

**Some Pre-1924 Obituaries (Be)**  
**(for people connected with Northwestern Missouri)**  
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**Date of death: 7 Mar 1910**

**Subject: Hulda M. (Beach or Beech) Swan**

**Source: *Burlington Junction [MO] Post*, 12 Mar 1910, Saturday, p. 1**

Mrs. Huldah [sic] M. Swan, wife of Avery Swan, died at her home in the north part of town at an early hour Monday morning.

Some six years ago Mrs. Swan suffered a severe stroke of paralysis and had been an invalid every since. She had been in her usual health until last Saturday and but few knew she was ailing until the unexpected news of her death Monday morning. The funeral services and burial occurred Wednesday morning from the M. E. church, Rev. Lane Douglass conducting the services.

Huldah M. Beach was born in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, May 29, 1840. She was married to Avery Swan in her Pennsylvania home, April 26, 1864, and came with her husband to Nodaway county in May, 1872. She died March 7, 1910, aged 69 years, 9 months and 8 days.

She leaves her husband, two sons, two daughters and five brothers living. She was a good woman, respected among her neighbors and loved by her more intimate associates, a loving wife and tender mother. The words of Margaret E. Sangster in the poem, 'Folded Hands,' are especially applicable to this good woman:

*Pale withered hands, that more than threescore years  
Had wrought for others, soothed the hurt of tears,  
Rocked children's cradles, eased the fever's smart,  
Dropped balm of love in many an aching heart,  
Now stirless, folded like wan rose leaves pressed  
Above the snow and silence of her breast;  
In mute appeal they tell of labors done,  
And well-earned rest that came at set of sun.  
From the worn brow the lines of care are swept,  
As if an angel's kiss the while she slept  
Had smoothed the cobweb wrinkles quite away  
And given back the peace of childhood's day;  
And on the lips a smile as if she said:  
'None know life's secrets but the happy dead.'  
So, gazing where she lies, we know that pain  
And parting cannot cleave her soul again,  
And we are sure that those who saw her last  
In that dim vista which we call the past,  
Who never knew her old and weary-eyed,  
Remembering best the maiden and the bride,  
Have spring to greet her with the olded [sic] speech,  
The dear sweet names no later love can teach,  
And 'Welcome Home!' they cried, and grasped her hands.*

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*So dwells the mother in the best of lands.*

**Date of death: 17 Dec 1911**

**Subject: Eli Beaghler**

**Source: *The Andrew County [MO] Republican*, 15 Dec 1911, Friday, p. 1**

Eli Beaghler, former county clerk, present public administrator and one of the county's well known citizens, was stricken with paralysis one day last week. It was a light stroke and for a time it was believed he would recover from it.

But the paralysis increased until most of his body was affected.

**same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 22 Dec 1911, Friday, p. 1**

Eli Beaghler, who has lived in Andrew county for forty-six years and has been prominent in public life as an educator and a public officer and the present public administrator, died at his home in Savannah Sunday, December 17, at 2 a.m., after a brief illness following a stroke of paralysis at the age of 69 years, 8 months and 7 days.

Mr. Beaghler was a quiet, unostentatious, honest, sincere, Christian man. He toiled, learned and assisted those about him as best he could and brought up a family that is an honor to the community and to himself and wife. In life's warfare he fought bravely and won the battle and his good example will ever remain to encourage others in the strife.

Near Fremont, Ohio was Mr. Beaghler's birthplace on April 7, 1842, on a farm. At the age of 15 he taught his first term of school and when he came to Andrew county in 1865 and bought a farm he taught school in winter and farmed in summer until 1886, when he was elected to the office of county clerk and was re-elected, serving eight years. In 1908 he was elected public administrator.

On October 20, 1867, he was married to Miss Margaret Clark and four children were born to them all of whom were home at the time of his death, J. L. Beaghler, cashier of the First National Bank, W. M. Beaghler, in the grocery business here, Miss Ethel, with her mother, and H. E. Beaghler, who lives in Hastings, Neb.

The funeral was held Monday at the First M. E. Church by Rev. Quirin, assisted by Rev. T. C. Taylor and the remains were placed in the Savannah cemetery.

**Same**

**Source: *The Andrew County [MO] Republican*, 22 Dec 1911, Friday, p. 10**

Eli Beaghler died Sunday morning in his home in the south part of town, after two weeks of sickness from paralysis and pneumonia.

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Funeral services were conducted from the 1st M. E. church Monday afternoon at 2:30 by Rev. A. J. Quirin and interment was in the Savannah cemetery. A very large number of relatives and fellow townsmen gathered at the church, attesting to the high esteem in which he was held by our people.

Surviving him are the widow, one daughter, Miss Ethel Beaghler of this city, and three sons, J. L. and W. M. Beaghler of Savannah and H. E. Beaghler of Hastings Nebraska.

Eli Beaghler was born near Fremont Ohio, April 7, 1842, and came as a young man to Andrew County in 1865. Here, on Oct. 29, 1867, he was united in marriage to Miss Margaret E. Clark. Four children were born to them, the death of the husband and father being the first break in family circle.

Savannah and Andrew county have been the home of the deceased continuously since 1865. In his earlier years he was a school teacher. He was honored by his party and friends with two elections to the office of county clerk, a position he filled with credit and honor.

All his life he took an active part in public affairs, and was one of the county's best know citizens.

For nearly 45 years he was an active and leading member of the M. E. Church with which he united in 1867.

He was 69 years 9 months and 10 days of age at his death.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 22 Dec 1911, Friday, p. 1**

Eli Beaghler, who has been a resident of Andrew county since 1865 and who has lived in or near Savannah since 1886 passed away at his home just south of the city last Sunday morning at about five o'clock. Mr. Beaghler suffered a slight stroke of paralysis two weeks before his death and about a week later a second and more severe stroke came to him and pneumonia setting in a day or so later, caused his death.

He was a native of Ohio, having been born near Fremont, in that state on April 7, 1843. He continued to live in Ohio until 1855, when he came to Missouri. He first located in Clay county, but remained there only a short time and then came to Andrew county where he has since lived. On October 20, 1867, he was united in marriage with Margaret E. Clark, and she with three sons and one daughter survive him. The children are: John L., William M. and Ethel, of this city and Harry E., of Hastings, Nebraska.

In 1886 Mr. Beaghler was elected as county clerk and he held this office two terms and in 1908 he was elected as public administrator, which office he held at the time of his death. Prior to his being elected as county clerk Mr. Beaghler taught school and engaged in farming near Flag

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Springs. He was a leading citizen and lived an honorable life. In early life he became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and continued in that faith until his death.

Funeral services were conducted from the First M. E. church Monday afternoon by Rev. T. C. Taylor, of Hopkins, a former pastor of the Savannah church. Interment was at the Savannah cemetery.

**Date of death: 19 Apr 1913**

**Subject: Virginia Lee Beagler**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 24 Apr 1903, Friday, p. 1**

Virginia Lee, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Beagler, died at their home, Sunday, April 19, aged 3 months and 4 days. The funeral was at the residence Wednesday, conducted by Revs. Clayton and McGlothlan.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 24 Apr 1903, Friday, p. 8**

Virginia Lee, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Beagler, died at their home in this city Sunday, April 19, at 8:45 a.m. The remains were interred in the Savannah cemetery [sic] Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

**Date of death: 20 Mar 1918**

**Subject: Clyde Maxwell Beagle**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 22 Mar 1918, Friday, p. 1**

Clyde Maxwell Beagle, son of Guy Beagle and wife, died at his home in Savannah, Wednesday, March 20, from the effects of an abscess on the lungs and the age of two years and eight months. The funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the home with the address by Rev. A. R. Hunt. Besides his father and mother he leaves two brothers and a sister.

**Date of death: 28 Sep 1921**

**Subject; David Frederick Beagle**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 30 Sep 1921, Friday, p. 1**

David Beagle, who was stricken with paralysis last Friday morning died Tuesday. The body was buried Thursday by the Oddfellows after funeral services at the residence, conducted by Rev. A. R. Hunt.

Deseased [sic] was nearly eighty years of age, and had been a resident of this county the greater part of his life. He lived a number of years near Barnard before he moved to Savannah.

**Date of death: 19 Feb 1910**

**Subject: Lena Beagle**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 25 Feb 1910, Friday, p. 1**

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The little daughter, Lena R. [sic], of Guy Beagle and wife, who live five miles northeast of Savannah, died Saturday, Feb. 21, aged 1 year. The funeral took place at Savannah Monday.

**Date of death: 2 Apr 1921**

**Subject: Bessie Lorena (Beahm) Gay**

**Source: Savannah [MO] Reporter, 24 Dec 1920, Friday, p. 6- not an obituary**

Whitesville. December 21. Mrs. Ellis Thompson left Saturday for Colorado to see a sister who is very ill with consumption. Mr. Thompson will have charge of her daughter, Virginia, and look after household affairs.

**Date of death: 1 Sep 1931**

**Subject: Alice Lillian Beal**

**Source: The Maryville [MO] Daily Forum, 02 Sep 1931, Wednesday, p. 1**

Miss Alice L. Beal, daughter of the late Thaddeus K. Beal, and Mrs. Laura Beal, died at 9:50 o'clock last night at the St. Francis Hospital following a long illness which developed from a complication of diseases. She had been a patient at the hospital since April 21.

Miss Beal was born and reared in Maryville which was always her home except for times when she traveled extensively. She had spent much time in California, Florida, Cuba and Nassau, Bahamas.

A member of the M. E. church, South, since childhood, she was a devout worker, and for several years served as organist.

She was a member of the Daughters of the American Colonies, Daughters of the American Revolution, and a charter member and officer of the Needlework Guild of America.

Miss Beal is survived by her mother, Mrs. Laura Beal, and her sister, Miss Bertha Beal, of Maryville. A number of cousins survive: Mrs. Paul Sisson, the Misses Carrie, Minnie, Nell, Tom Frank and William Stinson, all of Maryville, Mrs. W. E. Courtney of Kansas City, G. B. Roseberry of St. Joseph, the Rev. Charles L. Beal and Glen K. Beal of Fresno, Calif.

Funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the M. E. church, South. The Rev. H. D. Thompson will be in charge. Burial will be made in Miriam cemetery. Lee Carpenter, Frank Garrett, Judge George Robb Ellison of Jefferson City, Dale Bellows, George L. Wilfley, and Arch K. Frank will serve as pallbearers. Paschal Monk of Clarinda, Ia., and Barney Thompson will be soloists at the funeral. There will be a violin accompaniment.

**Date of death: 7 Mar 1874**

**Subject: Maud M. Beal**

**Source: Nodaway [County MO] Democrat, 12 Mar 1874, Thursday, p. 1**

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On Sunday last Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beal were so unfortunate as to bury their baby-girl, Maude [sic], who was just old enough to become interesting and dear to the affections of its parents, who have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community.

**Date of death: 21 Feb 1890**

**Subject: Alfred C. "Freddie" Beale**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 28 Feb 1890, Friday, p. 5**

Fillmore. Feb. 24. Little Freddie C. Beale, son of our esteemed neighbor, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Beale, passed to the land of life, Feb. 21, 1890. Freddie C. Beale was born October 31, 1872. He has been an invalid all his life, but he bore his suffering with great patience. He was taken with la grippe and pneumonia, a week previous to his death. To the stricken parents we offer a word of comfort; Freddie has gone to join the hosts of light. How endeared must be your claims upon heaven, because you have a little one there. He shall be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of God. Little Freddie was deprived of this world's pleasure, but he will not be deprived of that joy and bliss on the other side of the river, where no tears are shed. The high standing in the admiration and affection of all was touchingly manifested by the large concourse of people who followed Freddie's remains to their last resting place. Rev. Hooker preached the funeral. The remains were interred in the town cemetery.

*Go to thy rest, fair child;  
Go to thy dreamless bed,  
While yet so gentle, undefiled,  
With blessings on thy head.*

*Ere sing had seared the breast  
Or sorrow woke the tear,  
Rise to thy home of changeless rest,  
In yon celestial sphere.*

**Date of death: 29 Mar 1899**

**Subject: Paul Vincent Beale**

**Source: *St. Joseph Weekly Herald*, 30 Mar 1899, p. 3 and *St. Joseph Herald*, 25 Mar 1899, p. 5**

Paul Vincent Beale of St. Joseph was accidentally shot and instantly killed yesterday afternoon near Hemple, Clinton county, Mo.

The young man, with a companion named Thorpe, was at the home of the family of S. P. Butler. The two boys were in the barn. Suddenly the explosion of a gun was heard and young Thorpe came running out, with the exclamation, "My God, Paul has killed himself."

A messenger was quickly dispatched to Hemple, three miles away, for a doctor but there was no need for the services of a physician as the unfortunate young man was beyond all human aid. Death followed the accident immediately.

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The dead boy was 15 years old. He is the son of A. W. Beale, who lives at 2612 Seneca street, Wyatt park. He was a student at the Young school. Last Wednesday morning he left to visit the Butlers and Thorpes, two families who formerly lived in Wyatt park, near him. He had had a gun for the past year and, as he was always very careful, his parents never felt alarmed when he would go on hunting expeditions and allowed him to take his gun on his visit to the Butlers. He, with several boy companions, had been hunting several times during his visit. Yesterday they went out again after dinner. They remained out the greater part of the afternoon and returned about 4 o'clock in good spirits. They had had an exceptionally pleasant time. The members of the party scattered and young Beale, with Thorpe, went into the barn to clean out his gun. The sound of their voices, and every once in awhile a shout of laughter, was heard.

A little before 6 o'clock the report of a gun echoed from the barn. The members of the Butler family were all gathered in the house, and the evening meal was being prepared, but everything was dropped when the sound was heard, and all rushed out of doors to see what occasioned the shooting. None suspected anything wrong. It was supposed one of the boys had seen a bird flying overhead and concluded to try his marksmanship. All ran out to see what success he had met with. Neither of the boys were in sight, but smoke was seen coming from the doorway of the barn. Thinking it funny the gun should be shot off in the barn, several started to investigate, and were met by young Thorpe, who came running out in terror.

All ran to the aid of the wounded boy. A messenger was immediately sent to Hemple for medical aid, although it was seen at a glance that he was fatally shot. The lad lay as he had fallen. The gun was at his side, the barrel still warm from the shot. He presented a ghastly spectacle. The entire left side of the head was blown away and the gaping wound met the gaze of the horrified onlookers.

Members of the Butler family, with the aid of several others present, lifted the body tenderly and carried it to the house. The boys who had been hunting with him during the day and all of the friends of the young man are heartbroken over the sad affair and the terrible ending of his visit. Young Thorpe is especially so as he was the last person who saw him alive. At the moment of the shooting Beale was standing erect with the gun in his hand, the stock resting on the floor. He accidentally struck the trigger, which was cocked, causing it to fall with the terrible result narrated.

The coroner of Clinton county held an inquest on the remains last night at the home of the Butlers. He returned a verdict of death from a gunshot wound and that the shot had been accidentally discharged from a gun in the hands of the dead lad by himself.

William and Samuel Beale, brothers of Paul, left over the Hannibal & St. Joseph railroad for Hemple at 9:30 o'clock last night. Hemple is not a regular stop but the officials of the railroad company ordered that the train stop for them. They will return with the remains this morning at 6 o'clock.

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The boy's parents and family are sorrow stricken. When seen last night Mr. Beale stated that his son had had a gun for the past year. He was always careful and no thought of danger was ever entertained. He had been wanting to visit the Butlers for sometime, and on Wednesday his teacher gave him a written permission to be absent for the remainder of the week. She said he was so far ahead in his studies that he could go. His parents gave their permission and the lad left, happy in the thought of a pleasant visit.

The family received the news of the accident at 7 o'clock last evening. Mr. Beale arrived at home about 6:30. He had been there perhaps 10 minutes when he received word to come at once to Koch's drug store on Lafayette street as there was a telephone call for him. He immediately went there, little realizing the terrible news he was to hear. When told that his son had accidentally shot himself and was dead he could hardly believe it and thought some mistake had been made and the person at the other end of the line wanted someone else. When compelled to believe it was his own boy, he hurried to his home and broke the news as best he could to his wife and family. The news spread and kind neighbors soon called to comfort the grief stricken ones.

The dead boy was one of the brightest scholars in the Young school and was usually ahead of his class. Next year he would have entered the High School. He was a favorite with teachers and scholars alike and his funeral which will probably be held Sunday, will be attended by many of his former school mates. Besides those already mentioned he has two brothers-- Fred and Louis, and one sister-- Margery. He was a nephew of Prof. Beale, the well known musician.

**Same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 31 Mar 1899, Friday, p. 1**

Cawood. March 29. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Galbreath was [sic] called to St. Joseph, Saturday, to attend the funeral of their nephew who accidentally shot himself.

**Same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 7 Apr 1899, Friday, p. 5**

Fillmore. March 29. William Beale went to St. Joseph last Saturday to his nephew's funeral. His nephew shot himself accidentally, so we are informed.

**Date of death: 22 May 1889**

**Subject: Samuel S. Beale**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 31 May 1889, Friday, p. 1**

Fillmore. May 30. Since we last wrote a gloom has been thrown over this community, caused by the death of one of our most upright and honorable citizens and neighbors. Samuel S. Beale passed away on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. His funeral was preached at the M. E. Church at this place to a large congregation, services were conducted by Rev. Hooker. His remains were interred in the family cemetery, south of town, the following day.



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**Same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 31 May 1889, Friday, p. 5**

Samuel S. Beale died at the residence of his son, W. J. Beale, near Fillmore, Mo., on Wednesday, May 22, 1889. He took sick just one week from the day he died. Deceased was born in Westmoreland county, Va., Sept. 12, 1813. When a mere boy he removed, with his parents, to Ross county, Ohio, where he grew to manhood, when he, as a young man, went to Carroll county, Indiana, where he married and lived for a few years. Later he lived in Cass and Miami counties, Indiana. In the fall of 1856 he moved, with his family, to Adair county, Iowa, lived there until the spring of 1859, when he came to Andrew county, Mo., where he had since resided. He had been a member of the United Brethren Church for about 30 years. He leaves two sons and a daughter, and a number of grandchildren.

**Date of death: 29 Aug 1916**

**Subject: William Jacob Beale**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 08 Sep 1916, Friday, p. 1 and *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 08 Sep 1916, Friday, p. 7**

William J. Beale, son of Samuel and Margaret Beale, was born near Logansport, Indiana, August 13, 1842. When about five years of age, his parents moved to near Peru, Indiana. When about fourteen years of age they moved again to Adair county, Iowa, living there until the spring of 1859, when they moved to Andrew county, Missouri, which county has been his home since, part of the time near Whitesville, until his marriage, since which time Fillmore has been his home.

In the fall of 1861 he enlisted in the army in the defense of the Union, being in a number of battles. At the end of the war he was discharged as a non-commissioned officer.

On June 14, 1866, he was married to Miss Nancy A. Clemmens daughter of an old time Methodist preacher. After his marriage he made his home in and near Fillmore. To this union one child was born, October 31, 1872, a son, Bert, [sic<sup>1</sup>] who lived for seventeen years. Always an invalid, he needed great care and attention.

In the winter of 1860-61 at a Methodist revival in a school house near Whitesville, he gave his heart to God, and his name to the church, and bore testimony of the goodness of God, by a life devoted to the cause of Christ and His church, being honored with all the positions of trust in the church that a layman can fill, his record is that he never swerved from the post of love and duty.

[In the affairs of state, he was right, and maintained rights cause, for which his countrymen honors him with the local offices, Justice of Peace several years, one term as county tax assessor, and many terms as school director.]<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The *Democrat* doesn't give a name.

<sup>2</sup> This paragraph in the *Democrat* only.

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On Tuesday afternoon, August 29, at 2:30 Mr. Beale fell asleep, most of the time in great pain. All that medical skill and loving hands could do to alleviate his suffering was done, but to no avail. He is what man calls 'dead' but he liveth, for Jesus said as many that 'believeth him the Christ, shall never die.'

He leaves besides many<sup>3</sup> friends, his faithful companion, who has traveled through the sunshine and storms of fifty summers, hand in hand together, one sister Mrs. Galbreath, near Bolckow, and one brother in Idaho and a number of nieces and nephews.

The funeral services were held in the church at 2:30 p.m. August 30 and the discourse by his pastor, Rev. Bennett in the presence of many old friends, after which the remains were taken to Fillmore cemetery<sup>4</sup>.

The following are the names and addresses of the nephews and nieces of William J. Beale and who were present at his funeral: W. J. Beale, Dallas, Texas; S. W. Beale and wife, St. Joseph; Mr. and Mrs. James Galbreath, Bolckow; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Galbreath of Graham; Mr. and Mrs. George Moore of Maryville, besides a sister, Mrs. Mary Galbreath of Bolckow and three sisters of Mrs. Beale, Mrs. Clemmens of Whitesville; Mrs. Britton of Guilford; Mrs. Hackett of Pickering.

**Date of death: 23 Jan 1922**

**Subject: Cynthia Caroline (Beall) Petree**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 27 Jan 1922, Friday, p. 5**

Fillmore Items. Mrs. James Petree passed away Monday, Jan. 23, and burial took place Thursday.

**Date of death: 28 Apr 1918**

**Subject: Doris Helen Beall**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 03 May 1918, Friday, p. 1**

Doris, eldest daughter of Albert E. and Linnie Beall, was born January 28, 1916 [sic], and after an illness of three weeks with cerebro-spinal meningitis, passed away in death, at the home of her parents near Rosendale, April 8, 1918, at the age of twelve years and three months.

Doris was an exceptionally bright, womanly little girl, obedient, studious and well up in her classes in school and always more interested in the welfare of others than of herself.

The fact that the home was under quarantine, so that even the nearest relatives were deprived of the privilege of being with Doris during her sickness or at the time of her death, renders it doubly sad for the parents, who have the sincere sympathy of the entire community. On April 28, the body was taken to Whitesville as there could be no public funeral service in the home or church.

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<sup>3</sup> The *Democrat* says "a host of".

<sup>4</sup> The *Democrat* adds "to await the great resurrection morning."

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Elder Chapman conducted a brief service outside of the church and burial was in the Whitesville cemetery.

Doris is survived by both her grandmothers Mrs. Elizabeth Beall and Mrs. Mahala Johns, her parents, one brother and two sisters, besides numerous other relatives.

**Same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 03 May 1918, Friday, p. 3**

Rosendale. April 30. Miss Doris Beall, who suffered from spinal meningitis for several days at her home east of town, died last Sunday morning at 3 o'clock and burial was made at Whitesville cemetery Monday noon. The illness and death of little Doris was sad as they were quarantined and none of the relatives and friends could go in to see her or offer their assistance and it was a trying ordeal on the stricken parents. They called five different doctors and a professional nurse in the case yet the dreaded disease could not be stayed it seems. Doris was a sweet little girl, always kind and obedient to her parents and brother and sisters. She was bright in her studies and loved by all who knew her. The biography is in another column.

**Date of death: 7 Apr 1896**

**Subject: Elmer E. Beall**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 17 Apr 1896, Friday, p. 1**

Elmer E., son of R. P. and Elizabeth Beall, died at the home of his parents in Rosendale at 4 p.m., Tuesday, April 7, aged 11 years and 6 months. Brief funeral services were held at the Christian church, conducted by Elder Chapman, and the remains were laid to rest in the Whitesville cemetery. Elmer was a bright, industrious boy, kind and loving to his playmates, and is sadly missed by them. School was dismissed and the pupils attended the funeral in a body. The tears and sobs of more than a hundred children over the loss of one of their number, whom they all loved, was quite affecting.-- [*Signal*].

**Date of death: 30 Mar 1904**

**Subject: Frances E. (Beall) Pollard**

**Source: *The Rosendale [MO] Signal*, 31 Mar 1904, Thursday, p. 4**

The sad intelligence reached the Signal family by phone at 2:40 o'clock this (Thursday) morning, stating that Mrs. Dr. Pollard of Guilford-- whom we mentioned elsewhere as being seriously ill, and whose mother, Mrs. Beall was called to her bedside Tuesday morning-- had just passed away in death. She was ill but a few days, and leaves a baby girl. Her death is a sad shock to her immediate relatives and friends of this place. As we go to press, no arrangements have been made for the funeral and burial service. Obituary will appear next week. May God bless and comfort the bereaved, is our prayer.

**Date of death: 28 May 1915**

**Subject: Nancy Jane (Beall) Tippie**

**Source: *The Hopkins [MO] Journal*, 03 Jun 1915, Thursday, p. 5**

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Mrs. J. W. Tippie, nee Nancy J. Beall, was born in Ross county Ohio, April 6, 1838, and died at her home 7 1/2 miles east of Hopkins on May 28, 1915. She came with her parents to Lynn co., Iowa, when a child and in 1856 moved to Taylor co., Iowa.

She was united in marriage to J. W. Tippie on August 8, 1866. To their union were born five children. Three of whom died in infancy. Those who remain are G. W. Tippie and Mrs. Lucy L. Palmer.

Mrs. Tippie was converted when about 13 years of age and united with the Baptist church of which she remained a faithful and honored member until called to her home above. She suffered much in her last illness which was of some 12 weeks duration, but she had been somewhat afflicted all her life.

Those from a distance attending the funeral were her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wallace and her sister-in-law and husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Severs, all of Bedford, Iowa, and her brother, Nelson D. Beall, of Moorhead, Iowa.

The funeral service took place at the Christian church in Gaynor City Sunday, May 30, at 2 P.M. Many people were present as she was one of the old settlers, having lived in the community since 1872. Her pastor, Rev. D. W. Griffith, conducted the service. There were many beautiful flowers and the singing was excellent. She will be greatly missed not only by the husband and children and the four grand children of whom she was very fond, but the entire community will feel her loss for she was a good woman.

Interment took place in the Gaynor cemetery.

**Date of death: 9 Dec 1902**

**Subject: Reuben P. Beall**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 12 Dec 1902, Friday, p. 1**

Reuben P. Beall, of Rosendale, committed suicide Tuesday night about 8:30. He had been in Ohio, where he had gone at the request of his family. He returned Tuesday evening on the north bound Burlington train, and armed with a repeating shot-gun and revolver, repaired to his home. The family knew of his coming, and left home, except two grown sons, Charles and Albert. Beall came to the house and demanded admittance, declaring he had come home to die. When refused admittance, he opened fire, and shots were exchanged. After exhausting his ammunition, Beall started up town, handing a neighbor his gun and remarked it was of no further use to him, as he had taken aconite. The drug acted so quickly that he had to be carried to Dr. Hoshor's office, and died there in less than an hour. He had a fresh bullet wound in his left shoulder.

Beall has been a stock buyer in Rosendale for a number of years, and is well known in central and northern Andrew county and in the stock markets of St. Joseph and Kansas City.

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**Source: *The Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 12 Dec 1902, Friday, p. 1**

On last Tuesday night the little city of Rosendale, was under considerable excitement for a time. Rube Beall a character who is well known in this part of the county and his two sons engage in a pistol duel but from the effects of the shooting no one was seriously [sic] hurt. Beall however drank an ouch of aconite and was soon dead.

The trouble was the result of a threatening letter written by Beall to his wife. Beall was formerly one of the leading men of the county but of latter years has been considered worthless and agreed some time ago that for the sum of \$100 he would leave his family and would not further molest them. The money was paid him, and he went to Ohio. After an absence of several weeks he wrote the letter referred to above, and the family knowing of his disposition looked for his return home at any time.

On Tuesday evening's train from the south he came and word reached his youngest son who is clerking in one of the stores there, that his father had stepped off the train. The son immediately went home and sent his mother, sister and the younger children to a neighbors [sic]. He then notified the elder brother and arming themselves with revolvers they awaited the appearance of their father.

As soon as Beall appeared in sight, the younger of the two boys fired his pistol in the air, hoping to frighten him away. This however did not have its desired effect and Beall raised a rifle he was carting, and the boy thinking he was going to shoot emptied his pistol at his father. Only one shot taking effect, and this hit him in the left shoulder.

After the shooting had stopped Beall came up to the house and called for his wife to come to the door, but as she did not he went to a window and with the rifle broke it in. After this he was seen by the boys to take something from his pocket and drink it, throwing the bottle away. He then came to the front door and called for some one to take the gun, as he would soon be dead and wanted to surrender. He was taken to the office of Dr. Hoshor, where he soon died.

An inquest was held Wednesday and the coroners [sic] jury bought [sic] in a verdict that Beall came to his death as a result of the poison and exonerated [sic] the son who did the shooting.

On Wednesday in looking over the premises it was found that two of the shots fired by the son had entered the corner of the house behind which he was hiding. The boy said he reached out his hand to fire in order not to expose himself and he supposed he did not reach out far enough. A shot fired by Beall also entered the house. The bottle from which Beall drank was found and it was labeled aconite.

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**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily News*, 10 Dec 1902, Wednesday, p. 6**

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The people of the little Andrew County village of Rosendale, a short distance north of St. Joseph, are greatly aroused over the suicide of R. P. Bell [sic, throughout], one of the oldest citizens of that place, which took place last night.

Bell and his wife parted about a month ago, and he went to Ohio, to live with relatives.

Yesterday afternoon he unexpectedly returned to Rosendale, in a drunken condition. He appeared with a Winchester rifle.

Upon going to the house where his family lives he was refused admittance by his two sons, who were the only ones about the premises.

Bell told them that he would make no trouble, and that he had only come home to die. He said he wanted to die in the front room of the house.

Neighbors and the city marshal tried to induce him to go away from the place, but he refused, and toward night he fired three shots in the air. Somebody in the crowd that had been watching Bell fired at him, slightly wounding him in the shoulder. He drew from his pocket a two-ounce bottle of aconite, and drank it.

Three doctors were summoned, and they worked with him until he died, at 11:30 o'clock last night, from the effects of the poison.

Bell was one of the oldest residents of Rosendale, having lived there for thirty years. He had been a prosperous stockman, but had been drinking heavily for a few years, and had become quarrelsome. This caused the separation from his wife. He is survived by his widow, three sons and three daughters.

Bell was well known at the St. Joseph stockyard, and was one of the heaviest cattle shippers from his neighborhood.

**Date of death: 21 May 1916**

**Subject: Mary Amelia (Beals) Landers Bailey**

**Source: [Maryville MO] *Weekly Democrat-Forum*, 25 May 1916, Thursday, p. 8**

Mrs. Henry J. Bailey, 77 years old, died last evening at 8 o'clock at her home at Clearmont. Cancer was the direct cause of her death.

Mrs. Bailey is survived by three children by a former marriage. They are Mrs. J. H. Bailey, Clearmont, Mrs. Alice Stinson and W. P. Landers, both of Kansas City.

Her name by this marriage was Landers. One of her daughters married J. H. Bailey of Clearmont. Mr. Bailey's father was a widower and a few years later Mrs. Landers and Mr. Bailey were united in marriage and her death revealed a family mix-up of relationship not often found.

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By the simple ceremony Mrs. Baily became the stepmother of her son-in-law, and mother-in-law to her own daughter, step-grandmother to her own grandchildren and step-great-grandmother to her two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Bailey was affectionately called 'Grandma' by all her acquaintances. She was well known and loved by the community. The funeral services will be held tomorrow at 10 o'clock at the Clearmont Methodist church. The Rev. S. D. Harlan will conduct the services.

**Date of death: 2/3 May 1877**

**Subject: Frankie Beames**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 4 May 1877, Friday, p. 1**

Beames.-- On Wednesday, May 2, at 7 o'clock P.M., Frankie, youngest son of J. B. and S. Beames, of Savannah.

Funeral takes place to-day at 10 o'clock, at the residence of the parents.

**Same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 18 May 1877, Friday, p. 8**

The funeral sermon of Frankie Beames will be preached at the Sixth Street M. E. Church, on next Sunday at 3 o'clock, by Rev. B. T. Stauber.

**Date of death: 2 Oct 1884**

**Subject: Mary Elizabeth (Beams) Huffman and infant child**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 03 Oct 1884, Friday, p. 3**

Mrs. Richard Huffman, of Empire township, died at her home yesterday, aged 23 years. She leaves a husband and two children. Her youngest child, [*illegible*] years old, died last Wednesday night.

**same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 10 Oct 1884, Friday, p. 1**

At the close of the services [for Mrs. Elizabeth Heaverlo], I was requested to conduct a funeral service of Mrs. Richard Huffman, which I did at Fairview church, October 3, 1884. Mrs. Huffman and her little babe died on the morning of October 2, 1884. The babe was peacefully folded in its mother's arms, and they were tenderly and sadly laid away in old mother earth to await the second birth. She was about 24 years of age, leaves a husband, father, sister and two children that will sadly miss her at home.

A large audience of sympathizing friends attended ... these services. Peace be to [her] ashes.

B. C. Stephens.

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**Same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 10 Oct 1884, Friday, p. 5**

The funeral of Mrs. Lizzie Huffman, wife of R. A. Huffman, of near Wright's Chapel, and little infant, was held at Fairview, last Friday. A large procession formed at the residence of the deceased and repaired to the Fairview church. After the funeral discourse the remains were borne to the cemetery, near by, where they were interred.

**Date of death: 11 Feb 1914**

**Subject: Edith C. (Bean) Duncan**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 13 Feb 1914, Friday, p. 8**

Fillmore. James Duncan left the 12th for Salina, Ks., to attend the funeral of Mrs. Frank Duncan, who died at her home there Wednesday and the funeral will be today. Mrs. Duncan will be remembered by the early settlers as Miss Edith Bean and she and her husband left here about forty years ago.

**Date of death: 21 Mar 1917**

**Subject: Evans Bean**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 30 Mar 1917, Friday, p. 1**

Died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. O. P. M. Roland, near Bolckow, at 6:30 p.m., March 21, after an illness of only nine days, with pneumonia, Evans Bean passed away in death aged 80 years, 10 months and 11 days. He was born in Carthage, Hancock county, Illinois. In March, 1862, he was married to Elizabeth Taylor. To this union were born seven children: Edward F., now of Maitland; John W., of Omaha, Neb.; Nettie, who died at the age of six years; Charles E., of Garnett, Kans.; Mrs. O. P. Roland, of Bolckow; Mrs. Luther Mead, of Forbes; and Russell, who died in infancy. His wife died Feb 15, 1881, whereupon he came to Missouri, locating at Rosendale, where he met and married Mrs. Lucy Ann Ashley. They then resided on a farm west of Rosendale, until about nine years ago, when they moved to Rosendale, then removed to St. Joseph, where he lived until about three months ago, since which time he has lived with his children, coming to the home of Mrs. Roland about a month ago. Besides his wife, three sons and two daughters, he is survived by twenty-two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Christian Church in Bolckow, on March 23, and burial [sic] was in Bolckow cemetery. Elder Chapman, of Rosendale preached the funeral sermon.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 30 Mar 1917, Friday, p. 8**

Bolckow Herald. 'Doc' Bean died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. O. P. Rowland, Wednesday afternoon.

**Date of death: 21 Jan 1911**

**Subject: Alfred Wesley Bear**



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**Source: [Maryville MO] *Weekly Democrat-Forum*, 26 Jan 1911, Thursday, p. 3**

Dr. Alfred Wesley Bear, an old and highly respected retired physician living at Barnard, died at his home there at 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning, after but a week's illness, although he had been in poor health from rheumatism for many years.

The funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the home, at 2:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. H. Thompson of the M. E. church, and Rev. E. S. Raub of the M. E. church, South. The Masonic lodge of Barnard had charge of the services at the grave.

Dr. Bear had been a resident of Barnard since 1871, and besides being a good physician was a man of considerable learning and had engaged in teaching for thirteen years before beginning the practice of medicine.

Dr. Bear was born at Boonville, Mo., March 13, 1841, making him nearly 70 years old at the time of his death. He was educated in the schools of Boonville and later studied in the Rural Retreat academy. He began teaching at the age of 17 and continued to do so for thirteen years, in the meantime studying higher mathematics, the sciences, also the languages and medicine. He attended the courses of lectures at Washington university in Baltimore whenever opportunity offered, and in 1871 came to Barnard and began the practice of medicine, being one of the most cultured physicians in the county at that time. He kept in touch with all matters of political and educational interest and was a versatile writer. He also engaged in the drug business in Barnard at different times with Dr. Heath, M. M. Silvers and Samuel Phillips.

On February 9, 1879, Dr. Bear married Mary Hester Bradley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Bradley of Barnard. Mrs. Bear's death occurred October 30, 1887. Their two daughters survive, Mrs. Stephen A. Roach and Mrs. I. E. Tullock. Since Mrs. Roach's marriage she and her husband had lived with Dr. Bear at the old family home.

Dr. Bear retired from the drug business in 1881, owing to failing health, and his affliction had kept him from active practice for many years.

He was a generous, genial man, which rendered his companionship and friendship delightful to all who were fortunate enough to know him. He was converted each in life and united with the Baptist church, and his denominational preference remained the same to his death.

**Date of death: 12 Nov 1920**

**Subject: Jessie Laura (Bear) Walker**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 26 Nov 1920, Friday, p. 1**

Mrs. Jessie L. Walker, the foster daughter of Mrs. A. V. McFadden of Savannah, died at the Ensworth hospital in St. Joseph, November 12. Her body was taken to Concordia, Kan., for burial.

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Besides her husband she leaves six children, Mrs. Frank Trude, Mrs. Andy Hanson, Robert A., Paul M., Jesse [sic] and Ruth. She was a devoted wife and mother and a good woman has gone to her reward. She grew up in Savannah and has many friends in the county who will miss her.

**Date of death: 3 May 1921**

**Subject: Jones Beard**

**Source: *Weeping Water [NE] Republican*, 05 May 1921, Thursday, p. 1**

A sad incident occurred Tuesday when Jones Beard, living just east of Weeping Water, met death from the discharge of a shotgun. As to whether the fatal shot was self-inflicted or accidental is not positively known.

Beard, aged 33, and his mother had been living in the former Adolph Mogensen house since early in March, moving there from the Bob Young farm near Nehawka, where Beard had worked for Ben Noell during the fall and winter. Just after the dinner hour Tuesday, accoring [sic] to the story told by the mother, Beard sat near the table smoking. She went into an adjoining room and a little later he went out of the house and then the discharge of the shotgun was heard and he was found lying dead about a rod from the back door. The charge from the gun had penetrated his heart.

The gun was double barreled and there was found to be a loaded shell in the other barrel. There were marks to indicate that the left foot might have been pressed against both chambers of the gun to cock it, but as to whether this was intentional or accidental cannot be proved. The family and near friends feel that the shooting was entirely accidental. It is said that he must have taken the gun out to shoot at crows which have been bothering the neighborhood.

The county officials, Sheriff C. D. Quinton and Attorney A. G. Cole, who investigated the case, were satisfied that there was no evidence of foul play and so did not hold a formal inquest.

It is stated that the two people, mother and son, were in fairly good circumstances as a farm had been sold in Missouri not long ago, and it was said that Beard did not have to work steady if he did not want to. They had rented only the house, barn and pasture on the place and he had done no work other than choring since they had lived there.

A sister of the deceased, Mrs. Grover Hopkins, of near Nehawka, was summoned immediately Tuesday afternoon and came to comfort her mother in their sad hour.

Louis Johnson, who is the closest neighbor, was summoned to the home immediately after the shooting, by the cries of the mother and assisted in calling in the physician and undertaker and given what other help he could until other neighbors arrived.

**Date of death: 9 Sep 1920**

**Subject: Loretta "Lulu" (Beard) Burgess**

**Source: *The Albany [MO] Capital*, 16 Sep 1920, Thursday, p. 1**

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The relatives here received word that Mrs. Mary [sic] Burgess died last Thursday morning, at the home near Boone, Colo., after a week's sickness with peritonitis. The body, accompanying by the husband and four children, and by Mrs. John Kirkpatrick of Boone, arrived at Albany on the noon train last Monday.

Funeral services were conducted at the Christian Church Monday at 1 o'clock, following which burial was in Grand View cemetery.

Mrs. Burgess was 36 years, 5 months and 18 days old. Her maiden name was Lulu Beard, and she was born and reared in Gentry county, having been married to Perry A. Burgess about 16 years ago. Two sons and two daughters were born to them, and are left, with the husband, to mourn the loss of a true wife and mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Burgess moved with their family to Kansas some five or six years ago, and to Colorado two years ago, and she died at their home near Boone, after only a brief sickness.

**Date of death: 2 Jun 1918**

**Subject: Altha (Beardman or Boardman) Amadon**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 07 Jun 1918, Friday, p. 4**

Altha Boardman [sic] was born at Cold Springs, Cattaraugus county, New York, April 4, 1835, and departed this life June 2, 1918, aged 83 years, 1 month and 29 days. She went with her parents to Waupon, Fon Du Lac, Wisconsin, when she was sixteen years of age. She was married to LeRoy Amadon in the year of 1856, and soon after this they came to the state of Iowa. To this union there were born three children, two sons and one daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Whitney of Bolckow, who with her son, William Whitney, are still living, one of her sons having died in infancy and the other at the age of 27 years. She became a Christian at the age of 20 but did not unite with any church, until during the pastorate of Rev. N. E. Bottom, she became a member of the church of her choice. About 20 years since she came to live with her daughter, and through all the years she has lived the 'Life Beautiful.' Although she had long been an invalid, yet it was only a few short days of great suffering, when death came to her relief, and she passed to the great beyond. Firm in faith, a great student of the Bible, and a constant seeker at the throne of grace, she died as she had lived, a Christian. The funeral sermon was by the writer at the home of her loved ones, in the presence of a number of her friends and the burial was at the McBrien cemetery.--Rev. E. O. Wells.

**Date of death: 2` Jul 1918**

**Subject: Tony William Bears**

**Source: *Burlington Junction [MO] Post*, 22 Aug 1918, Thursday, p. 1**

Word was received here Tuesday that Tony Bears was killed in action about three weeks ago. None of the family have [sic] received any official notice of the young man's death. The sad news came in a letter written by Clyde Collins to his sister, Mrs. Frank Barrett, of Skidmore.

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Tony left Nodaway county with a large quota last fall and trained at Camp Funston during the winter. He went over early in the spring. Clyde Collins had been a very close friend of his. In writing to his sister, Collins said that Tony had been suffering from some slight malady and was given the choice of going to the hospital. He declined, saying that he would take the battle first, and the hospital later if necessary. 'Tony died game,' wrote Collins.

Young Bears is survived by his mother, Mrs. Nettie Bears, who is making her home with her son, Chris, near Burlington Junction. He is also survived by Four brothers and two sisters: Frank and Charles Bears of Clearmont, Bert Bears of Harrison county, Chris Bears of this place, Mrs. Geo. Geyer of Ridgeway and Mrs. Stanley of Bethany.

**Date of death: 13 Apr 1894**

**Subject: Clara Beasley**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 20 Apr 1894, Friday, p. 8**

Fillmore. April 18th. Miss Clara Beasley, died at her home April 13th, age 15 years. Rev. Jones preached the funeral sermon from the text found in 1 Peter 1:24-25, which was excellent. The following we write in memory of the deceased:

*Dearest Sister thou hast left us,  
Here thy loss we deeply feel,  
But 'tis God that has bereft us,  
He can all our sorrows heal.*

*Thou no more shall join our number,  
Thou no more our songs shall know,  
But beneath the sod shall slumber,  
In thy grave so low.*

*Yet again we hope to meet thee  
When this life of toil is o'er,  
And in heaven with joys to greet thee,  
Where our sorrows come no more.*

**Date of death: 28 Nov 1892**

**Subject: Evaline Beasley**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 02 Dec 1892, Friday, p. 8**

Miss Eva Beasley died at the home of her father, in Fillmore, Mo., of consumption, on Nov. 28, 1892, aged twenty-two years, eight months and eight days. She had lingered in the valley of the shadow of death for a year, and longed to go. She received the promise, 'at the evening time, it shall be bright.' Her funeral was conducted by the writer. The bereaved family have [sic] the sympathy of all the community, and the comfort of the assurance that their loss is her gain.

