used annual appointment books. For consistency, quoted diary entries will be cited as “Carol Cope diary,” even before the adoption of her new first name and eventually her married last name.

Page 67, “The diary’s first entry”: Carol Cope diary, Jan. 2, 1932, CP.

Page 67, “She mentions him”: Carol Cope diary, Jan. 3-31, 1932, CP.

Page 67, “He graduated from Burchard High”: Graduation announcement, Burchard High School Class of 1928, May 17, 1928, CP; high school diploma of Ronald J. Cope, Burchard Public Schools, May 17, 1928, CP; Carol Cope, “Ron,” CP.

Page 67, “After welcoming the birth”: *The Peruvian 1930*, pp. 19, 66, 68 and 111.

Page 67, “Ron, too, was at Peru”: Teacher’s Elementary State Certificate for Ronald Cope, Peru State, May 30, 1930, CP.

Pages 67-68, “He signed an \$80-per-month contract”: Teacher’s Contract between Ronald Cope and Pawnee County District No. 29 for 1930-31 school year, March 26, 1930, CP; map of Pawnee County with former rural (Class I) school buildings, county superintendent’s office.

Page 68, “Ron’s next school”: Teacher’s Contract between Ronald Cope and Pawnee County District No. 20, April 20, 1931, CP; map of Pawnee County with former rural (Class I) school buildings, county superintendent’s office.

Page 68, “But John wrote in July”: John Armstrong to Ida Schrepel, July 5 and Sept. 13, 1931, CP; Roy Shearer to Ida Schrepel, Christmas card postmarked Dec. 22, 1931, CP.

Page 68, “Margaret, nearly a year younger”: Program for 59th Annual Commencement Exercises, Peru State, May 25-31, 1929, CP. Margaret, however, is not depicted in *The Peruvian 1929*.

Pages 68-69, “She taught in Du Bois”: Margaret Meier to Ida Schrepel, March 13, 1931, CP.

Page 69, “Though the timing is unclear”: Margaret (Meier) Schrepel to Carol Cope, Valentine’s Day card, Feb. 14, 2001, CP; Carol Cope diary, April 29, 1932, CP.

Page 69, “Ida began her last year”: *B.H.S. News*, Vol. II, No. 1, undated, ca. September or October 1931, pp. 1, 3, CP; Carol Cope diary, January-May 1932, CP.

Page 69, “With her brother teaching”: *B.H.S. News*, Nov. 12, 1931, p. 1, and Dec. 10, 1931, pp. 1-2, CP.

Pages 69-70, “But when Christmas 1931 arrived”: Art Schrepel, on stationery of The Kyle (Hotel), Temple, Texas, to Ida Schrepel, postmarked Dec. 29, 1931, CP; Carol Cope diary, Jan. 2 and 4, 1932, CP. Ida writes about paying room and board in the Jan. 4 entry.

Page 70, “Nearly a year later”: Ron Cope, Goodview Farm, to Ida Schrepel, Lincoln, postmarked Nov. 11, 1932, CP.

Pages 70-71, “But throughout 1932”: Carol Cope diary, Jan. 8-30, 1932, CP. The movies she cites here (both made in 1931) were *Susan Lenox (Her Fall and Rise)*, starring Greta Garbo and Clark Gable, and *The Cuban Love Song*, starring Lawrence Tibbett, Lupe Velez and Ernest Torrence (www.imdb.com).

Page 71, “It went on like that”: Carol Cope diary, Feb. 1, 5, 13-14, 23-24 and 26, 1932, CP; Edgar A. Guest, “When Day Is Done,” from *When Day Is Done* (Chicago: The Reilly & Lee Co., Chicago, 1921), p. xv.

Page 71, “He soon added phone calls”: Carol Cope diary, March 7, 1932, CP. *The Cheat* (1931) starred Tallulah Bankhead, Harvey Stephens and Irving Pichel (www.imdb.com).

Page 71, “Likely because two young men”: Carol Cope diary, March 5 and 6, 1932, CP. *Possessed* (1931) starred Joan Crawford, Clark Gable and Wallace Ford (www.imdb.com).

Page 72, “To go on a ‘date’”: Willard Waller, “The Rating and Dating Complex,” *American Sociological Review*, Vol. 2, No. 5, October 1937, pp. 727-34.

Page 72, “Or hers, as the widowed”: Valerie Cisler, author’s joint interview with “Sole Sisters,” Aug. 10, 2016.

Page 72, “Ida Schrepel wasn’t completely committed”: Ida Schrepel, copy of Mudecas Association Music Contest schedule, Lewiston, Feb. 20, 1932, CP; “Contemplated Reductions for 1932-33,” *B.H.S. News*, March 10, 1932, p. 2, CP; Carol Cope diary, March 28 and 31, 1932, CP; Ida Schrepel to Mr. Frazier, superintendent of schools, Lewiston, July 18, 1932, CP.

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Carol Cope’s long life witnessed the advent and ongoing evolution of “gender-neutral” language, including the titles of jobs and offices. Even all-female groups, however, tended to use “-man” (rather than “-woman”) in their official titles until the 1970s and sometimes afterward. This narrative will generally render such titles as they were applied specifically to Carol or other women who appear in these pages — the better, the author hopes, to reflect the evolution in usage rather than distort it by projecting current usages into the past.

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