Seth C. & Cornelia (Vredenberg) Newcomb



S.C. Newcomb family.Top row, from left: Eve Newcomb Morey, Clair Newcomb, Emma Newcomb Smith, Lula Newcomb Rellly. Bottom row: Ella Newcomb Duckett, S.C. Newcomb, and Jessie Newcomb Taylor

Seth C. Newcomb was born in Syracuse, New York on August 1, 1842. He served as a Private during the Civil War with Company B. First Regiment, New York Light Artillery and fought in the Battle of Antietam and the Battle of Gettysburg. He fought through the entire war.

After the war he went to Carthage, Missouri with Col. Joe Thomas where he met and later married Col. Thomas's sisterin-law, Cornelia Vredenberg. To this union eight children were born. Grant, who was killed on the railroad in Texas when he was a young man and Roselthia the youngest. died as a baby. The other six came to North Dakota in the early 1900's. They were Jessie, Mrs. S.D. Taylor of Ashland, Oregon: Ella, Mrs. Frank Duckett, Norwich, North Dakota; Grace, Mrs. Vess Reilly, Vancouver, Washington; Eve, Mrs. E.J. Morey, Velva; Emma, Mrs. C.H. Smith, Norwich; and C.S. Newcomb. All of these family members lived long lives. The last one to pass away was Eve, Mrs. E.J. Morey in September 1972 at the age of 94.

After Mr. and Mrs. Newcomb's marriage, they moved to Alagona, Iowa where their children were all born and grew to adulthood. In 1900, Mr. and Mrs. Newcomb moved to Norwich, North Dakota. They were accompanied by three daughters and later they were joined by Clair S. Newcomb their son and the two remaining daughters.

Mr. Newcomb built the Newcomb Hotel in Norwich in 1900 and operated it many years.

Mrs. Newcomb died while visiting at Carthage, Missouri in 1904. She is buried at Carthage. Mr. Newcomb died on May 11, 1924. He is buried in Rosehill Cemetary, Minot, North Dakota.