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E. Downs.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 02 Dec 1892, Friday, p. 1**

Died.-- In Fillmore Monday Nov. 28, 1892, Miss Eva Beasley.

**Same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 09 Dec 1892, Friday, p. 7**

Fillmore, Nov. 30.

On last Monday morning our citizens were grieved to learn of the death of Miss Eva Beasley. The sad announcement brought sorrow to every one that was acquainted with the deceased. She was a loving daughter, and had those high qualities of heart and mind that endeared her to all who knew her. There is a void in the hearts of those she loved, and of those who loved her, that can not be filled. The golden cord of love and affection is temporarily snapped, but let us hope they will be again united in that eternity to which all are tending. Eva Beasley was born March 20, 1870, and died November 28, 1892, at 2 o'clock in the morning. The funeral took place at her home on Tuesday, conducted by Rev. Ezra Downs. She was happily converted to God during her illness, and from that time on she looked forward to death without any fear, realizing that it is better to be 'absent from the body and present with the Lord.' Her remains were laid to rest in Fillmore cemetery. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community.

Mary Fee.

**Date of death: 20 May 1901**

**Subject: Frank Beasley**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 3 May 1901, Friday, p. 5**

From the Fillmore *Lever*. Frank Beasley, who has been suffering with consumption for some months, died Saturday morning. The funeral was preached at the M.E. church Sunday by Rev. W. L. Haines, of Forest City, and the remains laid to rest in the Fillmore cemetery.

**Date of death: 23 Feb 1919**

**Subject: Ida (Beasley) Davison**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 28 Feb 1919, Friday, p. 4**

Fillmore. February 26. Ida Beasley was born in Brown county, Kansas, February 1, 1874, and died February 23, 1919, aged 45 years, and 22 days. She was the daughter of Theodore and Ephilinda Beasley, who moved to Fillmore more than forty years ago. She was one of nine children, five girls and four boys. She was married to William Davidson June 9, 1902, and to this union one daughter was born. She moved to Oklahoma in 1902, where she died at her home near Cyrill. She leaves a father, brother, husband and daughter, Lola, and many relatives and friends to mourn her going. She was a kind companion and a devoted mother. She confessed her faith in

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Christ and joined to M. E. Church in Fillmore when a girl and held her membership in this church through all the remaining years of her life. She was a devoted Christian and to know her was to love her. The body was brought to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gladfelter Tuesday evening and the funeral services were conducted at the M. E. Church Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock with a sermon by Rev. H. F. Dorcas. Burial was in the Fillmore cemetery. Her husband and daughter Lola from Cyrill, Oklahoma, Theodore Beasley, Charles Beasley and wife from Kansas City and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Davidson from Wyeth attended the funeral.

**Date of death: 5 Aug 1901**

**Subject: infant of Charles Beasley<sup>5</sup>**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 16 Aug 1901, Friday, p. 8**

Nodaway. Aug. 5. The seven-months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Beasley died to-day and will be buried in the Forbes cemetery to-morrow.

**Date of death: 8/9 Sep 1889**

**Subject: Mattie Beasley**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 30 Aug 1889, Friday, p. 1- not an obituary**

Fillmore. Aug. 27. Miss Mattie Beasley is very sick.

**Same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 20 Sep 1889, Friday, p. 5**

Mattie Beasley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Beasley, departed this life Sept. 9, 1889, of consumption. She had been sick for some time, and her death was expected most any time, but this does not alleviate the sorrow of the bereaved family. She would have been fourteen years old her next birthday. Mattie was a noble-hearted and intelligent little girl, and will be greatly missed by them all. Her funeral was preached at the house, on the following day, by Rev. Hooker, of this place. Her remains were interred in the Fillmore cemetery, by the side of her sister. The family have [sic] the sympathy of a large circle of friends in this sad bereavement.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 20 Sep 1889, Friday, p. 2**

Fillmore. Miss Mattie Beasley [sic] passed over the river on Monday, Sept. 10 [sic], 1889, after an illness of two or three years, having been confined to her bed a few days over two weeks; aged 14 years.

*Weep not dear mother, weep not, though death's benumbing fingers  
Have rudely nipped a fair and tender bud;  
In that sweet germ no blight of sorrow lingers,  
But on celestial wings 'tis borne of God.*

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<sup>5</sup> Not in MSE Database, but parents are.

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*Weep not, dear father, weep not; the bud that faded here now sweetly blooms 'mid amaranthine flowers;*

*In that high, holy, bright and mortal sphere*

*'Tis refreshed by love's soft genial showers.*

*Weep not, dear sister, weep not; the bud that ye carressed [sic],*

*In sunny climes, by ever living springs,*

*Is now with life, in full-blown beauty blessed*

*And on celestial air its sweetness flings.*

*Weep not, dear brothers, weep not; in those delightful regions,*

*Basking in sunny smiles of Jesus' love,*

*Thy tender bud, guarded by angel legions,*

*Immortal blooms in Paradise above.*

Guess Who?

**Date of death: 1 Nov 1896**

**Subject: Miles Rutherford Beasley**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 06 Nov 1896, Friday, p. 1**

Rufe Beasley, a young man nineteen years of age, was shot and killed Sunday evening last by Carl Hunt, a boy thirteen years of age, at the home of Thomas Hunt one mile west of Parker. It seems that young Beasley was visiting at the Hunt residence. There had been no trouble whatever between the two boys previous to the shooting. The gun with which the killing was one had been used by one of the older Hunt boys and had been left lying on the bed loaded. It seems to have been somewhat a custom with the boys to point a gun at one another with an order to throw up the hands.

On this occassion [sic] however Rufe Beasley was sitting in a chair with one elbow on a table at his side his head resting on his hand. The Hunt boy simply picked up the gun and told Beasley he was going to shoot him. With that he fired both barrels which were loaded with goose shot, the entire charges striking [sic] in the ear and blowing away the back of the head. The arm of Beasley dropped to the table but otherwise the body remained unmoved.

A coroner's inquest was held Monday the verdict being that the shooting was accidental. Much dissatisfaction exists however, some believing it was done purposely. Whether any further action will be taken is yet to be ascertained.

Rev. G. W. Praisewater [sic] conducted the funeral services and the interment occurred at Antioch Monday afternoon.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 11 Dec 1896, Friday, p. 1**

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Sargent Beasley reinterred the remains of his son in the Savannah cemetery Wednesday afternoon. He desires to express his thanks to his friends who were so kind to him at the time of the loss of his son.

**Date of death: 12 Sep 1886**

**Subject: Ora B. Beasley**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 18 Sep 1885, Friday, p. 5**

Fillmore. Sept. 15.

Died, one mile east of Fillmore, on Saturday morning, September 12, 1885, of consumption, Ora Beasley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Beasley. The deceased was sixteen years and eleven months old. Funeral services were held by Rev. Alumbaugh, at the M. E. Church.

**Date of death: 4 Oct 1918**

**Subject: Richard Beasley**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 11 Oct 1918, Friday, p. 4**

Fillmore Sunday was the sad scene of a double funeral, that of Otis Gladfelter and Dick Beasley, first cousins, who died in two different states and the parents of both were unaware of the demise of the other, the funeral occurring [sic] from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gladfelter.

Otis Gladfelter was 36 years of age and had been living in Manhattan [sic], Kansas, where he followed the barber trade. Recently he was afflicted there with pneumonia and died October 3. His wife formerly was Miss Maude Miller of Savannah.

Dick Beasley was 31 years of age and had been following the oil trade for the past few years at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and upon contracting the same form of illness as his cousin Otis, died of it, Friday, October 4th. His father Theodore Beasley is well known in Fillmore but of late has been residing in Kansas City, MO.

The remains of Mr. Beasley arrived Sunday morning in Fillmore from Tulsa and upon learning that Otis' funeral was to occur that day, a double funeral was arranged and the services were said by Rev. Dorcas, recently ascently [sic] assigned to the Fillmore district, burial taking place in the Fillmore cemetery. The body of Mr. Beasley was placed in the Beasley lot, and lies near the remains of his mother, four sisters and two brothers.

Clyde Berry of this city is a first cousin to both of the deceased. Both branches of the Beasley and Gladfelter families are well known in Fillmore and Andrew county, both families settling in this county in early years.

**same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 11 Oct 1918, Friday, p. 6**



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Fillmore. October 8. Those who attended the funeral services of Otis Gladfelter and Dick Beasley from a distance were, Mrs. Julia Vanallen and son Emery Gann from Iowa City, Kan., Mrs. Leroy Alley from St. Joseph, Theodore Beasley and Charles Beasley and wife of Kansas City, Mrs. Lizzie Berry and two children, Clyde Berry and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Frodsham and Mrs. Todd, Mrs. Ruddell from Savannah and Mr. and Mrs. Dillen from Rosendale

The funeral services for Otis Gladfelter and Dick Beasley were held Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gladfelter. Rev. Dorcas conducted the services and a very large crowd was in attendance.

Richard Beasley was born at Fillmore August 27, 1887, and departed from this world in a hospital in Tulsa, Okla., October 4, 1918, at the age of 31 years, 1 month and 7 days. His father Theodore Beasley, and brother Charles of Kansas city and sister Ida, Mrs. Will Davidson, of near Oklahoma City, Okla., survive him. His mother, four sisters and two brothers lie in the family lot in the Fillmore cemetery where his body was laid to rest Sunday afternoon. Dick's home for several years has been at Oklahoma City, Okla. He was a man who was liked by his associates who will miss him. They all join in their sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

**Source: *The [Kansas City KS] Press*, 11 Oct 1918, Friday, p. 8**

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beasley, of 1039 Kansas Avenue, returned home from Fillmore, Missouri, the first of the week, where they went to attend the funeral of his brother.

**Date of death: 4 Feb 1911**

**Subject: Sargeant Beasley**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 10 Feb 1911, Friday, p. 1**

Sargent [sic] Beasley, who came from Ohio to Andrew county in 1865 and has lived here ever since, died at the home of J. O. Coon in this city Saturday, February 4, at 3:30 p.m. after suffering for many years with paralysis. He was 75 years old and had served all during the war in an Ohio company and at his request the G. A. R. took charge of the funeral services. At one time he was a member of the Methodist church. Mrs. Beasley died thirty-two years ago. The family lived on a farm near Fillmore for many years until their removal to Savannah. His five children were present and are John Beasley, New Ulyses [sic], Kan., Mrs. Lum Meadows, Chandler, Okla., James Beasley, Guyman, Okla., Mrs. George Mitchell, Des Moines, Iowa, Mrs. A. F. Shields, Colorado Springs, Colo.

The children of Sargent Beasley wish to express their gratitude to the G. A. R. and to the many kind friends who were so attentive during the sickness and burial of their father.

**Same**

**Source: *The Andrew County [MO] Republican*, 10 Feb 1911, Friday, p. 1**

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Born, September 11, 1835 in Athens Co., Ohio, was married to Almeta Joy, February 11, 1858, who died Feb 10, 1879.

He served, during the civil war in Company K. 161 O. V. 1. in 1864 and 1865. He moved to Andrew Co. Mo. at the close of the war and settled in the northern part of the Co., but moved to Savannah in 1896, and died Monday, February 6 [sic]. He leaves surviving him five children, Jno. W. of Grant Co. Kan., Mary Meadows of Chandler Ok., Jas. S. of Guyman, Ok., Lora B. Mitchell of Des Moines, Ia., and Vernie Shields of Colorado Springs, Colorado, also 5 grandchildren; 'children of Alzena Allen deceased,' who lived in California.

The funeral was conducted by the G. A. R. of Savannah Tuesday afternoon and interment in the Savannah cemetery, Rev. Pringle officiating as minister.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 10 Feb 1911, Friday, p. 8**

Died.

At the home of Joe Koon in Savannah, Saturday, February 4, Sargeant Beasley, aged 75 years. Funeral services were held Monday under the auspices of the G. A. R. and burial was at the Savannah cemetery.

**Date of death: 9 Feb 1922**

**Subject: Theodore Beasley**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 24 Feb 1922, Friday, p. 1**

Theodore [sic] Beaseley [sic] was born in Washington County, Kentucky, Aug. 15, 1840. He was united in marriage to Ephalinda [sic] Berry September 12th, 1867, to this union were born nine children, four sons and five daughters. As follows: Ora, Eva, Charlie, Ida, Matie, Clara, Frank, Joseph and Dick all passed away in the bloom of youth, except Ida who died at the age of 45 years and Charlie who lives in Kansas City, Kansas. His companion departed this life March 27th, 1892. Beside the above son, he leaves five grand children, Lola Davidson of Spirel, Okla., Muriel, Cecil, Otis and Everett Beasley of Kansas City Kansas, two great grand-children Doris Ruth Wagoner and Clarence Everett Beasley, two grand-sons served in the World War overseas. In 1854, the family came from Kentucky to Andrew County Mo., located in Fillmore known then as Newark [sic]. He has lived in and around Fillmore all his life with the exception of two years in the army, a member of Co. H. 14th Calvary [sic] three years in Kansas and 16 years in Oklahoma. He was the eldest of four children, Mrs. Benjamine [sic] Tracy, Mrs. Nathan Rowe and Jasper. All have preceded him to the city beyond. About 20 years ago he publicly confessed his faith in Jesus, was buried with him in Baptism, arose to walk with him in the newness of life, the life of an adopted Son of God. He then united with the Church of God, where he remained faithful unto the end which occured [sic] Feb. 9, 1922, at 12:55 A. M. He was ready and willing to go when the final summons came. The following selection expressed his heavenly hope. 2 Timothy 4th Chapter, 6-7-8, verses, 'Hymns [sic] Asleep in Jesus,' 'Going down the Valley,' and 'No more Good Byes.' Mr. Beasley has gone the way all must go, he loo0ked through the long years of sorrow learned the lesson of patience and forbearance and felt the desolation of a world

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filled with all persons save his own. His life's race has been completed. He will be missed by his neighbors, he was a respected and honored citizen of the community. His life is a monument for all time. Memorial services held at the M. E. Church by Rev. M. F. Brower, burial in the Fillmore Cemetery.

**Date of death: 1 Dec 1898**

**Subject: John Beaston**

**Source: *The Mena [AR] Weekly Star*, 14 Dec 1898, Wednesday, p. 3**

Mr. John R. [sic] Beaston, living about a mile from Mena, was suddenly summoned to receive his reward on the 1st of December, 1898. Mr. Beaston was born in Richland county, Ohio, June 11, 1837. While still an infant his parents moved to Illinois, where he lived until after his first marriage, which occurred at McComb, McDonough county, Ill., March 13, to Ann M. Wright. This union was blest with eight children, six of whom survive him. His first wife died at Pawhaska, Okla., May 2, 1888. He was married to Jennie Booth at Peru, Kas., who, with a little daughter, aged 5 years, he leaves behind. He united with the Christian church early in life and, with his wife, was admitted into full fellowship of the church at Mena in June, 1898. In the loss of Bro. Beaston the community deplores the loss of a good citizen, the family a loving husband and father and the church an exemplary and faithful member.

A Friend.

**Date of death: 24 Feb 1879**

**Subject: John A. Beaston**

**Source: *Nodaway [County MO] Democrat*, 27 Feb 1879, Thursday, p. 3**

The friends of John Beaston will be pained to learn of the death of his second son, Johnnie, on Monday the 24th inst. He was out harrowing wheat and when he came to the house, he assisted his brother smaller than himself, to get on one of the horses he was working. He then attempted to get on the other and it is supposed he got fastened in the harness. The horses took fright and ran and fell, breaking both of the boys [sic] legs, and fractured the back part of Johnnie's skull. This happened about noon and he was brought to the house apparently dead, but began to breathe in a short time and lived in an unconscious state until 3 o'clock Tuesday morning. He is represented to us as being an unusually smart boy and was admired and loved by all who knew him. The parents have our heartfelt sympathy.

**Date of death: 31 Jul 1894**

**Subject: Barbara (Beath) Pool**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 10 Aug 1894, Friday, p. 8**

A sad incident occurred at the home of J. W. Pool about four miles south of Graham at about 8:00 p.m., July 31, which resulted in the death of Mrs. Barbara Pool. It had been noticed for a few days before when alone she appeared to be in a melancholy state of mind and on the evening of the above date she succeeded in finding and taking a large amount of poison that has been kept on the farm for the purpose of exterminating rats, etc. She readily confessed to the family

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that she had taken the poison, and seemed to rejoice that the end appeared so near. The family and three physicians did all in their power to save her, but their efforts were in vain, and at 4 o'clock the next morning she departed this life. Mrs. Pool was a gentle loving mother and a true and faithful wife. Her action was a mystery and surprise to all as no one knew any visible cause. She leaves a husband and six children (five girls and a boy) to mourn her loss. The funeral service took place at their residence, August 2, at 2 p.m., conducted by Rev. Geo. W. Praiswater, of Fillmore, assisted by Rev. J. W. Malott, of Graham, Mo. A large number of friends were present, and many were the expressions of sympathy from friends to the bereaved father and children. Her body was laid to rest in the Graham cemetery.

Mrs. Pool was born in Ross county, Ohio, in 1837, and moved with the family to their present home in Nodaway county in 1883.

**Date of death: 11 Sep 1887**  
**Subject: Hampden Sydney Beatie**  
**Source: *Deseret [UT] News*, 12 Sep 1887, Monday, p. 3**

H. S. Beatie, an old and well known citizen of Utah, died at his residence at seven o'clock last evening (Sept. 11) after an illness of four days, from intestinal obstruction. Deceased was the father of 24 children, and had 23 grand children. Practically he was a pioneer, having arrived in this city October 25th, 1849-- two years after the first settlers. He was a native of Washington County, Virginia, and was born December 31st, 1826; he was therefore, at the time of his deceased, aged 60 years, eight months and 11 days.

**Date of death: 26 Aug 1907**  
**Subject: Arcena E. (Beattie) Baker**  
**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 27 Sep 1907, Friday, p. 1**

From the Whitesville *Banner*. Mrs. J. B. Baker died at her home near Westhope, N. D., Aug. 26, of consumption. This family is surely entitled to deepest sympathy.

**Same**  
**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 27 Sep 1907, Friday, p. 8**

Arcena E. Beattie was born in Andrew county September 16, 1851, and died at her home near Westhope, North Dakota, Sunday night, August 26, 1907, being 55 years, 11 months and 10 days of age. She had lived ost of her life in this county until a little more than five years ago, when she moved with her family to North Dakota, where she has since lived. On February 3, 1870, she was united in marriage to James B. Baker. To this union fourteen children were born, seven of them dying in infancy. Charley, the oldest child, died April 18, 1904, of consumption; Mary, the youngest daughter, died October 20, 1906, of the same disease. In early womanhood deceased obeyed the gospel of Christ and united with the Church of God at Stanberry and has since lived a faithful Christian life, and though sick with consumption for a long time, died as she had lived, cheerfully [sic] and with a hope of meeting her loved ones when Christ comes to unlock the prison doors. The thought of death had no terror for her and she talked of it as calmly as if going

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to visit a neighbor. She was a faithful and devoted wife and mother, always trying to do and to teach what was right. She is survived by her husband and three sons Finis, Oscar and Cleo at home and two daughters Mrs. James Leese and Mrs. A. S. Wright of this county, besides two brothers and two sisters and other relatives, with many friends. Funeral services were held at the home Tuesday, August 27, by Rev. A. Roe, after which the remains were laid by the side of her children in the Weeks cemetery to await the resurrection.

**Same**

**Source: *The Andrew County [MO] Republican*, 04 Oct 1907, Friday, p. 8**

Whitesville Banner. Mrs. J. B. Baker; Arcenia [sic] E. Beattie, was born Sept. 16, 1821 [sic] and died at her home near Westhope N. Dakota Sunday night, Aug. 26 1907 being 52 [sic] years, 11 months and 10 days of age. She was born and raised, and lived most of her life in Andrew county, until a little more than five years ago, when she moved with her family to N. Dak. where she has since lived.

**Date of death: 10 Aug 1913**

**Subject: Arlena Anna Beattie**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 15 Aug 1913, Friday, p. 1**

Miss Irlene [sic] Anne Beattie, better known as Aunt Tудie, was born in Andrew county, September 16, 1851, and died August 10, 1913, being sixty-one years, ten months and twenty-four days of age. She died at the home of her niece Mrs. A. S. Wright near Wyeth, with whom she had lived most of the time for the past ten years. She leaves one brother James M. Beattie and one sister Mrs. Eliza Cawood of Nebraska. The remains were taken to Whitesville where Rev. Ball presided over the funeral services and the body was laid to rest beside those of her father and mother and two brothers. Her twin sister Mrs. James Baker died and was buried in North Dakota several years ago and another sister Mrs. David Rea is buried in the Savannah cemetery. Aunt Tудie lived a pure Christian life, joining the Baptist church about thirty-five years ago and she endured her sufferings with the same Christian spirit. He [sic] life was made happier by the constant love and care of her niece and nephew, 'insomuch as ye have done it unto one of these ye have done it also unto me.'

**Same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 15 Aug 1913, Friday, p. 4**

Rea. Miss Trudie [sic] Beattie died Sunday afternoon at the home of Arthur Wright's near Wyeth after a lingering illness of dropsy. Funeral services and burial took place at Whitesville.

**Date of death: 3 Jun 1894**

**Subject: Armstrong Beattie**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 25 May 1894, Friday, p. 8**

W. B. Allen and wife visited Mrs. Allen's brother, Mr. Armstrong Beattie, near Fontainebleau, Wednesday. Mr. Beattie is quite low.

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**Same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 08 Jun 1894, Friday, p. 8**

Armstrong Beattie, one of the pioneer and wealthy citizens of Andrew County, died at his home six miles northeast of Savannah last Sunday. The deceased, who was a cousin of the late Armstrong Beattie of St. Joseph, was born in Washington County, Va., in 1820. He had been a resident of Missouri for many years and was highly respected by the people of Andrew and Buchanan counties, where he was widely acquainted. The funeral took place Monday at 3 o'clock, the remains were buried in the Bedford Chapel cemetery.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 08 Jun 1894, Friday, p. 1**

Mr. Armstrong Beattie died at his home near the Bedford chapel and Cherry Grove neighborhoods, of la grippe and paralysis, at 2:45 a.m. Sunday June 3, 1894, after an illness of about three months, aged 74 years and 10 days. He was born in Washington county, Virginia, and moved to Andrew county, Missouri, with his parents in the fall of 1843 and entered and settled on the same farm on which he died. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Paulette March 27, 1845 [sic]. To this union there were born fourteen children, seven of whom are living, as follows: David A., William H., Joseph T., James R. and Mrs. Sallie H. McCarty all of this county and Mrs. Mary E. Barbee of Washington and Miss Lidie Fulkerson of Barton county, Mo. There are thirty one grand children living and one great grand child.

Mr. Beattie was a member of the M. E. church, South, for over twenty-five years and was a strong believer in the christian religion and a regular attendant at the Bedford chapel. He was a kind husband, a fond and indulgent father, a true friend and an honest upright citizen. He was good to the poor and needy and did many charitable deeds without promulgating it to the world. He frequently spoke to his wife of death and stated that he was ready and willing to go whenever it was God's will. During his sickness he frequently had similar conversations with the writer of this, and stated that his children had all grown up and married and were doing well and he believed that he had lived out his allotted time.

During his sickness he was never heard to complain, but was composed and waited patiently for the end and when it did come his aged sorrowing wife and children and kind neighbors crowded around his bed and saw him close his eyes in everlasting sleep. He passed away without a struggle and crossed over to the other shore to meet his Savior.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Charles C. Selecman assisted by Rev. A. M. Bedford. The sermon by Rev. Selecman was impressive, earnest and forcible, he dwelling for sometime [sic] on the character and beautiful christian life of the departed.

After the services Messrs Philip Cook, A. S. Keeves, Peleg Cole, Robert Pistole, R. B. Allison and O. H. Barbee, all old friends of the deceased, bore the remains to the cemetery and as they were laid in their last resting place many an eye was moistened. After the singing of a beautiful

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hymn and pronouncing the benediction, the large crowd dispersed with hearts full of sympathy for the mourning relatives. The christian example of this kind, loving husband and father, and warm friend will not soon be forgotten.

A Friend.

**Date of death: 31 Jan 1908**

**Subject: David Clabourne Beattie**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 07 Feb 1908, Friday, p. 8**

Whitesville. The funeral of D. C. Beattie, which was held at the Baptist church Saturday morning, was largely attended. The friends of the family extend their sympathy.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 07 Feb 1908, Friday, p. 5**

Clayborn [sic] Beattie died at his home, one mile north of Rea, Wednesday, January 29 [sic]. He has been in bad health for several years.

**Same**

**Source: *The Andrew County [MO] Republican*, 14 Feb 1908, Friday, p. 8**

Rosendale Signal. David Claiborne [sic] Beatty [sic] was born in Washington county Va., May 22, 1842. At the age of ten years he came to Missouri and has made his home in Andrew county ever since. Jan. 21st, 1869 he was married to Martha A. McDaniel. The union proved a happy and congenial one, and could only be broken by death. Eight children were born to them, seven of whom are living, one little boy dying at the age of 4 years. For over two years he has been an invalid, and for the last year a constant sufferer. His sufferings were terminated by his falling asleep at twenty minutes to one o'clock in the morning of the last day of Jan. 1908.

**Date of death: 3 Oct 1896**

**Subject: Earl Rea Beattie**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 09 Oct 1896, Friday, p. 1**

Died.-- Earl Rea, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Beattie was born Aug. 26, 1894 and died Oct. 3, 1896. Earl was a sweet child, devoted to his twin sister, mother and father and other brothers and sisters. The bereaved ones have the sympathy of the entire community. Funeral services were held at Bedford Chapel Sunday at 2 o'clock p.m., Rev. Swearngen officiating and the remains interred in the cemetery.

L. V. F.

**Date of death: 9 Jul 1906**

**Subject: Isabella Clark (Beattie) Allen**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 13 Jul 1906, Friday, p. 1**

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Isabella Clark Beattie was born in Washington county, Virginia, Feb. 15, 1818, and died at 9 p.m. Monday, July 9, 1906, at her home in Savannah, aged 88 years, 4 months and 24 days. She was converted in her early life and became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which she remained a consistent member until the time of her death.

She was married to William Bethel Allen March 27, 1845. This union happily continued for more than sixty years, being broken by the death of her husband only a little more than four months ago (Feb. 26). She has lived here continuously since she came with her father David Beattie to Andrew county in 1843 and in Savannah since January, 1875, by which long residence and her sterling character she has gained to herself a large circle of friends.

She was of optimistic temperament, her aged face being perpetually wreathed with that kindly smile that indicates a character of gentleness and grace. Beneficent in spirit her life well demonstrates; her record being the best encomium that could be pronounced upon her. 'She hath done what she could;' she builded well.

The funeral services were held at the First M. E. church, conducted by the pastor on Tuesday afternoon, July 10, at 4:30 and interment was made in the Savannah cemetery alongside the but recently made grave of her husband.-- T. C. Taylor.

**Same**

**Source: *The Andrew County [MO] Republican*, 13 Jul 1906, Friday, p. 1**

Died at her home in Savannah, Mo., at 9 p.m. Monday July 9th, 1906, Mrs. Isabella C. Allen. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Taylor from the first M. E. Church at 4 p.m. Tuesday July 10 1906.

The subject of the above sketch was born in Washington County, Virginia, February 15, 1848. She was the daughter of David Beattie who settled on the farm now owned by Robert Brant whose wife is a great grand-daughter of his.

March 27 1845 Isabella C. Beattie was married to W. B. Allen who died February 26 1906.

Mrs. Allen was the last member of a large family of children of who David Beattie was the father. She never had any children of her own but raised fifteen, all of whom became good, honest, respectable citizens. Her neice [sic], Miss Bell Strock has devoted her entire life to her.

In early life Sister Allen united with the M. E. Church and no woman ever enjoyed more fully the confidence of those among whom she lived.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 13 Jul 1906, Friday, p. 1**

Died



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At her home in East Savannah at 9 p.m. Monday, July 9, 1906, Mrs. Isabelle [sic] C. Allen, aged 88 years, 4 months and 24 days. The funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon from the First M. E. church.

**same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 10 Jul 1906, p. 6**

Savannah, Mo., July 10.—Mrs. Isabella Allen, widow of the late W. B. Allen, dropped dead last night of heart failure, at the age of nearly ninety years. She was married to Mr. Allen in 1845 and while no children were born to them in their sixty years of married life, they adopted and raised fifteen homeless orphans. Mr. Allen died in March of this year at the age of eighty-four.

**Date of death: 20 Apr 1881**

**Subject: Jessie Mildred Beattie**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 29 Apr 1881, Friday, p. 1**

Rochester. April 25. The little daughter of Mr. David Beatty [sic] died of diphtheria [sic]. All that the physicians could do was of no avail. The parents have the sympathy of their friends in their deep affliction.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 29 Apr 1881, Friday, p. 2**

Fontainebleau. Hildred [sic], eldest child of D. A. Beattie, died on Wednesday the 20th with diphtheria.

**Same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 19 Apr 1901, Friday, p. 4**

Twenty Years Ago This Week. The little daughter of David Beatty, of Rochester, died of diphtheria this week.

**Date of death: 4/5 Feb 1906**

**Subject: Nancy E. (Beattie) Rea**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 02 Feb 1906, Friday, p. 1**

Mrs. Nancy Rea, who has been suffering some time with cancer of the stomach, was taken to Ensworth Hospital in St. Joseph Saturday. An operation was performed Monday. The trouble was worse than the physicians expected, but she stood the operation very well. She was accompanied by her daughter Ida and her son Dr. Robert Rea, of Plattsburg.

**Same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 09 Feb 1906, Friday, p. 1**

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Mrs. Nancy E. Rea, who was operated on for cancer at the hospital in St. Joseph Monday, Jan. 29, died Sunday at 4 a.m., Feb. 5 [sic]. She was 69 years, 1 month and 4 days old. She was Miss Nancy E. Beattie and was born in Virginia and came to Andrew county and married in 1852 Hon. David Rea, who died in June, 1901. Mrs. Rea's funeral was conducted by Rev. Hunt from the residence in this city Monday afternoon and the remains placed in the Savannah cemetery. Her life is that of a noble Christian character. All the children were present at the funeral-- John B. Rea, of Mankato, Ks., Dr. Robert Rea, of Plattsburg, Joseph L. Rea, of Rea, Charles Rea, Mrs. Manor Frye, of Plattsburg, and Miss Ida Rea.

**Same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 09 Feb 1906, Friday, p. 8**

Rea. Joe Rea and family, D. C. Beattie and family and John Kent and family attended the funeral of Mrs. Nancy Rea at Savannah Monday.

**Same**

**Source: *The Andrew County [MO] Republican*, 09 Feb 1906, Friday, p. 1**

Died. Of cancer of the stomach at the Ensworth Hospital in St. Joseph at 4 a.m. Sunday February 4, Mrs. Nancy E. Rea, aged 59 [sic] years 1 mo. and 5 days.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. A. R. Hunt from her home in this city, at 2 o'clock Monday. Interment at the Savannah cemetery.

Nancy E. Beattie was born near Glade Springs, Washington County, Virginia December 30th, 1836 and came with her parents to Andrew County Mo., in the spring of 1849. On June 17, 1852, she was married to the late Hon. David Rea, who died four years ago. Nine children, six sons and three daughters were born to this union, one daughter and two sons died in infancy. Four sons and two daughters survive their parents all of whom attended the funeral. They are John B. Rea, of Mankato Kansas, Joseph L. Rea, of Rea, Dr. Robert Rea and Mrs. Manor Frye, of Plattsburg, and Miss Ida Rea of this city.

Of Mrs. Rea it can be truly said she was in every sense a womanly women [sic]; true, tender, loving, heroic and patient. A noble wife and loving mother who spent her whole life in trying to make a perfect home for her family which she loved so sincerely. Realizing that happiness of life is made up of every day duties, she constantly strove to make her home attractive, that she might send her children out into the world in the full belief that there is 'no place like home.' And now that that home has been deserted for a higher and a better one in the life beyond, and the children scattered, that home will still live in their memories and help them to strive to live nob- [sic] likves that they may be reunited in the home which will never be broken.

**Same**

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Died at Ensworth hospital in St. Joseph at 4 a.m., Sunday, February 4, Nancy E., widow of the late David Rea, aged 69 years, 1 month and 4 days. The remains were brought to this city Sunday afternoon, and funeral services were conducted from the home on Monday by Rev. A. R. Hunt, and interment was in the family lot in the Savannah cemetery.

Nancy E. Beattie was born in Washington county, Virginia, December 30, 1836. She came to Andrew county with her parents when thirteen years of age and has resided here continuously since. She was married to David Rea June 17, 1852. To this union nine children were born, six of whom survive. They are Hon. John B. Rea, of Mankato, Kansas, Joseph L. Rea, of Rea; Dr. R. W. Rea and Mrs. Alice I. Fry, of Plattsburg; Chas. C. Rea and Miss Ida A. Rea, of this city.

After the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Rea, they lived on a farm near Rosendale, until 1863, when Mr. Rea took up the practice of law and they moved to this city.

**Date of death: 15 Jul 1905**

**Subject: Joseph S. Beattie**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 21 Jul 1905, Friday, p. 1**

Mrs. Nancy Rea and daughter Ida attended the funeral of Mr. Beattie in Whitesville Sunday

**Same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 21 Jul 1905, Friday, p. 8 and *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 21 Jul 1905, Friday, p. 8**

Whitesville. Joseph Beattie, who was taken to the St. Joseph asylum some six weeks ago, took bad sick last week and died Saturday night, and was buried here Sunday evening. The funeral was preached at the Baptist church by Rev. Seat. Joe will be missed by a wife and large family and a host of friends. He was 66 years old on the day of his death.

**Date of death: 29/30 Dec 1918**

**Subject: Lysle Dee Beattie**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 03 Jan 1919, Friday, p. 4**

Whitesville. December 31. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beattie Sunday night, December 23 [sic] and died shortly after. Burial was in Walnut Grove cemetery Monday afternoon. Mrs. Beattie is very ill.

**Date of death: 28 Jun 1919**

**Subject: Margaret (Beattie) Rasco**

**Source: *The Barnard [MO] Bulletin*, 31 Jul 1919, Thursday, p. 1**

Mrs. A. M. Rasco, formerly Maggie Beattie, died at her home west of Barnard Monday July 28, aged 49 years, 4 month [sic], and 20 days. Mrs. Rasco was operated on more than a year ago and has never completely regained her strength. She was bedfast only a short time before the end came.

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Mrs. Rasco was born near Barnard, March 8, 1870. She was married to A. M. Rasco Dec. 15, 1892, to which union were born 7 children, 5 daughters and two sons, Mrs. Chas. Wilson, Mrs. Ova Wohlford, both residing near Barnard, and Hazel, Mary, Lera, Everett and Ernest at home. Besides her children she leaves to mourn her death her husband and three brothers and three sisters all of near Barnard; J. S. Beatty, Wm. Beattie, Tom Beattie, Mrs. John Rasco, Mrs. A. W. Jobe and Mrs. George Rose.

The funeral sermon was preached from the home Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 by Rev. DeWitt of Skidmore and burial was in the Barnard Cemetery.

**Date of death: 1 Aug 1889**

**Subject: Mary McR. Beattie**

**Source: *Columbia Missouri Herald*, 08 Aug 1889, Thursday, p. 3**

Little Mary Beattie, daughter of Samuel M. Beattie, formerly of Columbia, died in Quitman, Nodaway county, last week. The *Record*, of that place notes the sad event as follows:

It was just at sundown yesterday, Thursday, August 1st, that little Mary Beatty [sic] let go the cords that bound her to this life and went to join her mother in that other brighter home. It is inexpressibly sad that one, so young, and seemingly so fond of life, should pass with silent, noiseless tread to join that other caravan of workers ere her labors here had yet begun. Yet such are the immutable laws of Him who doeth all things well. Sad though it appears to us, there is a joy behind this affliction which when viewed aright will change the tears of sadness to those of sweetest joy and fill with liveliest hope the heart now crushed with woe. Remember then the words 'Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven,' and remembering these remember too, that He who uttered them took the little ones to His bosom and blest them, and stands as ready with open arms to-day as then.

Mary Beattie was born October 13, 1887, in this city, and died August 1st, 1889, aged 1 year, 9 months and 18 days. She was the third child of S. M. and Sallie Beattie, and is survived by a brother and sister. She was confined to her bed during her last sickness for 21 days, the exact length of time her mother was sick, 8 months before. For the past 8 months little Mary has been under the care of her grandma Beattie, who assumed care of her at the time of her mother's death, Dec. 15th, 1888. She was a lovely, lovable child and the idol of the family. The prattle of the childish tongue had just learned to liven with mirth and joyfulness the home, and her ruby lips to lisp 'papa' and 'grandma.'

The remained were laid at the side of her mother in the Rebecca cemetery.

**Date of death: 3 Feb 1921**

**Subject: Mary Minton (Beattie) Taylor**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 11 Feb 1921, Friday, p. 2**

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Rea. February 8. D. A. Beattie received word Thursday that his niece, Mrs. Mary Taylor, from the Rochester neighborhood had passed away after a short illness. This writer has known Mrs. Taylor all her life and our sympathy goes out to the bereaved ones and especially the father and mother, Will and Annie Beattie, who are facing the western slope of life, and the father confined to his bed with serious illness.

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Mary Minton Beattie Taylor, wife of Chester A. Taylor, was born in Andrew county April 18, 1890, and died February 3, 1921, being 30 years, 9 months and 16 days of age at her home near Rochester after a few days illness.

She was married to Chester A. Taylor March 10, 1911. To this union one son was born, Herbert A. Taylor. She united with the Cumberland Presbyterian church of Rochester and remained true to faith until death. Before a large audience Rev. Collor delivered a short sermon and she was laid to rest in the Rochester cemetery.

She leaves to mourn her departure her husband and son, her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. William Beattie, two sisters and six brothers and a large number of relatives and friends.

**Date of death: 10 Aug 1913**

**Subject: Orlena Anne Beattie**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 11 Aug 1913, Monday, p. 3**

Savannah, Mo., Aug. 11.—Miss Orlena Beattie, sixty-two years old, and a resident of Andrew County all her life, died at 7 o'clock yesterday evening at the home of a relative, Arthur Wright, Wyeth, Mo. Miss Beattie has been an invalid for the last five years, due to a fall down a cellar stair several years ago from which she has never recovered.

Miss Beattie leaves numerous relatives in this county. The funeral was held this afternoon at Whitesville with burial in the Whitesville Cemetery.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 15 Aug 1913, Friday, p. 5**

Miss Orleana [sic] Anne Beattie, better known as Aunt Trudie [sic], was born in Andrew county, Missouri, September 16th, 1851 and died August 10th, 1913, being 61 years, 10 months and 24 days of age. She died at the home of her neice [sic] Mrs. A. S. Wright, near Wyeth, with whom she has lived most of the time for the past ten years. She leaves one brother, James M. Beattie and one sister, Eliza Cawood, of Nebraska. The remains were taken to Whitesville where Rev. Ball presided over the funeral services and the body was laid to rest beside those of her father and mother and two brothers. Her twin sister, Mrs. James Baker died and was buried in North Dakota several years ago, another sister, Mrs. David Rea is buried in the Savannah cemetery.

Aunt Trudie lived a pure Christian life joining the Baptist church about 35 years ago, and she endured her suffering with the same Christian spirit. Her life was made happier by the constant love and care of her neice and nephews.

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'Insomuch as ye have done it unto one of these ye have done it also unto me.'--xxx.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 22 Aug 1913, Friday, p. 8**

Wyeth Siding. Miss Arlena [sic] Beattie, who has made her home for a number of years with her nephew, A. R. Wright, died August 10th, aged 61 years.

**Date of death: 8 Aug 1909**

**Subject: Sarah (Beattie) McCarty**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 13 Aug 1909, Friday, p. 1**

Mrs. T. J. McCarty died at her home in Savannah Sunday, August 8, 1909, aged 58 years and 5 months. She was the daughter of Armstrong and Elizabeth Beattie and was born and raised east of Savannah and has lived in Savannah about five years. She leaves three daughters and two sons, Mrs. Joe Reece, Mrs. Robert Brant, Mrs. Armada Mitchell, John B. and Charles. The funeral was to have been preached Wednesday and the burial the same day but a telegram from Charles in Oklahoma stated that he would be home and it was postponed until Thursday so that he could be present with the rest of the children. The services were held at Bedford Chapel by Rev. Dewitt and the remains interred in that cemetery. Mrs. James McCarty and two sons and Mrs. Fred Fulkerson and daughter from Lamar and Mrs. McCarty's brother David Beattie from Oklahoma City, Okla., were present at the funeral.

**Same**

**Source: *The Andrew County [MO] Republican*, 13 Aug 1909, Friday, p. 8**

Sallie J. Beattie was born on the Beattie homestead northeast of Savannah on February 24th, 1851. She was the daughter of Armstrong and Elizabeth Beattie, but at the age of three years went to make her home with Mr. and Mrs. Brack Beattie, by whom she was raised.

She was married January 14th, 1869 to Thomas Jefferson McCarty, and to their union nine children were born, five of whom survive her: Mrs. Mollie Brant, Mrs. Jennie Reece, John B., and Armada, of Savannah, and Charles J. of Britton, Oklahoma.

At the age of 19 years, Mrs. McCarty became a member of the Christian church, but afterward moving to King City she united with the Presbyterian church at that place.

Upon removing to the Bedford Chapel neighborhood, she transferred her membership to the M. E. Church, South, remaining a member until her death.

Five years ago, with her husband and family she became a resident of Savannah. On May 14th, 1906, she suffered a paralytic stroke, and since that time had been a helpless and speechless invalid.

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She died Sunday August 8th, 1909, at the age of 58 years, 5 months and 14 days.

Beside her own family, four brothers and two sisters survive her, all of whom excepting one sister living in Idaho, are present at the funeral.

They are David A. Beattie of Morrison, Ok., William H., J. T. and J. R. Beattie all of this county; Mrs. Lyda Fulkerson of Lamar, Mo., and Mrs. Mollie Barbee of Idaho. Mrs. Fulkerson and Mrs. McCarty were raised together as children by Mr. and Mrs. Brack Beattie.

Funeral services were held at the residence Wednesday morning, conducted by Rev. Blythe of the Baptist church, and at Bedford Chapel Thursday morning by Rev. M. DeWitt, the interment being in Bedford Chapel Cemetery.

Mrs. McCarty's life was a busy one. For years she cared for her mother who was also helpless from paralysis, only fifteen months intervening between her mother's death and the beginning of her own affliction. The best of neighbors, she was always found where sickness, affliction or sorrow came, and when her own time of helpless and hopeless suffering was upon her, she found the most faithful, patient and devoted of husbands, loyal and affectionate children, and a multitude of friends to care for her.

Her death came suddenly and painlessly, and although a shock to her family and friends, all recognized in it a merciful release from affliction.

Mr. T. J. McCarty and family wish to extend sincere thanks for kindly aid and sympathy in their trouble.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 13 Aug 1909, Friday, p. 1**

At about noon last Sunday Mrs. T. J. McCarty passed away suddenly at the family home on North Third street. She had been an invalid for more than two years and had been entirely unable to care for herself during that time. She had requested her husband to prepare something for her to eat and he was doing so when he noticed she was breathing hard and on going to her found that she was dying and the end came before he could summon assistance. She was aged 58 years, 5 months and 8 days.

A short funeral service was conducted at the residence on Wednesday by Rev. Blythe and on Thursday the remains were taken to Bedford Chapel, where services were conducted by Rev. Dewitt. Interment was at Bedford Chapel cemetery.

**Date of death: 2 Jun 1876**

**Subject: Thomas A. Beattie**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 9 Jun 1876, Friday, p. 1**

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The oldest child of Clayborne Beattie, about two miles north of Whitesville, died with congestion of the brain, on Friday morning of last week.

**Same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 14 Jun 1901, Friday, p. 4**

Twenty-five Years Ago This Week. The oldest child of Clayborne Beattie, about two miles north of Whitesville, died of congestion of the brain last week.

**Date of death: 5 Aug 1912**

**Subject: Valda Christoble Beattie**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 09 Aug 1912, Friday, p. 4**

Rea. Several from here attended the funeral of Harvey Beattie's little daughter.

**Date of death: 7 May 1923**

**Subject: William Hix Beattie**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 11 May 1923, Friday, p. 4**

Peddler Creek. We are sorry to hear, this morning, of the death of our neighbor, William Beattie [sic], who died last night at 11 o'clock, sad news to the people. Peddler Creek seems to be getting their share these days. The neighborhood will keenly feel the loss of such a well-known man. He has lived here with us for at least forty years on one farm and is well known over the country for his good qualities and always looked on the bright side of everything for the future. Not very often was he seen discouraged. He was sixty-seven years old. The neighborhood will mourn the loss of such a useful man. Our loss is his gain.

**same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 18 May 1923, Friday, p. 1**

Mr. William H. Beattie passed away at his home near Gravelwall church, Monday, May 7, 1923, at 11:10 o'clock, at the age of 66 years, 11 months and 27 days.

Services were held at the Gravelwall church, Wednesday, in charge of Rev. H. R. Murphy of Savannah and Rev. McDonald of Rosendale. Burial was in Gravelwall cemetery.

**Same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 18 May 1923, Friday, p. 8**

William Hix Beattie [sic] was the son of David Stephenson and Angeline Tetlitha [sic] Beattie. He was born May 10, 1856, nine miles east of Savannah, Andrew county. He was of a family of seven children, five girls and two boys. They are [sic] follows: Elizabeth Agnes Kirk, now departed; James Henry Beattie, of Savannah; Susan Martha Kelley, of Rosendale; Mary Caroline Debora [sic], now departed; Caroline Eliza Muir, of Savannah and Laura Jane Hutchens of Lynn, Indiana, who was unable to attend the services.



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He spent his entire life in Andrew County and resided on the same farm for 39 years.

He obeyed the gospel of Jesus Christ at Fillmore in June, 1885, and united with the M. E. Church, South, under the preaching of Rev. Bone and continued in that faith until his death.

He was married to Gertrude Asher, January 29, 1880. To this union were born five girls, two of whom have passed to the great beyond. They are as follows: Mrs. Frank Denney of Savannah; Lula Maud, who passed away at the age of 11 months and 20 days; Angeline Beatie, the infant daughter, at the age of 3 months and 11 days; Mary May Beatie at home and Mrs. Elias Berry of Rosendale. He leaves four grandchildren, a girl and three boys. He departed this life May 7, at 11 p.m., at his home. He was 66 years, 11 months and 29 days old and was a faithful husband, a loving father, a devoted grandfather, kindly, genteel and faithful and his many friends and relatives will miss him.

Services, attended by a large crowd, were held Wednesday, May 9, at the Gravelwall [sic] church near his home. Rev. H. R. Murphy of Savannah and Rev. McDonald of Rosendale had charge of the services.

**Date of death: 30 Aug 1901**

**Subject: Boyd Clark Beatty**

**Source: *Waukegan [IL] News-Sun*, 05 Sep 1901, Thursday, p. 3**

The finding of the body in the lake yesterday developed the first suicide in Zion City. The body which washed up on the beach at noon yesterday was that of Boyd C. Beatty, a Dowiete [sic] who took his life Friday in an unusual way during a fit of despondency.

The inquest held last evening developed the facts to be as follows:

Beatty came to Zion City from Kansas in July. He bought a lot and recently let a contract to build a house. He sent word to his wife and two children to come to Zion and they with his aged father and mother reached Chicago, Saturday. A postal was immediately sent to Beatty to come to Zion home, Chicago, to meet them but he never received it. Just before his family reached Chicago, Beatty took his life.

Friday morning at 5:40 o'clock Beatty was seen walking toward the lake. That was the last seen of him.

After hearing the testimony the jury returned a verdict of self destruction while mentally deranged.

Coroner Taylor expressed the opinion after examining the body that Beatty had walked into the lake as far as possible and that he had then cut his throat, the cuts on his neck clearly showing that it was the work of a knife and not injuries inflicted by a passing boat as was believed at first.

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Beatty was 35 years old, a teamster and had been working for Dowie<sup>6</sup>. He had frequent despondent moods according to the testimony of Zion's presiding elder.

Having his lot all paid for and his contract let for a home with money enough to pay for it, it cannot be determined why the man took his life. His family cannot account for his act.

The aged parents and his wife were also followers of Dowie and then went to Zion City last night. They will continue work on their home and make it their abode permanently.

The body was buried in Benton cemetery at 1 o'clock this morning.

The reason that the Zion City authorities were not alarmed by Beatty's disappearance is that they telephone Zion home Chicago, and word was sent back that Mr. Beatty was all right in Chicago. They confused the father and son it being thought the inquiry was regarding the senior member of the family.

**Date of death: 31 Oct 1880**

**Subject: Charles M. Beatty**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 02 Nov 1880, Tuesday, p. 4**

Charles Beattie, a young man living in the French Bottom, north of the City, was shot and killed Sunday afternoon. The matter was an accident. Beattie and his cousin named Dinwiddie left their home Sunday and crossed the river into Kansas to hunt turkeys. While there the two became separated in the brush. Dunwiddie discovered a gang of turkeys, and began creeping upon his hands and knees to get within shooting distance. It seems that Beattie had also discovered the turkeys and was silently approaching from a directly opposite direction. The undergrowth was very dense, and young Dinwiddie, seeing a dark object in the brush, though it one of the birds they were after. He leveled his gun, took deliberate aim and fired, and was horrified to hear a terrible scream. Instead of firing upon a turkey he had shot Beattie, the charge entering his neck and breast. Dinwiddie at once placed him on a skiff and conveyed him across the river to his home, where the unfortunate young man died at 1 o'clock yesterday morning, before medical assistance could reach him. The shooting took place at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Young Dinwiddie is greatly distressed over the affair.

**Date of death: 10 Jul 1920**

**Subject: Elizabeth Jane (Beatty) Bray**

**Source: *The Maysville [MO] Pilot*, 15 Jul 1920, Thursday, p. 3**

Mrs. Clarence Bray passed away after a lingering illness at the family home 3 1-2 miles northwest of town last Saturday afternoon about five o'clock. The funeral was held Monday afternoon about two o'clock at the First M. E. church, Rev. C. E. Olson preaching the sermon. Interment was made in the Old Maysville cemetery. A host of relatives came from far and near to attend the funeral.

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<sup>6</sup> Dowie, a faith-healer and real estate fraudster, centered his operations in Illinois at this time.

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Elizabeth Jane Beatty was born near Wheeling, West Virginia, Aug. 24, 1859. Departed this life July 19 [sic], 1920. She became a Christian when but a little girl, united with this church and remained a faithful member until her Master called her home. She was united in marriage to Clarence Bray, March 13, 1878, and to this union were born seven children: Maude Myrtle, who departed this life September 19, 1900; Mrs. Howard Sweiger, Santa Rosa, Mo., Mrs. Reuben Weidemier, Josiah Edward, Frank Leslie, Samuel Hobart, and George Lindley of Maysville, Mo.

Besides these she leaves to mourn her departure, her husband, an aged mother, two sisters, two brothers, six grandsons, many other relatives and a legion of friends.

Mrs. Clarence Bray was a good Christian woman. She had been a leader in the religious life of the Highland community for years, and was ever foremost in the work of the Master. She had been ill for many months, but her friends entertained hope that she would ultimately recover. In the passing of this noble Christian woman, the Highland community has lost one of the sweetest characters, one of the most cheerful and brightest dispositions, and one of the truest Christian influences, it ever possessed. The Maysville Pilot joins a host of friends in extending sympathy to the bereaved family.

**Date of death: 4 Jun 1904**

**Subject: Charles Bennett Beaty**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 03 Jun 1904, Friday, p. 1**

Charley Beaty, the son of Robert Beaty, living near Koriak, is very low with tubercular peritonitis. He has been seriously sick about a week.

**Same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 10 Jun 1904, Friday, p. 1 and *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 10 Jun 1904, Friday, p. 1**

Charles Bennett Beaty, youngest son of R. H. and Mary Beaty, died at his parents' home Saturday, June 4.

Charlie had been sick for five months, but no one except his physician and family knew that he was dangerously ill, so it came as a great shock to many of his friends. The human mind can not comprehend the moving of the Mysterious Hand, therefore we must await the day when all things shall be made known, to understand why one so noble and pure was taken and so many worthless characters left. His home life was his chiefest<sup>7</sup> joy. No boy ever had a better home; strife or discord were unknown in his home. Such devotion is rarely found in any home. In his home he will be missed more than anywhere, but the neighborhood feels that it has sustained an irreparable loss. He was a true man in any relation of life; as a son, brother, neighbor and Christian he was always found to be loyal. It has been said of him that no man can find a serious fault in his life. What more can be said of the greatest that have ever lived. The greatest ambition

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<sup>7</sup> The Democrat says "principal."

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of his life was to cast across the path of all as much sunlight and as few shadows as possible. We can with all seriousness present to the young men of the county the life of Charlie Beaty as a model that is in every way worthy of imitation. He said, a few hours before he left us, that he 'had all to gain and nothing to lose.'

It was hard indeed for the family and friends to give him up, even into the arms of Jesus. But we all know that the life he lived here below is sure of great reward. He was a 'stay-at-home boy.' There was no place on earth like home to him, no advice like father's and mother's, no love so pure, no hands kinder than his dear sister's. The love that bound him to his brothers was manifest even in his dying moments. He had been a faithful member of the Baptist church for eight years, and it can be truthfully said of him that he loved his Savior and was faithful to all of his church vows.

The memory of his noble life will linger with the members of Savannah Baptist church. His funeral was held at the Savannah Baptist church Monday morning, June 6. A great throng assembled to say a tender good-bye to the one that they loved. His parents, brothers and sisters have the sympathy of the entire community. We can only say, Look up, for he has gone before to await your coming.

A Friend.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 10 Jun 1904, Friday, p. 5**

Robert Beaty came down from Orange City, Iowa, last Friday morning, being called to his home east of Savannah, by the illness of his brother, Chas. B. Beaty, who died Saturday night. He returned to Orange City, yesterday.

**Date of death: 13 Feb 1917**

**Subject: Lucy J. (Beaty) Merrigan**

**Source: [Maryville MO] *Weekly Democrat-Forum*, 15 Feb 1917, Thursday, p. 5**

Mrs. Jim Merrigan of Clyde died at 3:15 o'clock this morning. Mrs. Merrigan had been in poor health for 3 years and for the last month was seriously ill.

Mrs. Merrigan was 52 years old and is survived by a husband and eight children. They are Billy, Thomas, Hubert, Ruth and Veronica at home; Mrs. Nora Farnan and Mrs. Mary Farnan both of Clyde and Mrs. Ernie Brady of Maryville.

Funeral services will be held at 9 o'clock Thursday morning at the Benedict church at Clyde, conducted by Rev. Father Frowin. Burial will be in the St. Columbia [sic] cemetery at Conception.

**Date of death: 30/31 Oct 1895**

**Subject: Marion R. Beaty**

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**Source: Savannah [MO] Reporter, 01 Nov 1895, Friday, p. 1**

Died, at the home of his parents, Geo. and Bie Beattie, in this county at 12:25 p.m., Wednesday, October 30, Marion Beattie [sic], aged 5 years and 9 months. His remains were laid to rest yesterday.

**Same**

**Source: Andrew County [MO] Democrat, 01 Nov 1895, Friday, p. 1**

Died.-- On October 30th, 1895, at 12:35 p.m., Marion, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Beattie, aged 5 years and 9 months.

**Same**

**Source: Savannah [MO] Reporter, 08 Nov 1895, Friday, p. 8**

Died at the residence of his parents, George and Tobitha Beattie, three miles south of Savannah, Mo., on Cumberland Ridge, at 12:30 a.m., Oct. 30, the only son, Marion Beattie [sic], aged 5 years, 9 months and 9 days. We extend our heartfelt thanks to our neighbors and friends for their kindness during our afflictions. The funeral was preached by T. H. Swearngen, Pastor of the M.E. church, South, in Savannah, Mo., at 2 p.m., October 31, 1895 at the home of the child's parents.

**Date of death: 30 Jul 1919**

**Subject: Robert Henry Beaty**

**Source: Savannah [MO] Reporter, 01 Aug 1919, Friday, p. 1**

At the First Baptist church this Friday morning at 11 o'clock memorial services will be held for the late Robert H. Beaty, who passed away at his home near Wyeth Wednesday afternoon at 2:45, after an illness of many months from paralysis. He would have been 78 years old August 7 and was a respected and honored citizen of the county. An historical sketch of his life will appear in next week's Reporter.

**Same**

**Source: Andrew County [MO] Democrat, 01 Aug 1919, Friday, p. 1**

The sad news reached Savannah Wednesday that R. H. Beatty [sic] who lives 2 1/2 miles east of Wyeth passed away at 2:30. His death was unexpected, although he had been in poor health for several years. The funeral services will be conducted from the Baptist church here this Friday at 11 a.m. and interment will be in the Savannah cemetery.

**Same**

**Source: Savannah [MO] Reporter, 08 Aug 1919, Friday, p. 8 and Andrew County [MO] Democrat, 08 Aug 1919, Friday, p. 1**

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Memorial services for Robert Henry Beaty were held Friday morning at the First Baptist church, with the address by Rev. F. P. Davidson, and buried was in the Savannah cemetery [sic].

<sup>8</sup>Robert Henry Beaty, eldest son of William S. and Mary Adams Beaty, was born in Scott county, Kentucky, August 7, 1841, and died at his home near Wyeth July 30, 1919. Had he lived till yesterday he would have been 78 years of age.

His mother died when he was eight years of age and he was reared by his step-mother and cared for by old Aunt Margaret, a slave in his father's family. He cherished her memory all through life and often spoke of her during his last sickness.

In 1856 he moved with the family to Missouri, and settled in Clinton county, where he resided until in 1898, he came to Andrew county, where he remained till death.

He was converted in early manhood and united with the Smith's<sup>9</sup> Folk Baptist church. He was ordained deacon in 1874 and served with the Lathrop church in that office for fifteen years.

He was always interested in church work and active in its services, until hindered by failing health.

Brother Beaty was a charter member of the Savannah Baptist church and aided materially in its establishment. His going removes another one of the church's good substantial members.

He was married to Miss Mary Bennett Clemons<sup>10</sup> October 10, 1871 [sic]. To this union seven children were born, two dying in infancy and the youngest, Charles Bennett, in 1904.

He was a carpenter by trade, and delighted in his calling; was also fond of agriculture and loved the farm. Mr. Beaty was industrious and wanted to bear his share of the burdens of life. He is survived by his wife and four children: W. L., Lucy A., and Mrs. Lance, who reside in the home, and Robert I., of Sioux City, Ia. Also one grandchild, Helen M. Beaty, Sioux City. Mr. Beaty was a good man and will be missed not only by his family, but the church and community as well.

[We extend to the family our deepest sympathy and pray that Gods [sic] grace may sustain [sic] and comfort them in their sorrow.

[Funeral services were conducted at the Baptist church by the pastor on Friday, Augst [sic] at 12 o'clock. Burial in the Savannah cemetery.]<sup>11</sup>

**Date of death: 1 Mar 1898**

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<sup>8</sup> The *Democrat* article begins here.

<sup>9</sup> The *Democrat* says "Smittis".

<sup>10</sup> The *Democrat* says "Slemous".

<sup>11</sup> The final two paragraphs, placed here, are in the *Democrat* only.

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**Subject: Silas C. Beauchamp**

**Source: *The Cortland [NE] Weekly Sun*, 18 Mar 1898, Friday, p. 3**

Walter Dietz on Monday of this week, received the sad news of the death of his nephew, Silas Beauchamp of Clarksdale, Mo.

**Date of death: 17 Aug 1917**

**Subject: Charles Beaupeurt**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 18 Aug 1917, Saturday, p. 6**

The Death Roll. Charles Beaupeurt of Omaha, twenty-two years old, died in a St. Joseph hospital last night at 11:45. He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Fannie McCauley, Kansas City. Funeral services at H. O. Sidenfaden's chapel tomorrow afternoon and burial in Ashland Cemetery.

**Date of death: 9 May 1917**

**Subject: Moses F. Beaver**

**Source: *The Elmo [MO] Register*, 18 May 1917, Friday, p. 1**

Moses F. Beaver, beloved and faithful husband and father and Christian brother, passed to his reward and eternal home on May 9th, 1917.

The deceased was born in Ohio, June the 24th, 1832, making the age at death, 94 yrs. 10 mo. and 15 days.

The deceased was married to Miss Elizabeth McKenna on Jan. 14th, 1861, of this union was born seven children, five surviving namely, W. D., Charles, Nettie Beaver, Mrs. Ida McElvain and Mrs. Mamie Clardy, all of Elmo, Mo.

The deceased moved with his parents to Ill. in childhood, coming to Missouri in 1868, residing in Nodaway Co. since that date, giving him a place as an old settler of Nodaway Co., Mo.

This good man gave his heart to God and united with the Baptist Church when a young man and continued faithful to the end of his earthly pilgrimage. On coming to Nodaway Co., the deceased united with the old Bethel church, of which he was an honored charter member, he being one of the men to help bring the material to the lot to build the first house of God at that place.

The deceased was a very useful man in the community; for a number of years he was the Supt. of Sunday School, and helped in various ways to shape the community of God. We deeply mourn his loss, but submit willingly to the wise ruling of God.

After services conducted by Rev. A. Snowden Friday afternoon, May 11th, at the Methodist Church, South, Elmo, the remains were laid to rest in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, to await the resurrection [sic] morn.

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**Subject: Silence B. (Beazley) Tunks**

**Source: *The King City [MO] Chronicle*, 22 Feb 1907, Friday, p. 1**

Silence B. Tunks was born in Shelby county, Ohio, on June 15, 1826. On January 10, 1850, she was united in marriage with G. W. Tunks, deceased.

She removed to Missouri in the fall of 1869 with her husband and located on the farm where she died February 16, 1907, at the age of 80 years, 8 months and 1 day. She united with the M. E. church while young. After moving to Missouri she with her companion united with the Missionary Baptist church of which she was a member until God called her home to be with loved ones gone before.

To this union 7 children were born, as follows: Caroline, December 5, 1850, died August 8, 1851; Mary E., December 20, 1851; John, August 14, 1854; Phebe, July 4, 1857, deceased; David, September 10, 1850[sic]; Maggie, October 30, 1865; Mark, October 30, 1865. All of the surviving children were at her bedside at the time of her death.

In addition to her children she leaves two brothers, two sisters, fifteen grandchildren and six great grandchildren to mourn her loss.

**Date of death: 27/28 May 1913**

**Subject: Savannah Alice (Bebb or Bebbs) Wells**

**Source: *The Maryville [MO] Daily Forum*, 28 May 1913, Wednesday, p. 1**

Mrs. Savannah Alice Bebbs Wells, wife of S. E. Wells of Ravenwood, died yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock after a few hours illness of apoplexy.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Methodist church in Ravenwood and will be conducted by Rev. W. M. Jones of St. Joseph.

Mrs. Wells was born April 12 [sic], 1855, in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, where she grew to womanhood. She was married January 28, 1869. Shortly after her marriage she moved with her husband to Missouri and settled in Nodaway county, near Ravenwood where they lived until two years ago when they moved to Ravenwood, where they have since resided.

Mrs. Wells was the mother of eleven children, nine of whom are living. The children are: Ira A. Wells and Mrs. Cora D. Hunt of Ravenwood, William E. Wells of Stapleton, Neb.; Roy S. Wells, Mrs. Nora A. Morin, Ernest G. Wells, Myrtle L. King and Golden and Vera Wells of Ravenwood. She also leaves a brother, Edward Bebbs, of Marshall, Ia., and a sister, Mrs. Margaret H. Westfall of Ravenwood.

Mrs. Wells had been in good health and her death was unexpected.

**Date of death: 11 Feb 1916**

**Subject: Aaron Bebout**



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**Source: *Burlington Junction [MO] Post*, 17 Feb 1916, Thursday, p. 4**

Aaron Bebout died at his home near Wilcox Friday morning after a short illness of paralysis. Mr. Bebout moved to the Wilcox vicinity two years ago, coming here from Page county, Iowa. He was about 71 years old. He is survived by a wife and one son, Wm. Bebout. A daughter, Mrs. Mary Yardley, died of paralysis a short time ago. The funeral service was held at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Wilcox church, conducted by Rev. Chase of Clarinda, Iowa, and interment was made in the Wilcox cemetery.

**Date of death: 5 Jul 1917**

**Subject: Clarence R. Bebout**

**Source: *The Hopkins [MO] Journal*, 12 Jul 1917, Thursday, p. 1**

On Sunday, July 1, Clarence Bebout, the 14-year-old son of Mrs. Anna Bebout, residing some six miles southwest of Hopkins, was fatally hurt when a horse he was riding reared and fell back on him, the horn of the saddle penetrating the pit of the boy's stomach. He was at once taken to the hospital in Maryville where an operation was performed but no hope from the first was held out for his recovery, death taking place at ten o'clock Thursday night.

Clarence is survived by his mother, four sisters and two brothers. His sister and brothers are: Mrs. Lola Besco of Pickering; Mrs. Nellie Mann of Braddyville, Ia.; Georgia and Charlotte Bebout and Roy and Harold Bebout at home.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Shearer church northwest of Hopkins, conducted by Rev. Gilbert S. Cox, pastor of the First Methodist church of Maryville, and burial took place in the Shearer cemetery.

**Date of death: 3 Jan 1904**

**Subject: George Bebout**

**Source: [Newcastle WY] *News Letter Journal*, 23 Jan 1904, Saturday, p. 5**

George Bebout, resident of Sheridan, was frozen to death a few days ago in the Big Horn mountains. The unfortunate man in company with Martin Fleming and Ira Smith were out hunting and becoming separated, Smith and Fleming returned to Wallap's ranch. Bebout did not return and the next day a searching party found his dead body. Evidently he had fallen down injuring himself to such an extent as to prevent him reaching the ranch. The deceased, who [sic] was a cousin to our fellow townsman, Mr. H. S. Ridgely and was a man of excellent charact and habits. He leaves a wife and six children, the eldest being 14 years old. He was a member of the Modern Woodmen and carried a life insurance policy of \$3,000.

**Date of death: 11 Feb 1898**

**Subject: Morris Beck**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 18 Feb 1898, Friday, p. 5**

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Rock Port *Journal*. Morris Beck, son of Uncle John Beck, of near Fairfax, fell dead on Monday evening last, while out doing his chores.

**Date of death: 14 May 1884**

**Subject: Frederick Becker**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 16 May 1884, Friday, p. 12**

On Wednesday night, May 14, at 8 o'clock, Mr. Fred. Becker died in the insane asylum at St. Joseph. His body was brought up home, yesterday morning, and the funeral will take place from the residence of the deceased at 10 o'clock this (Friday) morning. As is well known, Mr. Becker's mind failed him a year or two ago. He has resided in Savannah many years, had a large acquaintance and made many warm friends. A wife and two or three children survive him, who have the sympathy of all in their bereavement.

**Same**

**Source: *The Bolckow [MO] Herald*, 16 May 1884, Friday, p. 6**

Fred Becker, an old citizen of Savannah, died in the Insane asylum at St. Joseph, Wednesday.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 16 May 1884, Friday, p. 5**

Frederick Becker died at the Insane Asylum at St. Joseph, Wednesday evening, May 14, 1884, at 8 o'clock. He had been there for the past six weeks, under treatment, having been afflicted for some time with softening of the brain. His wife was with him at the time of his death. Mr. Becker was born in Heidelberg, Baden, February 15, 1832. He came to America in 1854 and located at Galesburg, Ill. He engaged in merchandising up to the commencement of the war, when he volunteered as a private in the 50th Illinois infantry. He served five years, and received various promotions, up to that of Captain. After the war he returned to Europe for his health, and came back to America in 1866, locating in Savannah, and to within the past year has been engaged in business here. He conducted a hotel here for some time and was engaged in the saloon business for a number of years. He was married in St. Joseph in 1870 to Miss Natalia Schmitt, who survives him. He also leaves four children. His remains will be interred in the Savannah cemetery this morning at 10 o'clock.

**Date of death: 17 Nov 1900**

**Subject: Robert T. Beckett**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 23 Nov 1900, Friday, p. 1**

Last Saturday morning, November 17, at about six o'clock, Robert T. Beckett suddenly died without warning, except that he had complained the night before of an illness in the region of the stomach. He was seventy-eight years old, and had been for his age a man above the average for good health and vigor. He came to Andrew county from Indiana, shortly after the war, and located on a farm near Whitesville. For many years, however, he had lived in Rosendale, and was a dealer in live stock. He had been repeatedly honored with office by the Republican party,

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of which [he] was an active and consistent member, being Justice of the Peace for many years, and elected Public Administrator in 1896, and re-elected on the 6th inst. for four years more. He was a Lieutenant in an Indiana regiment during the war.

The funeral took place on Monday under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity, the remains being buried at the cemetery near Walnut Grove church, known of old as the Radical grave-yard. A large number of friends and acquaintances attended the obsequies.

**Date of death: 4 Jul 1907**

**Subject: Laura Belle (Beckley) Kendall**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 12 Jul 1907, Friday, p. 1**

Silas Kendall and wife, west of this city, were called to St. Joseph Thursday to attend the funeral of their daughter-in-law Mrs. Laura Kendall, who committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid. She was 46 years old and wrote a note stating that her domestic troubles were more than she could bear.

**Date of death: 10 Nov 1896**

**Subject: Mary Jane (Becraft) Hall**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 20 Nov 1896, Friday, p. 8**

Amazonia. Death has again visited our assembly claiming for his victims [sic] one of our most dearly beloved old ladies, Mrs. Mary Hall, wife of John Hall, 1 1/2 miles south of here. The service rendered by Rev. Stocking of St. Joe, was consoling to not only the bereaved but all who heard him. A large procession followed the remains to the Hall cemetery where they laid her to rest.

**same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 27 Nov 1896, Friday, p. 5**

Amazonia. Nov. 23. Death has again visited our vicinity and claiming [sic] for his victim our dearly beloved old lady, Mrs. Mary Hall, wife of John Hall, aged 64 years. She was a devoted mother and neighbor. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Stockton of St. Joseph, after which the remains were interred in the Hall cemetery.

*She has stood to welcome our coming,  
Watching our upward climb,  
In the sweet months that brought us  
Oh, many and many a time.*

*Now the smile on her face is quiet  
And a lily is on her breast,  
Her hands are folded together  
And the word on her lips is 'rest.'*

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*But we cannot think of her idle;  
She must be a home maker still,  
God giveth that work to the angels  
Who fittest the task fulfill.*

*And somewhere yet in the hilltops  
Of the country that hath no pain  
She will watch in her beautiful doorway  
To bid us welcome again.*

A. Friend.

**same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 09 Dec 1896, Wednesday, p. 5**

Mary J. Hall. Wife of John Hall, born April 1, 1835, died at the residence of her husband five miles north of St. Joseph, November 10, 1896, aged 61 years, 7 months and 9 days. The disease with which she had been afflicted for many years was malignant cancer. She was a true member of the M. E. church. She leaves a husband and eight children, all being married except three, Miss Rebecca, Miss Minnie and George Hall. Services were conducted by Rev. Stocking, after which the remains were deposited in the Green cemetery.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 11 Dec 1896, Friday, p. 1**

Mrs. Mary Jane Hall, wife of John Hall, died at her home in Andrew county, November 10, 1896, aged 61 years, 7 months and 9 days, and leaves 8 children, four boys and four girls. She suffered 3 years and 3 months with cancer, at times her suffering was intense, but she committed her case unto the hands of God and he wonderfully answered prayers in her behalf. She praised God for his goodness and mercies, asking him to bless the dear father and children and bring them to the one fold for they know not when the day cometh. The deceased was a member of the M. E. church. Rev. D. D. Stocking of St. Joseph Francis street M. E. church, conducted services at her home after which the remains were interred in Green cemetery.

A Friend.

**Date of death: 16 Dec 1912**

**Subject: Alexander Marshall Bedford**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 20 Dec 1912, Friday, pp. 1 & 8**

Rev. Alexander Marshall Bedford's funeral was preached to a large audience at the M. E. Church, South, Wednesday afternoon by Rev. H. C. Bolen, of Olive Street Church. It was Rev. Bedford's wish to have his pastor but Rev. Carlisle contracted a severe cold on his return from Hot Springs and was unable. The Masonic order had church of the funeral.

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Rev. Bolen's text was from Paul's letter to Timothy, just before Paul was beheaded and in which he said, 'I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course and kept the faith,' and is descriptive [sic] of Rev. Bedford's life and there are many others who could say of him the same that Rev. Bolen, who has known him for many years, said 'I do not recall a single action or word that he ever did or said I had rather he had not done or said.' Rev. Bedford has been very active in church work and every good cause. He served on district and annual conference boards and committees, attended services regularly and gave of his funds liberally, having given in cash over three thousand dollars for the present M. E. Church, South, building and having been the master spirit in building Bedford Chapel.

Monday afternoon, the 16th, about 3 o'clock and about an hour before he passed away, he was conscious and his last words were a prayer asking a blessing on all and 'Oh, God have mercy on us all for Jesus sake.'

One child died in infancy and Mrs. W. S. Wells died in 1894. These were present to witness the last sad rites of their honored sire: Mr. and Mrs. William H. Bedford, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Bedford, Mr. and Mrs. George Bedford, Mrs. Logan Dysart of Bolckow; Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Cole and A. F. Everhart of Columbia; Mr. and Mrs. John T. Bedford, Miss Mary Bedford and Mr. Charley Bedford of King City; Dr. and Mrs. E. D. Holme and sons, Paul and Edward of St. Joseph; Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bedford and daughters, Mattie, Eliza and Helen of southern Andrew county; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bedford, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bedford of Cawood; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bedford of Rea; Mrs. Charles Kent. The oldest daughter Mrs. Mary E. Kent of St. Louis was prevented by illness and the youngest daughter Mrs. Margaret Everhart by the illness of a son. He had twenty-six grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren. One brother is yet living in California and is seventy-nine years old.

While in the war he was impressed with the care shown by brother Masons for each other and he became a member of that order in 1866. He was licensed to preach in 1873 and ordained deacon in 1877 and with all his good deeds, his loyalty and his home, the home of the pastor, he was always very free from self emulation and bragg [sic] and his humility is very manifest in reading his life told in his own words and all through it is also evident that his face was toward God.

The following autobiography was written by Rev. Bedford at his home in Savannah on May 24, 1912, and was written for publication: I, A. M. Bedford, was born March 30, 1828, in Brackenridge county, Kentucky, near the forks of Ruff Creek. My father, John Bedford, moved from there when I was two and a half years old, even at that age I can recollect many things that happened while we lived there, to Mead county Kentucky, eight miles of [sic] Brandenburg. Father died when I was ten years old, mother when I was twelve. I was converted at eleven and did not join the church as most all thought I was too young to be taken into the church. (Have they missed it?) I was taken by my uncle Henry Russell to Nelson county, Kentucky, near Bloomfield, and while there the Presbyterians held a protracted meeting at Big Springs and I was one of eighty-five converts, who united with that church, although raised a Methodist before the split, I was fourteen years old and old enough to know what I was doing. I remained in that church until the close of the Civil War and came to my church but they would not let me be a member without I could acknowledge I had done wrong and was sorry for it. Do I have this to

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do? Gabriel will blow his horn a thousand years before I will do it. I had been in the Revel army three years and nine months. Let me go back and say I left my uncle's when I was twenty-two years old and came to Missouri but must say my chance for an education was poor. No free schools and chances bad for I had to buy my books and pay my tuition. I well know how I obtained my arithmetic. I cut timothy seed after night rubbed them out on a wash board and paid for my book. Maybe you think I was not proud and I was most anxious to learn.

I worked for nine dollars a month for April, May, June and July, and the other months for seven dollars or less and many days for twenty-five cents and worked three years for fifty dollars but paid off for thirty-six dollars. I went to Louisville and worked at the pork house for a dollar a day and I thought I would soon get rich for I was boarded. Then I came to Missouri at twenty-two and bringing sister Lucy and brother John with me. We took the steamer Washington from Louisville to St. Louis and arrived in a short time but were nine days and nights coming from St. Louis to St. Joseph. Think of it, no railroads in the state of Missouri. Arrived in St. Joseph April 22, 1850, and went to work in brother's store and remained four months, and then my brother started a branch house at Savannah and put me in charge of a twenty thousand dollar stock of goods in that little town. It was Bedford & Craig and I cleaned out the store room, took out licenses and opened up and many thought that I headed the firm but I would tell them, 'I am only the clerk.'

November 4, 1851, I was united in matrimony with Mary E. Selecman, daughter of Henry Selecman. We moved to a farm and were blessed with a family of six children and then I left for the war saying, 'Slavery is the cause and it has been bruing [sic] for thirty years and now it is on us.' I was in the battles of Blue Mills, Lexington, Pea Ridge, Corinth, was wounded there, Inka, Champion Hills. Fell in the hands of the federals and was sent to Inka, paroled not to take up arms against the government until I was legally exchanged. I was taken out to Mr. Thompson's in Alabama, near Tuscumbia. I stayed about two months and then reported to my command at Jackson, Miss., but boarded at the Bowman House for four dollars a day and could not afford it so I went to the country at two and a half per day and when exchanged went into the fight at Champion Hills, which was a hard one, and fell back to Big Black Ridge and was recaptured on the 17th of May, 1863, and released the last day of May, 1865. I was in prison two years and thirteen days. I had my oath not to take up arms against the government in my pocket, released at Fort Delaware [sic], was promised protection in life and property but was ordered away and ten days to leave. Why, I know you would not have taken that oath. Who was to judge this matter, one's own conscience or the government? So I did not sign the oath and waited ten days and prepared for fight. So by the goodness of God I am here yet. When I was on the coast of South Carolina from Fort Delaware six hundred of us were put in the hull of a boat, and the hatch door let down and all the air we got was through the bull eyes that were ten feet apart. When a storm would come up we closed the eyes as water would come in. We were on this boat eighteen days then landed on Marris Island and put under fire of our own guns. I can not say I was afraid for I believed the Lord was with me. I promised the Lord if I was spared to get home to my wife and six children that I would be a better man. I had the erysipelas and was near death's door. I had been working at making rings to get a little money to buy some thing to eat but I went blind and could work no more for two months. I had read 'The Lord is the same yesterday, to-day and forever' and I reasoned this way 'When Thou was on earth the blind received their sight, the lame

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walked, the lepers were cleansed, the dead were raised and the poor had the gospel preached to them, now, here is a poor, blind soldier, Lord, give him his eyesight.' As I was lying on my bunk one day I looked out and saw the guard and was ready to shout and I told my bunk mate that I could see the guard, but he was so tired he did not enjoy it.

When we left Fort Delaware some of us had a little money. It was given to the officer in charge to put to our credit. When we arrived at our destination I was paid my money in Virginia and Tennessee money, which was worth fifty cents on the dollar, instead of being paid with our greenbacks. Our five-cent loaf of bread cost twenty-five cents then but I divided my money with my mate and of course it did not go far. In the language of our Savior 'Father forgive them for they know not what they do.' While on starvation, the Lord was very near to me, and I was very happy. When I returned home I called in my family and we kneeled and had prayer for I wanted to fill my promise I made to the Lord. We were blessed with ten children, six girls and four boys, two girls have passed away and my wife died February 24, 1898.

In 1887 W. S. Wells started the State Bank and I took some stock in it and was vice-president up to the time when J. L. Bennett left us and then I was made president and am still president.

When I was blind and on starvation and made my promise to the Lord I never thought of preaching, building churches, teaching in Sunday Schools and every other good thing but I was happy in bed quoting the scriptures and many quotations I did not know was scripture but hunted them up later. I went to work to build a church for the M. E. South and my Presbyterian neighbors could not understand this as we only had three members, but we built the church and Brother Dockery, father of A. M. Dockery, came and dedicated it for us and when he asked for the name several spoke out 'Bedford Chapel.' This was caused by W. F. Ford, Uncle Frank as we call him. He was plastering and I said, 'Frank help me name this church' and he said, 'I have it named already.' 'What is it,' and he answered 'Bedford Chapel.' 'Hush,' said I, 'Before I hit you for I want none of your foolishness.' Then he said, 'Lay down your hod and quit and this house will not be finished,' so I submitted to him. I have done but little preaching but have been very happy trying. I want to keep my promise and do what I can. The Lord has been wonderfully good to me all through life. I sold my farm and moved in to Savannah and married Mrs. Lillie King, October 9, 1900. I am now eighty-four years old and in good health only bothered with the rheumatism. I am trying to live as long as I can but ready to go at any time.

**Same**

**Source: *The Andrew County [MO] Republican*, 20 Dec 1912, Friday, p. 1**

Alexander M. Bedford, one of Andrew county's best know pioneer settlers, died of pneumonia at his home here Monday, at the age of more than 86 years.

Funeral services were conducted from the South M. E. church Wednesday afternoon, under the auspices of the Masonic lodge, and interment was in Savannah cemetery. Rev. H. C. Bolen of St. Joseph, preached the funeral sermon.

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He was born March 30, 1828, in Breckinridge county, Kentucky, living at different places in that state until his 22nd year when he came to Missouri, to St. Joseph, his parents having died while he was yet a boy. The journey from Kentucky was accomplished by steamboat as there was no railroad in Missouri in 1850.

He clerked in a brother's store in Savannah in 1851, and later was married to Mary E. Selecman. To their union, ten children were born, two dying in infancy.

He served in the Confederate army, and was wounded once and captured twice, spending a long period as a prisoner of war.

When the war ended he returned he returned [sic] to this county to his family, and this has been his home continuously ever since.

As a farmer, a local minister, and president for a number of years of the State bank of this city, he has been prominently connected here all his life and was widely known.

His first wife having died in 1898, he was married on October 9, 1900, to Mrs. Lillie King, who survives him.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 20 Dec 1912, Friday, p. 1**

Rev. A. M. Bedford, a resident of Andrew county since 1850 died at his home on Christian Ridge, in this city at 4:15, Monday afternoon, December 16, 1912, at the ripe age of 84 years, 8 months and 16 days. Mr. Bedford was a native of Kentucky, having been born in Breckenride [sic] county, that state, March 30, 1828. He was the third son of John and Elizabeth Bedford, both of whom were native Kentuckians. Mr. Bedford's parents died when he was quite young and he was reared by an aunt. In the spring of 1850 he came to northwest Missouri and located first at St. Joseph, and in the fall of the same year he came to Andrew county, and has since resided here. After coming to Savannah he entered the mercantile business which he followed for two years.

In 1851 he was married to Mary E. Selecman, and soon afterwards moved to the farm northeast of Savannah which he owned until a few years ago. Since 1899 he has been living in Savannah. Mrs. Bedford died in 1898.

On October 9, 1900, Mr. Bedford was again married to Mrs. Lillie E. King, of this city, who with eight children, born of his first wife, survive him. The sons and daughters are, Mrs. E. D. Holme and A. L. Bedford, of St. Joseph; Mrs. Lizzie Kent, of St. Louis; W. H. and Edward Bedford, of Bolckow; Mrs. James Cole and Mrs. Everhart, of Columbia, and John Bedford, of Amity. Another daughter, Mrs. W. S. Wells, passed away about twenty years ago.

The funeral services were conducted from the M. E. church, South, Wednesday afternoon by Rev. H. C. Bolen, of St. Joseph, and interment was in the family lot in the Savannah cemetery.



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The death of Mr. Bedford removes from among us a citizen who has occupied a prominent place in the history of Andrew county. When he came to the county he was without means but by his energy and thriftiness he succeeded in amassing a small fortune, sufficient to give all of his children a good education and start in life and to abundantly provide for himself in his older days.

During the early days of the civil war, Mr. Bedford enlisted with the Confederacy and served under General Sterling Price. He was captured by Federal troops at Big Black Bridge, Mississippi and sent to prison at Johnson's Island, Ohio. At the close of the war he returned to Andrew county and again took up his residence on his farm.

In his early life he was ordained to the ministry of the M. E. church South, and continued as such until his death. He became a member of the church when fourteen years of age.

In 1889, when the State Bank of Savannah was organized he became identified with it and was selected as it's [sic] first vice-president. He served the bank in that capacity until 1902 when he was elected as its president. He continued in that office until his death.

Mr. Bedford lived a life, while among us, that made for him a friend of every acquaintance and almost the entire county will mourn his loss.

Mr. Bedford was a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity and his burial Wednesday was under the auspices of the Savannah lodge.

**same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 17 Dec 1912, p. 8**

Savannah, Mo., Dec. 17.-- Alexander M. Bedford Sr., eighty-four years old, president of the State Bank of Savannah since 1887, died at his home here late yesterday afternoon from pneumonia which developed from a cold he contracted while attending the funeral of Gilbert McDaniel, cashier of the State Bank of Savannah, about two weeks ago.

Mr. Bedford was born in Kentucky in 1828 and moved to St. Joseph in the spring of 1850. In the fall of that year he came to this place and became manager of the Bedford & Craig Company, general merchandise. He was married to Miss Mary Selecman in 1851 and soon afterward they moved to a farm seven miles northeast of here. Mr. Bedford accumulated a small fortune and entered the banking business. He was admitted to the Methodist Episcopal ministry earlier in life and established a church on his farm near here which was named after him. After the death of his wife Mr. Bedford moved to this place in 1899 and in 1900 he was married to Mrs. Lillie King of Savannah.

Mr. Bedford is survived by the widow and eight children by his first wife, Mrs. E. D. Holme and A. L. Bedford, St. Joseph; Mrs. Lizzie Kent, St. Louis, W. H. and Edward Bedford, Bolckow;

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Mrs. James Cole and Mrs. Everhart, Columbia, and John Bedford, Amity. The funeral will be held from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, here tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock with interment in the Savannah Cemetery. Rev. Henry C. Bolen, pastor of the Olive Street Methodist Church, St. Joseph, will conduct the services.

**Date of death: 12 Mar 1894**

**Subject: Martha Ann (Bedford Bennett) Wells**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 16 Mar 1894, Friday, p. 8**

Mrs. M. A. Wells, wife of Cashier W. S. Wells, and Assistant Cashier of the State Bank of Savannah, committed suicide, last Monday morning about nine o'clock. She went to the water closet at her home, taking with her a can of coal oil, and after saturating her clothing and the interior of the structure she set them on fire, and when discovered she was burned in a horrible manner. Mr. Wells, her husband, had been very low with la grippe for some weeks, and the business of the bank, together with her home duties, was too much for her, and her mind became unbalanced. Drs Kerr and Martin, the family physicians, had noticed that she was acting strangely at times, and so notified her friends, but she eluded her watchers. Mr. W. B. Wells and Doug Ransom saw the smoke issuing from the out-house and ran to extinguish the flames. On opening the door a ghastly sight met their gaze, and a sickening stench came from within. She was dragged from the closet, but life was extinct. The news spread, and crowds soon gathered. Her remains were interred in the cemetery on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, attended by a large number of relatives and friends.

Mattie A. Bedford, daughter of Rev. A. M. and Mary E. Bedford, was born in Andrew county, Missouri, February 17, 1859. The dark days of 1860 to 1865 took her father far from home, and at four years of age she was taken by Mr. J. L. Bennett and wife to keep till the struggle ended. After the father returned from the war, the affection between the child and Mr. and Mrs. Bennett was so strong they kept her, caring for her as her own father and mother might till she was married. She was married to Mr. W. S. Wells in October, 1877, and the union was a happy one for each seemed perfectly suited and devoted to the other. She proved a helpmate indeed, caring for her home interests and assisting her husband in his banking business, doing the full work of a clerk and doing it well. Three children were born to them, the oldest, Lizzie, has gone before to the other side while Walter and Anna are left with the husband and father to mourn their loss. Sixteen years ago she was converted and joined the Baptist church, and while for years she was not in active membership, there being no Baptist church here, yet she was a good woman and from conversations the writer has had with her and from what others say I believe she was a Christian.

She was a very industrious woman-- too much so for her own good, and her constant work contributed much to that which resulted in her death. Several weeks ago her husband was taken seriously sick and a double care came upon her, taking care of a large banking business and caring for her sick husband to whom she was wholly devoted. The double strain proved too much for her strength and under it her mind gave away. On the morning of her tragic death she seemed better mentally in fact the doctor could see nothing wrong, she was more bright and cheerful than for some days before. But in that sudden, mysterious way in which latent insanity

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develops into suicidal mania, she was seized, and before anyone was aware of the change, she had slipped from the house, and the work was done.

She died March 12, 1894, aged 35 years and 25 days. Her funeral was preached by the writer in the M. E. Church, South, and the body was laid to rest in the Savannah cemetery.

May God bless all the relatives and may they all meet again in that land where 'sickness, sorrow, pain and death, are feared and felt no more.'

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**Same**

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The horrible suicide of Mrs. M. A. Wells, wife of W. S. Wells, cashier of the State bank of this city, which occurred about 8:30 o'clock Monday morning is still the talk of the community. It was certainly one of the greatest shocks that Savannah has ever received, as but few of our people knew that Mrs. Wells' mental condition was so bad and that her movements were watched.

Sunday previous, her mind had been considerably unbalanced during the day and she asked for a pistol that she might kill her two children and herself. In the evening she appeared quite rational and stated that she felt much better and expressed surprised that she should entertain feelings of murder and suicide.

Her sister and others at the house have kept a close watch on her movements for several weeks past, fearing that she might do damage to herself or others. The night before the terrible deed was committed she arose from her bed and went to the kitchen and W. T. Coffey, who was nursing her sick husband, hearing some one in the kitchen, went there and discovered that it was Mrs. Wells. He at once gave her a dose of medicine to quiet her nerves and then persuaded her to return to her bed which she did.

Monday morning she arose early and assisted in the household duties and remarked that she felt much better, and again expressed surprise at her thinking of murder and suicide the day previous. The doctor called early in the morning and she informed him that she felt much better. Judge J. L. Bennett, her uncle and foster-father was at the house about eight o'clock Monday morning and she also informed him that she felt much better, but stated that he might expect a run on the bank that day, which showed that her mind was still unbalanced. The judge informed her that the bank was in no danger and that she should not let that bother her, but that she should devote her entire attention to her sick husband. The judge then left and went to the bank, taking with him her little daughter, Anna.

Her sister, Miss Maggie Bedford and her father-in-law, Mr. W. B. Wells, who were at the house, were attending to their respective duties but at the same time keeping a watch on the movements of Mrs. Wells, notwithstanding she claimed to feel perfectly rational. Miss Bedford filled the

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lamps from the coal oil can and then set the can outside the kitchen door and went into another room to clean the flues and place them on the lamps.

At this time it is supposed that Mrs. Wells, knowing that she was alone in the kitchen, went out the door, picked up the coal oil can and went to the wash house, which is but a short distance from the kitchen. She then took off her dress and put on an old discarded wrapper that had been hanging there for some time and took the little top from the oil can. Her dress was afterwards found hanging there and the wrapper gone, and the top of the oil can was also found in the wash house.

She then took the oil can and went to the water closet, which is situated at the rear of the lot, went in, closed the door, and from all appearances emptied the contents of the can over her. She then lit a match and set fire to her clothing, and it is supposed she was instantly suffocated.

The wife of J. J. Miller, whose residence adjoins the Wells', saw smoke issuing from the building and sounded the alarm of fire. The colored boy who is living at Miller's [sic] ran over to Mr. Wells' and noticed Mr. W. B. Wells that the building was on fire. Mr. Wells and the boy ran to the building, pushed open the door, and there discovered Mrs. Wells seated. They at once took her from the burning building and found that life was extinct. In taking her out Mr. Wells severely burned his hands.

The alarm of fire startled the community and in a short time quite a crowd had gathered at the Wells place and every one appeared horrified when it was known what had happened. The body when taken from the burning building was in a fearful condition. The face was so badly burned and disfigured that no one would have recognized her. All of her wearing apparel was burned off save the slippers that she had one and the portion of her stockings contained therein.

When her sick husband heard the commotion about the premises he enquired the cause and was informed by those near him that his wife had committed suicide, but the particulars were not told him until evening, and he bore up under the terrible news much better than was expected.

The funeral of Mrs. Wells took place from the M. E. church, South at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and was conducted by Rev. Wailes. The church was not large enough to hold the people who attended, showing the high esteem in which she and her family are held.

Mrs. Wells is a daughter of Rev. A. M. Bedford, one of our best citizens, and was adopted and raised by her uncle and aunt, Judge and Mrs. J. L. Bennett. We understand she had been acting rather singular at different times for some months and that it was known to but few outside the family.

Grief over the serious illness of her husband and foster mother, Mrs. Bennett, no doubt, greatly aggravated her case and hastened her destruction.

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immediate relatives recognized her condition and we have been informed that they were to meet Monday to decide what should be done with her, and that her father and sister were on the road to Savannah for that purpose when the messenger met them and informed them of the suicide.

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**Date of death: 18 Sep 1901**

**Subject: Rebecca Lee Bedford**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 27 Sep 1901, Friday, p. 5**

From the King City *Chronicle*. Died, Wednesday morning, September 18, 1901, Rebecca Lee, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bedford.

**Date of death: 8 Aug 1908**

**Subject: Edward W. Bedison**

**Source: *Stanberry [MO] Owl-Headlight*, 11 Aug 1908, Tuesday, p. 10**

Edward W. Bedison was born at New Brighton, Penn., Nov. 22, 1870. He was married to Miss Matie Lawson of Stanberry, Mo., March 28, 1897, and died at the hospital in Moberly, August 8, 1908.

At 8:25 Saturday morning, August 1st, he was on his engine between Excelsior Springs and Kansas City. There being no turntable at the former place it is necessary to run the engine backward, and when out some ten miles the trucks of the tender jumped the track, pulling the engine partly off as well. He stood at his post till he had reversed his engine and turned on the brakes, then when within ten feet of a ditch and the engine threatening to turn over he jumped and sustained a compound fracture of the right ankle. It was dressed temporarily and he was taken to the hospital at Moberly, where the wound was dressed and the fracture reduced.

Blood poison set in and the limb was amputated but without avail. He was a kind hearted, good natured man and patiently endured his sufferings.

The funeral services were held at the home of George Lawson. The Rev. Reavis of the Christian church offered prayer and read the Scriptures. Mrs. Hattie Carson sang as a solo, 'Face to Face.' A double quartet consisting of Mrs. Hattie Carson, Mrs. Lizzie Grantham, Misses Eva Fullerton and Anna Ream and Messrs. Smith, Warriner, McGlothlan and Anderson furnished the other music, with Miss Josie Kyger at the piano.

The funeral discourse was by the Rev. Anderson of the Methodist church and was from the text, Psalms 90:12. 'So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.'

The burial service was conducted by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. He leaves a wife and daughter, father and mother, two brothers and four sisters and a great host of friends to mourn his departure. The mother was not able to attend the funeral. All the other relatives were present.

**Date of death: 3 Jan 1916**

**Subject: James Warner Bedwell**

**Source: *The Leavenworth [KS] Times*, 04 Jan 1916, Tuesday, p. 7**

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James W. Bedwell, who was in Leavenworth when the first lots were sold on the starting of the city, died early yesterday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Annie Radford at 221 Columbia avenue. He had been sick a long time and was so weak that he was bedfast for nearly a year.

Mr. Bedwell was born May 22, 1834 and moved with his parents to Platte County, Mo., when he was 12 years old. When he was 15 years old in 1849 he ran away from home and came to Fort Leavenworth where he joined an expedition about to start across the plains. He drove an ox team and was away from home nearly a year.

On his return he learned the blacksmith trade and worked for the government at Fort Leavenworth, Fort Supply and other frontier posts for many years. He used to nail shoes on oxen so that they could make the trip across the sandy plains.

Mr. Bedwell was the head blacksmith for the Missouri Valley Bridge and Iron Company for twenty-seven years and until his retirement from active duty some ten years ago. He was looked on as one of the finest blacksmiths in this section and could handle all kinds of heavy work.

He joined the Knights of Pythias lodge as a charter member when it was first organized here many years ago and kept up his interest in the order until the last. Mr. Bedwell was a member of the Methodist church for more than half a century.

He was a soldier in the Union army and served in the Fifty-first Missouri, infantry.

Mr. Bedwell was the father of fourteen children. There were three sets of twins. Twelve of the children, eight daughters and four sons, survive. They are: Mrs. Mary Hudson of Potter, Mrs. Elizabeth Campbell of Oakley, Okla., Mrs. Nora Kendall of Kansas City, Mo., Mrs. Christina Fuller of Leavenworth, Mrs. Kate Pennington of Kansas City, Mrs. Rose Cory of Kansas City, Mrs. Annie Radford of Leavenworth, Mrs. Erna Conlin, of Denver, William Francis of Leavenworth, Stephen Douglas of Horton, James Riley of Dallas, Tex., and John H. Bedwell of Lansing.

The funeral will be held on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and the burial will be at Mount Muncie Cemetery.

**Date of death: 27 Nov 1899**

**Subject: Jasper Bedwell**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 24 Nov 1899, Friday, p. 1**

Bolckow. Nov. 22. Jasper Bedwell is seriously ill at his home east of town.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 01 Dec 1899, Friday, p. 1**

Bolckow. Jasper Bedwell died at his home east of town Nov. 27.

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**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 08 Dec 1899, Friday, p. 5**

Bolckow. [From the *Lantern*] Died: On Monday, November 27, Jasper Bedwell. Was buried in the Bolckow cemetery Wednesday. The deceased was an old highly respected citizen of this community.

**Date of death: 2 Jan 1895**

**Subject: Amos G. Beech**

**Source: *Nodaway [County MO] Democrat*, 03 Jan 1895, Thursday, p. 5**

Amos G. Beech, youngest brother of S. R. Beech, died at Des Moines, Iowa, yesterday. The funeral will be held, and body buried at Quitman, Mo., to-morrow forenoon.

**Date of death: Apr 1886**

**Subject: child of Scribner Beech**

**Source: *The Bolckow [MO] Herald*, 23 Apr 1886, Friday, p. 4**

A little child of S. R. Beach [sic] of Maryville, was stung to death by climbing upon a stand of bees one day this week.

**Date of death: 6 Dec 1890**

**Subject: Abram F. Beecher**

**Source: *Washington [KS] Register*, 12 Dec 1890, Friday, p. 1**

Last Sunday morning the dead body of Abraham F. Beecher, a well-to-do farmer residing three miles south of Barnes, was found dead lying by the road side in the southern suburbs of the little city of Barnes, near the eastern line of the county. The street on which he lay was the one connecting with the public road leading to his home, and it would therefore seem that he had started home Saturday evening at a somewhat late hour, when he was overcome by the stupor induced by an overdose of laudanum, and had gone to the side of the road and laid himself down near the hedge. Below we give the evidence taken before the coroner's jury and their verdict:

Testimony of H. D. Williams.

Last saw Beecher alive about 8 o'clock last evening; in my drug store; he was in good health. I thought he was apparently despondent, from the way he talked and transactions we had. He had been in the habit of keeping his pocket book in my safe, containing several notes that he had. He asked for it, and had me endorse on the back of one of the notes a payment of \$80 by C. D. Molby, saying it ought to have been done before but he had neglected it. He also spoke about an account he owed me, and altogether it looked as though he had in view the straightening up of his business as though he intended to go away. I thought he was more sober in his conversation than was usual with him, as he was of a jovial disposition. Have not sold him laudanum lately, but occasionally sold him laudanum for cramp colic.



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Wm. M'Fadden.

Have known deceased eighteen or twenty years; was intimately acquainted with him. Has never to my knowledge threatened to take his own life. Has always been of a jovial disposition. Saw him last alive Wednesday or Thursday. Was in his usual spirits. Have known him on several occasions to drink pretty heavily. I have been informed that at times he would get too drunk to get around, but have no personal knowledge of that.

Mark Williams.

I was personally acquainted with Mr. Beecher. Saw him last alive last Friday morning, in the post office in Barnes. Do not know that Mr. Beecher has been despondent or had at any time threatened to take his life.

Fred Roper.

I live one mile south of town; am a farmer by occupation; have been acquainted with the person whose body lies dead here. His name is Abraham Beecher. Have known him about twelve years. Last saw him alive last about 7 o'clock. He was apparently in good health at the time. Did not think he was intoxicated. Next saw Beecher this morning about 7 o'clock, in the south edge of town, lying on the side of the road, partly on his face, head resting on arms. He was dead. When I first saw him this morning I thought he was asleep, but thought it was too cold for that and I went to Mr. Kemp's and he and I went together to where the body was. His head was toward the south and feet north, lying along side of the hedge. Do not know that he was in the habit of walking out home late at night. He lived three miles from town, and he was on his usual road home.

Martin Henning.

Was personally acquainted with deceased. Saw him last alive last evening about 7 o'clock, in front of the drug store and post office. I think he was sober—did not see anything wrong with him.

Albert Baus.

Was acquainted with Mr. Beecher, the deceased—about one year. Saw him last alive last night between half past ten and eleven o'clock, in the north part of town, between Hogue & Ballard's store and Hussleman's. He was apparently all right at that time. Had some conversation with him—we were laughing and joking about something that had occurred several days ago. He said 'I will have to go home pretty soon.' I was with him about 10 or 15 minutes. He did not see how he was going home.

H. G. Kemp.

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I live in Barnes, about one hundred yards from the point where the body was found. I was acquainted with the deceased about seven years. Saw him last yesterday afternoon, but not to speak to him. About 7 o'clock this morning Fred Roper came to my door and told me that there was a man lying down in the road, and perhaps he was dead; so I put on my coat and went with him to where the body lay and took hold of his shoulders and turned him partly over. Fred said it looked like Abe Beecher, and I looked and saw that it was and that he was dead. We then went up and notified Mr. Murray, who also notified Mr. Beaver, the justice of peace, who caused the body to be removed to the residence of Fred Aldrich. I heard a noise in the night. It sounded as though there were three or four persons passing along the road. It was about 10 or 11 o'clock. Thought I heard and recognized the voice of Chas. Bichte. The body was lying closer to the hedge than a person would walk. I do not know that he had been in the habit of waking home—not often.

Joseph Van Allen.

I lived in Waterville, Marshall county, Kansas. The body lying here is Abe Beecher; have known him twelve or fifteen years, intimately acquainted. Saw him last alive yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock, in Waterville. Do not know if Beecher drove to Waterville, but his team was there and I am told that the team was there yet this morning. Saw him in Axtell's drug store in Waterville. I was with Mr. Beecher probably about a half hour at that time. Saw him purchase something at Axtell's drug store, but do not know what it was—he called for laudanum—two ounces of laudanum. Do not know that he had been despondent or had threatened to take his own life, but he had taken laudanum at two different times. Do not know when Mr. Beecher left Waterville. I had been working for Mr. Beecher—commenced working for him about the 6th of November, and quit about the 29th; was putting an addition to his house. Think he had been drinking some yesterday, but he was not much out of the way. He had told me that he had been subject to cramps, and that laudanum was the only thing that would relieve his pain. He seemed in his usual spirits yesterday and asked me about coming after me to do some more work. The bottle here labeled 'Laudanum,' resembles in shape and size the one I saw delivered to Mr. Beecher in Mr. Axtell's drug store in Waterville.

Henry Ober.

Where did you find this bottle labeled 'Laudanum?'

In my garden, alongside the road, as though a person passing along had tossed it over the fence.

Verdict.

State of Kansas, Washington County, SS.

An inquisition holden at Barnes in Washington County, Kansas, on the 7th day of December, A. D. 1890, before me, E. Armstrong, coroner of said county, on the body of A. F. Beecher, there lying dead, by the jurors whose names are hereto subscribed:

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The jurors on their oaths do say that we believe, according to the evidence taken, that A. F. Beecher came to his death on the night of December 6th, 1890, between the hours of 10 o'clock p.m. and 7 o'clock a.m. the following morning, from an overdose of laudanum and exposure to cold.

In testimony whereof the said jurors have hereunto set their hands the day and year aforesaid.

J. R. Tripp, Forman, E. K. Felt, W. E. Stone, P. C. Young, I. J. Molby, M. Fox.

Attest: E. Armstrong, Coroner

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We are informed by officers who have been to Barnes during the past few days, that there is considerable excitement about that little city over the death of Mr. Beecher. The deceased was an old citizen of the county, and until the past two or three years a highly respected one. The theory of suicide is not generally accepted. Mr. Beecher has for years been in the habit of using large doses of laudanum when sobering up, and the people down there think the drug was not taken with suicidal intent. Their theory is that he died from exposure, Saturday night being very cold. The case will probably be more thoroughly investigated.

**Date of death: 15 Aug 1906**

**Subject: Leman Edward Beecher**

**Source: *The [Carmen OK] Headlight*, 24 Aug 1906, Friday, p. 1**

Leman E. Beecher was born September 28th, 1853, at Northampton, N. Y. Was united in marriage to Jennie F. Hayes July 25th 1880, at Washington, Ks. To this union was born seven children, three of which have preceeded [sic] them to the Glory land. He was converted at his home two years ago last spring and his confidence in God helped him to bear his suffering without a murmur [sic], rejoicing in a Savior's love.

Aug. 15th, 1906, at 5 o'clock he bade his family and sister good bye, saying, 'Meet me in Heaven' then he sang—*I'm happy, I'm happy*

*I'm on my way to Zion,*

*I'm happy, I'm happy*

*I'm on my journey home,*

then passed away about noon.

**Date of death: 26 May 1918**

**Subject: Pauline Beecher**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 31 May 1918, Friday, p. 1**

Little Pauline, daughter of E. H. Beecher and wife, after a brief illness, with what was thought to be only a cold, passed away in death at the home of the parents in Rosendale Saturday morning, May 26, at the age of six weeks and four days, survived by her parents, one sister Genevieve, and two brothers, Glenn and Paul, the latter a twin of Pauline.

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On Sunday at 2 o'clock p.m., Elder W. A. Chapman conducted a brief funeral service at the home, and the little body was taken to Gravelwall [sic] for burial.

**Date of death: 12 Oct 1922**

**Subject: Mrs. Alice R. Beedle**

**Source: *The Maryville [MO] Daily Forum*, 14 Oct 1922, Saturday, p. 1**

Mrs. Ward Beedle died Thursday night at her home in Hereford, Tex., following a long illness of cancer of the stomach. The body will arrive at Ravenwood, her former home tomorrow, and funeral services will be held at the Swinford Church, conducted by the Rev. G. W. Burnett, and burial in Swinford cemetery.

Mrs. Beedle was about sixty years of age, and is survived by her husband and three daughters, Mrs. Ralph Jameson, Kansas City, Mrs. Ernest Cochill, and Mrs. Dessie Greer, both of Hereford, Tex.

The Beedles formerly lived near Bedison and in Maryville, leaving here about twelve years ago. A sister, Mrs. Dan Latchim of Lewistown, Mo., also survives.

**Date of death: 27 Sep 1908**

**Subject: Mrs. Eliza Beedle (or Beadler)**

**Source: *The Maryville [MO] Daily Forum*, 28 Sep 1908, Monday, p. 1**

The body of Mrs. Eliza Beedle, who died Sunday at the home of her daughter Mrs. P. P. Kidder, in Bedison, where she had been visiting, was shipped Monday to Hamilton, Ohio, for burial.

Mrs. Beedle was 74 years old and had been sick only a short time.

**Date of death: 14 Jul 1909**

**Subject: Frank Truman Beedle**

**Source: *Ravenwood [MO] Gazette*, 16 Jul 1909, Friday, p. 4**

The sudden death of Frank Beedle in the office of Dr. Wells Wednesday afternoon was a profound shock to the whole community, as he was one of our most influential citizens. He had been in failing health for the past two years, affected with an organic heart lesion and tubercular pleuritis, the latter causing an effusion of liquid in the pleural cavity, which required drawing off occasionally, and, we are informed, is a process not considered by the medical profession at all dangerous but absolutely necessary. This had been done three times within the past few weeks with great relief to Mr. Beedle, and was repeated yesterday, but a few minutes after the fluid was drawn, he complained of feeling queer, and died within a very few minutes.

Coroner Todd of Maryville was called and pronounced it a case of heart failure, making the statement that he had warned Mr. Beedle that he would pass away suddenly some time, from that cause.

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Funeral services will be held at the Christian Church Friday, July 16th at 2:00 [?] o'clock p.m., conducted by Elder A. R. Hunt of Savannah, Missouri; burial at Oak Lawn cemetery. Will try to publish an obituary next week.

**Same**

**Source: *The Maryville [MO] Tribune*, 22 Jul 1909, Thursday, p. 1**

Frank Beedle of Ravenwood, a wealthy and much respected retired farmer, died suddenly Wednesday afternoon about 4 o'clock, in the office of Dr. Wells of Ravenwood, where he had gone for medical treatment.

Mr. Beedle was about 50 years old and had resided in Ravenwood for about 14 years, having moved to town from his fine farm on Moore's Ridge. He leaves a wife, two sons, Ralph and Howard Beedle, both of Ravenwood, and a daughter, Mrs. Edna Orr of California. Mr. Beedle was born near Quincy, Illinois. A brother, Ward Beedle, formerly of this city, having resided here while educating members of his family, resides in Ravenwood. A sister, Mrs. Sherman Heflin, lives near Maryville, and another sister, Mrs. Albert Kidder, resides near Bedison.

Coroner Todd viewed the remains of Mr. Beedle on Wednesday night but did not deem an inquest necessary. Mr. Beedle's physician had given up all hopes of his recovery some time ago but to make his closing days as peaceful as possible took him to Sioux City, Iowa, recently where an incision was made into the thorax and the watery fluid attendant on certain kinds of heart trouble, was removed, about two quarts of the accumulation being removed at that time and a similarly large quantity later on. This removed all discomfort from the patient and his death was probably painless.

**Date of death: 19 Aug 1895**

**Subject: Iris May Beedle [given as Bessie]**

**Source: [Maryville MO] *Weekly Democrat-Forum*, 22 Aug 1895, Thursday, p. 4**

Bessie, the 14-year-old daughter of Ward Beedle and wife, living southwest of Bedison, died at her home Monday, August 19, 1895, at 1 p.m., and was buried Tuesday afternoon, W. W. Glass officiating.

**Date of death: 4 Nov 1892**

**Subject: Harmon Beekman**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 18 Nov 1892, Friday, p. 1**

Harmon Beekman, who formerly lived here died in Des Moines, Iowa, Friday Nov. 4, 1892. He is the father of T. H. Beekman.

**Date of death: 9 Sep 1889**

**Subject: Mrs. Lorinda Beekman**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 12 Sep 1889, Thursday, p. 7**

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Mrs. J. [sic] Beekman, formerly of Savannah, died a few days since at her residence in Kansas.

**Date of death: 14 Feb 1915**

**Subject: Orpha May (Beekman) Murdock**

**Source: *The Maryville [MO] Tribune*, 18 Feb 1915, Thursday, p. 4**

Monday. Mrs. Ben Murdock died last night at 9 o'clock at her home near Graham following a shotr [sic] illness. No funeral arrangements have been made, but the body will probably be taken to Parnell for burial.

Mrs. Murdock was 24 years old and had lived in Nodaway county practically all her life. She was formerly Miss Mary [sic] Beekcman of Parnell. She is survived by her husband and a baby son 3 weeks old.

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Tuesday. Funeral services for Mrs. Ben Murdock, who died Sunday night at her home near Graham will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Methodist church in Parnell and will be conducted by Rev. W. E. Tinney, the pastor. Burial will be in Parnell cemetery. Mrs. Murdock was formerly Miss Mary Beekman of Parnell.

**Same**

**Source: *Parnell [MO] Sentinel*, 18 Feb 1915, p. 4**

Mrs. Alpha [sic] Mary [sic] Murdock, wife of Ben Murdock, died at Graham, this county, on Sunday night of this week. The body was brought to this place on the early morning train yesterday. Funeral services were held at the M. E. church yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock and interment at Rose Hill cemetery south of town immediately after the funeral. Mrs. Murdock was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Beekman of this place. An obituary will appear in these columns next week.

**Same**

**Source: *Parnell [MO] Sentinel*, 25 Feb 1915, Thursday, p. 1**

Orpha May Beekman was born in Oxford, Mo., November 21, 1885, and died at Graham, Mo., Sunday, February 14, 1915, aged 29 years, 2 months and 23 days. At an early age she moved with her parents to Parnell where she has since resided with the exception of a year or two on a farm near Maryville.

She joined the Methodist Episcopal church in girlhood. On September 6, 1914, she was married to Ben Murdock, and to this union one child was born, a boy.

She was a member of the Rebekah and Yeomen lodges, carrying \$1,000 insurance in the latter order.

Funeral services were preached by Rev. W. E. Tinney, the pastor, at the M. E. church in Parnell on Wednesday, February 17, and interment took place in Rose Hill cemetery.

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The church was crowded at the services, many unable to get in the church to hear the last sad rites. The floral tributes by the Sunday school, Rebekahs and Yeomen orders and others showed the appreciation in which she was held.

Besides her husband she leaves her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Beekman, one sister, Mrs. Margaret Swain, and one brother, James Beekman of North Platte, Nebraska.

**Date of death: 10 Mar 1915**

**Subject: Albert G. Beeks**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 11 Mar 1915, Thursday, p. 7**

Maryville, Mo., March 11.-- Albert Beeks, a farmhand thirty-five [sic] years old, last night shot and killed his wife in their room over a moving picture theater here, and then turned the weapon upon himself and ended his own life. The bodies were found this morning. An inquest will be held, probably late today by Coroner William Wallace.

The bodies were discovered by the police, after Fred Claycomb, who lives in an adjoining room to that in which the tragedy occurred, reported that he had heard Beeks and his wife quarreling late last night. He also admits that he heard the shots fired, it is said, but has given no reason why he failed to notify the police at the time.

When the officers broke into the room this morning they found Mrs. Beeks' body lying on the floor near a couch. Several feet away from it was the body of Beeks. Each of the bodies had a bullet wound in the head. Mrs. Beeks, however, was shot in the back of the head and the police believe that she was trying to escape from the room when she was shot. Physicians say she died instantly.

According to Claycomb he had heard the couple quarrelling frequently during the last week or ten days. He is said to have told the police Beeks made frequent threats to take his wife's life.

But little is known in Maryville about either Beeks or his wife. They came here about two months ago from Shenandoah, Iowa, and since that time Beeks has been employed at a number of places in Maryville. Mrs. Beeks' parents are said to live in Shenandoah. The bodies are being held her pending word from them.

The murder and suicide created a great amount of interest here and the scene of the tragedy was visited by many persons during the day.

**Date of death: 13 Nov 1886**

**Subject: Charles Noble Beeler**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 19 Nov 1886, Friday, p. 8**

On last Saturday morning, November 13, 1886, Charles N. Beeler passed over the river of death, at his residence in St. Joseph, having recently removed from Troy, Kansas. Mr. Beeler was for

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many years a resident of Rochester township, in Andrew county. He was shot through the body, during the war, the ball passing through the right lung, and ever since he has been more or less an invalid. Judge Jonathan Snowden, who was with him when he was shot, never supposed he would live. But he was preserved to his wife and family, although for many years a helpless invalid, until last Saturday. His remains were taken to Long Branch Church, in Rochester township, on Sunday, and at 1 o'clock buried under the auspices of the Odd Fellows, of which deceased was a member. There were more than fifty members of the order present, from Savannah, Helena and Cosby lodges, and a large number of other friends. Mr. Jesse Wright made a few appropriate remarks at the grave. Deceased was a man of Christian character, esteemed and beloved for his good qualities by all who knew him.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 19 Nov 1886, Friday, p. 3**

Mr. Charles Beeler, who died at his residence in St. Joseph, on Friday last, was buried at the Long Branch cemetery, in this county, on Sunday last, by the Odd Fellows.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 14 Nov 1886, Sunday, p. 5**

Mr. Charles M. [sic] Beeler, a farmer by occupation, died of consumption yesterday morning at his late residence, on the corner of Sixteenth and Colhoun street. He leaves a wife and four children. His remains will be interred this afternoon at 2 o'clock in Long Branch cemetery, Andrew county.

**Date of death: 4 May 1893**

**Subject: Hattie D. (Beers) McArthur**

**Source: [Maryville MO] *Weekly Democrat-Forum*, 04 May 1893, Thursday, p. 4**

Mrs. Bales and her mother left last night for Ainsley, Neb., in response to a telegram announcing that Mrs. Hattie McArthur was lying at the point of death. Later: News was received this morning that Mrs. McArthur was dead. The remains will be brought to Maryville for burial the last of this week. Obituary will appear next week.

**Same**

**Source: *Nodaway [County MO] Democrat*, 11 May 1893, Thursday, p. 2**

The remains of Mrs. Hattie D. McArthur, wife of Dr. A. J. McArthur, arrived on last night's K. C. train. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. to-day at the Second Presbyterian church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. R. C. Townsend.

**Same**

**Source: *Nodaway [County MO] Democrat*, 11 May 1893, Thursday, p. 4**

*'Leaves have their time to fall,*



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*And flowers to wither at the north wind's breath,  
And stars to set-- but all,  
Thou has't all seasons for thine own, O Death!*

Hattie D. Beers was born in Kendall county, Illinois, in 1866. Came to Maryville in 1882. She was married to A. J. McArthur on the 4th of March, 1890, and died in Westerville, Nebraska, May 4, 1893. She united with the Presbyterian Church of Maryville at an early age, and was a devoted and true Christian, and died, as she had lived, conscious that she was an accepted child of God. Prior to her marriage she taught school in Nodaway county for six years, the last two being in the public schools of Hopkins.

Her remains were brought from Westerville, Nebraska, to this place, and the funeral services were held at the Second Presbyterian Church, this city, Saturday, May 6, 1893, at 2 p.m., conducted by Rev. R. C. Townsend, pastor, assisted by Rev. A. M. Reynolds, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. After these services the body was tenderly and lovingly consigned to the tomb and the spirit commended to God who gave it. She was a most amiable woman and to know her was to esteem her. Her husband and little boy, and mother and sisters have the sympathy of all.

**Date of death: 25/29 Apr 1906**

**Subject: Eva Marion (Beeson) Hunt**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 04 May 1906, Friday, p. 1**

Eva M. Hunt, nee Beeson, was born in Lee's Summit, Mo., July 7, 1872, and died at her home in Savannah April 29, 1906, being 33 years, 9 months and 22 days old. She was married to Rev. A. R. Hunt June 30, 1896. To this union four children were born, one of whom preceded her to the better land. She confessed her faith in Christ and was baptized when her first born was about one year old. She was loved by all who knew her, and many hearts are saddened by her departure. She bore her suffering long and well, but rests at last, free from all pain, in the bosom of the Father. The sympathy and Christian love of the entire community are extended to the bereaved ones.

The funeral services were held at the Christian church Monday afternoon by Revs. Chilton, of St. Joseph, Benson and McGee. The remains were placed beside her mother, Mrs. I. R. M. Beeson, who died a few weeks ago, and her little daughter Madge. Rev. Hunt's mother will remain here some time with him and the children.

G.E.M.

**Same**

**Source: *The Andrew County [MO] Republican*, 04 May 1906, Friday, p. 1**

Died. At the family residence in Savannah, at 10:05 a.m. Sunday April 29, 1906, Eva M. Hunt, nee Beeson wife of A. R. Hunt, aged 33 years, 9 months and 22 days.

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The funeral was conducted from the Christian church at 2:30 p.m. Monday, April 30. Interment at Savannah cemetery.

Mrs. Hunt had been a sufferer from consumption for many months the last five being a painful and hopeless struggle.

Eva M. Hunt was born in Lee's Summit, Mo. July 7, 1872, died in Savannah April, 29th 1906, aged 33 years, 9 months and 22 days.

She was married to A. R. Hunt June 30, 1896, and to their union four children were born, three surviving the mother. She was a member of the Christian church, having been baptized by her husband when their first child was about one year old.

She was loved by all who knew her and many hearts are saddened by her departure. She bore her suffering long and well but rests at last free from all pain in the bosom of the father. The sympathy and Christian love of the entire community are extended to the bereaved ones.-- Con.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 04 May 1906, Friday, p. 1**

At the family residence on North Sixth street at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, April 29, occurred the death of Mrs. A. R. Hunt. She had been a patient sufferer for about a year and a half and during the last five months was confined to her bed. The funeral services were conducted from the Christian church Monday afternoon by Rev. C. M. Chilton, of St. Joseph, assisted by Revs. Geo. McGee and G. E. Benson of this city. Interment was at Savannah cemetery in the presence of a large concourse of friends.

Eva M. Beeson was born at Lee's Summit, Mo., July 7, 1872, and was the daughter of Rev. I. R. M. and Louie Merryman [sic] Beeson, and at the time of her death was 33 years, 9 months and 22 days old. She was married to Rev. A. R. Hunt, at Mound City, on June 30, 1896, and of this union four children, two sons and two daughters, have been born, the eldest daughter preceding [sic] the mother to the land beyond. She confessed faith in Christ after her marriage and was baptised [sic] by her husband. She came to Savannah with her family in 1899, and has continuously resided here with the exception of a few months spent at Marshall, this state.

Mrs. Hunt was one of those women whom to know was to respect and admire. She was of a gentle, smooth disposition and had ought to say of anyone or anything. During these few years residence in Savannah she has made many friends, who with her husband and children, father, brother and sister mourn a true wife and mother, daughter and sister and friend.

**same**

**Source: *Holt County [MO] Sentinel*, 11 May 1906, Friday, p. 5**

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Mrs. A. R. Hunt, formerly Miss Eva M., daughter of Rev. I. R. Beeson and wife, died at her home in Savannah, April 29 [sic], 1906, aged 33 years. She was married to Rev. A. R. Hunt at Mound city, June 30, 1896. She leaves a husband, two sons and a daughter.

**Date of death: 3 Dec 1915**

**Subject: Isaac Richard Marion Beeson**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 09 Dec 1915, Thursday, p. 1**

Isaac Richard Marion Beeson was born at Mt. Croghan, South Carolina, on September 27, 1842. He was left an orphan at the age of 12 years and after arriving at early manhood, came to Missouri. When the Civil War broke out he enlisted under General Price and fought throughout the entire war for his beloved Southland, being captured twice and held as a prisoner for several months at Fort Delaware, Maryland and at Alton, Illinois. After the war he attended school in Kentucky, graduating from there in 1870. In 1871 he was married to Miss Lucy Merryman, of that city and they moved back to Missouri, where Rev. Beeson held his first pastorate in the Baptist church at Lees Summit. Rev. and Mrs. Beeson were the parents of four children, Eva M., who became the wife of Rev. A. R. Hunt, of this city and who passed away in 1906; Harry, who died in infancy; Snowdie M., who is now Mrs. J. C. Edwards, of St. Louis and Virgil A., of Morrilton, Arkansas. For thirty-six years Rev. Beeson was actively engaged in ministerial work, holding pastorates in many parts of Missouri. During these early years he was also instrumental in founding Farmington Baptist College, at Farmington, Missouri.

After the death of Mrs. Beeson which occurred in this city in 1906 Rev. Beeson was connected with the Christian Home, an orphanage at Council Bluffs, Iowa. In 1911 he was married to Mrs. M. E. Hickerson of this city, after her death in 1913, Rev. Beeson went to Morrilton, Arkansas, where he had since made his home with his son, Virgil. About six months ago he was elected superintendent of the Arkansas Children's Home Society, a state orphanage located in that city, and for five months he served in that capacity until the work became too strenuous for one of his years.

He passed away in death at the home of his son, Virgil A., in Morrilton, Arkansas, on Friday, December 3, at 10:41 p.m. after an illness of five days.

On the preceding Monday he was apparently in good healthy but with his nervous system broken and a complication of diseases [sic] was more than his body could stand.

The funeral services were held from the First Baptist church in Morrilton Sunday morning at 8:45, ministers of all denominations taking part in the funeral services. The body left Morrilton Sunday at 10:08 and arrived in Savannah Monday at 12:03 p.m. Rev. A. R. Hunt conducted a short service at the Savannah cemetery at which place the body was interred.

Rev. Beeson will be remembered by most Savannah residents as being a man of great principle and went about doing good in which ever way it was possible for him to do. Many are the kind words which he has spoken which will be remembered by those who knew and loved him most.

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The two children Virgil A., and Snowdie M., have the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

**same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 10 Dec 1915, Friday, p. 1**

The body of Rev. I. R. M. Beeson was brought to Savannah Monday and placed in the Savannah cemetery beside those of his wife who died in 1906. He passed Friday night after a short illness with pneumonia. For the past three years he has made his home with his only son V. A., who is in the newspaper business a Morrilton, Ark., who with the only daughter Mrs. J. C. Edwards of St. Louis came to Savannah Monday with the body. Rev. Beeson was pastor at Gravelwall [sic] and elsewhere in this county several years, having been a Baptist minister in this part of the State since coming here in 1878. The family lived in Savannah from 1901 until Mrs. Beeson's death.

Having served in the Confederate army from 1860 until the close, he was captured three times and wounded twice, going through many horrifying experiences. After graduating from college at Georgetown, Ky., in 1871, the young preacher united his life to Miss Loulie Merriman at Lowell, Ky. They came to Missouri shortly afterwards and Rev. Beeson secured a pastorate at Lees [sic] Summit. They had three children, Mrs. A. R. Hunt, who died in 1906, leaving three children, Eugene, Wilma and Waldo of this city, Mrs. J. C. Edwards and Virgil A. Beeson. Rev. Beeson was born in South Carolina in 1842. He had taught school, public and private, at one time proprietor of Monroe City Institute, had preached in sixty-six counties in Missouri, twelve states, two territories and Mexico. In 1911 Rev. Beeson was united in marriage to Mrs. Mary E. Hickerson and lived in Savannah until her passing in 1913.

**Date of death: 11 Jan 1894**

**Subject: John Beggs**

**Source: *Nodaway [County MO] Democrat*, 11 Jan 1894, Thursday, p. 4- *not an obituary***

We learn from Hugh Skidmore and Elmer Carver, who are in town to-day, that John Beggs of Guilford who is over ninety years of age, is very sick and not expected to recover.

**Same**

**Source: *Nodaway [County MO] Democrat*, 18 Jan 1894, Thursday, p. 1**

Thursday, January 11, at 2:00 a.m., the spirit of John Beggs left its tenement of clay and winged its way to the realms of the eternal world. He died at the residence of his son-in-law, Mathew Whiteford, in Washington township, from old age and a general breaking down of the system, more than from any distinctive disease. When he took to his bed he seemed to have a premonition that death was near and said he wanted to go. And why not? His beloved companion had crossed over the river thirty years before, his intimate friends and associates were all gone. True, children were left behind, but several of them are aged and will not be spared many years. And then, children are on the other side, fresh and buoyant in eternal youth, and perhaps his spiritual vision had been opened so that he could see them beckoning on. He had outlived his generation, the body was old and inform. Is not death a blessing to such?

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John Beggs was born in County Antrim, Ireland, August 3, 1803, and at the time of his death was aged ninety years, five months and eight days. He came to American in 1832, and settled in Dearborn county, Indiana, where he resided until about 1870, when he removed to Greensburg, Indiana, and resided there till 1880, when he came to Nodaway county. His wife died in 1864, and, with two children, she lies buried in the cemetery on the old homestead in Indiana. One daughter, Mrs. Hugh Craig, of near Guilford, died about two years since, at the age of 67 years. All his children living were present at the funeral. They are as follows, mentioned in order of their ages: Mrs. Hugh Todd, Guilford; Mrs. Eliza Mader Walton, Harveyville, Kansas; Mrs. Mary Whiteford, Guilford; William J. Beggs, Guilford; George Beggs, Coats, Pratt county, Kansas; Mrs. Robert Todd, Guilford; Thomas H. Beggs, St. Louis. Quite a number of grandchildren were also present at the funeral.

The funeral services were held in the M. E. Church South, Guilford, at three o'clock on Friday, January 12, being conducted by Rev. Mr. Cravens, Presbyterian minister of Savannah, the deceased having been connected with said church in Ireland, and also in Indiana. After the funeral services, the burial took place in the M. E. Church South cemetery.

It would be saying too much to say that our Grandfather Beggs had no faults or foibles, for no human being is free from imperfections. But we can say he had an amiable disposition and had many, very many noble traits of character. He may not have done all the good he might have done, but it was a motto which he ever practiced to do no harm to any one. We believe that the royal elements of his character will be crowned and sceptered by the great author of life, and that he will spend eternity in progression.

J. T.

**Date of death: 24 Jan 1913**

**Subject: Margaret (Beggs) Todd**

**Source: *The Maryville [MO] Daily Forum*, 24 Jan 1913, Friday, p. 1**

Mrs. Margaret Todd, an old resident of Guilford, died this morning at 1:40 o'clock at her home after a long illness.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the South Methodist church in Guilford and will be conducted by Rev. S. E. Hoover, pastor. Interment will take place at the Old Guilford cemetery.

Mrs. Todd was about 84 years of age. She was born in County Antrim, Ireland, and came to the United States with her parents and settled in Indiana. She was married in 1844 to Hugh Todd of Dearborn, Ind. In 1856 they moved to Nodaway county and settled near Guilford where she has resided since. She leaves four children who are, Lewis C. Todd of Guilford, Mrs. H. C. Skidmore and Mrs. E. E. Carver of Guilford and Mrs. Mary Floyd of Bolckow. Mr. Todd died in 1898.

**Date of death: 30 Apr 1922**

**Subject: Mary H. (Beggs) Whiteford**

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**Source: *The Maryville [MO] Daily Forum*, 02 May 1922, Tuesday, p. 1**

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Whiteford, who died Sunday morning at her home in Guilford following an illness of ten days from a paralytic stroke sustained at that time, were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Guilford Methodist Church, South, conducted by the Rev. V. D. Swearengen. Burial was in Graves cemetery by the side of her husband, the late Matthew Whiteford, who died in 1917.

Mrs. Whiteford was 84 years of age and had lived in Guilford for fifty-six years. Surviving her are five daughters, Mrs. T. D. Parr, Hamilton, Mo., Mrs. Fred DeMoss, Maryville, Mrs. Jack McLean, Mrs. Eunice M. Parr and Mrs. Carl Wray, all of Guilford. A brother, William J. Beggs, Guilford and two sisters, Mrs. Jane Todd, Guilford, and Mrs. Eliza Walton, Harveyville, Kan., also survive.

**Date of death: 27 Jun 1890**

**Subject: Nancy (Beggs) Craig**

**Source: *Nodaway [County MO] Democrat*, 03 Jul 1890, Thursday, p. 4**

Mrs. Nancy Craig, wife of Hugh Craig of Guilford, departed this life on the 27th of June, aged about sixty-seven years. She was stricken with partial paralysis nearly a year ago, since which time she had been confined to bed. A portion of the time her sufferings were quite severe, but she bore them with patience and Christian fortitude. She was a devoted member of the M. E. Church South. Her funeral discourse was preached by Rev. H. C. Bolen in the afternoon of June 28. Her devoted husband and sorrowing children have the sympathy of all.

**Same**

**Source: *Nodaway [County MO] Democrat*, 10 Jul 1890, Thursday, p. 5**

Death has invaded one of our happiest homes and caused loving hearts to bleed. On the 27th of June, 1890, at 3:40 p.m., Mrs. Hugh Craig departed this life. She had been confined to her bed for thirteen months with paralysis of the brain. Her sufferings were intense at times, yet she bore them with Christian-like patience and fortitude. Death, to her, was not an unwelcome visitor. It alone could released her sufferings. She was well prepared for it.

The deceased was born in County Antrim, Ireland, the 4th day of September, 1826. She came with her parents to the United States in 1842, settling in Dearbon [sic] county, Indiana. She was married to Hugh Craig February 19, 1849. She was the mother of ten children, three of whom preceded her to the spirit world. Her husband and seven children survive her, also her aged father and three brothers and four sisters. She united with the Old School Presbyterian Church in 1854. She became a member of the M. E. Church, South, in 1880. Came to this State in the fall of 1863, settling in this County, where she resided till her death.

Her funeral sermon was preached by Rev. H. C. Bolen on the 29th ult., after which her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery of the M. E. Church, South, in the presence of a large concourse of weeping relatives and sorrowing friends.

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She was an exemplary woman, being possessed of a warm and generous heart and a kindly disposition. She was a faithful Christian, a fond parent and an affectionate wife. She was much devoted to her husband and children and they were equally as devoted to her. No one ever received stronger proof of the love and affection of her family than she. During her long and painful illness she received every care and attention that love and kindness could bestow. Everything possible was done to alleviate her sufferings and prolong her life.

Why should we grieve that our friend's sufferings are now ended; that she is no longer subject to the pains and miseries peculiar to this mortal constitution. She has just entered upon a higher sphere of usefulness, where all is joy and happiness.

*'Why do we mourn departing friends  
Or shake at death's alarms?  
'Tis but the voice that Jesus sends,  
To call them to his arms.*

*The palace walls I almost see  
Where dwells my Lord and King;  
Oh, grave! Where is thy victory?  
Oh, death! Where is thy sting?'*

Guilford, Mo.  
Mont.

**Date of death: 18 Mar 1905**

**Subject: Thomas H. Beggs**

**Source: *Moberly [MO] Monitor-Index*, 18 Mar 1905, Saturday, p. 4**

At four thirty this morning Thomas Beggs died at the family residence 610 Taylor street, of a complication of diseases. He has been a constant sufferer for almost a year and bore his suffering with Christian fortitude and the end came peacefully. Mr. Beggs was born April 4, 1856 and was 48 years, 11 months and 14 days.

He is survived by his wife and four daughters and one son. He was a Mason and has resided here for the past sixteen years and in that time has made many staunch and true friend [sic] up to his last illness he was a mail clerk in the employ of the government and stood high with the officials.

In his death the family has lost a true and loving father. His friends a true and royal friend and Moberly a good citizen. There will be a short funeral services [sic] at the residence and the remains will be taken to Guilford, Mo., for burial but the time of the funeral has not been decided.

The family has the sympathy of all in their hour of sorrow.

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**Date of death: 9 Mar 1899**

**Subject: James Belcher**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 24 Mar 1899, Friday, p. 5**

James Belcher was born in Buchanan county, December 10, 1835, died March 9, 1899, aged 63 years, 4 months and 1 day [sic], at his home south of Whitesville. He leaves a wife, two sons and one daughter to mourn his loss. The deceased was well known in this community and had many friends who extend to the bereaved family their deepest sympathy.-- [Rea *Times*.

**Date of death: 20 Nov 1914**

**Subject: James R. Belcher**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 27 Nov 1914, Friday, p. 1**

James Belcher was born February 7, 1859, in Buchanan county, Missouri. When five years of age he came with his parents to Andrew county, and has resided near Wyeth since. After a short illness, he died at his home south and east of Wyeth Friday evening, November 20, at 2 o'clock, at the age of fifty-five years. He leaves four children and many other relatives to mourn his death. His wife preceded him in death having passed away January 31, 1911. The children, who were all present at the funeral, are Warren and Gertie, who were living with their father, Mrs. Will Yenni, of Glascoe, Ks., and Mrs. Alex Shewmaker, of Wyeth. The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock of [sic] the M. E. church of Wyeth, conducted by Rev. C. S. Crowder. The remains were placed in the Coffman cemetery beside those of his wife. The relatives of the deceased have the sincere and heartfelt sympathy of the entire community in their time of sorrow.

**Date of death: 27 Aug 1899**

**Subject: John M. Belcher**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 25 Aug 1899, Friday, p. 8**

Tuesday night John Belcher, who resides near Rush, boarded the north bound Maple Leaf passenger train intending to go to his home. As this train does not stop only at night stations the conductor refused to allow him to ride and he was put off the train about three-quarters of a mile north of the Savannah station. After being put off the train Belcher sat down on the end of a tie and was struck by a south bound freight about an hour afterwards from the result of which he sustained several fractures of the skull, from which it is expected death will result. He was brought to Savannah by the crew of the freight train and Dr. D. B. Bryant, the company's physician at this place, was summoned and the injured man was taken to the City Hotel, where he has received the best attention possible. Up to this writing Belcher had no regained consciousness and the doctor gives no hope of his recovery.

Belcher is a young man and had been employed for the past two years by Canby Wright, a farmer near Rush. He is a member of Rea Lodge Modern Woodmen of America and carries insurance in that order for \$2,000, we understand. His mother and father reside near Rush and he has several brothers.



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**Same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 01 Sep 1899, Friday, p. 8**

John Belcher, who was struck by a Maple Leaf freight train about a mile north of Savannah on Tuesday night of last week, died at the City Hotel Sunday morning at nine o'clock from his injuries. Coroner A. M. Peter, of Whitesville, was immediately summoned and arrived here Sunday afternoon. On account of the Coroner not having been qualified and some witnesses not being present the inquest was postponed until Monday afternoon. After deliberating over the case for more than a day it was decided that Belcher came to his death by being struck by the train.

There seemed to be some mystery connected with this case and that is what caused such a deliberation by the Coroner's jury. Several rumors had been started concerning the case. One was that Belcher had been struck by the trainmen on the passenger train with a coupling pin and that it was this wound which caused his death. The trainmen on the passenger train, which it is claimed Belcher boarded and from which it is claimed he was ejected, say that no man was put off the train, and the engineer of the passenger train says no stops were made that night except at the usual night stations. From the nature of Belcher's wounds it seems very reasonable to believe he was struck by the engine.

Belcher never regained consciousness after being struck by the train. His remains were taken to Rush Tuesday afternoon and interred in the Glenwood cemetery. He was a member of Rea lodge M.W.A. and carried \$2,000 insurance in that order, which was in favor of his mother. Belcher was the first person in Missouri to receive the benefit of the new law empowering the Circuit Judge to grant the privilege of parole to convicted prisoners and was released from his parole by Judge Burnes at the July term of court.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 01 Sep 1899, Friday, p. 1**

Coroner A. M. Peters on Monday empanelled [sic] a jury for the purpose of enquiring into the manner by which John Belcher received his injuries from which he died Sunday. Several witnesses were examined but nothing was made definitely clear in regard to the accident.

Belcher came to Savannah on the 22nd to attend the Farmers' Reunion, and, with several of his friends, became intoxicated. That night he went to the Maple Leaf depot and asked for a ticket to Rush. The agent refused to sell him one, telling him the train would not stop there.

The supposition is that Belcher got on the blind, as Conductor Peck testified that he did not see him, and that when about a mile out of town he became dizzy from the sway of the train and fell off. When the freight struck him he was sitting on the end of a tie.

The following is the jury's verdict.

'We the undersigned jurors, empanelled [sic] and sworn on the 28th day of August, 1899, at the township of Nodaway in the county of Andrew and state of Missouri, by A. M. Peter, coroner, do

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diligently enquire and true presentment make, how and by whom John Belcher, whose body was found near the track of the Chicago Great Western Ry, on the 22nd of August 1899, about three fourths of a mile north of Savannah, having viewed the body and heard the evidence do find that the deceased came to his death on August 27th, 1899, by being struck by the engine of extra freight train No. 87, which left Savannah at 11:05 p.m., August 22nd; also that he got on passenger train No. 6, leaving Savannah at 10:05 p.m., August 22. Further that we do not know how or when he got off said passenger train.

C. L. Buis, G. M. McDaniel, E. S. Follett, J. P. Burns, J. Breckinridge, J. W. Tansell, Jurors.

**Same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 24 Nov 1899, Friday, p5 1**

Rea. [From the *Times*.] Mrs. Willis Belcher has caused the erection of a fine monument to the memory of her son John, who is buried in the Coffman cemetery.

**same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 24 Aug 1899, p. 3**

John Belcher, well known in this city, was the first man paroled under the law passed by the legislature a few years ago, and during all of the time he was under the control of the court he abstained from the use of intoxicating liquors, which had caused his downfall. After being released, however, he proceeded to celebrate his deliverance, and encountered a Chicago Great Western train. As a result his life is despaired of.

Belcher's home, before he became tangled up with the officers of the law was on a farm near Rea. Several years ago he forged the name of an uncle to a note for \$100 on the Rosendale bank. He received the money, came to the city and spent it. Subsequently he was arrested and convicted of the crime. He was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

Belcher did not deny that he forged the note, but claimed that he did it while under the influence of liquor and was, therefore not responsible for his acts. The law, of course, accepts no excuses of this kind, and he was sent to the state prison as stated.

After the man had served a portion of his sentence the parole law, which has been serious condemned by some jurists and highly commended by others, was passed. T. H. Ensor, who was attorney for Belcher, succeeded in interesting Judge Herndon, the trial judge, in the case and the first parole granted under the new law, was in favor of Belcher, it is claimed.

Knowing the propensity of the man for strong drink the court required, as one of the conditions of the parole, that he abstain from the use of beverages of the kind that exhilarate and befuddle, during the time he would have been held in the state prison, if the parole had not been granted.

Belcher promised that he would comply with the terms laid down, and would, perhaps have promised even greater things to regain his liberty. More than this he kept his word. At each

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recurring term of court he appeared, as the law provides, and answered to the judge that he had not broken his covenant with the court. So far as his friends and those who saw him appear before the bar of justice could determine he enjoyed his protracted season of sobriety and it was predicted that he would forever eschew the drink demon and become one of its strongest enemies.

At the term of court held in Savannah in July of the present year, Belcher was discharged, the time for which he had been paroled having expired. The court, of course, gave him a nice little talk and complimented him upon his steadfastness of purpose and his almost unparalleled stamina.

But Belcher had not entirely renounced his allegiance with John Barleycorn. The old taste for booze had not been entirely eradicated by his enforced abstinence and when the ties which prevented him from imbibing were removed he fractured [?] his burning passions [as] he had not done for years.

The man went to the picnic at Savannah last Saturday and loaded up as in the days of yore. His condition passed quickly from that of plain drunk to beastly drunk and then he started home. He started up the Maple Leaf track and got on very well for a mile and a half. Then his white man's burden became too heavy and he sat down. He slept well, for he was still there about 2 o'clock the next mornig [sic] when a train came thundering along and knocked him almost off the right-of-way.

When picked up the man had a pint bottle of alcohol in his pocket. He was cared for by the train men and medical assistance was called at once, but it is stated that he cannot recover for he is injured internally.

**same**

**Source: *The Atchison [KS] Champion*, 31 Aug 1899, Thursday, p. 7**

St. Joseph, Mo., Aug. 24.-- John Belcher, who is said to be the first man given his release under the parole law, was fatally injured by a Great Western train near Savannah after a drunken orgie [sic] celebrating his release. During the time he was on parole he had been strictly sober. Belcher was sentenced from Andrew county.

**Date of death: 7 Aug 1923**

**Subject: Melvina (Belcher) Belcher**

**Source: *The Maryville [MO] Daily Forum*, 08 Aug 1923, Wednesday, p. 1**

The death of Mrs. Melvina Belcher, 74 years of age, and a resident of Maryville and vicinity for thirty-five years, occurred last night at 8:30 o'clock at the home of her son, E. R. Belcher on East First street, following a long illness of dropsy and heart trouble. Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home, conducted by Dr. C. C. James, pastor of the First Methodist church. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery, east of Maryville, and the pallbearers will be the six sons of Mrs. Belcher.

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Mrs. Belcher had made her home with her son, E. R. Belcher, since the death of her husband about nine years ago. Besides E. R. Belcher she is survived by five other sons, and one daughter. They are James Belcher, Barnard; Edward, John, Luther, Rastus, and Virgil, all of Maryville, and Mrs. Cam Workman, Adrian, Mo., who is ill and unable to attend the funeral services.

**Date of death: 19 Feb 1921**

**Subject: Dora Belding**

**Source: *The Maryville [MO] Daily Forum*, 19 Feb 1921, Saturday, p. 1**

Dora Belding, the fifteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Belding living near Pickering passed away last night following a few days illness of scarlet fever. The body was brought to Maryville this afternoon and burial will be in the Miriam cemetery. Short funeral services will be held at the cemetery with Dr. O. L. Curl in charge.. This is the second death to occur in the Belding family in the past week, a boy thirteen years of age passed away several days ago.

**Date of death: 12 Feb 1921**

**Subject: Harold Edward Belding**

**Source: *The Maryville [MO] Daily Forum*, 12 Feb 1921, Saturday, p. 1**

Harold Edward Belding, the thirteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Belding, living northeast of Pickering, passed away at his home this morning at 3 o'clock, following an illness of only two days of scarlet fever. The body was brought to Maryville this afternoon and burial was in the Miriam cemetery. Besides his parents he is survived by two brothers and five sisters.

**Date of death: 26 Mar 1922**

**Subject: Charles W. Bell**

**Source: *The DeKalb County [MO] Record-Herald*, 30 Mar 1922, Thursday, p. 2**

Charles W. Bell, 64 years old, died of pneumonia Sunday night at 1913 St. Joseph avenue, St. Joseph. He was for many years a motorman on the street railway. He was a brother of Samuel D. Bell of the Helena country.

**Date of death: 2 Nov 1907**

**Subject: George Lee Bell**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 08 Nov 1907, Friday, p. 1**

While riding in his woods pasture about noon Saturday W. H. Stevenson, whose farm is three miles south of Savannah, heard some one calling, and went in the direction of the sound and found lying on the ground a very sick man whom Mr. Stevenson put on the horse beside him and took to his hay barn, where the man died in a few minutes, without giving the name of any of his relatives. The man had been chopping wood for several weeks in that vicinity, and was when found on his way to chop wood. His name was George Lew [sic] Bell, and he was about 62 years old. He had ten cents in his pocket and was carrying a small package containing his clothes.

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The people in the community asked that he be buried in the Cumberland Ridge cemetery--volunteering to pay for part of the funeral expenses, donate the ground and the digging of the grave. None of his relatives could be found. It was supposed his wife lived in Amazonia, but no one could get even a trace of her. Neither could they find a sister in Iowa that he talked of.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 08 Nov 1907, Friday, p. 1**

Late last Thursday afternoon, George Lee Bell, a farm laborer died rather suddenly in a barn on W. H. Stevensons' [sic] farm southeast of town.

A short time before his death Mr. Stevenson, who was out in his pasture heard some one hallowing but thought it was some one on an adjoining farm and paid no attention to it. However as soon as he finished his work which took but a few minutes he went to where he thought the noise came from and he found Bell who told him he had been 'attacked['] and said that he had been poisoned. Mr. Stevenson soon found that the man was suffering intensely and he tried to get him on his horse but could not do so. He then led him to an old barn in the pasture and made him as comfortable as possible. He went to his house and telephoned to the county clerk's office informing the clerk that the man was there and needed help. He was told to go to the man and inquire who he was and how long he had been a resident of the county. When Mr. Stevenson got back to the barn Bell was dead.

The body was viewed by the coroner who pronounced his death as a result of heart disease, and it was then brought to the Terhune undertaking establishment and prepared for burial, which was at Cumberland Ridge Monday.

Bell had been working for James Roberts south of Stevenson's and was going to east of the Rochester bridge where he had work cutting brush. He was going across farms, and had just got into Mr. Stevenson's pasture when the attack came on him.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 08 Nov 1907, Friday, p. 8**

Deakin. George Bell was found nearly dead last Friday afternoon by Mr. Will Stevenson, dying a few hours afterwards. It is thought heat [sic] failure was the cause of his death. He was buried at the Cumberland Ridge cemetery last Monday.

**Date of death: 5/6 Aug 1907**

**Subject: infant son of Frank Bell**

**Source: *Nodaway [County MO] Democrat*, 08 Aug 1907, Thursday, p. 8**

The five months old child of Frank Bell of northwest of Maryville, who died Tuesday was buried at Miriam cemetery Wednesday afternoon.

**Same**

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**Source: *The Maryville [MO] Daily Forum*, 08 Aug 1907, Thursday, p. 1**

Rev. L. C. Powell of Ridgeway, who came to Maryville to preach the funeral of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bell's 5-months-old baby son, left Thursday. The child had been ill two weeks and died of spinal meningitis. Funeral services were held at Bell Grove and the body buried in Miriam cemetery, north of Maryville. Mr. and Mrs. Bell have two other children. Rev. Poewll performed the ceremony when Mr. and Mrs. Bell were married.

**Date of death: Nov 1880**

**Subject: John Bell**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 5 Nov 1880, Friday, p. 8**

John Bell, colored, died, this week, and was buried on Thursday.

**Date of death: 25 Jun 1904**

**Subject: Joseph Evans Bell**

**Source: [Redding CA] *Record Searchlight*, 27 Jun 1904, Monday, p. 1**

Joseph Evans Bell, brother of the late Aaron Bell of this city, died Sunday morning at 9 o'clock at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary Bell, in Shasta.

Mr. Bell had long been a sufferer and the chief cause for complaint was a bullet that was shot into his shoulder during the war.

For several weeks past Mr. Bell had been confined to his bed, attended by his sister-in-law and Miss Margaret Bell, who did all in their power to make things comfortable for him.

Joseph Evans Bell was a native of Pennsylvania, aged 62 years, 4 months and 21 days. He came to Shasta county twenty years ago with his brother, Edmond. They came from Colorado. Edmond was drowned in the north fork of Cottonwood creek, near Sunny Hill, in 1889.

Joseph Bell was an assayer and mineralogist and up until a month or so ago owned an assay office in Shasta. The office is now conducted by H. O. Cummins.

The funeral took place at Shasta Monday morning at 10 o'clock, under the auspices of Western Star Lodge No. 2, Free and Accepted Masons. Judge Edward Sweeny of this city officiated.

The funeral was largely attended, there being several from Redding present. The pallbearers were Judge C. C. Bush, Byron Nordyck, John Kesler, Robert Warfield, Norris Rose and Wade Hampton.

**Date of death: 5 Nov 1916**

**Subject: Katie (Bell) Fleener**

**Source: [Maryville MO] *Weekly Democrat-Forum*, 09 Nov 1916, Thursday, p. 4**

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(From Monday's Daily.) Mrs. Katie Fleener (colored) died at her home yesterday evening of a complication of diseases. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the Maryville Furniture company's funeral parlor. Burial will be in the Oak Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Fleener was 60 years old. She is survived by her husband, 'Uncle Jack' Fleener.

**Date of death: 2 May 1904**

**Subject: Lydia (Bell) Baker**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 6 May 1904, Friday, p. 1**

Mrs. Lydia Bell Baker, wife of Abram Baker, of this city, died at her home May 2, at 8 a.m. with apoplexy, aged 75 years. The remains were interred in the city cemetery after a funeral sermon by Rev. Ponder.

**Date of death: 13 Jun 1916**

**Subject: Mary M. (Bell) Plumlee**

**Source: *Concordia [KS] Daily Kansan*, 14 Jun 1916, Wednesday, p. 1**

The remains of the late Mrs. S. M. [sic] Plumlee, whose home is north of the city, will arrive this evening on the Missouri Pacific, from Savannah [sic], Mo.

**Same**

**Source: *The [Jamestown KS] Kansan*, 15 Jun 1916, Thursday, p. 4**

Mrs. H. M. Plumlee, who, was born February 14, 1853, died at Savannah, Mo. June 13, 1916. Her maiden name was Mary M. Bell. She was born at Warsaw, Mo. Her parents died while she was very young and thereafter she made her home with an uncle. She was married at Glasco, Kentucky, Aug. 4, 1877, to H. M. Plumlee. They came to Kansas in 1886 and lived in Sibley township ever since. Three children were born to her only one, Mrs. J. W. Huscher, of Granfield, Okla., surviving her. The funeral will be held at the Methodist church Friday, June 16 at 10 o'clock in the morning. Mrs. Plumlee was highly esteemed by the many friends she made in her thirty years residence in Sibley township.

**Date of death: 17 Aug 1908**

**Subject: Mary Elizabeth (Bell) Anderson**

**Source: *Burlington Junction [MO] Post*, 22 Aug 1908, Saturday, p. 1**

The funeral of Mrs. D. H. Anderson of Wray, Col., occurred at this place Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. The services were held at the M. E. church, Rev. C. H. John of Maryville, assisted by Rev. Lane Douglass, conducting the same. Following the services at the church the burial took place at the Ohio cemetery just south of town.

Mary Elizabeth Bell was born in Indiana May 9, 1846. She moved with her parents to Lewis county, Missouri, in the year 1865 and was married to Daniel H. Anderson July 3, 1866, at the

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home of her parents in Lewis county. To this union were born eleven children, eight sons and three daughters, all living but the eldest daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson moved from Lewis county to Nodaway county in 1872, locating just east of the present site of Burlington Junction, where they resided several years, moving later to the town of Clearmont and in 1905 to Wray, Colo., her home at the time of her death, which occurred August 17, 1908, aged 62 years, 3 months and 8 days.

Mrs. Anderson was converted in early life and united with the Methodist Episcopal church. She was a devoted Christian and gave liberally of her time and energy to the Master's work. Of her it can truthfully be said she was a true wife, devoted other and a woman whose life was a benediction to all around her.

Beside her husband she leaves the following children: Thomas Anderson, Chas. G. and Jesse Anderson of Clearmont, Frank, Lynn [sic], Earl and Henry of Wray, Colo., Claud of Santa Barbara, Cal., Mrs. L. L. Maier of Maryville and Flora Anderson of Wray, Colo. All the children were present at the funeral except Claud, who was unable to reach this place in time for the burial.

**Date of death: 2 Nov 1922**

**Subject: Orville Thomas Bell**

**Source: *Maryville [MO] Daily Forum*, 03 Nov 1922, Friday, p. 1**

Orville Bell, twenty-two years of age, was asphyxiated last night by fumes from a gasoline engine in the engine room on the farm of Robert Gex Sr., near Graham.

Mr. Bell who was employed at the Gex farm had gone to the engine room after supper last night as was his custom, to start the engine which pumps the water for the house, and it is thought that he may have fallen asleep while waiting to shut off the engine. He had not come into the house when Mr. and Mrs. Gex retired for the night and they supposed that he had gone to the home of a neighbor to spend the evening, and thought no more about it.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gex Jr., who live just across the road from the senior Mr. Gex had had company until shortly after 10 o'clock and at that time Mr. Gex noticed that the engine was still running and went to the room to investigate the matter. The room was lighted and when he opened the door he discovered the dead body of Mr. Bell lying close to the engine and the fumes from the engine were still very strong in the room. It is thought that Mr. Bell had been dead at least an hour before the accident was discovered.

The body was taken from the Gex home at noon today to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bell at Graham. No funeral arrangements have been made.

The young man is survived by his parents, two sisters who live in Pattonsburg, two brothers, Charles and Vern and a sister, Cleora, all at home.

**Date of death: 10 Nov 1916**



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**Subject: Robert Frederick Bell**

**Source: [Maryville MO] *Weekly Democrat-Forum*, 16 Nov 1916, Thursday, p. 3**

Robert Frederick, the 2-weeks-old son of Dr. and Mrs. Charles T. Bell, died at 2 o'clock this morning, following an illness of several days. A private funeral was held this afternoon at the family home, with funeral services conducted by the Rev. C. Emerson Miller. Burial took place in Oak Hill cemetery.

**Date of death: 18 Jun 1900**

**Subject: William D. Bell**

**Source: *The Maryville [MO] Daily Forum*, 18 Jun 1900, Monday, p. 3**

William Bell, aged 90, one of the oldest citizens of Nodaway county both in age and length of residence, died Monday morning at 8 o'clock at his home southwest of Maryville.

Up to a few years ago Mr. Bell and his wife were remarkably vigorous. But a year ago she died, and since that time he has been failing. He retained his powers of mind until the last, however. To within twenty-four hours of his death he was able to speak, and up to within a very short time before the end came he was able to understand all that was said to him.

Mr. Bell was a native of Kentucky and was born November 22, 1810. When a small boy he left the state of his birth, with his parents, and went to Jackson county, Indiana. In 1851 he came farther west, to Kendall county, Illinois, and, after remaining here a short time, to Knox county, Illinois. In December, 1867, he moved to Nodaway county, and bought a farm southwest of Maryville. Upon this place he continued to live until his death.

As has already been stated, Mrs. Bell died about a year ago. Five of their children are still living. Mrs. Sarah Fry of Abingdon, Illinois; Mrs. Minerva Vangilder of Seward, Nebraska; Mrs. Mollie Stevens of Abingdon, Illinois, John T. Bell of Marysville, California, and W. H. Bell, who lives southwest of Maryville. Excepting John T. Bell, all his children were at his bedside when he passed away.

The funeral services will be conducted at the old homestead Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. O. W. Lawrence, pastor of the Christian church of Maryville. The remains will be interred beside those of Mrs. Bell in the cemetery in the vicinity which is maintained by the surrounding neighborhood.

**Date of death: 28 Jun 1889**

**Subject: Charity (Bellinger or Bellmire) Harleman**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 12 Jul 1889, Friday, p. 8**

Charity, the wife of Reuben Harlaman [sic], died in Empire township on the 28th of June, aged 69 years, 5 months and 3 days.

**Date of death: 11 Jan 1905**

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**Subject: Fannie Glazier (Bellis) Cook**

**Source: *The DeKalb County [MO] Record-Herald*, 09 Feb 1905, Thursday, p. 8**

Fannie Glazier Bellis was born August 20, 1864, died January 11, 1905, aged 40 years, 4 months and 21 days. She was the youngest daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Bellis, both of whom preceded her to their blissful home in Heaven. At the age of 14 she united with the Missionary Baptist church and since has lived a useful and consistent Christian life and was held in high esteem by all who knew her. On December 27, 1898, she was married to A. B. Cook; to them were born three children, a son and two daughters, who are too young to fully realize the depth of that mother's love and the loss they have sustained, and sad indeed it is to hear little Conna Mary weep as though her heart would break, all the time crying for them to bring her mamma back. May they soon become reconciled for their loss is Heaven's eternal gain, for when nearing the end she declared her willingness to go but that it seemed hard to leave her babies. She had a strong and abiding faith in her personal Savior and when life was almost gone she said that she knew in whom she had trusted through life and was trusting Him in death. Funeral services were held at the Baptist church in Clarksdale conducted by Rev. Newman, after which the remains were laid to rest in the Bethel cemetery.

**Date of death: 29 Dec 1900**

**Subject: Mary Catherine (Bellis) Wyatt**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 04 Jan 1901, Friday, p. 8**

Mary K. [sic] Wyatt, wife of Samuel Wyatt, died Dec. 29. Interred in Savannah cemetery December 31, aged 58 years. Obituary next week.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 04 Jan 1901, Friday, p. 4**

Mary Bellis Wyatt, wife of S. B. Wyatt, was born at Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 26, 1842, and died at her home, east of Savannah, Dec. 29, 1900, and was buried at the Savannah cemetery, after a funeral service at the home by Rev. Cravens.

She was converted when young and joined the Baptist church and died in the triumphs of the Lord. The latter part of her sickness she was the subject of much bodily affliction but bore it with great patience, such that is seldom seen, and her confidence in the Lord never failed. She was unselfish and thoughtful of others in a high degree. In a calm and composed manner she sent farewell messages to absent relatives and friends.

All that loving hands could do was done for her comfort and recovery. Only those who have walked through this dark valley can realize the blackness of darkness that enshrouds it. It is so hard a trial to give up our loved ones. 'The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away; blessed be His holy name.'

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The stern duties of life and the constantly recurring thought that the loved one is safe and happy in the keeping of Him who doeth all things well, will gradually and finally work out a feeling of calm resignation.

May her family whom she loved so ardently and for whom she prayed so much and so long, follow the Godly counsels and example and be prepared to meet her where there shall be 'no more death.'

A Friend.

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**Date of death: 20 Dec 1922**

**Subject: Elizabeth A. (Bellmire) Brown**

**Source: [King City MO] *Tri-County News*, 29 Dec 1922, Friday, p. 1**

Elizabeth A. Brown was born in Ogle County, Ill., Nov. 22, 1851. Died at her home near King City Dec. 20, 1922; Age 71 years and 28 days. She was married to Marcus M. Brown Jan. 6, 1867. To this union no children were born. She took her nephew, Marcus Tomlinson, to raise at the age of 3 years, and was a mother to him until called to the Great Beyond. She was a great sufferer for many years being almost blind for the last four years, yet never complained. She is survived by one sister and one brother, Mrs. Herry Barnes of Seattle, Wash., and William Billiner [sic] of Crawford, Colo., besides a host of other relatives and friends.

**Date of death: 27 Jan 1921**

**Subject: James Belton**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 04 Feb 1921, Friday, p. 1**

James Belton, of Rochester township, died at the home of Mr. Miller in Rochester early Thursday morning of last week. His death was caused by heart trouble and he lived only about an hour after becoming ill. Funeral services were conducted in Rochester last Friday under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias, of which he had long been a member, and interment was at Rochester cemetery. Mr. Belton was about sixty-five years of age.

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**Date of death: 12 Jan 1923**

**Subject: Barclay J. Benbow**

**Source: *The Maryville [MO] Daily Forum*, 13 Jan 1923, Saturday, p. 1**

B. J. Benbow, a resident of Nodaway County for more than forty years, and a Civil War veteran, died last night at the Soldiers' Home at Leavenworth. The body will arrive here tonight on the Burlington [sic], and funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 at the First Baptist church, conducted by the Rev. Joseph A. Cooper. Burial will be in Oak Hill cemetery, and the services at the grave will be in charge of the G. A. R.

Mr. Benbow was seventy-nine years of age. He lived in Maryville for more than forty years, and for twenty-four years made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Dave Housel. He was taken to the Soldiers' home at Leavenworth last fall.

He is survived by a son, Frank Benbow of Omaha who will arrive here tonight for the funeral, and a sister who lives in Washington.

**Date of death: 30 Dec 1891**

**Subject: Clyde Benbow**

**Source: *Nodaway [County MO] Democrat*, 31 Dec 1891, Thursday, p. 5**

Clyde Benbow, aged about fifteen years, son of Bart. Benbow, died quite suddenly Wednesday morning. He had been up town the day previous. His funeral services were conducted this morning at 11 o'clock.

**Same**

**Source: [Maryville MO] *Weekly Democrat-Forum*, 31 Dec 1891, Thursday, p. 4**

Clyde Benbow, aged about 15 years died at the residence of his father B. J. Benbow in Maryville, Wednesday morning, December 30, 1891, of Addison's disease. He was up town the day before his death. The funeral was held today at 11 o'clock.

**Date of death: 10 May 1894**

**Subject: Mrs. Mary Benbow**

**Source: *Maryville [MO] Daily Democrat*, 09 May 1894, Wednesday, p. 1**

Died, at the home of her son this morning at ten o'clock, Mrs. Mary Benbow, aged seventy-seven years. Mrs. Benbow had been a confirmed invalid for more than two years. The funeral services will be conducted from the residence of her son, B. J. Benbow, corner McMillan and Thompson streets, near the Ward school house, at two o'clock Thursday afternoon by Rev. J. M. P. Martin. Burial in Oak Hill cemetery. Mrs. Benbow was a devoted member of the Baptist church.

**Date of death: 27 Dec 1898**

**Subject: Robert M. Benbow**

**Source: *Nodaway [County MO] Democrat*, 29 Dec 1898, Thursday, p. 8**

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Robert M. Benbow died at the Soldier's [sic] Home, at Leavenworth, Tuesday. He was aged 82 years. He was born in Preble county, Ohio. Entered the U. S. army, as a private of Company A, 8th Iowa Cavalry. He saw much service and was discharged August 6, 1864, for disability. Joined Sedgwick Post, Maryville, November 18, 1889. He was the father of Barclay J. Benbow, who survives him and resides in Maryville. Another son, John P. Benbow, died December 31, 1890. Father and sons were members of the same company and regiment, the sons serving till close of war.

Funeral services were held at home of David Housel, at 10 a.m., this Thursday, conducted by Rev. J. M. P. Martin. The burial services were conducted by the Post.

Mr. Benbow had been quite feeble the past year or two. He was much beloved by those who knew him best.

**Date of death: 28 Dec 1891**

**Subject: John Phillip Benedict**

**Source: *Maryville [MO] Daily Democrat*, 29 Dec 1891, Tuesday, p. 4**

We learn of the death of John P. Benedict, one of the old and honored citizens of Independence township, which occurred at noon on the 28th, from consumption. He was born August 6, 1831, in Canada, and has resided in Nodaway county since 1875 or 1876.

**Date of death: 15 Dec 1916**

**Subject: Benjamin Waite Benight**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 22 Dec 1916, Friday, p. 1**

The body of Weight [sic] Benight, who died suddenly at his home South of St. Joseph Friday afternoon, was brought to Savannah Sunday and the funeral held at the Baptist church, after which it was taken to the Daily cemetery for interment.

Mr. Benight was 83 years old and lived for many years east of Savannah, marrying Miss Melissa Daily who with five children, a daughter and four sons, survive [sic] him. Mrs. Benight is a sister of Judge W. L. Daily of Burrton, Kan., and of the late C. M. Daily and Abel F. Daily.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 22 Dec 1916, Friday, p. 1**

Wait [sic] Benight, one of the old pioneers of Andrew county, has passed away. The end came last Friday at his home south of St. Joseph, where he had resided several years with relatives. He was an old settler in Andrew county, residing in Cherry Grove district and lived there until a few years ago. He was about 80 years of age. Mr. Benight's wife was a sister of Charlie Daily. The body was taken to the Daily cemetery Sunday and laid to rest, the last rites being conducted by the Masonic lodge of Savannah.

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**same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 16 Dec 1916, Saturday, p. 5**

The funeral of Benjamin Wait [sic] Benight, 83 years old, who died at 9 oclock yesterday morning at his home near Lake station of heart disease, will be conducted at 9 oclock tomorrow morning from the residence. Rev. Earl A. Riney, pastor of the King Hill Baptist church of which the dead man was a member, will officiate. Burial will be at Holt cemetery, in Andrew county, five miles northeast of Savannah. The dead man is survived by his wife, four sons, Samuel D., Calvin W. and Oscar L. Benight of St. Joseph, Charles M. Benight of Pueblo, Colo., and one daughter, Mrs. Maud Akers of the Lake Station neighborhood.

**same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, Friday, 15 Dec 1916, p. 6**

Benjamin Wait Benight, eighty-three years old, pioneer Buchanan County resident, died suddenly of heart disease at his home at Lake Station this forenoon. Funeral services will be conducted at the residence at 9 o'clock Sunday morning, the Rev. Earl A. Riney, pastor of the King Hill Baptist Church, of which the dead man was a devout member, officiating. Burial will be in the Holt Cemetery, five miles northeast of Savannah, Mo. He is survived by his wife, four sons, Samuel D., Calvin W., and Oscar L. Benight of St. Joseph, Charles M., of Pueblo, Colo., and one daughter, Mrs. Maud Akers of Lake Station neighborhood. a native of Virginia, Mr. Benight removed to this county in 1849. In 1860 he was married to Miss Melissa Daily, daughter of Capt. S. G. Daily, near Savannah. He united with the Baptist church at the age of sixteen years.

**Date of death: 18 Dec 1910**

**Subject: John A. Benight**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 16 Dec 1910, Friday, p. 1**

John Benight, of Buchanan county, was accidentally shot while hunting on the farm of his uncle, C. M. Daily. In company with Geo. Burnes, a friend of St. Joseph, and his cousin, Henry Daily, he was hunting rabbits. Mr. Burnes, had sat down on a stump, to rest, and seeing a rabbit started to get up, when his foot slipped and his gun discharged. Mr. Benight was nearby, and recieved [sic] the entire load in his right hip.

Dr. Myers was called, but he found the wound so bad that he advised him moved to a St. Joseph hospital.

**same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 23 Dec 1910, Friday, p. 5**

John A. Benight, son of Benjamin W. and Melissa J. Benight, was born in Andrew county, January 19, 1868, died at St. Joseph, December 18, 1910, aged 42 years and 11 months. He leaves a father and mother, four brothers, one sister and a great host of friends to mourn. John was visiting with his uncle Judge C. M. Daily east of Savannah and on Thursday, December 15,

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in company with a neighbor boy, George Burns, and his cousin, Henry Daily, went out hunting. About 10 o'clock purely by accident and unavoidable, from a gun in the hands of his neighbor, Burns, he received at close range a full charge of shot in his right hip. He was hurried to the Ensworth Hospital, where all that could be done for him could be done [sic]. He was fully conscious all the time, and all the family saw him. He died at 10 o'clock Sunday morning. John was never married, choosing rather to remain at home and care for his father and mother who are well along in years. Their loss can not be estimated. John was a member of the Baptist church, having given his heart to the Lord in his youth. He said, 'I am ready and waiting to die; but, Oh! what will become of father and mother?' His sole thought was for the folks at home. The whole country was stirred [?] by the news of the accident, for John was known in a wide circle and loved by all from the children to the aged. The funeral was conducted at the home of his brother Rev. C. M. Benight, 2408 South 18th street, St. Joseph, Mo., by Rev. T. W. Kelly, December 20, and the body was laid to rest in the Daily cemetery. Rev. J. B. Kearby assisted.

**same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 19 Dec 1910, p. 8**

John A. Benight, forty-three years old, who was accidentally shot by George Burnes, his neighbor, while hunting with him near Savannah, last Thursday afternoon, died at 10 o'clock yesterday forenoon at Ensworth Hospital. The body was taken to the home of his brother, Calvin Benight, 2408 South Eighteenth street, where the funeral will be conducted tomorrow. Interment will be near Savannah.

In addition to Calvin, three other brothers, Samuel, Charles and Oscar, and the dead man's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Benight, survive. The dead man lived with his parents, two miles south of Hyde Park, and he was a nephew of Judge C. M. Daily, who lives near Savannah, at whose home he was visiting when the accident occurred.

**Date of death: Jun 1907**

**Subject: Samuel D. Benight**

**Source: *The Andrew County [MO] Republican*, 14 Jun 1907, Friday, p. 1**

Samuel, the nine-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel D. Benight who reside in St. Joseph was interred in the cemetery on the C. M. Daily farm Wednesday.

**Date of death: 6 Apr 1884**

**Subject: Valdimir Earle Benight**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 11 Apr 1884, Friday, p. 3**

Died.-- In Rochester township, Andrew county, Mo., Sunday, April 6, 1884, of pneumonia, Valdimir Earle, youngest son of B. W. and M. J. Benight, aged 8 months. Universally bright and lovely, this darling babe had become a household pet, and to-day our hearts are saddened and our home made desolate by the ruthless hand of the destroyer. Yet, with bowed heads we would say 'Thy will be done.' We know that our darling is resting safely at home, for 'Of such is the kingdom of Heaven.'

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*Farewell, darling; may thy slumber  
Soft and deep and painless be,  
Though we grieve our broken number,  
Shall we dare to grieve for thee?*

*We shall meet thee in the morning  
Of the life we wait to share;  
No decline shall dim its dawning,  
No farewell be whispered there?*

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**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 18 Apr 1884, Friday, p. 3**

Cherry Grove. We are grieved to announce the death of little Earl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Benight. Earl was the pet of the household, the joy and pride of his father and mother. The deep sympathy of all who possess the tender spark of humanity goes out to the bereaved family. The funeral took place at 1 o'clock p.m. in the Holt cemetery, Sunday, April 6.

**same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 25 Apr 1884, Friday, p. 1**

Cherry Grove. April 22. There is some sickness in the neighborhood. Miss Edna Wright, daughter of J. F. Wright, is very low with pneumonia. Also, the family of Mr. B. W. Benight, who are convalescent. The youngest, we are pained to learn, died. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community.

**Date of death: 8 May 1917**

**Subject: James Buchanan Benn**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 10 May 1917, Thursday, p. 2**

An inquest will be conducted beginning at 3 o'clock this afternoon into the death of James B. Benn, 58 years old, who died suddenly Tuesday night at his home, a half mile south of Woodbine school, east of the city. It will be conducted by Dr. J. L. Cox, acting coroner, at Sidenfaden's undertaking rooms.

Benn's death following a hemorrhage, which showed symptoms of poisoning. Benn had been in St. Joseph Tuesday afternoon and was apparently well when he returned home before dinner time, according to his sons, R. L. and E. M. Benn. After the evening meal he became ill, being attacked with vomiting spells, and a doctor was called, but before he arrived the man was dead. The sons told Dr. Cox that after their father was stricken, he told them a man had given him a bottle of medicine and that he had taken some of it.



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The death man conducted a small dairy. His widow and two daughters, Myrtle and Gladys, and the sons survive. The mother and daughters are visiting in Colorado now, and were summoned.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 11 May 1917, Friday, p. 5**

A coroner's jury yesterday afternoon decided that James B. Benn, who died suddenly Tuesday night at his home near Woodbine School, came to death from natural causes. At first members of the dead man's family feared he might have been poisoned.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 12 May 1917, Saturday, p. 10**

James B. Benn, aged 58 years, died May 8, a 10:15 p.m. Survived by his widow, two sons and two daughters, R. L., E. M., Myrtle and Gladys Benn. Funeral services will be conducted by Rev. A. D. Cooper at the Woodbine Church, east of the city, on the Asylum road, Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Interment at Mt. Auburn Cemetery. Friends invited. (Auto funeral.)

**Date of death: 24 Jun 1909**

**Subject: Anna C. (Benner) Wilhelm**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 02 Jul 1909, Friday, p. 4**

Upper and Lower Neely Grove. Grandma Wilhelm died at the home of J. Munkres on Thursday, June 24, and was buried Friday at Lower Neely Grove.

**Same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 02 Jul 1909, Friday, p. 8 and *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 02 Jul 1909, Friday, p. 4**

Rosendale. Rev. McGlothlan of Savannah preached the funeral sermon of Grandma Wilhelm last week.<sup>12</sup>

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Mrs. Anna (Benner) Wilhelm, one of the oldest residents of Andrew county, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. F. Munkres, two miles north of Rosendale, last Thursday, June 24, at the advanced age of 84 years. The funeral was held at the home on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and the interment was in the Lower Neely Grove cemetery.

'Grandma' Wilhelm, as she was familiarly called, was born in the little village of Herch La Hime, in the province of Hesse Darmstradt, Germany, April 1, 1825. At the age of 9 she came with her mother to New York, and from thence to St. Charles county, Missouri, to make their home with their uncle. Here she grew to womanhood and here she met and afterward married Ferdinand Wilhelm. To this union five children were born, three of whom, J. L. Wilhelm, Mrs. Jacob Shunk

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<sup>12</sup> This sentence not included in the *Democrat*.

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and Mrs. J. F. Munkres survive her; the other two, Mrs. J. B. Guinn and Mrs. Owen Deardorff, with their father, having passed to the other world.

In 1854 the family moved from St. Charles to a farm in Andrew county, just west of Bolckow, and then the following year to what became known as the Wilhelm farm, where she continued to reside until fourteen years ago, when she came to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. J. F. Munkres. She was baptized in infancy in the German Lutheran church, and in 1864 united with the M. E. church edifice in Rosendale later on.

About two months previous to her death she met with an accident in which her hip was broken, from which time on she suffered greatly. To the large number of friends who knew and loved her it is a comfort to know that in the blessed land to which she has gone there is an absence of all sickness, pain and death. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. A. W. McGlothlan of Savannah, and was largely attended.

**Date of death: 21 Jul 1913**

**Subject: Josiah Benner**

**Source: *The Lathrop [MO] Optimist*, 31 Jul 1913, Thursday, p. 1**

Joseph [sic] Benner was born in Cox County, Tenn., October 15, 1846 and died in Savannah, Mo. July 21, 1913, age 67 years, 9 months and 6 days.

Mr. Benner was reared in the Lutheran church and was baptized January 18, 1847. In 1868 he was united in marriage to Sarah Smith and came to Missouri in 1869 and settled on a farm in Barton County. To this union were born two sons, John Benner of Dearborn, Mo. and Part Benner of near Converse, Mo. In 1880 he was united again in marriage to Mollie Thopson [sic] in Platte County Mo., she having preceded him in death five years ago. Since her death he has made his home with his son, Part, near Converse, Mo.

He was a sufferer of that dread disease cancer, and about two weeks ago he was taken to the Sanitarium at Savannah, Mo. with hopes of saving his life but his body was in such a weakened condition he could not stand the treatment and his life went out in a slumber from which none ever wake to weep.

Mr. Benner leaves two sons, four brothers and one sister and a host of friends to mourn his departure. The body was laid to rest by the side of his deceased wife in the Mt. Zion Cemetery.

**Date of death: 18 Nov 1893**

**Subject: Columbia Jane (Bennet) Shepperd**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 24 Nov 1893, Friday, p. 1**

Died.-- At their residence in Denver, Colorado, Saturday morning, November 18th, 1893, of pneumonia, Mrs. Shepperd, wife of Col. S. A. Shepperd, aged 42 years.

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Mrs. Shepperd was formerly Miss Columbia J. Bennet, daughter of Col. John B. Bennet, and was born on Bennet Lane in this county. She has many relatives and friends here who will regret to hear of her death.

**Date of death: 6 Nov 1923**

**Subject: Avis (Bennett) Ryther**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 16 Nov 1923, Friday, p. 1**

Rea Locals. Mrs. Lewis Galbreath's mother, Mrs. Ryther, who has been sick about twenty weeks, attended by a special nurse, died November 6th at 11:30 a.m. After funeral services Wednesday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Galbreath accompanied the remains to Mocon [sic], Mo., for burial beside her husband.

**Same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 09 Nov 1923, Friday, p. 8**

Mrs. Eastman Ryther died at the home of her daughter Mrs. Lewis Galbreath two miles north of Rea, Tuesday at the age of 79 years, 4 months and 21 days.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m. with the address by Rev. A. C. Brown of Savannah, and the body was taken to Macon, Missouri, where burial will take place beside the body of her husband.

Mrs. Ryther had been sick several months. She was born in Ohio and her maiden name was Avis Bennett.

**Same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 23 Nov 1923, Friday, p. 8**

Avis Bennet [sic] was born in Vinton county, Ohio, June 23, 1844. She united with the M. E. church when young and always lived a true Christian life, to know her was to love her.

She was married to Eastman Ryther, April 17, 1862. To this union six children were born. Her companion and one daughter, Mrs. Hattie Miller, of Dupreyer, Mont., have preceded her.

Those left to mourn her going are: Mrs. Amanda McQuary, Chester A. Ryther, both of Dayton, Wash., H. O. Ryther of Quincy, Ill., C. F. Ryther of Savannah and Mrs. Winnie Galbreath of Rea. There are 23 grandchildren to mourn her going.

Her home for the past seventeen years has been with her youngest daughter, Mrs. Winnie Galbreath, whose loving hands have administered to her every want. She fell sweetly asleep at 11:30 a.m., November 6, 1923. Having lived more than the allotted three score and ten years, yet these years served to endear her more affectionately in the hearts of all who knew her.

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Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m. with the address by Rev. A. C. Brown of Savannah and the body was taken to Macon, Mo., where services were held Thursday morning at Mt. Zion, her old home church with the address by Rev. Dorcas and her body was placed beside that of her husband.

**Date of death: 18 Sep 1919**

**Subject: Chester W. Bennett**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 26 Sep 1919, Friday, p. 5**

Chester Bennett died last week in Louisinia [sic] and was buried Sunday in Maryville. Mr. Bennett was related to the Fritchmans, Westcotts, Wm. End and P. W. Hoshor.

**Date of death: Nov 1919**

**Subject: Columbia J. "Dixie" Bennett (or Bennet)**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 28 Nov 1919, Friday, p. 1**

Miss Dixie Bennet, who grew up in Andrew county, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bennet, passed away last week in Colorado after suffering many weeks from tuberculosis.

**Date of death: 6 Feb 1883**

**Subject: Daniel Bennett**

**Source: [Maryville MO] *Weekly Democrat-Forum*, 15 Feb 1883, Thursday, p. 2**

Death, in all his awful majesty, has again been in our midst this time, selecting as a victim one of our old and prominent citizens, in the person of Mr. Daniel Bennett.

Mr. Bennett was born in Warren county, Ohio, and moved when a boy, with his father, to Edgar county, Illinois, from whence he emigrated to California during the gold excitement of '49. Returning to Missouri eleven years later, he has since made Nodaway county his home, living an honest, upright life; a quiet, law-abiding citizen; a kind, indulgent father and husband; and a firm friend in time of need, being a few of his many good qualities. Mr. Bennett was married twice, the first time March 15, 1863, to Miss Martha Amilda Bassford, by whom he had four children, three of whom are now living. His first wife died January 26, 1871. In 1873 he married Mrs. Annie McClure, by whom he had one child, who now lives with the rest of his family to mourn his loss. Mr. Bennett had been afflicted for some time with disease of the heart, and on the morning of February 6, 1883, he passed quietly away without a struggle, aged 53 years, 11 months. He goes to his last resting place, regretted by a large circle of friends and acquaintances, and his family are inconsolable for his loss which has come upon them so suddenly. For him the veil of the future is rest, and the great unknown is no longer a mystery. May the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, be with the bereaved ones in this hour of trial, and may they have the consolation of realizing that in laying him down in his long, last sleep; it is in the sure and certain hope of a joyful resurrection.

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'For I am fully persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord.'-- Romans VII.

[*Long poem*]

**Date of death: 27 Aug 1921**

**Subject: David B. Bennett**

**Source: *The Maryville [MO] Daily Forum*, 29 Aug 1921, Monday, p. 6**

Funeral services for David B. Bennett who passed away Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Gray near Clearmont, were held this morning at 10:30 o'clock at the home, conducted by the Rev. M. M. Ballenger, pastor of the Hopkins Baptist Church. Burial was in the White Oak Grove cemetery.

Mr. Bennett fell and broke his hip about five weeks ago, and had been confined to his bed since that time. He was eighty-six years of age, and had lived in Nodaway County since 1869.

Mr. Bennett was a Civil War veteran, having served in the 13th Ia. Infantry, Company H. volunteers. He is survived by eight children, Mrs. John Gray, Clearmont, William Bennett, Philipsburg, Montana, John and George Bennett, Alberta, Canada, Mrs. Etta Morehouse, Rapid City, South Dakota, Marion Bennett, Rapid City, Mrs. Dora Bauer, Sturgis, South Dakota, and Charles Bennett of Srutia [sic], Colorado.

**Date of death: 12 Jul 1918**

**Subject: Dennis V. Bennett**

**Source: [Maryville MO] *Weekly Democrat-Forum*, 18 Jul 1918, Thursday, p. 6**

Dennis Bennett, son of Mrs. I. A. Bennett, 722 South Walnut street, died at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the home of his mother after a long illness of tuberculosis.

Mr. Bennett, who is 32 years old, was born and reared in Nodaway county, and with the exception of three years spent in Colorado for his health, made Maryville his home. He returned from Colorado last October, but his condition was unimproved. He is survived by his mother and four brothers. They are Charles Bennett of Seattle, Wash.; Lester Bennett of Hood River, Ore.; Chester Bennett of DeRidder, La., and Orville Bennett of Maryville. Those from a distance will not be present for the funeral services.

At the age of fourteen years Mr. Bennett became a member of the Christian church and during his life remained faithful to that religion.

Funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the residence, conducted by Rev. C. Emerson Miller, assisted by Dr. Gilbert S. Cox. Burial will be in the Miriam cemetery.

**Date of death: 13 Jun 1898**

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**Subject: Edgar E. Bennett**

**Source: [Maryville MO] *Weekly Democrat-Forum*, 16 Jul 1898, Thursday, p. 8**

Mt. Ayr. It is with regret that we announce the death of Edgar Bennett, who breathed his last Monday morning near six o'clock. He hap [sic] been in poor health for some time, although not confined to his bed more than about three weeks. He passed away very quietly, we learn. We visited Edgar several times during his sickness. His death was expected before it occurred. Funeral services were conducted very ably by Rev. Leonard at Oak Hill cemetery then his remains were laid to rest by the side of his mother, who preceeded [sic] him to the grave.

**Date of death: 13 Jul 1911**

**Subject: Eliza Ellen (Bennett) Fee**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 14 Jul 1911, Friday, p. 1**

Mrs. Stephen Fee died at her home on West Chestnut street at 12:25 a.m. Thursday, July 13, after an illness of several weeks. She was 62 years, 4 months and 9 days old. The funeral will be held this afternoon, July 14, at 2:30 p.m. at the First M. E. Church, and interment will take place at the Savannah cemetery. She was Miss Ellen Eliza Bennett and was married to Mr. Fee at Fillmore in 1871 [sic] and they have been living at Savannah since 1892. With Mr. Fee she leaves four daughters, Mrs. Matt Tabler, Mrs. Ben Tabler, Mrs. John Lance and Mrs. Everet Russell all of whom live near here. Mrs. Fee was a good woman and her life of kindness and gentleness will ever be a living example.

**Same**

**Source: *The Andrew County [MO] Republican*, 14 Jul 1911, Friday, p. 1**

Mrs. Sarah [sic] Fee, wife of Attorney Stephen Fee, bled [sic] at their home here at 12:25 a.m., Thursday July 13th, aged 62 years and 4 monthes [sic], after a lngering [sic] illness from cancer of the stomach. The husband and four married daughters survive her. Obituary next week. Funeral services today Friday.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 14 Jul 1911, Friday, p. 1**

Mrs. Stephen Fee who has been ill for some weeks died at the family home on West Chestnut street at midnight, Wednesday, July 12. Funeral will be held today, Friday, from the First M. E. church at 2:30.

**Same**

**Source: *The Andrew County [MO] Republican*, 21 Jul 1911, Friday, p. 1**

Eliza Ellen Bennet [sic] was born in Andrew Co., Mo., March 4th 1849 where she has spent her entire life. She united with the M. E. Church of Fillmore when quite young and later moved her membership to the First M. E. Church of Savannah with which she has remained a faithful member. On the fourth day of August 1870 she was united in marriage to Stephen G. Fee of

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Fillmore Mo. To this union seven children were born three boys and four girls. The three boys namely, George, Eddie, and Rawleigh all dying in their infancy.

Besides the husband four daughters survive, namely: Mrs. M. L. Tabler of Savannah, Mrs. B. L. Tabler of Fillmore, Mrs. John Lance of Fillmore, and Mrs. E. E. Russel of Savannah.

Besides the husband and daughters she leaves behind five sisters they are Mrs. Maria Young of Savannah, Mrs. Susan Cole of Fillmore, Mrs. Nancy Coole [sic] of Arting Wash., Mrs. Sarah Matlock of Savannah, and Mrs. Cornelia Matlock of Filmor. [sic]

She departed this life at her home on West Chestnut street in this city on the 13th day of July, 1911.

Funeral services at the First M. E. church Savannah July 14, 2:30 p.m. Interment was in the Savannah cemetery.

**Date of death: 28 Feb 1897**

**Subject: Elizabeth (Bennett) Barr**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 12 Mar 1897, Friday, p. 1**

Died. At the home residence, west of Savannah, Sunday, Feb. 28, Mrs. Elizabeth Barr, wife of Wm. N. Barr, aged 50 years, 7 months and 7 days.

Mrs. Barr was a woman of excellent character, and respected by all who knew her. She leaves a husband and family to mourn the departure of a loving companion and friend. The funeral took place on the following Tuesday, conducted by Rev. W. A. Cravens, and the remains were deposited in the cemetery at Savannah.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 05 Mar 1897, Friday, p. 1**

Died.-- At their residence three miles west of Savannah, Mo., at 2:25 p.m. Sunday, February 28, 1897, Mrs. Elizabeth Bennett Barr, wife of Wm. N. Barr, aged 50 years, 7 months and seven days.

Mrs. Barr was born near Montreal, Canada, July 21, 1846. She left that country in 1866 and lived in Wisconsin until the following spring, when she moved with her family to Andrew county, Missouri. She was married to Wm. N. Barr, September 5, 1872, and has lived in this county ever since with the exception of a short sojourn in Kansas. She united with the Presbyterian church sometime during the winter of 1872 and '73. She was always a faithful member, a cheerful Christian, a true wife and her husband could safely trust in her. 'Her children rise up and call her blessed, her husband also, and he praiseth her.'

Her death was the result of measles, and lung trouble of long standing. After the funeral services at the house at 2 o'clock p.m., Tuesday, March 2, she was laid to rest in the Savannah cemetery.

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**Date of death: 17 Apr 1891**

**Subject: Mrs. Emma D. Bennett**

**Source: [Maryville MO] *Weekly Democrat-Forum*, 30 Apr 1891, Thursday, p. 4**

Mrs. Joseph Bennett died at Quitman, Friday, April 17, 1891, leaving a husband and two children to mourn her loss.

**Date of death: 6 Dec 1912**

**Subject: Emma Oakes Bennett**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 13 Dec 1912, Friday, p. 8 and *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 13 Dec 1912, Friday, p. 1**

Miss Emma Oakes Bennett, daughter of W. T. Bennett, was born in Denver, Colorado, October 20, 1882, and died at her home near Savannah, December 6, 1912, aged thirty years, one month and six days. When three weeks of age she was left motherless and was taken and cared for by her grandmother Mrs. Susan Ann Bennett. They remained together until her death and the relation between them was very tender. As a child she was unusually bright leading her classes in the grades in school until her fourteenth year when disease had so overtaken her as to make her an invalid, but in spite of this she showed brightness and contentment, until the very last. Those who knew her best say it did them good to visit and talk with her. She was shut in from the great world and yet was happy in the enjoyment of her own smaller world. Funeral services were held at the home on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. Henry A. Sawyers. Members of the Presbyterian choir were also in the service and used hymns of her liking. The remains were taken to Denver, Colorado, on Monday, December 9, for burial and laid to rest by the side of loved ones in the Fairmont cemetery of that city. They were accompanied by her father and her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. William Bennett. She is survived by her father and stepmother Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bennett and sister Miss Dixie Bennett.

**Same**

**Source: *The Andrew County [MO] Republican*, 13 Dec 1912, Friday, p. 4**

Miss Emma Oakes Bennet [sic], daughter of W. T. Bennet was born in Denver Colorado, October 20th, 1882 and died at her home near Savannah, Mo. Dec. 6th, 1912 aged 30 years, 1 month, and 6 days. When three weeks old her mother died and then [sic] taken and cared for by her Grandmother, Mrs. Susan Ann Bennet and they remained together till her death, the affection between her and her Grandmother was very tender. As a child she was unusually bright leading her class in grades in school till her 14th year when disease had so overtaken her as to make her invalid but in spite of this showed brightness and happiness till the very last. Those who knew her say it did them good to visit and talk with her. She was shut in from the great world and yet was happy in the enjoyment of her smaller world.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. Henry A. Sawyer of the Presbyterian Church and his choir were held at her late home Sabbath afternoon the 8th at 3:30 o'clock. The remains were taken to Denver, Colorado, on Monday the 9th accompanied by her father W. T. Bennet and her uncle



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and aunt from Denver Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Bennet. She is survived by her father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bennet and sister Miss Dixie Bennet.

**Date of death: 7 Sep 1908**

**Subject: Frances (Bennett) Wildish**

**Source: *Ravenwood [MO] Gazette*, 18 Sep 1908, Friday, p. 1**

Died, Tuesday, September 7th, 1908, Mrs. Frances Wildish, widow of Horace Wildish, who died some eight years ago. One of thirteen children, hers in the third death in that large family. A native of Canada, her maiden name Bennett, for twenty-six years she lived in and adjacent to the neighborhood where she died, and was held in highest regard by all.

Dying on her 60th birthday, she leaves many to mourn the close of a life which it was hoped would not end for long, helpful, happy years. Funeral services were conducted at the home Wednesday, September 9th by Rev. R. C. Taylor, of Oklahoma. Interment was in the Parnell cemetery, beside the body of her husband.

Her two sons, her aged mother and her brothers and sisters have the sympathy of all.

**Date of death: 7 Oct 1899**

**Subject: George T. Bennett**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 18 Aug 1899, Friday, p. 1**

Bolckow. Aug. 16. George Bennett was stricken with paralysis Sunday evening and is in a very critical condition.

**Same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 13 Oct 1899, Friday, p. 1**

A telephone message received in this city Saturday evening announced the death of George T. Bennett, which occurred at his home in Bolckow, Saturday forenoon. The deceased had been ill for over a year with a complication of diseases, the principal of which was liver complaint. All that medical aid could offer and all that loving hands could render was done, but the task proved a fruitless one and death claimed a noble man.

The deceased was 62 years of age, and was born in Utica, Indiana, coming to Missouri when a young man, and residing in Andrew county for the major portion of his life. He was married about thirty years ago to Miss Mary McGinnis, who survives him. By their union were born four children, who, with their now widowed mother, survive him. The children are John I., editor of the Signal, of Rosendale, Mo., Mrs. Carried Kitterman, of Bolckow, Frank, a resident of York, Neb., and Mrs. Lizzie French, of Bolckow. The deceased was a prominent Mason, and was one of the best known and most highly respected men of Andrew county. He was of a kindly, genial disposition, and made a friend of each and every person with whom he came in contract. For a number of years he conducted the Valley House at Bolckow, and was well and favorably known to the traveling public. He had held public office a number of years during his residence in

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Andrew county. The funeral took place at Bolckow at 2 p.m. Sunday, and was in charge of the Masonic fraternity. A number of Savannah friends attended the last rites and followed to the grave a man respected and loved by all, a kind and loving husband and father, and last, but not least, a man whose loss will be felt by the entire community in which he loved.

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Bolckow. Oct. 11. The friends of G. T. Bennett will be sorry to learn of his death which occurred on Saturday morning. Funeral services were conducted by the Masonic Lodge of which Mr. Bennett was a member.

Frank Bennett came in from Gresham, Neb., to attend the funeral of his father.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 13 Oct 1899, Friday, p. 1**

George T. Bennett died at his home at Bolckow last Friday, the 6th inst. He was one of the most prominent citizens of northern Andrew county and was admired by a very large number of friends because of his many excellent qualities. He had been a resident of Bolckow for many years and was largely identified with the upbuilding of that town. A wife, two daughters and two sons, one of the latter being J. I. Bennett, the editor of the Rosendale Signal, comprise the family left to mourn his death.

The deceased was a prominent member of the Presbyterian church and was also a member of the A. F. & A. M. He was buried with masonic honors of last Sunday. His popularity and his standing as a man were evidence by the large number who were present at the funeral.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 13 Oct 1899, Friday, p. 8**

Bolckow. George Bennett, one of our oldest residents died at his home last Saturday. For many weeks he had hovered between life and death, and at times his friends thought him gone but he would rally again and his family would still have some hopes of his recovery. During his long illness he bore his affliction with great fortitude. Rev. Enyart delivered the funeral address at the M. E. church, after which the remains were interred [sic] in the Bolckow cemetery [sic]. A great number of friends from the neighboring towns attended the funeral.

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**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 8 Oct 1899, p. 3**

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The deceased was 62 years of age, and was born in Utica, Indiana, coming to Missouri when a young man, and residing in Andrew county for the major portion of his life. He was married about thirty years ago to Miss Mary McGinnis, who survives him. By their union were born four children, who, with their now widowed mother, survive him. The children are John J., editor of The Rosendale Signal, of Rosendale, Mo., Mrs. Carrie Kitterman of Bolckow, Frank, a resident of York, Neb., and Mrs. Lizzie French of Bolckow. The deceased was a prominent Mason, and was one of the best known and most highly respected men of Andrew county. He was of a kindly, genial disposition, and made a friend of each and every person with whom he came in contact. For a number of years he conducted the Valley hotel at Bolckow, and was well and favorably known to the traveling public. He had held public office a number of years during his residence in Andrew county. The funeral will take place at Bolckow at 3 p.m. today, and will be in charge of the Masonic fraternity. A number of St. Joseph friends will attend the last rites and follow to the grave a man respected and loved by all, a kind and loving husband and father, and last, but not least, a man whose loss will be felt by the entire community in which he lived.

**Date of death: 22 Mar 1911**

**Subject: Isaac Asberry Bennett**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 31 Mar 1911, Friday, p. 5**

From the *Maryville Tribune*. After an illness of ten days from pneumonia death came early Tuesday morning to Isaac A. Bennett, aged 65, at the family residence at 908 South Walnut street.

**Date of death: 15 Jun 1917**

**Subject: James B. Bennett**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 22 Jun 1917, Friday, p. 1**

Rev. J. B. Bennett was born in the eastern part of Virginia, March 2, 1867, and departed this life in the Ensworth hospital in St. Joseph Friday morning, June 15, 1917. His father died when he was two years old. His mother and children then moved to Texas. He was converted when young and joined the Methodist Episcopal church.

On March 31, 1887, he married Miss May Zenor at Leon, Iowa.

He received his education at Louisville, Kentucky, and at the age of thirty he graduated from the Louisville Medical college, and practiced medicine for ten years in the state of Iowa.

He entered the ministry about ten years ago. Rev. Bennett was a quiet, modest man, yet of strong convictions with excellent powers to defend his views. He served the following charges: Eagleville, Liberty, New Hampton, Health [sic] Chapel, Morris chapel, Hazel Valley, Prairie Chapel, Kirkley Chapel, Bethany circuit, Edgerton and Fillmore, 1915, 16 and 17.

His mother died March 10, 1917, at Gallatin, Texas, three months before her son was laid to rest. After his return from his mother's funeral he had several bad attacks of what he thought was stomach trouble and kept getting worse. Wednesday evening, May 23, while at prayer meeting

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he took very sick and had to leave and go home. He was taken the next morning to the hospital and on June 11 was operated upon but there was no hope. He leaves his beloved wife and one sister, Mrs. Jennie Lone of Gallatin, Texas.

The funeral services in charge of Dr. W. M. Burris, district superintendent, from Maryville was held in the Methodist Episcopal church at Fillmore on Sunday afternoon, June 17, 1917.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 22 Jun 1917, Friday, p. 1**

Rev. J. B. Bennett, pastor for the past two years of the M. E. church at Fillmore, died last Friday at a St. Joseph hospital where he had been taken with the hope that an operation for a cancerous growth of the stomach would prolong his life.

The body was taken to Fillmore, where funeral services were conducted Sunday by Revs. Taylor, Burris and Case, and burial was made in the Fillmore cemetery by the I. O. O. F. lodge, of which he was a member. Mr. Bennett is survived by his wife. He was about 50 years of age.

**Date of death: 26 Apr 1901**

**Subject: John Bradbury Bennett**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 10 May 1901, Friday, p. 1**

John B. Bennett, one of the pioneer settlers of Andrew Co., died at his home in Jefferson county, Colorado, on Friday, April 26. He came to Andrew county with his father in 1842 and settled on the road now known as Bennett Lane. He left this county in 1855 and went to Nebraska City and became interested in building what was then the Midland Railway, and which run [sic] from that city to Lincoln. While a resident of that state he served in the upper house of the legislature. Mr. Bennett moved from Nebraska to Colorado and had lived [in that] state continuous [sic] for twenty-six years. His father, Elisha Bennett, served on the second grand jury summoned in this county [sic], and John B. Bennett was among the first school teachers of the county and there are several of his pupils still living in this county, among the number being Judge J. L. Stanton.

Mr. Bennett was one of a family of eleven children of whom Judge H. P. Bennett, of Denver, is the sole survivor. He leaves a widow, four sons and one daughter. W. T. Bennett, of Rea, being the oldest of the sons.

**Date of death: 21 Feb 1918**

**Subject: Joseph E. Bennett**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 05 Jul 1918, Friday, p. 1**

It was with much regret and sorrow that the citizens of this community learned Tuesday afternoon that Judge Joseph L.

**Date of death: 2 Jul 1918**

**Subject: Joseph L. Bennett**

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**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 05 Jul 1918, Friday, p. 1**

Judge J. L. Bennett passed away Tuesday, July 2, at 1:30 a.m. at his home in Selecman Heights after an illness of about fifteen minutes at the age of 82 years, 4 months and 3 days. He had been as well as usual and was down town in the evening and talked to neighbors on the lawn until 10 o'clock.

Judge Bennett had lived in the county sixty-two years and was prominently identified with the political and religious history of the county. He served the county as collector and as judge and the Baptist church as deacon many years. He was chairman of the Democratic county central committee many years.

Memorial services were held yesterday, July 4, at 10:30 a.m., with the address by his pastor Rev. F. P. Davidson at the First Baptist church which was not large enough to hold the audience. The A. F. and A. M. service was given by his beloved order at the Savannah cemetery.

He was born in Spencer county, Kentucky, not far from the city of Louisville, February 29, 1836. His parents [sic] names were Joseph H. and Susan W. Bennett, prominently identified with public affairs in their state. He was one of a family of twelve children, the majority of whom have preceded him to their heavenly home.

He received his education in the public schools of his native state, and then devoted himself to farming. He saved the earnings of his labor that he might come to a new country, where he could procure for himself a home of his own.

When a young man twenty years of age he came to the state of Missouri in 1856 and settled in Andrew county, where he continuously resided with the exception of one year, 1857, which was spent in the state of Kansas. During all these years he has been intimately identified with the interest of this county and one of its best beloved and generally known citizens.

Judge Bennett was married August 1, 1857, to Miss Martha S. Selecman, who was born in Kentucky, February 8, 1841, and came to this county with her parents, Henry and Mary Selecman in 1844. This good woman died March 15, 1894. Though having no children of his own Judge Bennett has reared and educated five children of his relatives and was aiding in the education of one more. He was married a second time, October 9, 1895, to Miss Elizabeth E. Gore, a native of Andrew county.

As a business man Judge Bennett had few equals and was noted for openness and fair dealings applying at all times the Golden Rule. In his earlier years he was a farmer and soon acquired a beautiful farm joining the city of Savannah on the northeast. He took a deep interest in the breeding of Shorthorn cattle and soon built up a noted herd. In connection with his farming he spent eighteen years as cattle buyer for the packing firms of St. Josephs [sic]. In 1887 he organized the State Bank of Savannah and was its president for many years.

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Judge Bennett never became so absorbed in business as to forget his country or his community. He was a life long Democrat and took a deep and lively interest in all public matters. He was a generous and hearty supporter of every public enterprise for the betterment of his community and his State.

Perhaps no where did the life of Mr. Bennett radiate cheer and goodwill more beautifully than in his own home. He was in a real sense a domestic man and loved his home as tenderly as a woman. He was kind as a husband and his home was always open to his friends and no worthy cause or person were [sic] ever turned from his door. He was an honored member of the Masonic order.

As a disciple of Christ he was known best. He was converted in 1854 in Spencer county, Kentucky, at the age of eighteen years and was baptized into the fellowship of the Baptist church of which he has been a life long member. He was a charter member of the First Baptist church of this city, organized in 1902. The present house of worship was made possible by his generous gifts, having put over three thousand dollars into it before it was completed. He has been a generous supporter of the church during all these years and it was the one institution nearest his heart. Mr. Bennett has demonstrated in a high degree the truthfulness of Paul's statement 'that Godliness is profitable unto all things, having the promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.'

He leaves to mourn his going his faithful wife, two sisters and one brother beside many other relatives and friends.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 05 Jul 1918, Friday, pp. 1 & 8**

It was with much regret and sorrow that the citizens of this community learned Tuesday afternoon that Judge Joseph L. Bennett, one of the most representative, honored and progressive residents had been called to his Maker at his home in Selecman Heights after an illness of only a few minutes. The news spread fast far and near for the judge was one of those men whose name and reputation had stood, for half a century as a marker and guide in fair, just and honorable business transactions in this county.

Judge Bennett was one of those men who lived his life in such a way that when the call came from the Father, his end was peaceful and painless. During his entire life of 82 and a quarter years, his daily acts were those of a Christian, in word, deed and action.

Judge Bennett was born in Spencer county, Kentucky, on February 29, 1836, the son of Joseph H. and Susan (Overton) Bennett. The education he received in the schools of that county was snatched between working seasons, four months a year being the greatest steady study period obtainable but, as he demonstrated in later years, being a close observer, keen on acquiring and using advantages from others, the worldly or practical knowledge became his greatest teacher and asset.

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Leaving the Blue Grass state, he came to Andrew county, Missouri, in December 1856 settling in Savannah and with the exception of one year spent in Kansas, had a continuous residence here.

On August 1st 1857, he was married to Miss Martha Selecman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Selecman. The bride's father was one of the first settlers here, coming to Andrew county in 1844, bringing slaves and establishing a plantation, a part of which in this day is known as Selecman Heights, the latter being named in his honor.

The year following his marriage was spent in Kansas but being dissatisfied there, the young couple whose ages were 22 and 17 years respectively returned to this place and engaged in farming and stock raising six miles north of here.

In 1866, a partnership was formed between S. R. ('Red') Selecman, a brother-in-law and Judge Bennett and the old Selecman plantation was purchased for both fine stock raising and farming. While in this occupation, he engaged his services to the Hax Brothers (deceased) of St. Joseph, who at that time were pork packers and a descendent [sic] of theirs is now the head of the Hax Furniture Co., in that city.

During the year of 1877, he was appointed collector of Andrew county for two years by the county court and in 1881 was appointed by Governor Crittenden to fill a vacancy in the county court, which position he satisfactorily handled.

One of his ventures in the banking world is still in existence, the splendid Wells-Hine Trust Co., which he assisted in founding under the name of the State Bank of Savannah, filling the president's chair in its incipency.

In 1894, he became associated in the commission firm of Emmert & Bennett in St. Joseph, and a son of Mr. Emmert is now a resident of that place.

On March 15th 1894, Mrs. Bennett died and of this union, no children were born but the couple had taken Mollie, a 15 month old daughter of Mrs. Virginia Clasbey, sister of Mrs. Bennett's, also Mattie, a 6 year old daughter of Mr. A. M. Bedford (deceased) into their home, reared and educated them along with C. D. Selecman, Mrs. T. J. Wells, Mrs. Frank Kirtley and Coyne Gore at other times.

On October 6th 1895, Mr. Bennett was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth F. Gore of this county.

In 1907 the old home was destroyed by fire and a new residence on Bennett Avenue in Selecman Heights was build and here Judge Bennett resided to the day of his demise at the age of 82 years, 4 months and 3 days.

Yesterday morning impressive services were held at the First Baptist church, of which he was a life long member and a financial pillar, with Rev. F. P. Davidson officiating. Burial took place in

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the Savannah cemetery with the A. F. & A. M. service, the local lodge escorting the remains to the grave in a body.

Rev. F. P. Davidson yesterday morning delivered the following address at the church services to a large number of life long friends of the late Judge:

On the morning of July 2nd at 1:30 o'clock the spirit of Judge Joseph L. Bennett went home to be with his Lord in Our Father's house. For many years, he like Enoch of old, walked with the Lord here on earth until he heard the call. 'It is enough, come up higher.' At the time of his death Brother Bennett was 82 years, 4 months and 3 days old.

He was born in Spencer county, Kentucky, not far from the city of Louisville, February the 29th 1836. His parents [sic] names were Joseph H. and Susan W. Bennett prominently identified with public affairs in their state. He was one of a family of twelve children, the majority of whom have preceded him to their heavenly home.

He received his education in the public schools of his native state, and then devoted himself to farming. He saved the earnings of his labor that he might come to a new country, where he could procure for himself a home of his own.

When a young man twenty years of age, he came to the state of Missouri in 1856 and settled in Andrew county, where he has resided until now with the exception of one year 1857, which was spent in the state of Kansas. During all these years he has been intimately identified with the interest of this county, and perhaps no citizen was more generally known or better beloved than Judge Bennett.

Judge Bennett was married August 1st 1857 to Miss Martha S. Selecman who was born in Kentuky, February 8th, 1841 and came to this county with her parents Henry and Mary Selecman in 1844. This good woman died March 15th 1894, without issue. Though having no children of his own Judge Bennett has reared and educated five children of his relatives and is now aiding in the education of one more. He was married the second time October 9th 1895 to Miss Elizabeth E. Gore, a native of Andrew county.

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Judge Bennett never became so absorbed in business as to forget his country or his community. He was a life long Democrat and took a deep and lively interest in all public matters. He was honored by his countrymen as a county official a number of times, serving them as collector of revenue and as Judge of the County Court. He was a generous and hearty supporter of every



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public enterprise for the betterment of his community and his state. He was a true American citizen.

Perhaps no where did the life of our Brother radiate cheer and good will more beautifully than in his own home. He was in a real sense a domestic man and loved his home as tenderly as a woman. He was kind as a husband and his home was always open to his friends and no worthy cause or person were [sic] every turned from his door.

He was an honored member of the Masonic lodge, that bear witness by their presence here today of his fellowship and good will among them. As a brother Mason he has set a high standard that is worthy of the admiration and imitation of the entire order.

This paper would be incomplete without mention of his Christian life. As a disciple of Christ he was known best. He was converted in 1854 in Spencer county, Kentucky, at the age of 18 years and was baptized into the fellowship of the Baptist church of which he has been a life long member. He was a charter member of the First Baptist church of this city organized in 1902. The present house of worship was made possibly by his generous gifts, having put over three thousand dollars into it before it was completed. He has been a generous supporter of the church during all these years, and it was the one institution nearest his heart. Brother Bennett has demonstrated in a high degree the truthfulness of Paul's statement 'That Godliness is profitable unto all things, having the promile [sic] of the life that now is and of that which is to come.'

He leaves to mourn his loss his faithful wife, two sisters and one brother, beside a host of other relatives and friends. You will miss his kindly face and fatherly advice. He will sit in your councils no more on earth but has entered into his rest.

We commend the sorrowing friends into the tender care of a loving Christ, who is able to comfort and keep you amidst the stress and storm of life and bring you at least into his eternal presence.

**same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Observer*, Saturday, 06 Jul 1918**

Considerable surprise was expressed and much sorrow felt in this city Tuesday when news reached here that Hon. Joseph L. Bennett of Savannah had died at his home that morning after a very brief illness with uraemic poisoning. He was one of the best known and most highly esteemed citizens of that place where he had spent the greater portion of his long life of eighty-two years.

Joseph L. Bennett was well and favorably known here and for that matter all over Northwest Missouri. He had been active in business and politics all of his life. The funeral occurred from his late home Thursday and was very largely attended. The ceremonies were in charge of Rev. Davidson and the Masonic fraternity.

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**Subject: Maria (Bennett) Hall**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 04 Feb 1887, Friday, p. 8**

Died, at her residence in Fillmore, January 29, 1887, at nine o'clock at night, Mrs. Mariah [sic] Hall, aged 65 years and 3 days. She had been sick a long time, and her death was not wholly unexpected, but this does not make it less hard for the bereaved relatives. She leaves two children to mourn, one son with a family and one single daughter, who lived with her mother. She was ready to go, feeling assured that her name was registered on the Lamb's Book of Life. Rev. Redburn preached her funeral, which was attended by a large concourse of people. Her remains were interred in Fillmore Cemetery, January 31. The bereaved children and relatives have the sympathy of a large number of friends.

W.H.F.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 04 Feb 1887, Friday, p. 2**

Mrs. Mariah Hall, who lived for many years southwest of Savannah, died at her home in Fillmore on Saturday night January 26 [sic], 1887, aged 65 years and three days. Mrs. Hall settled in this county in 1848, and lived on the same farm until last year, when she moved to Fillmore.

**Date of death: 25 Aug 1917**

**Subject: Mariah (Bennett) Young**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 31 Aug 1917, Friday, p. 1**

The funeral rites over the body of Mrs. Mariah Bennett Young, widow of the late Robert S. Young, were held at the Cumberland Ridge Church Monday afternoon with the sermon by Rev. A. R. Hunt. Burial took place in the cemetery nearby.

Mariah Bennett was born in Sioto [sic] county, Ohio, September 4, 1840. She was married to Robert S. Young, January 16, 1859. To this union no children were born but in their early married life they adopted a son, Charles Young, who with his wife and her son survive. They have made their home with her since the death of her husband twelve years ago.

She was a kind, sympathetic and useful woman and leaves many friends who speak her praise.

Two brothers and two sisters have preceded her in death and the four surviving sisters are Mrs. Nancy Cole of Point Orchard, Wash., Mrs. Susan Cole and Mrs. Cornelia Matlock of Fillmore and Mrs. Sarah Matlock of Akron, Colo.

For many years she has been a member of the Cumberland Ridge Presbyterian church and as long as she was able she attended the means of grace there. She died in the faith she had lived on August 25, 1917.

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**Same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 31 Aug 1917, Friday, p. 2**

Fillmore. August 28. Mrs. Sarah Matlock and Mrs. Susan Cole were called to Savannah Friday to be at the bedside of their sister Mrs. Young. Mrs. Young died Saturday.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 31 Aug 1917, Friday, p. 1**

Marriah [sic] Bennett was born in Scoto [sic] Co., Ohio, Sept. 4th., 1840. She was married to Robert S. Young, January 16th., 1859. To this union no children were born but in their married life they adopted a son, Charles Young who with his wife and her son survive. With them she has made her home since the death of her husband 12 years ago. She was a kind sympathetic and useful woman and leaves many friends who speak her praise. Two brothers and two sisters have preceded her in death and the four surviving sisters are, Mrs. Nancy Cole, of Point Orchard, Washington; Mrs. Susan Cole, Mrs. Cornelia Metlock, of Fillmore and Mrs. Sarah Metlock, of Akron, Colorado. For many years she has been a member of the Cumberland Ridge Presbyterian church and as long as she was able she attended the means of grace there. She died in the faith in which she lived August 25th., 1917. The funeral was conducted from the Cumberland Ridge church on Monday by A. R. Hunt and interment was had in the Cumberland Ridge cemetery.

**Date of death: 23 May 1909**

**Subject: Martha (Bennett) Boyles**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 02 Apr 1909, Friday, p. 5 and *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 02 Apr 1909, Friday, p. 9**

Died at her home two miles north of Rosendale, at 11:55 p.m., March 23, 1909, Mrs. Martha Boyles, aged 71 years, 2 months and 29 days. Her death was due to pneumonia, from which she had suffered but a few days. The subject of this sketch was born in Botetourt county, Virginia. Her maiden name was Bennett. When quite small she emigrated with her parents to Andrew county, Missouri, settling near Rochester, where she grew to womanhood. At the age of 18 she was married to Francis M. Boyles. This union was truly congenial and could only be severed by death. Seven children were born to them, all of whom, save little Oliver, who died at 18 months old, are living. They are Milton P. and Emmitt, both of near Rosendale, Charlton C. of St. Louis, Mrs. A. P. Barnes and Mrs. J. M. Hurst of near Rosendale, and Mrs. E. C. Vedder of Savannah. At the age of 15 years she was converted to Christ at the Bethel Baptist church, near Rochester, and was baptized by Thomas Ferguson. In this faith she lived and died. She was a faithful and affectionate wife, a fond mother and a kind and obliging neighbor. She and her husband had lived on the farm where she died for the last twenty-five years. At 1 o'clock p.m., March 25, Elder Chapman preached a brief funeral discourse at the home, and the body was buried in Lower Grove Cemetery, She has one brother living in Kansas, and a twin sister, Mrs. Vestal, living in Savannah. The aged husband, who is inconsolable in his bereavement, has the sympathy of many friends. The sons and daughters were all at the bedside when the end came.

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**Source: *The Andrew County [MO] Republican*, 02 Apr 1909, Friday, p. 5**

Lower Neely Grove. Grandma Boyles died at her home Tuesday, March 23d. She had been sick for sometime. The funeral services were held at the home Thursday afternoon. Interment at Lower Neely cemetery.

**Date of death: 2 May 1917**

**Subject: Martha O. (Bennett) Cook**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 04 May 1917, p. 1**

The funeral services over the body of Mrs. Eugene S. Cook will be held this Friday afternoon at 2:30 at the M. E. Church, South, where the funeral of Mr. Cook was held. He passed suddenly in the early morning of March 6. The body of Mrs. Cook may be viewed today at the residence of Mrs. William Cook on Chestnut Street between 1 and 2 o'clock.

Mrs. Cook had been ailing for several weeks with stomach trouble. Since Mr. Cook's going she grew worse and has been seriously ill with malignant ulcers of the stomach at the home of her aunt Mrs. Nannie Bennett. She was taken to Noyes hospital Sunday afternoon but no relief could be given and she passed to the other world Wednesday, May 2, at 3 o'clock at the age of 56 years, 7 months and 22 days. Less than two months after Mr. Cook, who was 58 years old, both comparatively young.

Before her marriage November 20, 1882, she was Miss Martha E. [sic] Bennett and was married at the family home on farm near Louisville, Kentucky. Shortly after she and Mr. Cook came to Savannah and made their home here. Their children, Mrs. Phillip Prince, of St. Joseph, Miss Maysie Cook, a nurse in the General Hospital in Kansas City, and Bennett and Robert both of St. Joseph were at her bedside for the past week.

She leaves a brother J. W. Bennett of Chicago and two sister Mrs. T. J. Wells and Miss Lois Bennett of this city, all of whom were reared near Louisville. When she was left an orphan at the age of twelve years she was taken into the home of her aunt Mrs. Nannie Bennett, who became a loving mother to her and continued so throughout the years. Judge J. L. Bennet of this city is an uncle.

While a young girl in Kentucky Mrs. Cook became a member of the Baptist church and later when she came to Savannah and there was no Baptist organization here, she became a member of the M. E. Church, South, and lived ever faithful. Words are weak when they are used in eulogizing the virtues of a devout Christian mother and friend like Mrs. Cook, whom to know was to love and honor. She has ever 'Laid up treasures in heaven where rust and moth doth not corrupt,' and like Mary she chose the 'good part.'

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 04 May 1917, Friday, p. 5**

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Citizens of Savannah and Andrew county who loved her well, will be grieved to learn of the death of Mrs. E. S. Cook, who passed away at Noyes hospital, St. Joseph, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, May 2, 1917. She had been ill for five weeks with ulcers of the stomach and on Wednesday was taken to St. Joseph, where she was operated upon by Dr. Schmidt. She failed to survive the operation and passed away as above stated.

The body was brought to Savannah Thursday morning and placed in the home of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Emily Cook. The funeral will be held in the M. E. church, South, this afternoon at 2:30, to be conducted by Rev. W. C. Cowart, assisted by Rev. Davidson of the Baptist church. Interment will be in the Savannah cemetery.

Martha O. Bennett was born in Louisville, Ky., Sept. 10, 1860, her parents being S. O. and Rebecca Bennett, the latter dying when Martha was a small child and her father passed away when she was 12 years old. She then made her home with her aunt Mrs. Nannie Bennett. The deceased was married in Kentucky to E. S. Cook, Nov. 30, 1882, and soon after moved to Kenosha, Wis., where they remained two years and then came to Savannah, where the family home has since been. Her husband died about two months ago.

The deceased is survived by four children: Mrs. Phil Prince, Bennett and Robert Cook, of St. Joseph; Maysie Cooke of Kansas City; also two grandchildren, Albert and Elsworth Pendleton, of St. Joseph; two sisters, Mrs. T. J. Wells, and Miss Louis [sic] Bennett of Savannah and one brother, J. W. Bennett, of Chicago. She united with the Baptist church at the age of 14 years and after coming to Savannah, she joined the M. E. church, South. She was a loving mother, a dear friend and neighbor and she will be sadly missed by those who knew her best.

**Date of death: 10 Feb 1885**

**Subject: Mary Florence (Bennett) Bennett**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 13 Mar 1885, Friday, p. 3**

Died.-- At her home near Nederland, Boulder county, Col., on the 10th day of February 1885, Mrs. Mary F. Bennett, daughter of J. S. and M. A. Bennett and wife of A. C. Bennett, aged 28 years. Mrs. Bennett was born in Andrew county, Mo., in the year 1857 and was married to A. D. Bennett, of Brownsville, Neb., and from thence moved to Colorado [sic]. She leaves five small children in the sole care of her sorrow-stricken husband who has the sincere sympathy of the community. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Horn, of Boulder, at the hall in Nederland, whence the remains were taken and deposited in our village cemetery, accompanied by her numerous friends.-- Boulder Sentinel.

**Date of death: 19 Nov 1923**

**Subject: Mary Jane (Bennett) Pyle**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 23 Nov 1923, Friday, p. 1 and *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 23 Nov 1923, Friday, p. 1**

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Mary Jane, daughter of James and Susan Bennett [sic<sup>13</sup>] was born in Scioto county, Ohio, December 26, 1847, and passed peacefully away November 19, 1923, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edna Alburn, having come nearly to her 76th birthday.

She was married to William A. Pyle March 7, 1867, and very soon after the young couple moved to Missouri, which was a part of the then great west. They settled on a farm about three miles southwest of Savannah, where they both lived until the final summons came. Four children were born in this home as follows: William Rankin, David E., H. B., and Mrs. Edna Alburn. The last three still live. Mrs. Pyle was a member of the church more than a half century and in her own good way she assisted in the work of God in her home, and among neighbors. Making use of her religion not only on the Sabbath day but every day of life. She taught her children to fear God and keep his commandments and helped to train other children of the community to do the same.

When this young couple came west it sometimes tried men's hearts to live and they witnessed some of the trying experiences of life, but they bore their part in a true Christian way and won the confidence and love of their family and all their friends. Our hearts rejoice in such fine characters as this one, and on the journey we will at times take new courage and try harder to do our full part, because we have met such men and women on the way. The children will always remember mother as their ever true and tested friend and the grandchildren will not soon forget the tender touch of grandmother's hand. Her name was unselfish, and that is why we all loved her. The funeral services were held in the Cumberland Ridge church, conducted by Rev. A. D. Seelig, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Savannah, and the body was laid to rest in the Savannah cemetery by the side of the husband who made the journey before her.

**Date of death: 3 Jan 1919**

**Subject: Nathaniel Bennett**

**Source: *The Curtis [NE] Enterprise*, 09 Jan 1919, Thursday, p. 2**

N. Bennett, living a few miles north west of town died at his home Friday morning January 3, 1919. His death was due to heart failure and was very sudden. Funeral services were held at the Adventist church, Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Rouse, of Hastings conducting the services.

Nathaniel Bennett, was born at Trenton, Ill., Sept. 9, 1857 died Jan. 3, 1919 at his home three miles north west of Curtis; age 61 years, 3 months 24 days. He moved from Illinois to Clearmont, Missouri in 1880, making that place his home until moving to Nebraska in the spring 1905.

He married March 27, 1881 to Miss Flora Stockweather [sic]. To this union Seven children were born; three boys, four girls; one of the girls, Mary died at the age of sixteen. He leaves a faithful wife and six children to mourn [sic] his departure.

He was converted in the year of 1887 and joined the Clearmont church. Three years later thru searching the scriptures, he saw the seventh day to be the true Sabbath of God and began its

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observance. With the light of the sabbath came many other Bible truths which he treasured as very dear to him. He joined the Adventist church of Clearmont in Oct. 1891. He united with the local church of Curtis in 1914, of which he was a faithful member until his death.

We can truthfully say he fell asleep in Jesus to await the coming of the Life Giver, which he beleived [sic] to be very near. He was an affectionate husband and a kind and loving father.

**Date of death: 28 Oct 1890**

**Subject: Raleigh (or Rolla) E. Bennett**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 31 Oct 1890, Friday, p. 5**

Fillmore. Oct. 27. Uncle Rolley Bennett, who has been very sick for some time, is very low yet.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 31 Oct 1890, Friday, p. 3**

Fillmore. Uncle Rollie Bennette [sic] died October 28, he having taken his bed only about 10 or 11 days before his death.

**Date of death: 21 Aug 1902**

**Subject: Ralph Donovan Bennett**

**Source: *Maryville [MO] Daily Forum*, 21 Aug 1902, Thursday, p. 3**

Charles O. Bennett's baby died of brain fever at 4 o'clock Thursday morning at the Bennett home on South Walnut. The baby was eleven months old and had been sick only three days. Services will be held at the house Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment at Miriam cemetery.

**Date of death: 16 Feb 1923**

**Subject: Sarah A. (Bennett) Matlock**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 23 Feb 1923, Friday, p. 8**

Fillmore. Word was received here that Mrs. Sarah Matlock died Feb. 16, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Maggie Sells, in Longmont, Colo. The burial was at Longmont. Mrs. Matlock was the sister of Mrs. Cornelia Matlock of Fillmore, and was well known and respected by the older people here.

**Date of death: 7 Oct 1919**

**Subject: Susan (Bennett) Cole**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 10 Oct 1919, Friday, p. 8**

Fillmore. October 14. Those who attended the funeral of Mrs. Susan Cole from a distance were: Will Cole and wife of King City, Elmer Matlock and wife of Clearmont, Charles Cole of St. Joseph, Stephen Fee and wife, Mrs. Joe Breit, Mrs. Cormany and Mrs. Al Duey of Savannah.

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Susan Bennett Cole was born January 26, 1847, and departed this life October 7, 1919, at the home of her son, George, with whom she lived. She was married to William Cole December 21, 1865. To this union were born four children, George, Ruth, Robert and Mae. Three children, with her husband, have preceded her to the Great Beyond. She was converted in 1867 and lived a faithful Christian life. She leaves her son, George, four grandchildren, one great-grandchild, three sisters and a number of relatives and friends to mourn her going. The funeral services were held at the Christian church Wednesday afternoon, October 8, conducted by Rev. H. R. Murphy of New Point. Burial was in the Fillmore cemetery.

**Date of death: 18 Jul 1918**

**Subject: Susan M. (Bennett) Tansill**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 19 Jul 1918, Friday, p. 1**

Mrs. Susan Tansil [sic], a sister of the late Judge Joseph L. Bennett and of Mrs. Nannie Bennett of this city, passed away yesterday morning, the 18th, at her home in Chicago, at the age of 88 years and 11 months, so a telegram sent about 8 o'clock stated to Mrs. Bennett and other relatives here.

Mrs. Tansil fell Monday and broke her hip. She would have been 89 years old August 18 and had spent the last ten years in Chicago but had lived in Savannah fifty years or more. She was born in Spencer county, Kentucky, and leaves the two children, Overton Tansil of Texas, and Mrs. Julia Wilson of Chicago.

The memorial services will be held at the Christian church Saturday afternoon and burial will be held at the Christian church Saturday afternoon and burial in the Savannah cemetery.

**Same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 26 Jul 1918, Friday, p. 8**

Mrs. Susan M. Tansill was born in Spencer County, Kentucky, August 18, 1829, and died at her home in Chicago, Illinois, July 18, 1918. She grew to womanhood in the place of her nativity. She was married to James W. Tansill August 11, 1853. To this union three children were born, two daughters and one son. She leaves two children, Overton Tansil of Brownsville, Texas, and Mrs. Julia Wilson of Chicago, Ill., four grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. Nannie Bennett of this place and a brother Bernard F. Bennett of Louisville, Kentucky, and a large number of other relatives and many friends. When a young girl she became a Christian and united with the Baptist church. After marriage she went to the Christian church in order to be with her husband in church affiliation. About 1870 she came to Missouri with her family to make this their home, the last eleven years have been spent in Chicago.

The funeral was conducted from the Christian church here last Saturday with an address by Rev. A. R. Hunt and interment was in the Savannah cemetery.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 26 Jul 1918, Friday, p. 5**



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**Date of death: 29 Jan 1884**

**Subject: Thomas Bennett**

**Source: *Nodaway [County MO] Democrat*, 07 Feb 1884, Thursday, p. 3**

Clearmont Gleanings. Rev. Thomas Bennett, an old and respected citizen of Lincoln township, departed this life on the 29th. Mr. Bennett was a minister of the Christian church. He has been in poor health for several years; he leaves an aged wife to mourn his loss.

**Date of death: 10 Feb 1905**

**Subject: Thomas Bennett**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 24 Feb 1905, Friday, p. 14**

Empire Prairie. Thomas Bennett, an old resident of this place, died Friday night at the home of his sister, Mrs. Fannie Wildish, at Parnell.

**Date of death: 14 Oct 1908**

**Subject: James B. Benson**

**Source: *The Maryville [MO] Daily Forum*, 14 Oct 1908, Wednesday, p. 1**

James B. Benson, aged 74 years, one of Barnard's old and well known citizens, died Wednesday morning, after a nine months illness. Funeral services will be held Friday and the body will be interred in the cemetery at Barnard. A wife survives.

**Date of death: 24 Dec 1890**

**Subject: Margaret (Benson) Laules**

**Source: *The [Valentine NE] Republican*, 7 Feb 1890**

Grandma Laules died the 24th day of Dec., and was laid to rest on the 25th. She was widely known being the oldest person in this vicinity and was loved by all. She was nearly 96 years old and was a Christian woman, having been a member of the M. E. church over 60 years, and set a

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good example to all around her by her love and patience. Mrs. J. Laules was very sick at the time of Grandma's death but is now some better.

**Date of death: 30 Jul 1897**  
**Subject: Mrs. Martha Jane Benson**  
**Source: *Albany [MO] Ledger*, 06 Aug 1897, Friday, p. 1**

Mrs. Martha Jane Benson, mother of Sam. H. Benson, died at her home in Stanberry, last Saturday, after an illness of only a week.

**Date of death: 29 Apr 1907**  
**Subject: Samuel H. Benson**  
**Source: *The DeKalb County [MO] Record-Herald*, 02 May 1907, Thursday, p. 1**

Sam. H. Benson, formerly prosecuting attorney of Gentry county, and for many years prominent in law and the politics of Gentry county died at Stanberry Monday night. He was stricken with apoplexy at the Wabash hotel Saturday and never rallied. He was a bachelor and was 58 years [sic] old.

**Date of death: 1 Aug 1878**  
**Subject: Luther Bent**  
**Source: *The [Council Bluffs IA] Daily Nonpareil*, 13 Aug 1878, Tuesday, p. 4**

Dr. Luther Bent, of Bedford, died a few days ago. He came to Taylor county in 1856.

**Date of death: Oct 1849**  
**Subject: Nahum Bent**  
**Source: *The St. Joseph [MO] Weekly Gazette*, 26 Oct 1849, Friday, p. 3**

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned have obtained from the Probate Court of Andrew County letters testamentary on the estate of Nahum Bent, deceased dated October 18th, 1849. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them properly authenticated for settlement to the administrators within one year from the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from having any benefit of said estate and if such claims are not exhibited within three years they will be forever barred.

Luther Bent,  
Benj. F. Price,  
Executors.  
Oct. 26.

**Date of death: 6 Oct 1923**  
**Subject: Lincoln Abner Bent**  
**Source: *The Maryville [MO] Daily Forum*, 06 Oct 1923, Saturday, p. 1**

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Lincoln Bent, well known contractor and building, died at 7:30 o'clock this morning at his home, 416 West Fourth street, after an extended illness. Mr. Bent's left leg was broken in 1903 when he fell thirty-five feet from a school building in Blythedale, Mo., on which he was working. A year later while still using a cane he fell from a ladder when taking measurements on a new home which he was building for himself on North Main street. His many years of suffering were the result of this fall.

Mr. Bent was born February 8, 1863, in Bedford, Ia., where he received grade and high school education. From 1880 to 1881 he attended the University of Iowa at Iowa City, and later taught school for twelve years. He took up brick building construction in 1893, and has erected buildings throughout southern Iowa and northwestern Missouri. The family moved to Maryville in 1901. Many of the best public buildings in Maryville were erected by Mr. Bent. Among these are the power house and ad addition to St. Francis Hospital, Empire Theater, Nodaway Valley Bank, Lippman building on North Main street, the building of the Poland-Chaina Record Association, St. Francis Parochial School and the power house at the State Teachers College. In 1918 he rebuilt the five business houses on Main between Third and Fourth streets which were destroyed by fire in January of that year, and the Independent Oil Company station on North Main street. After the completion of these buildings Mr. Bent was forced to retire from business on account of his health.

In 1884 Mr. Bent was married to Anna Belle Moore of Blockton, Ia., who with four children, three daughters, and one son, survives. They are Mrs. J. C. Baird, Chicago; Mrs. A. J. Caulfield and Miss Nina Bent, Maryville, and R. G. Bent of Des Moines, Ia. Mr. Bent had been a member of the Christian Church since 1885, and fraternally held memberships with the I. O. O. F. and Modern Woodmen of America Lodges of Maryville.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the home, conducted by the Rev. Robert L. Finch of Des Moines, Ia., a former pastor of the Christian Church in Maryville. The body will lie in state at the home from 10:30 to 12 o'clock tomorrow morning. Burial will be in Miriam cemetery.

**Date of death: 23 Nov 1900**

**Subject: Alonzo A. Bentley**

**Source: *Lincoln [NE] Journal Star*, 24 Nov 1900, Saturday, p. 6**

The death of A. A. Bentley occurred last night at 6 o'clock at his home, 529 South Twenty-first street. He was fifty-two years of age and consumption causes his demise. The deceased leaves besides his wife one brother, Dr. R. L. Bentley and two sisters, Mrs. C. A. Leming of 1128 E street and May M. Miller of Frankfort, Indiana. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow.

**Date of death: 12 Jan 1907**

**Subject: Amos B. Bentley**

**Source: *The Maryville [MO] Daily Forum*, 14 Jan 1907, Monday, p. 1**

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Nodaway county's oldest lawyer and school teacher, and a man who years ago was one of the best known residents of the county passed away Saturday when Captain Amos B. Bentley died at his home near Ravenwood.

Monday the body of the dead pioneer was brought to Maryville and interred in Miriam cemetery, beside that of his first wife.

The dead man was 84 years of age, he having celebrated that anniversary of his birth two weeks prior to the close of his life. The infirmities of old age caused his death.

Amos B. Bentley was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, December 26th, 1822. He began the study of law at the age of 18 years, and taught school in Ohio while preparing to enter the other profession.

After being admitted to the bar he left his native state and in 1852 went to California. He remained there only a short time, returning them to Ohio, and later to Iowa. In 1858 he came to Nodaway county, settling in Jackson township.

During the civil war he served as a captain in the state militia.

With the exception of five years spent in Maryville, Jackson township was his home during all the time of his residence in Nodaway county. While in Maryville Captain Bentley practiced law, and the late Lafayette Dawson was his partner.

Mr. Bentley was married twice, his second wife surviving him. His first marriage took place in Ohio in 1843, and of this union there were six children.

During the greater part of the time spent in Nodaway county Captain Bentley taught school in different districts, and hundreds of his former pupils reside in Jackson and neighboring townships. His school work was not given up until twelve years ago. Many stories used to be related by the old educator concerning the experiences in the early days of the county's history.

On one occasion his first wife went in search of a horse which had wandered from home out upon the prairie, and before finding it Mrs. Bentley was surrounded by wolves. She only escaped the hungry animals by constantly waving her apron before their eyes, the unusual sight causing the wolves to hesitate to attack her.

Some of Captain Bentley's boy pupils once became unruly during his earlier teaching days in Nodaway county, and escaping from school climbed into the top of a large tree. The teacher discovered them there, but they declined to descend when ordered by him to do so.

The teacher thereupon sent for an axe and began chopping the tree down, whereupon his truant pupils hastily and tearfully climbed to the ground.

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**Date of death: 11 May 1911**

**Subject: Clarence C. Bentley**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 19 May 1911, Friday, p. 4**

Flag Springs. Clarence Bently [sic], who has been a great sufferer for several months died at the home of his mother Thursday evening. The funeral, which was largely attended was preached Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. Mrs. Bently has the sympathy of the entire community.

**same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 23 Jun 1911, Friday, p. 1**

Clarence C. Bentley, son of S. T. and Mary Bentley, was born in Lane county, Kansas, June 29, 1888, moved to Missouri with his parents in 1890, and died May 11, 1911, aged 22 years, 10 months, 12 days, was converted under the pastorate of Elder Cooper, baptized and united with the Flag Springs Baptist church, February 5, 1906, living a true and constant Christian till death. He leaves to mourn a mother, other relatives and many friends. The funeral was conducted May 13, by Rev. Ball at the Flag Springs Baptist church after which the remains were laid to rest beside his father who preceded him to the better world some years ago.

**Date of death: 4 Dec 1910**

**Subject: James H. Bentley**

**Source: [Long Beach CA] *Press-Telegram*, 05 Dec 1910, Monday, p. 5**

Bentley-- James H., aged 66 years, passed away at his late residence, 150 Redondo avenue, last night from heart trouble. Before coming to Long Beach he had resided in Maryville, Mo., for several years. He is survived by his wife, three brothers, two sons and a daughter. His daughter, Mrs. A. M. Halbert, resides in this city. Funeral services will be held from the residence tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. H. K. Booth will officiate.

**Date of death: 14 Aug 1885**

**Subject: Mary Helen (Bentley) Joy**

**Source: [Maryville MO] *Weekly Democrat-Forum*, 20 Aug 1885, Thursday, p. 4**

From Skidmore comes the painful news of the sudden death of Mrs. Harvey Jy, the wife of the postmaster of that place. Mrs. Joy was a delicate woman, yet not a sickly one. She was told by her physician, Dr. Chas. Impey, some time ago, that her heart was affected.

Last Friday she arose in her usual health, attended to her household duties, and then went down to the postoffice and helped her husband in the distribution of the mail. She then went back to attend to her household duties. A little after ten o'clock, she sent her little girl about seven years of age into the kitchen to do something, and herself went into the bedroom. The little girl soon heard a noise in the bedroom like something falling, and called to her mother, but receiving no answer, became frightened and ran out for her father. He hurriedly came, and to his horror found his wife lying on the floor of the bedroom, dead. A physician was summoned, but he could only confirm the dreadful fears of the stricken family.

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Mrs. Joy was brought to Maryville and interred [sic] in Miriam cemetery, where her mother is buried. Mrs. Joy's maiden name was Mary bently [sic], she being a daughter of Judge Amos Bently, of this county. Judge Bently is in Ohio visiting, and could not be reached. The funeral service of Mrs. Joy will be preached at Skidmore, on September 13th.

Mrs. Joy leaves two children, a boy eleven years of age, and a little girl seven years old. Two children have preceded her to the better land. She was of a lively disposition, and a great favorite with all of her friends. The suddenness of her death has almost crushed her husband. She was a loving and devoted wife, a true christian, and a noble woman. To those left behind to mourn, we extend our deepest sympathy.

**Date of death: 16 Feb 1903**

**Subject: Nancy Jane (Bentley) Dowden**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 27 Feb 1903, Friday, p. 1**

Flag Springs. Mrs. Nancy J. Dowden died Feb. 16. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. L. Cooper at the Baptist Church on the 17th, after which the remains were interred in the Flag Springs cemetery.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 27 Feb 1903, Friday, p. 5**

Mrs. Dowden, mother of Mrs. D. O. Campbell, died at her home near Flag Springs, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Interment took place in the cemetery there Monday. James Dowden a son who was last heard from in St. Joseph, could not be found.-- Whitesville Banner.

**Date of death: 30 May 1893**

**Subject: Margaret A. Bentley**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 9 Jun 1893, Friday, p. 5**

Flag Springs. June 5. On last Monday night, at 12:30 o'clock, the spirit of Miss Maggie Bently [sic] passed peacefully out of the earthly house of her tabernacle here below, in to heavens, prepared by He who died to redeem the world. While she had been sick for some time with the dread disease, consumption, she was never heard to murmur or complain of her unhappy lot. She had met her Savior and been blessed of him. While to us it seems hard to have one so young and so lovely called away from our associations, we know that she is better off than we, for she is with God, where disease and pain, sorrow, death and parting is no more. She was born in Holt county, Mo., Feb. 15, 1879, and was therefore seventeen years, three months and fifteen days old. The funeral sermon was preached by Bro. W. G. Ball, on Tuesday evening at 5 o'clock.

With the poet we can say truly

*Sister thou was't mild and lovely,  
Gentle as the summer breeze*

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*Pleasant as the air of evening  
When it floats among the trees.*

*Peaceful be thy silent slumbers,  
Peaceful in the grave so low;  
Thou no more will join our number,  
Thou no more our songs shall know.*

*Dearest sister thou hast left us,  
Here thou [sic] loss we deeply feel;  
But 'tis God that has bereft us,  
He can our sorrows heal.*

*Yet again we hope to meet thee  
When the day of life is fled;  
Then in heaven with joy to greet thee  
Where no farewell tear is shed.*

j. k. w.

**Date of death: 21 May 1909**  
**Subject: Silas Bentley**  
**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 04 Jun 1909, Friday, p. 1**

Flag Springs. Silas Bentley was buried here last Tuesday at 2 o'clock. The remains were shipped here from Las Vegas, New Mexico, where he had been for the last seven weeks. He died at 4 o'clock Saturday morning, May 22. Rev. Riggs of Union Star preached the funeral.

**Same**  
**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 04 Jun 1909, Friday, p. 5**

From the King City *Democrat*. W. J. Mulnix came up from Holden the first of the week to attend the funeral of Silas Bentley, a brother-in-law, who was buried at Flag Springs. Mr. Bentley went to New Mexico some time ago for the benefit of his health, but received no benefit.

**Date of death: 13 Apr 1904**  
**Subject: Ruby (Benton) Rich**  
**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 15 Jan 1904, Friday, p. 1**

Rochester. Grandma Rich suffered another stroke of parlysis [sic] last Saturday and is in a very critical condition.

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**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 15 Apr 1904, Friday, p. 10**

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Rochester, April 18. Grandma Rich passed peacefully away Wednesday morning, April 13, at 4 o'clock, and the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery here Thursday.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 22 Apr 1904, Friday, p. 8**

Rochester. Grandma Rich, who had been sick since last January, with paralysis, died Wednesday, April 13, and was laid to rest in the Rochester cemetery. Grandma Rich out lived the three score years and ten mark, having attained the good old age of seventy-nine years.

Mrs. Green, of Cosby, visited Mrs. J. B. Shreves last Thursday and attended Grandma Rich's funeral.

**Date of deaths: 13 Aug 1896**

**Subject: Andrew A. Berg and Frank W. Berg**

**Source: *Parnell [MO] Sentinel*, 14 Aug 1896, Friday, p. 4**

Frank and Andrew Berg were struck by lightning Thursday morning about 10 o'clock and instantly killed. Eddie Berg and Wm. Geisken were severely injured at the same time.

Seven boys sought shelter this morning from the rain storm in the barn of Frank Berg, 3 1/2 miles southeast of town. The barn is situated in a grove and the clouds looked threatening. Four of the boys in order to see the approaching storm, climbed up into the ventilator. Three of the boys had reached the ventilator and the fourth, Frank Berg, was climbing the rafter hand over hand when the fatal stroke occurred [sic]. The lightning struck the ventilator[,] passed through the roof and passed from the head to the feet of Andrew Berg then passed down the rafter to which Frank Berg was clinging killing both boys instantly. The other two boys in the ventilator were within a foot of the bolt and severely shocked but are expected to recover. The remaining three boys in the barn were but slightly shocked.

The funeral is held to-day at 10 o'clock in this city at the St. Joseph church. The bereaved family has the sympathy of the entire community.

**Date of death: 20/22 Jan 1920**

**Subject: Anton Henry Berg**

**Source: *Ravenwood [MO] Gazette*, 29 Jan 1920, Thursday, p. 3**

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Berg last Wednesday a son. The child only lived a few hours. Burial took place Thursday.

**Date of death: 23/24 Feb 1902**

**Subject: Emma May Berg**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 24 Feb 1902, Monday, p. 6**



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Mary, the fourteen-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Berg of South St. Joseph, died Sunday morning as the result of being burned by scalding water on the Friday preceding. The accident occurred in a peculiar way. The father of the child was standing on the stove fixing the stovepipe when he slipped and fell, upsetting a kettle of hot water on the child. The child was burned badly about the face and body, and medical aid failed to be of any effect.. The funeral was held this forenoon at King Hill cemetery.

**Date of death: 16 Jun 1916**

**Subject: Catherine (Berger) Houghtaling**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 23 Jun 1916, Friday, p. 1**

Bolckow. Mrs. J. W. Houghtaling passed away Friday morning, June 16, 1916, after a brief illness at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. A. McCoppin in Maryville. The body was brought to her own home in Bolckow on Saturday evening and on Sunday afternoon her former pastor, Rev. H. McNamee of Hopkins, assisted by Rev. J. G. Barnes, conducted the funeral service in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends after which her body was laid to rest beside that of her husband in the Bolckow cemetery. Kate Berger was born in Wayne county, Ohio, September 21, 1839. When about 18 years of age she came to Boone County, Illinois, and on December 31, 1863, was united in marriage to John W. Houghtaling near Belvidere, Illinois. To this union four children were born: Mrs. C. A. McCoppin of Maryville; Mrs. J. O. Dougan of Bolckow; Frank E. Houghtaling of Portis, Ks., and Raymond L. Houghtaling of Bedford, Ia., all of whom were present at the funeral. At the close of the Civil War, she came with her husband to Nodaway county and located on what is still the Houghtaling farm four and one-half miles northeast of Bolckow. In the fall of 1899, they moved to what is now the O. E. Peters home near Bolckow where they resided until Mr. Houghtaling's death on February 10, 1905, after which Mrs. Houghtaling moved to the place in town which remained her home. For some months past she had been in failing health and was persuaded to live with her daughter, who gave her every care. Although very frail, her final illness was of brief duration and her death came as a shock to all. In early life, she was converted and was a charter member of the Bolckow M. E. church of which she continued a faithful member until her death. She was also a charter member of Bolckow Chapter O.E.S., always taking an active interest in the work.

Besides the children she leaves nine grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and many friends, who will miss her. Among the relatives and friends from out of town who attended the funeral were: C.L. Berger and Mrs. W.F. Kirkpatrick of Kansas City; Mrs. Joseph Doherty and son of Omaha, NE; Mr. and Mrs. Don C. Dougan and son of Ford City; Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bennett and daughter of Maryville; Mr. and Mrs. John Harkrider of St. Joseph; Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson of Bedford, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. Dory Snyder and Mrs. H. McNamee, Hopkins, Mo.

**Date of death: 26 Dec 1918**

**Subject: Cornealius Lockwood Berger**

**Source: *The Kansas City [MO] Times*, 28 Dec 1918, Saturday, p. 7**

Cornelius [sic] L. Berger, 66 years old, an elevator operator at the Emery, Bird & Thayer store, died Thursday at his home, 2220 Agnes Avenue. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Henrietta Berger; three sons, A. S. Berger, Cedar Rapids, Ia.; Earl M. Berger, 2013 Park Avenue, and Paul

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L. Berger, with the Rainbow Division in France; and three daughters, Miss Elizabeth Berger, of the home address; Mrs. Anthony J. Miller, 2449 Bales Avenue, and Mrs. Harry M. Shay, 4325 State Line. Funeral services will be at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the home; burial in Elmwood Cemetery.

**Date of death: 17 Feb 1894**

**Subject: Eliza Jane (Berger) Perrine**

**Source: *Maryville [MO] Democrat*, 19 Feb 1894, Monday, p. 1**

S. B. Arnold attended the funeral in Bolckow, Sunday, of his cousin's wife, Mrs. Perrine.

**Date of death: 3 Dec 1902**

**Subject: Margaret Berger**

**Source: *Nodaway [County MO] Democrat*, 04 Dec 1902, Thursday, p. 5**

A three months old little girl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Berger, who moved here from Iowa only a few weeks ago, was found dead in bed Wednesday morning. It was a great shock to the parents. Rev. Fr. Nieman conducted services at St. Patrick's Wednesday afternoon at 3:30.

**Same**

**Source: *The Maryville [MO] Tribune*, 04 Dec 1902, Thursday, p. 4**

A little girl three months old was found dead in bed Wednesday morning by its parents at the home of C. L. Berger at the corner of Fifth and Walnut Street. The child, with its parents, came here a month ago from Iowa. It had only been sick a short time and the parents and grandparents were greatly surprised, on waking, Wednesday morning to find the little one dead. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Fr. Nieman Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at St. Patricks [sic] church.

**Date of death: 30 May 1915**

**Subject: Verena (Berger) Gerber**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 04 Jun 1915, Friday, p. 1 and *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 04 Jun 1915, Friday, p. 1**

Mrs. Gerber, wife of Fred Gerber, died at her home four miles southeast of Savannah on Sunday morning May 30, after an illness of several weeks. On Tuesday the body was taken to the German Reformed church south of Avenue City where a funeral service was held after which it was laid to rest in the cemetery near the church. The service was conducted by Rev. A. W. McGlothlan, assisted by the pastor of the Reformed church and was largely attended. Mrs. Gerber, whose maiden name was Fannie Berger, was born in Switzerland near the city of Berne on the 7th day of January, 1865. She came to America at the age of sixteen and has lived in this vicinity ever since. She was married to Fred Gerber, April 6, 1893. There were three children born to this union, Louis, John and Elma [sic], all of whom, with the husband, survive her. She united with the church when a child in the old country and has lived a devoted Christian life ever since. She was an ideal mother, no sacrifice being too great for her to make for her husband and

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children. She had many friends in the community where she was known. In fact 'None knew her but to love her, Or named her but to bless.' The bereaved family has the sympathy of many friends in and around Savannah.

**Date of death: Dec 1888**

**Subject: James M. Berkey**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 07 Dec 1888, Friday, p. 2**

James Berkey, of Nodaway county, went out in the field to husk corn. Along in the forenoon his wife saw his team standing by the yard fence, and going out found her husband lying dead by the fence. It is supposed he was taken sick and started to come to the house, when on reaching the yard he felt so bad he lay down and died. Cause of death heart disease. He was an old soldier.

**Date of death: 22 Mar 1917**

**Subject: Robert Wray Berkey**

**Source: *Parnell [MO] Sentinel*, 29 Mar 1917, Thursday, p. 3**

The infant son of Will Berkey died last Thursday afternoon and was buried the following day in the Myrtle Tree cemetery.

**Date of death: 21 Aug 1920**

**Subject: Roy Berkey**

**Source: *Maryville [MO] Daily Forum*, 23 Aug 1920, Monday, p. 1**

Roy Berkey, 16 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Berkey of Graham, passed away yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock following an illness of three months. Death was due to cancer. Funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at the Methodist Church at Graham, in charge of the pastor, Rev. S. D. Harlan and burial will be in the K. of P. Cemetery of Maitland. The young man underwent an operation two months ago at a hospital in Denver, Colo., and was brought to his home last week. He is survived by his parents, three brothers and four sisters.

**Date of death: 11 Jul 1904**

**Subject: Philip Bermond**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 15 Jul 1904, Friday, p. 1**

Phillip [sic] Bermond, a bachelor about 65 years old, who resided about 4 1/2 miles southeast of Cosby, near the Andrew-Buchanan line, was found by his brother George Bermond and his nephew Otto Bermond Wednesday afternoon, about 200 yards west of his house, in a timber pasture, with his head almost unrecognizable mass, caused by blows from a club in the hands of murderers. The club and some cheese and crackers were found in the brush near the body.

Mr. Bermond had helped a neighbor thrash on Monday and went home through the timber pasture, which was the last seen of him. From the mortified condition of the body, it is supposed that the murder was committed Monday evening.

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The house of the old man had been ransacked from top to bottom. Drawers had been pulled out of bureaus and tables, beds were torn to pieces and the furniture was in confusion. Bermond had considerable property, and had the reputation of being a miser, and the general supposition was that he had a large sum of money secreted in the house. Neither of the relatives of the old man knows whether he had any money in the house, and it is not known whether the robbers got anything.

When Mr. Bermond did not return to work on the second day, his brother and nephew went to his home and began a search for him. Sheriff Holcomb, Coroner Kelley and Prosecuting Attorney Stephen Fee held an inquest Thursday. Undertaker Sidenfadden, of St. Joseph, took charge of the body. No clue has been found of the murderer.

Louis Bermond, a brother of the murdered man, was set upon by robbers about four years ago. They bound him, threw him in the barn and tortured him and ransacked the house and barn, but were unsuccessful. Mr. Bermond gnawed the cords in two and got away. A man by the name of Harris and another by the name of Wilson, not ten miles from the scene of the Monday horror, were killed in the last few years by robbers.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 15 Jul 1904, Friday, p. 1**

His head almost an unrecognizable mass as the result of blows that had been rained upon it, Phillip [sic] Bermond, an aged farmer living four miles west of Clarksdale in Andrew county, was found cold in death yesterday afternoon by his brother, Geo. Bermond, and a nephew, Otto Bermond.

The old man was lying face downwards on the ground about 200 yards west of his house, where he had lived the life of a hermit for several years. From the appearance of the interior of the dwelling it was evident that robbers had first killed the man and then ransacked the place for money that was supposed to have been secreted there.

The murderers used a club in order to accomplish their fiendish end and that the old man struggled bravely for his life was shown by the evidence of the struggle that ensued when the robbers attacked him.

Bermond has the reputation of being a miser and the general supposition of his neighbors was that he had a large sum of money secreted in the house. His brother had often pleaded with him not to live the hermit life that he did but the old man preferred being alone and his ways were so eccentric that he had few close friends.

When the brother and nephew, who live some distance from the home of the old man, went to the latter's house yesterday and did not find him in they made a search and discovered his body a short distance from the house.

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They then made an inspection of the dwelling and found that it had been ransacked from top to bottom. Drawers had been pulled out of bureaus and tables, beds had been torn to pieces and the furniture was turned over in confusion.

Neither of the relatives of the man know whether he had any money in the house and therefore it is not known whether the robbers got anything.-- Thursday's Gazette.

**Date of death: 27 Apr 1906**

**Subject: Mary Catherine (Bernard) Dawson**

**Source: *The Benkelman [NE] Chronicle*, 04 May 1906, Friday, p. 1**

Mary Katherine [sic] Bernard was born in Washington County, Iowa, Aug. 21, 1856 and died at her home west of Benkelman April 27 1906 aged 49 years 8 months and 6 days. She was married to Andrew J. Dawson April 26, 1876 at Washington, Iowa and removed to Dundy county, Nebr. In 1886 where she has since continuously reside. To this union five children were born, two of whom, Ida and Elsa together with her husband survive her. She leaves a father three brothers and three sister [sic] who living in Iowa were not able to be present at the funeral.

Funeral services were held Sunday at the M. E. Church and burial in the Benkelman cemetery. The bereaved family have [sic] the sympathy of the entire community in this hour of sorrow.

**Date of death: 29 Jul 1885**

**Subject: Catherine (Berry) Vassar**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 31 Jul 1885, Friday, p. 5**

Amazonia. July 29, Mrs. Kate Vassar died about five o'clock on the morning of the 29th, after a long and painful illness. She leaves a little girl of five, who will find a good home with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Trampie [sic].

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 31 Jul 1885, Friday, p. 3**

Died.-- In Amazonia on Wednesday morning, July 29, at 5 o'clock of consumption, Mrs. Catherine Vieser [sic]. She leaves a bright little girl five years old.

**Date of death: 2 Jan 1923**

**Subject: Cora Alice (Berry) Warner**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 05 Jan 1923, Friday, p. 5**

Mrs. Alice Warner passed away January 2, 1923, at 8:30 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Will Gilmore, near the Burlington depot after an illness lasting two years.

The funeral was held at the home yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock and burial was in the Savannah cemetery. She leaves many warm friends who will miss her kindly, pleasing

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personality. The family lose [sic] a beloved mother and the community a respected and honored resident.

Mrs. Alice Warner, daughter of Joseph and Millie Berry, was born at Fillmore, August 10, 1860. On February 24, 1881, she was married to Frank I. Warner and to this union were born two sons and one daughter: James I., the oldest son, died October 27, 1907, Walter Vance Warner of Kansas City and Mrs. William J. Gilmore of Savannah, are still living. Mrs. Warner has four brothers and three sisters: James Berry, John Berry, Mrs. Melissa Dodge, of Los Angeles, Calif., Mrs. Rachael Carey of Bolckow, Mrs. James Gilmore and Oscar Berry of Fillmore still survive [sic]. Her husband died August 15, 1904.

She was converted when a child and united with the M. E. Church, South, at Fillmore, later with the same church in Savannah of which she was a consistent member at the time of her death.

**Date of death: 2 Jul 1891**

**Subject: Delta H. Berry**

**Source: *Nodaway [County MO] Democrat*, 09 Jul 1891, Thursday, p. 4**

Mozingo Valley. A gloom came over our neighborhood last Friday, caused by the death of Delta Berry, a bright little boy ten years of age, the son of Mrs. Mary Berry, and grandson of Thos I Reed and wife. The facts regarding his untimely death are as follows: The little fellow went out to the field to call his uncle to dinner, and, as usual, was allowed to ride one of the horses, which, from some cause, became frightened, and started to run, throwing the boy off the horse, his foot catching in the harness. The horse ran about seventy rods, dragging the boy all this distance, and when released, his neck was found to be broken. The mother and family are heart broken over the sad occurrence [sic]. This makes the second child and husband who have been taken from this family by Death within the last two years. They have the heartfelt sympathy of the neighborhood. May the mother find comfort in Him that said 'Suffer little children to come unto Me.'

**Date of death: 11 Dec 1917**

**Subject: Edwin Carlisle Berry**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 14 Dec 1917, Friday, p. 1**

Edwin C. Berry, a young St. Joseph boy who returned a few weeks ago from ambulance service in France, was killed three miles north of Fillmore Tuesday evening at 10 o'clock by an automobile turning turtle over an embankment and crushing him.

Mr. Berry had accompanied Dr. Beard of St. Joseph to Maitland on the train to bring home the latter's car and they had reached on the way home that point in Clay township, about a mile and a half east and south of the W. C. Fleming residence, when the accident occurred. This road south crossed Peddler creek in an angling manner, turning southeast to go on the bridge and to go off the bridge the the [sic] road turns southwest, making it necessary for slow travel. It was built before the automobile age. The car of Dr. Beard went on over the embankment southeast of the bridge. Yet Dr. Beard claims he was not traveling fast.

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Dallas Slayden, a young man of the neighborhood, came by shortly afterward and he heard the remarks of Dr. Beard to Berry, who replied that he could get along all right while they went for help to get the car off.

Young Slayden went to Mr. Burns' house and Dr. Beard went to another unoccupied but Miller Nease, who lives a few rods away, heard Dr. Beard and went to him. Walter McCallon and C. A. Christmas also heard of the accident and they went immediately but Mr. Berry had died before they arrived.

Doctor Beard, who was seen in his room at the Robidoux so the News-Press said Wednesday, said he was so upset by the unfortunate affair that he could not recall whether he or Berry was driving the car, a chummy roadster, at the time it hit the side of the bridge, tore off the railing and landed bottom side up in the ditch.

Beard says his foot was caught in the steering wheel and he asked Berry if he could get out and assist Berry. Berry responded by vigorously kicking Beard's foot, which soon was extracted and Beard crawled from under the car. Then he asked Berry, who said he couldn't get out if he was much hurt, and he says, his companion replied:

'No, but this is a fine lobster we are having, Doc.'

Beard explains this remark by saying that only a few minutes before the accident they had been discussing a lobster supper they were to have upon reaching St. Joseph.

That death was caused by a rupture of a major vein in the head is the opinion of Dr. B. E. Miles of Fillmore, who had been called to the scene. He said Wednesday that his examination was only superficial, but that it disclosed that several of Berry's ribs on the right side had been fractured. He had been pinned face downward, with the front seat of the car lying across his back. his back [sic].

Edwin Berry went to France the first of last May to enter the service of the American ambulance. He bore his own expenses and served without pay. At the end of six months' service he returned home, arriving a little more than a month ago. Recently he applied for enlistment in the aviation corps of the United States army and was daily expecting to receive notice of his acceptance and assignment to duty.

He was twenty-two years old, was a graduate of Princeton Preparatory School, Princeton, N. J. He also had attended St. Paul's School at Concord, N. H., and the University of Pennsylvania. He was born in St. Joseph and was Mr. and Mrs. Berry's only child.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 14 Dec 1917, Friday, p. 5**

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While Dr. F. G. Beard, of Maitland, and Edwin G. [sic] Berry, of St. Joseph, were returning to St. Joseph from Maitland last Tuesday night their car was overturned near Fillmore, this county and Berry was fatally injured. Young Berry recently returned from France where he was in the ambulance service for several months.

He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Berry who reside near the State Hospital at St. Joseph.

**Date of death: 7 Jan 1885**

**Subject: Elenora (Berry) Messick**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 16 Jan 1885, Friday, p. 5**

Fillmore. Jan. 14. Elenora Berry, wife of William Messick and daughter of Hugh and Eliza Berry, was born in Knox county, Ohio, on the 8th of April, 1845, and was married to William Messick on the 12th day of August, 1866. She joined the Christian Church in January, 1866. Elenora died at her mother's home, in Fillmore, Mo., Wednesday morning at half-past one o'clock, Jan. 7, 1885. Her funeral took place on the following Thursday at the Methodist Church. The funeral was largely attended. Rev. Alumbaugh officiated. Mrs. Messick leaves a husband and four children to mourn her sad departure. She was a noble Christian woman, and died in the triumphs of a living faith.

**Date of death: 27 Mar 1892**

**Subject: Eppilinda (Berry) Beasley**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 1 Apr 1892, Friday, p. 5**

Fillmore. March 29. Mrs. Theodore Beasley, who has been sick for several months, departed this life at midnight, Sunday, March 27, 1892, at the age of forty-two years. She made a brave fight for life, but yielded at last and is at rest. She will be sadly missed by her many friends, but most of all in the home of which she was the light and joy. May God graciously comfort her husband and motherless children in their sad affliction. Her bereaved family have the sympathy of the community. Her remains were laid to rest of Fillmore cemetery, Tuesday, after short services at her home, conducted by Rev. Downs, of this place.

**Date of death: 2 Mar 1884**

**Subject: Hilda L. Berry**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 4 Mar 1884, p. 1**

Wm. Sidenfaden furnished a burial casket yesterday for the four-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Berry, of Amazonia, who died Sunday.

**Same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 7 Mar 1884, Friday, p. 8**

The child of Mr. and Mrs. Berry, of Amazonia, died on Sunday, aged four years.



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**Date of death: 5 Oct 1876**

**Subject: Hugh Berry**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 29 Sep 1876, Friday, p. 1- *not an obituary***

Fillmore, Mo., September 25, 1876. Uncle Hugh Berry still lives. He has been very low at times.

**Date of death: [21] May 1905**

**Subject: infant child of James Berry**

**Source: *The Maryville [MO] Daily Forum*, 23 May 1905, Tuesday, p. 1**

Mr. and Mrs. James Berry's infant child that died was buried Monday morning in Miriam cemetery after having lived a few hours. Mr. and Mrs. Berry live on East Fourth street.

**Date of death: [16] Jul 1898**

**Subject: infant son of Ed Berry**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 22 Jul 1898, Friday, p. 1**

Fillmore. July 19. Ed Berry's little three-months-old child was buried at Fillmore, Sunday evening.

**Date of death: 5 Sep 1908**

**Subject: John B. Berry**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 04 Sep 1908, Friday, p. 1**

Fillmore. Word was received Tuesday that Mr. Bud Berry, of St. Joseph is not expected to live. Mr. Berry is well known here, as he was raised in Fillmore. (He died Wednesday night.)

**Same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 11 Sep 1908, Friday, p. 8**

Fillmore. The funeral of Bud Berry took place at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The services were conducted at the home of his mother Mrs. E. A. Berry. Interment in the Fillmore cemetery.

**Same**

**Source: *The Andrew County [MO] Republican*, 11 Sep 1908, Friday, p. 1**

J. B. Berry, a former resident of this place, died in St. Joseph Saturday as the result of a stroke of paralysis almost a week before. He was stricken just as he was getting out of bed Monday morning and never regained consciousness, dying in St. Joseph hospital. His former wife was summoned from here and was at his bedside when he died.

The body was brought here Saturday night after an autopsy had been performed, and was taken from here to Fillmore, where he was born and where his aged mother still resides.

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**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 11 Sep 1908, Friday, p. 1**

J. B. Berry, who suffered a stroke of paralysis in St. Joseph, the fore part of last week, died at the Sisters' hospital there at 9 o'clock, Friday night. His remains were brought to this city Saturday night and were taken to Fillmore Sunday for burial,. He was 49 years of age.

**Date of death: 4 Jan 1890**

**Subject: Joseph Vance Berry**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 08 Nov 1889, Friday, p. 8**

Fillmore. Nov. 5. Uncle Joseph Berry was bitten by a rat, the other day, and is suffering very much ever since from blood poisoning.

**Same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 15 Nov 1889, Friday, p. 1**

Fillmore. Nov 11. Uncle Joseph Berry, who was bitten by a rat, some two weeks ago, is no better. He has been suffering from blood poisoning ever since.

**Same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 22 Nov 1889, Friday, p. 5**

Fillmore. Nov. 28. Uncle Joe Vance Berry, who has been very bad off for some time from the effect of a rat bite, is still very low.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 06 Dec 1889, Friday, p. 2**

Fillmore. J. V. Berry is still very low; blood poison has set in.

**Same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 10 Jan 1890, Friday, p. 1**

Fillmore. Jan. 8. One of our most upright and honorable citizens and neighbors passed away on Saturday night, Jan. 4, 1890. Joseph Vance Berry was born in Knox county, Ohio, October 9, 1813; married to Miss Millie Aul [sic], May 13, 1834. He moved to Andrew county in the spring of '39, of which he has since been a resident. He leaves a widow and eight children living-- four boys and four girls, all married but one girl. Uncle Joseph Berry was an honest, industrious man, and left the widow and children well provided for, but he will be greatly missed as a husband, father, neighbor, and good citizen. He was a member of the M. E. Church, South, and lived in the faith fifty-four years. Rev. Shook, of Savannah, conducted the funeral services. So in death we have lost an excellent man. He was buried in the Fillmore cemetery.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 10 Jan 1890, Friday, p. 2**

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Fillmore. Jan. 8, 1890. Mr. J. V. Berry passed over the river to that other bright shore on Saturday morning, Jan. 4. His funeral services were held at the M. E. church, South, of which he was a prominent member, by Rev. Shook, of Savannah. Mr. Berry was born in Knox county, Ohio, in 1813, and died at his home here Jan. 4, 1890. He leaves a wife and 8 children and many friends to mourn their loss.

**Date of death: 13 Feb 1896**

**Subject: Lissie Marguerette Berry**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 21 Feb 1896, Friday, p. 1**

Died, On Thursday, February 13, 1896, Lissie Marguerette Berry, infant daughter of S. P. and Anna S. Berry, of Savannah. The remains were buried in the Savannah cemetery [sic].

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 14 Feb 1896, Friday, p. 1**

Died.-- At the home of its parents in this city, on Wednesday, December 12, 1896 [sic], Lizzie Margerite Berry, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Berry.

**Date of death: 2 Nov 1918**

**Subject: Lou B. Berry**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 13 Dec 1918, Friday, p. 1**

Mrs. Elizabeth Berry received word Friday evening that her son, Corporal Lou B. Berry, had died in France on November 2, of spinal meningitis. His brother, Clyde, received a letter from him dated October 16, stating that he was feeling fine. Corporal Berry left Des Moines July 23 with a contingent of selective service men from Camp Pike, Ark., and was soon placed with replacement troops and sent to France. At the time of his death he was 29 years, 1 month and 7 days of age and had lived in Savannah all except the last 5 years which he spent in Des Moines working at the barber trade. He is survived by his mother, four brothers and three sisters, Clyde B., Corporal Glen Berry of Camp Pike, Richard, who has been in the Navy four years and is a First Class Baker; Agnes, Luella, Harry and Mary.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 06 Jan 1922, Friday, p. 4 and *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 06 Jan 1922, Friday, p. 4**

On Wednesday of this week Mrs. L. B. Berry received a telegram stating that the body of her son, Corp. Lou Berry, who died in France, would arrive at Brooklyn about Jan. 14, and would immediately be sent home. The American Legion will take charge and conduct the funeral services upon the arrival of the body here.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 03 Feb 1922, Friday, p. 1**

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Corporal Lou Berry was born in Fillmore, Mo., Sept. 25, 1889, died Nov. 2, 1918 at St. Nazaire, France. He entered the army at Des Moines, Iowa, in July, 1918, and was sent for training to Camp Pike, Ark. After training he was assigned to the automatic replacement troop division and sent to France in September, where he contracting spinal meningitis.

The funeral will be held from the Christian church Sunday, Feb. 5, by Dick Munkres Post, American Legion and burial will be in the Savannah cemetery.

Corporal Berry is survived by his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Berry, four brothers and three sisters, Clyde, Glen, Dick, Harry, Agnes, Luella and Mary.

While this soldier boy died of disease, the illness was contracted in the line of duty, and he gave his life for his country as certainly as though he had fallen on the field of battle. To his memory is due all honor.

**Date of death: 23 Jan 1897**

**Subject: Lucy Katherine (Berry) Limerick**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 29 Jan 1897, Friday, p. 8**

Died. In Savannah, Mo., Saturday, January 23, 1897, Mrs. Lucy Katherine Limerick, aged 64 years, 9 months and 2 days. She had been sick for several months. The funeral was conducted from the residence Sunday afternoon, by Rev. W. E. Boulton.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 29 Jan 1897, Friday, p. 1**

Died.-- At her home on Christian Ridge in this city, Saturday, Jan. 23, at 11 a.m., Mrs. Lucy Katherine Limerick, aged 64 years, 9 months and 21 days. Miss Lucy Katherine Berry was born at Stanford, Ky., April 2, 1832, and was married to G. T. Limerick at her home in that city, October 24, 1849. In 1855 they removed to Missouri and settled at Richmond, Ray County, where they resided until December, 1894, when they came to Savannah. Here July 12, 1895, Mr. Limerick died. Eleven children were born to this couple, seven of whom survive. They are, Dr. S. B. Limerick, who lived at Seattle, Wash.; W. B., Kate L.; R. L.; Rev. J. J., who resides at Melvern Kan.; P. F., and Lucy Hebe. All were present at the time of the mother's death, except Dr. S. B. Mrs. Limerick had been a member of the Christian Church for more than half a century. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Boulton at the residence Sunday afternoon and the remains were interred in the Savannah cemetery, beside those of the husband.

**Date of death: 1 Feb 1897**

**Subject: Martha Jane (Berry) Miller**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 05 Feb 1897, Friday, p. 8**

Parker. Mrs. Isaac Miller died Monday, February 1st, will be buried at Bethany Wednesday.

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**Date of death: 29 Jan 1923**

**Subject: Oscar Berry**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 02 Feb 1923, Friday, p. 1 and *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 02 Feb 1923, Friday, p. 4**

Oscar Berry, son of J. V. and Millie Berry, was born near Fillmore, Mo., April 28, 1846. He departed this life Jan. 29, 1923, at the age of 76 years, 9 months and 1 day.

May 20, 1880, he was united in marriage to Priscilla Wheaton. To this union three children were born, Claude C., of Bedford, Iowa, Ralph and Ray, both of Glendale, Calif. There live to mourn his death his wife, three sons, and one grandchild, Bernice, who has been living with her grandparents the past four years; three sisters, Mrs. J. B. Gilmore, Fillmore; Mrs. Melissa Dodge, Glendale, Calif. and Mrs. Rachel Carey, Kansas City, Mo.; and two brothers, James and John, both of California.

Mr. Berry was a soldier in the Civil war. He remained in the army until the close of that war. In 1883 he was converted to God under Rev. H. L. Powers. He united with the M. E. church South, but when that class in Fillmore disbanded he united with the M. E. church and remained faithful until God called him home.

*'Our brother the haven hath gained,  
Outflying the tempest and wind;  
His rest he hath sooner obtained,  
And left his companions behind.  
The voyage of life's at an end;  
The mortal affliction is past;  
The age that in heaven they spend,  
Forever and ever shall last.'*<sup>14</sup>

[Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 2 p.m., by his pastor Rev. L. T. Foch at the M. E. church. Burial was in the Fillmore cemetery.]<sup>15</sup>

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 02 Feb 1923, Friday, p. 8**

Fillmore. Mr. Oscar Berry, one of our oldest citizens, died at his home Monday morning. Mr. Berry had been in very poor health for several months, so his death was no surprise to his friends. Everyone liked Mr. Berry, and our town had no more respected citizen than he.

**same**

**Source: *The St. Joseph [MO] Observer*, 10 Feb 1923, Saturday, p. 8**

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<sup>14</sup> The verses are omitted in the *Reporter*.

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**Date of death: 31 Dec 1905**

**Subject: Pamela (Berry) Hopkins**

**Source: *The Andrew County [MO] Republican*, 05 Jan 1906, Friday, p. 8**

Fillmore. There were funeral services held at both churches Monday: That of Mrs. Milt Hopkins at the M. E. church and Mrs. Jack Cline at the Christian. Interment at the Fillmore cemetery.

**same**

**Source: *Holt County [MO] Sentinel*, 12 Jan 1906, p. 5**

Mrs. Mollie [sic] Hopkins, wife of Milton Hopkins, died at her home, south of Maitland, at 3 o'clock Sunday morning, December 31, 1905, after an illness of about two weeks. Mrs. Hopkins was taken ill with a stroke of paralysis. Millie A. Berry was born July 27, 1857, at Fillmore, Andrew County, Missouri, died December 31, 1905, near New Point, Holt County, Missouri, aged 48 years, 8 months and 3 days. She was married to Milton Hopkins, August 12, 1887 [sic]. She leaves a husband, three sons, a mother, one sister, two brothers and a host of friends to mourn her loss.-- Maitland Herald.

**Date of death: 9 Dec 1919**

**Subject: Theodore Alfred Berry**

**Source: *The Des Moines [IA] Register*, 12 Dec 1919, Friday, p. 5**

Atlantic, Ia., Dec. 11.-- Theodore A. Berry, 40 years old, postmaster at Cumberland and one of the best known residents of Cass county, died from an attack of pluro-pneumonia [sic].

**Same**

**Source: *Adams County [IA] Free Press*, 20 Dec 1919, Saturday, p. 1**

T. A. Berry, postmaster at Cumberland, died at his home of tonsilitis and penumonia [sic], December 9. He had served as postmaster four years but was not an applicant for re-appointment, expecting to move to Colorado.

**Date of death: 25 Dec 1906**

**Subject: Thomas D. Berry**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 28 Dec 1906, Friday, p. 1 and *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 28 Dec 1906, Friday, p. 1**

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Thomas Berry, a Missouri Pacific laborer, was struck by a bridge girder two miles south of Amazonia Monday night and was knocked from the steps of a northbound Burlington train upon which he was a passenger. He rolled into a creek bed fifteen feet below and was dead when the fireman, who saw him fall, reached his body. Berry's skull was crushed. He left St. Joseph shortly after midnight Monday. His body was removed to Savannah and was taken to St. Joseph Wednesday. Berry's wife was visiting in Omaha at the time of the accident and he was on his way there to spend Christmas. She was notified and reached St. Joseph Wednesday. Their home was in St. Joseph<sup>16</sup>. [In addition to his wife and mother, four brothers and a married sister, Mrs. Harry Luchsinger survive him.]<sup>17</sup> He was thirty one years old. Coroner Kelley viewed the body and will hold an inquest Saturday.<sup>18</sup>

**Same**

**Source: *The Andrew County [MO] Republican*, 28 Dec 1906, Friday, p. 1**

Thomas Berry, of St. Joseph, was killed instantly near Amazonia last night in a railroad accident. Leaning from the platform of a passenger train his body struck the framework of a bridge and was thrown to the ground. His body was taken to an undertaking establishment in Savannah and his relatives here notified. His skull was crushed by the fall.

Berry was employed here by the Missouri Pacific railroad. He has a brother who is also employed in the freight house of the same railway. He was on his way to Omaha to join his wife for a visit with friends during [sic] the holidays. Wednesday Gazette.

**same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 26 Dec 1906, Wednesday, p. 5**

Thomas Berry, of St. Joseph, was killed instantly near Savannah last night in a railroad accident. Leaning from the platform of a passenger train his body struck the framework of a bridge and was thrown to the ground. His body was taken to an undertaking establishment in Savannah and his relatives here notified. His skull was crushed by the fall.

Berry was employed here by the Missouri Pacific railway. He has a brother who is also employed in the freight house of the same railway. He was on the way to Omaha to join his wife for a visit with friends during the holidays. His wife is the sister of Caleb Lucas.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 27 Dec 1906, Thursday, p. 8**

Thomas D. Berry, aged 31 years, died Tuesday morning, Dec. 25, near Amazonia, Mo., by accident, whole on Burlington train. Survived by wife, mother, one sister and four brothers.

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<sup>16</sup> This sentence in *Reporter* only.

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Remains brought here yesterday. Funeral from residence of his mother, 413 North 12th street, this (Thursday) afternoon at 3 o'clock. Burial at Mount Mora. Friends invited.

**Date of death: 25 Mar 1898**

**Subject: Wilson S. "Sham" Berry**

**Source: *The Jessamine [KY] Journal*, 01 Apr 1898, Friday**

W. S. Berry died at his home at High Bridge, Saturday morning last, after an illness of four weeks of stomach trouble, aged 52 years. The deceased was a native of Mt. Vernon, O. (?), and came to this county six years ago from Kansas and was, for quite a while, superintendent of the Morton rock crusher at High Bridge. A wife and two grown daughters survive him. The interment took place in Maple Grove Cemetery Sunday afternoon.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 08 Apr 1898, Friday, p. 1**

Bud Berry last week received the intelligence that his brother, Sham Berry died at Highbridge, Ky., Saturday, March 25. The deceased was 58 [sic] years of age, and was at one time foreman of the rock quarry north of Savannah.

**Date of death: 6 Feb 1886**

**Subject: Joseph Berryhill**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 12 Feb 1886, Friday, p. 8**

For some time Mr. Joseph Berryhill had been confined to his bed from erysipelas. Death relieved him from his sufferings on Saturday morning, February 6, at 5 o'clock. He had been a resident of Savannah about fifteen year, and had been one of our leading and most substantial citizens. He leaves a wife and one child of about twelve years of age. His remains were interred at 2 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity, the members of Savannah Lodge No. 71 and Savannah Royal Arch Chapter No. 83, of which he was a member, turning out in force to pay their last earthly respect to their deceased brother.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 12 Feb 1886, Friday, p. 3**

Our community was again startled on Saturday morning last by the announcement that Mr. Joseph Berryhill, one of our most respected citizens, was no more. Mr. Berryhill had been confined to his bed for several weeks with a carbuncle on the back of his neck. On Wednesday evening he was attacked with erysipelas in the eyes, and on Friday night about midnight it went to his brain and he died at five o'clock Saturday morning, aged fifty-seven years. Mr. Berryhill was a friend to the poor and whenever a case of deserving charity was mentioned to him he was always willing and ready to give assistance. He was very positive in his opinions and belonged to that class of citizens the better you become acquainted with them the better you like them.



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Mr. Berryhill was in good circumstances and leaves a devoted wife and an interesting little girl 11 years old, to mourn their untimely loss. He was born in Warren county, Ohio, and has resided in Andrew county since 1869. A large concourse of citizens followed his remains to the cemetery on Sunday last, the burial rites being performed by the masonic fraternity, he being a member of Savannah lodge No. 71, and Savannah Royal Arch Chapter, No. 83.

**Date of death: 24 Mar 1915**

**Subject: Thomas Henry Benton Berryhill**

**Source: *The Tulsa [OK] Tribune*, 25 Mar 1915, Thursday, p. 5**

Thomas H. Berryhill, aged 72, died at his home two miles west of Red Fork, Wednesday afternoon. Funeral services were held this afternoon at the home and interment was made in the Red Fork cemetery. Mr. Berryhill is survived by a wife and six children.

**Date of death: 24 Jan 1918**

**Subject: Francis W. Bertagnolli**

**Source: *Gilpin [CO] Observer*, 31 Jan 1918, Thursday, p. 1**

The funeral of F. W. Bertagnolli, who was electrocuted last Thursday morning in a transformer house of the Evergreen mine, was held Monday morning. Services were held in the Catholic church, which was filled with friends of the deceased. Father W. T. Deatcher celebrated the mass and Father B. E. Baughton, formerly of Central, now of Denver, delivered an eloquent sermon. Beautiful singing by the choir and soloists was a feature of the services.

The remains were removed to the Elks' hall, where the ritualistic services of this order were conducted and a prayer offered by Rev. Geo. S. Parker.

A special train was chartered by the Elks which conveyed the body to Mt. Olivet cemetery. Close to 50 members of the order went to the cemetery. Here Rev. Father Pius, O. S. F., Denver offered the benediction. A number of friends of Mr. Bertagnolli came out from Denver to be present at the final services.

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To the dear, kind friends... [*excerpted*] we thank you.

Mrs. Frank W. Bertagnolli, Mother and Children,

Corporal E. C. Bertagnolli

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Kuester

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Dacus

Central City, Colo., Jan. 29, 1918

**Date of death: 3 Jan 1914**

**Subject: Simon Jesse Besst**

**Source: *The Decatur [NE] Herald*, 08 Jan 1914, Thursday, p. 1**

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Simon Jesse Besst was born near Holton, Jackson County, Kansas, August 7th, 1878, and died at the Dr. Nichols Sanatorium, Savannah [sic], Missouri, Jan. 3rd, 1914. Aged 35 years, 5 months.

At the age of two years, went with his parents to Sac County, Iowa, where they resided until the fall of 1886. The family came to Burt County, Nebraska where he has lived since.

November 28th 1899 he was united in marriage to Miss Martha, third daughter of Mr. Henry Wetjen, at the Baptist parsonage in Tekamah, Nebr. During most of their wedding life they made their home in Lyons, Nebr., but at present they were residing in Bancroft, Nebraska.

He was as a boy and as a man of a very kind and gentle disposition always ready to do all he could to help the sick and needy. Always thoughtful of his parents and family, never giving them one moment of trouble or anxiety. He was loved and held in high esteem by all who knew him.

He leaves a sorrowful wife and two living little girls to mourn their loss, besides an aged mother, two brothers, three sisters, a father-in-law, seven brothers-in-law and four sisters-in-law and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church Jan. 6th, 2 p.m. Rev. C. H. Bancroft, of the Riverside Baptist, and Rev. M. C. Stonecipher, of the Presbyterian Church of Decatur. Music was furnished by the Riverside Baptist choir.

Interment in the Decatur cemetery.

**Date of death: 24 Jan 1900**

**Subject: Anna Barbara (Best) Rodecker**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 09 Feb 1900, Friday, p. 5**

Empire Prairie. Jan. 31. Died, Wednesday, January 24, 1900, Mrs. Barbara H. [sic] Rodecker, at the home of her son F. B. Rodecker, of la grippe, aged 87 years. Funeral services were conducted Friday at the house, by Revs. Froman, Petree and Glick, after which a short service was held at the Empire church. The remains were interred in the cemetery near by.

Floyd Rodecker, of near Ravenwood, attended the funeral of his grandmother here Friday. Bessie Rodecker returned home with him Saturday.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 09 Feb 1900, Friday, p. 5**

Flag Springs. On Jan 26 the remains of Grandma Rodecker, one of the sweetest Christian saints in our community was laid to rest in the Empire cemetery. Rev. Froman preached a beautiful funeral serman [sic] from the words 'Thanks be unto God who giveith [sic] us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.' Grandma had been an active Christian worker for over 70 years, but her influence will be felt even longer than that.

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**Date of death: 25 Mar 1922**

**Subject: Anna Odella (Best) Penwell**

**Source: *The Lawton [OK] News*, 26 Mar 1922, p. 8**

Mrs. Idella Anna Penwell died at 2:10 o'clock yesterday morning at 1202 B Avenue following a long illness. Mrs. Penwell was born in Alanthus, Gentry county, Missouri, on December 3, 1874, and at the age of 20 moved with her parents to Kansas where she became a member of the Baptist church. Later Mrs. Penwell moved to Oklahoma where she was married on February 7, 1897, to Durward H Penwell, at Blackwell, Oklahoma. Later Mr. and Mrs. Penwell moved to Randlett, Oklahoma, where they joined the Christian church on Sept 12, 1912.

Mrs. Penwell leaves a husband, father, mother, three sisters and two brothers. Her father and mother are Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Best of Randlett; her brothers are Theodore Best and Oliver Best of Randlett; and her sisters, Mrs. R. L. Judd of Gentry, Mo., and Mrs. N. W. Carter of 401 E Avenue, Lawton, and Mrs. E. O. Penwell of Randlett.

Durward Penwell and E. O. Penwell married sisters on the same day, February 7, 1897. All the members of Mrs. Penwell's family are living with the exception of a sister who died at the age of two years while the family was living in Missouri.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the First Christian Church in charge of Rev. L. F. DePoister. Burial will take place at Highland cemetery.

**Date of death: 30 Jan 1944**

**Subject: Elizabeth (Best) Litts**

**Source: *Maryville [MO] Daily Forum*, 2 Feb 1944, p. 1**

Mrs. James Bryant received word today of the death of her grandmother, Mrs. Ben F. Litts of Los Angeles, Calif., who died Sunday morning. Funeral services were held there this afternoon. Mrs. Bryant's other, Mrs. Bess Holt, left for California Saturday after receiving word that her mother was ill.

**Date of death: 16 Jan 1921**

**Subject: Elizabeth (Best) Wolf**

**Source: *The DeKalb County [MO] Record-Herald*, 20 Jan 1921, Thursday, p. 1**

Elizabeth Best was born December 24, 1862. She grew to womanhood in Harrison county, near McFall, Missouri, and on the first day of January 1882, she was united in marriage to Golden Wolf. To this union nine children were born, four boys and five girls. All the children are living except on girl who died in infancy. The living children are J. D. of Weatherby; W. L. of Maysville; Cynthia Ann, now Mrs. Charley Leonard of Beiber, California; Lottie Belle, not Mrs. William Collier of Weatherby, Mo.; G. F. of Pattonsburg, Mo.; Ernest of Pattonsburg, Mo.; Alvina, now Mrs. Craig Redman of Guthrie, Oklahoma and Goldie May, who is at home with her father.

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Mrs. Wolf had been in poor health for some time and the 16th day of January, 1921, she took suddenly worse, apparently of heart trouble, and at 9:30 a.m. she passed away, being 58 years and 22 days old.

Mrs. Wolf united with the Methodist church when she was a girl. She was a fine Christian woman; she was indeed a wife to her husband and a mother to her children. Besides her husband and 8 children, she leaves her aged father, David Best, two brothers, five sisters, twenty-one grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends, who will truly sympathize with Golden Wolf and his family in this great bereavement that has come to their home.

The funeral was conducted at the Fairport M. E. Church January 18, in the presence of a throng of neighbors and friends and interment was made in the Fairport cemetery.

William Turnage.

**Date of death: 25 Sep 1916**

**Subject: Ella R. (Best) Sharp**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 29 Sep 1916, Friday, p. 1 and *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 29 Sep 1916, Friday, p. 1**

Ella R. Best, the oldest daughter of Aaron and Malinda Best, was born near Monrovia, Kansas, Dec. 4, 1861, and departed this life in Kansas City, Missouri, September 25, 1916, being 54 years, 7 months, 21 days of age.

On December 25, 1884, she was united in marriage to W. H. Sharp of Muscota [sic] Kansas, and to this happy union were born six children, four of whom having preceded the mother in death.

While yet only a girl she was converted to God, and united with the Methodist Episcopal church. In the year, 1900, the family moved to Helena, Missouri, where they have resided ever since.

For the last year or more she has been in poor health. Very recently, accompanied by her husband, she made a trip to Kansas City, where she expected to secure medical treatment. The operation was successful and the prospects for her recovery were very hopeful. She was cheerful and told her husband that Jesus was with her through it all. But as the hours of the night wore on she became weaker and in spite of trained minds and medical skill just as the light of a new day was being ushered in she quietly slipped away into the great beyond.

She was a faithful member of this church always ready and willing to do her part and was also a loyal member of the Ladies' Aid Society and the W. C. T. U. and her place in these societies will be hard to fill. No praise is too great to do justice to this noble good woman.

She as a devoted companion, a tender mother, a kind neighbor, and shall be greatly missed by all who knew her. She leaves to mourn her departure her husband, two children, Albert and Twila, her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Best, besides many other relatives and friends.

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Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Methodist Episcopal church at Helena by her pastor, Rev. Harry K. Morga, in the presence of a very large gathering of neighbors and friends after which the body was shipped to Monrovia, Kansas, her old home for burial.

**Date of death: 5 Dec 1886**

**Subject: Ida A. (Best) Sneary**

**Source: *Hazelton [KS] Express*, 09 Dec 1886, Thursday, p. 3**

Died, on Sunday evening, Dec. 5, 1886, at her late home six miles southeast of Hazelton, Mrs. Lemuel Sneary, of acute Bright's disease, following an attack of puerperal convulsions, aged 24 years. The funeral services were conducted on Tuesday at the M. E. church in this city, and the body interred in Rose Hill cemetery. This is a sad blow to Mr. Sneary, he having been married only a year or so, and following so closely upon the death of his father, which occurred a few months ago. Mr. Sneary was also a stranger here, having moved to this country last spring from Ohio. The stricken [sic] family have [sic] the sympathy of all in their bereavement.

**Date of death: 10 Aug 1886**

**Subject: Isaac Richard Best**

**Source: *The Bolckow [MO] Herald*. 13 Aug 1886, Friday, p. 4**

Isaac Best, an old resident of this township, died Tuesday evening. He had been afflicted with rheumatism for a number of years.

**same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 20 Aug 1886, Friday, p. 8**

Isaac Best, an old citizen of Benton township, died on Tuesday of last week.

**Date of death: 8 Jul 1906**

**Subject: John Henry Best**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 06 Jul 1906, Friday, p. 1**

Miss Effie Litts, who has been visiting Miss Bess Lewis, left Tuesday for Bolckow. She received a message that her grandfather, Rev. J. H. Best, was severely stricken with paralysis.

**Same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 06 Jul 1906, Friday, p. 8**

Bolckow. Elder John Best is seriously ill at the home of his son, Dr. W. W. Best. Mrs. Carl Wallace, of Woodston, Kansas, Mrs. Ben Litts, of Maryville, H. F. Best and wife, of Savannah, and Cyrus Best, of Kansas City, are here to assist in caring for their father.

**Same**

**Source: *The Andrew County [MO] Republican*, 06 Jul 1906, Friday, p. 4**

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Rev. John H. Best of near Bolckow, suffered a stroke of paralyis [sic] Monday and his recovery is believed to be very improbable.

**Same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 13 Jul 1906, Friday, p. 1**

Rev. J. H. Best died at the home of his son Dr. W. W. Best in Bolckow Sunday morning, July 8, at 3 o'clock. The preceding Sunday Rev. Best had attended Sunday-school and seemed as well as usual, but on Monday he was stricken with paralysis and remained unconscious until his death.

The funeral was held at the Christian church in Bolckow on Monday by Rev. Ball, and there were people there from all parts of the county. The capacity of the church, which is much larger than the Baptist building, was insufficient to hold the audience. The remains were taken to the McBrien cemetery, southwest of Bolckow, and placed beside those of his wife, who died in 1893.

Rev. Best settled in Andrew county in 1839 and was converted by Rev. David Anderson and became a member of the Baptist church in 1855 and was ordained for the ministry in 1857. Since that time he has preached all over Northwest Missouri. He went on horseback to his charges in his early work, and one year he rode over four hundred miles, receiving \$7.50 for his year's work-- \$6.35 of which he donated to the mission. He organized the Baptist church at Vernon and was one of the charter members. His whole life was spent in strenuous labor. He had collected a library of several thousand books of the best literature current for the past fifty years. He always went when duty called and his fifty years of labor in the cause of Christ have not been without avail and his good deeds will continue to live on in the hearts of his neighbors and friends.

He was born in Blount county, Tennessee, April 9, 1825, and came to Platte county in 1836 and here three years later. He married Miss Lillie J. Kelly March 20, 1850 [sic], and nine children were born. The six living children attended the funeral: Cyrus Best, of Kansas; Mrs. B. F. Litts, of Maryville; Mrs. Rush Davis, of near Bolckow; Judge H. F. Best, of Savannah; Mrs. Carl Wallace, of Woodston, Ks., and Dr. W. W. Best, of Bolckow.

**Same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 13 Jul 1906, Friday, p. 4**

Maryville Road. Rev. J. H. Best, who died in Bolckow Sunday morning, was brought to the McBrien cemetery Monday evening for interment.

**Same**

**Source: *The Andrew County [MO] Republican*, 13 Jul 1906, Friday, p. 1**

Rev. John H. Best died at his home in Bolckow Sunday July 8th, of paralysis, at the age of 81 years, 2 months and 29 days.

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He was born in Blount County, Tenn., removing to Platte county, Mo., at the age of 11 years. Three years later he came to Andrew Co. and has since been a resident.

He was united in marriage March 20 1850 [soc], to Miss Lillie J. Kelly and nine children were born to them three sons and three daughters surviving him, beside twenty grandchildren and five great grand children.

In 1855 he united with the Baptist Church northeast of Savannah. He was ordained to the ministry in 1857, and for nearly a half century has been one of the leaders of his faith in Andrew County.

The surviving children are Judge H. F. Best of this city, Geo. Best of Kansas City, Dr. W. W. Best of Bolckow, Mrs. Ben Litts of Nodaway county, Mrs. Carl Wallace of Kansas and [sic]

The funeral services were conducted at Bolckow Monday by Rev. Ball the [sic] Baptist church.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 13 Jul 1906, Friday, p. 8**

Rev. J. H. Best, one of the pioneer preachers of Northwest Missouri passed away Sunday morning at the home of his son, Dr. Best. He was 81 years of age. Few ministers have a record that equals Bro. Best's for converts, marriage ceremonies and funeral services. While he will be sadly missed here below, he has only taken his abode in that world better fitted for such as live the life he did.

**same**

**Source: *Word and Way [Kansas City MO]*, 19 Jul 1906, Thursday, pp. 9 & 14**

King City—July 9 I conducted the funeral services of the old pioneer and veteran of the cross, Rev. John H. Best, of Bolchow [sic], Mo. He was a little more than 81 years old; was ordained to preach the gospel fifty-six years ago, and was what we call a self-made man. He was a great preacher, uncompromising with the truth, firm in his convictions, strong in the faith, loving and tender hearted. In 1855 he rode more than 450 miles on horseback, preaching to the then almost destitute in Northwest Missouri. He received for his services \$7.50, and paid to others for preaching \$6.25. He lived and worked on his farm till disabled by age. He has lived the last few years with his son, Dr. Best, at Bolchow, where he died July 8, I understand his large library of about three wagon loads of book [sic], will go to William Jewell college. He was laid to rest by the side of his wife, who died about twelve years ago. I hope some one will write a sketch of his long and useful life.

**Same**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 20 Jul 1906, Friday, p. 5**

The subject of this sketch, Eld. John H. Best, was born in Blint county, Tenn., April 9, 1825 and moved to Platte county this state om 1836, then moved to Andrew county in the spring of 1840.

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He was married to Lillie Jane Kelly, March 20, 1850 [sic]. To this union nine children were born, six survive him. He had twenty grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Eld. Best was converted in 1855 and baptised [sic] by David Anderson an ordained minister. He was ordained in as Missionary Baptist minister in 1857 and continued in active work until 1905. He died at the home of his son, Dr. W. W. Best in Bolckow July 8, 1906.

He was a well read man and could converse on any subject intelligently. For many years he preached in Bolckow and Mt. Vernon a church near his home farm. Indeed a good christian man has gone from our midst but to gain a better home above.-- Bolckow Herald.

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**Source: *Word and Way [Kansas City MO], 26 Jul 1906, Thursday, p. 3***

J. H. Best, whose death at Bolckow, Mo. has been mentioned in this paper, was a unique preacher and pastor. This writer, once upon a time, visited him when he resided on his farm near Bolckow. He preached because he loved to preach. He was pastor without a salary because he did not feel the need of a salary. We have often heard the remark that he had the choicest and finest library in Northwest Missouri. His spirit was gentle, Grace and dignity marked him. He was humble. Egotism and obtrusiveness were strangers to him. He was under the weight of years when he passed away to rest in glory. W. G. Ball of King City conducted the funeral service.

**Date of death: 22 Sep 1886**

**Subject: Mary (Best) Allen**

**Source: *The Kansas City [MO] Times, 25 Sep 1886, Saturday, p. 6***

Maryville, Mo. Mrs. Jehu C. Allen died Wednesday. She was the wife of a prominent farmer and an old settler.

**Date of death: 13 Jul 1904**

**Subject: Mary Ann (Best) Hale**

**Source: *The [Seneca KS] Courier-Tribune, 15 Jul 1904, Friday, p. 4***

Mrs. Mary A. Hale passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Young, in this city, Wednesday morning, at the age of 69 years. The latter part of April Mrs. Hale went to Oklahoma to visit relatives, and while there suffered from illness, and it is thought that she endured a slight paralytic stroke at that time. In May Mr. Young went down to Oklahoma and brought her back to Seneca, arriving here on the 28th day of May. Thursday of last week she suffered a severe stroke of paralysis, and from this she failed to show any recovery, sinking rapidly till death relieved her.

Mary Ann Best was born in 1835 in Andrew county, Missouri, where she grew to womanhood and was married at the age of seventeen to C. A. Hale. Almost immediately after their marriage the young couple came to Kansas, which was then a territory and almost a prairie wilderness, settling in Doniphan county, where they made their home for twenty years. From Doniphan county they came to Nemaha, where they spent the remainder of their lives, Mr. Hale dying five



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years ago last December. Twelve children were born to them, of whom only five survive: Mrs. V. C. Young, wife of W. E. Young of this city; John M. Hale, who resides in the southern part of the state; C. Frank Hale of this city; Arthur C. Hale, of Indian Territory; Mrs. Mary L. Chase of Colorado City. After the death of her husband Mrs. Hale made her home with different ones of her children. While it may be true that 'into each life some rain must fall, some lives be dark and dreary' it would seem that Mrs. Hale had more than her share of the trials of life in bereavement of husband and children and in the trying times of illness. Her life was one of labor and usefulness and sacrifice for those she loved, but she was ever courageous and helpful, with unfaltering faith that all was for the best. The funeral took place Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, from the home of W. E. Young, conducted by Rev. Ralph Newman of the Congregational church. The body was laid to rest in the Ford cemetery, beside those of her husband and daughter who had gone before.

**Date of death: 31 Oct 1898**

**Subject: Rebecca Ann (Best) Hawkins**

**Source: *The Cottonwood Falls [KS] Courant*, 03 Nov 1898, Thursday, p. 3**

Died, at her home one and a half miles west of Clements, Oct. 31, Mrs. Rebecca Hawkins, aged 71 years, 8 months and 7 days. She was buried in the Ice cemetery Nov. 1, the services being conducted by Rev. Leigh of Clements.

Mrs. Rebecca Ann Hawkins nee Best was born in Tennessee February 24, 1827. At the age of thirteen, her father moved to Platte county, Mo., where she afterward wedded John Hawkins. They moved to Kansas in 1857, in which year their son, LaFayette, was born, being the first white child born in the Cottonwood valley.

Her husband died in the Union army during the civil war, leaving her with a large family to brave the perils and hardships of frontier life.

Her children, four boys and two girls, are, with one exception, still residents of Chase county.

She was esteemed by all as a good neighbor and a woman of the strictest integrity. Though illiterate, she had abundance of courage, fortitude and common sense, which were infinitely more valuable to her in her position than any amount of literacy could have been. Suffering long and uncomplainingly from disease, death was a welcome relief to her and obtained rest, which she believed was for her in the Beyond.

**Date of death: 9 Sep 1894**

**Subject: Alice Addie Betts**

**Source: *Nodaway [County MO] Democrat*, 13 Sep 1894, Thursday, p. 5**

Alice Addie Betts, aged fourteen years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Betts, departed this life Sunday morning. A surgical operation was performed on her Saturday. Funeral services conducted at Mt. Ayr church to-day, at 2 p.m., by Rev. Myers. Burial in Oak Hill cemetery. B. F. Anderson, undertaker, kindly furnishes this item.

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**Date of death: 2 Oct 1897**

**Subject: Anna (Betts) Bennett**

**Source: *Nodaway [County MO] Democrat*, 14 Oct 1897, Thursday, p. 3**

Death has once more laid his hand on one of Nodaway's old settlers. This time in the person of Mrs. Annie Bennett.

Mrs. Bennett was born in Crawford county, Penn., on the 6th of January, 1843, and died at her residence in northeast Maryville, Saturday, Oct. 2, 1897, being 54 years, 8 months and 26 days old.

Mrs. Bennett was a daughter of Benj. Betts, late of this county. With her parents she left her native state in 1855, and came to Polk county, Iowa, where she lived until the death of her mother, three years later. At the age of 15 this motherless girl took charge of a family of 7, the youngest a girl babe of only 9 months. With unswerving fidelity to her dying mother's charge and to her sick father, she took upon herself all the duties of the household, and never resigned her charge until the children were grown. In 1872 [sic] she married Daniel Bennett, by whom she had one son, Edgar, who survives her. Ten years of married life and Mrs. Bennett was left a widow, and since that time her life has been passed principally on her farm, eight miles east of town.

In those years of widowhood, Mrs. Bennett was a hard worker, many times taking a man's place in the field, working on with one object in view, that of clearing her farm of debt, that her only child might have a home after she was gone. This was finally accomplished, but her health was so shattered that she sold her farm and moved to Maryville last spring.

Mrs. Bennett united with the M. P. [sic] church about nine years ago, and died in the triumph of faith. She was taken with her last sickness about three weeks ago, and patiently suffered agonies, saying that if it was the Lord's will to take her, she was glad and ready to go. All that human skill and loving hands could do was done, but all to no avail, and on the morning of Saturday, Oct. 2, at 8:30, her spirit took its flight. In her case it was a blessed change.

Mrs. Bennett leaves one son, Edgar, also five brothers and two sisters to mourn her loss, besides host of friends. She was laid to rest in the Oak Hill cemetery, five miles east of town, on Sunday, Oct. 3, 1897 and the enormous gathering of friends and old neighbors showed the respect in which she was held.

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**Date of death: 19 Apr 1902**

**Subject: Mary (Bevans) Athey**

**Source: [Maryville MO] *Weekly Democrat-Forum*, 01 May 1902, Thursday, p. 2**

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Died at her home near Quitman April 19, 1902, Mary Bevans Athey. She was born September 14, 1882 and married James Athey October 15, 1896. Deceased was a member of the M. E. church of Skidmore. The funeral services were held at the M. E. church Sunday afternoon, Rev. C. A. Hodshire, officiating.-- Quitman Record.

**Date of death: 15 Aug 1915**

**Subject: Elizabeth Bell (Bevard) Noah**

**Source: *Burlington Junction [MO] Post*, 19 Aug 1915, Thursday, p. 1**

Mrs. James Noah died at her home northwest of Burlington Junction Sunday after a long illness of cancer. She had been very low for several weeks and her death was not unexpected. She was 48 years, 8 months and 11 days of age.

Elizabeth Bell Bevard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Bevard, was born in Fulton county, Ill., December 4, 1866. She moved with her parents to Nodaway county in 1874 where she grew to womanhood. She was married to James Noah December 6, 1897, and to this union one child was born, it dying in infancy. She united with the Christian church in 1905.

She leaves to mourn their loss her husband, one brother, Charles Bevard, and two sisters, Mrs. Emma Stevens of Tarkio and Mrs. Mary L. Halferty of Oketo, Kans., besides a host of friends.

Funeral services were held at the home Tuesday afternoon conducted by Rev. W. H. Rust, and interment was at Lamar cemetery.

**Date of death: 12 Dec 1904**

**Subject: Albert N. Bever**

**Source: *Nodaway [County MO] Forum*, 15 Dec 1904, Thursday, p. 1**

Albert Bever, an unmarried man 45 years old was found shot dead on his farm two miles north of Burlington Junction at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Mr. Bever was one of the prominent citizens of Nodaway township. The gruesome [sic] discovery was made by Earl Bever, the youngest son of Jesse Bever the brother of the dead man.

Albert Brewer has been living with his brother Jesse as their two farms are only a short distance apart. He left his brothers's [sic] house at 12 o'clock saying he would feed his horses and take care of his other stock but would be back in time for dinner.

Nothing strange or unusual was seen in his actions. The only thing noticed was that after leaving the house he returned to his room before finally leaving. This was not considered significant. He did not appear for dinner and his brother finally became alarmed. The latter's son, Earl, was sent to see if anything was wrong. The dead man was lying on his back on the floor of his house. The ball had entered the skull over the left eye. Everything indicated that death had been instant. It seemed as if he was in a kneeling position when the ball was fired and had fallen backwards.

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There is not much doubt that death was the result of the dead man's own act. A revolver was found at his side. In his day book was a memorandum showing how he wished his property to be divided.

The neighbors and friends are at a loss to explain the deed. Mr. Bever's financial affairs seem to be in excellent shape. It is not known that he owe any money at all. He has, however, been suffering from poor health for the last several months. It is supposed that he committed suicided [sic] while despondent because of his poor health.

At no time has he shown any mental derangement. He has taken a keen interest in politics and was well informed on most questions. His business relations were of the best. He owned nearly five hundred acres of land near Burlington Junction and is worth something like \$50,000. He was thoroughly honest and upright in all of his business transactions.

**Date of death: 11 May 1917**

**Subject: Edward Estal Bever**

**Source: [Maryville MO] *Weekly Democrat-Forum*, 17 May 1917, Thursday, p. 7**

Edward E. Bever, a wealthy farmer and one of the oldest settlers of Nodaway county died at 3 o'clock this morning at his home in Burlington Junction following a short illness of stomach trouble. Had Mr. Bever lived until May 28, he would have been 78 years old.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon at the residence, conducted by the Rev. Horace Weaver, assisted by Rev. Ernest Snider. Burial will be in the Ohio cemetery.

Mr. Bever is survived by his wife and four children. They are: Mrs. Vada Halley of Maryville, Mrs. S. J. Hopson of Burlington Junction, Dr. Ed Bever of Amazonia, Mo., and Elmon Bever of Willow Springs.

Mr. Bever was born in Indiana and lived there until 1856, when he moved to Iowa. In the year of 1861 he was married to Miss Marie McReynolds and in the year of 1869 Mr. and Mrs. Bever moved to Nodaway county, where they have since lived. For the last two years they have lived in Burlington Junction.

**Date of death: 11 Oct 1921**

**Subject: Frederick Bever**

**Source: *Burlington Junction [MO] Post*, 13 Oct 1931, Thursday, p. 1**

Fred Bever passed away at his home northeast of Burlington Junction Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock after years of constant suffering. He was 42 years, 6 months and 27 days of age. Though his health had been poor for a number of years, his last illness was brief.

Mr. Bever was born near Burlington Junction on March 14, 1879. He was married to Miss Ada Griffey on January 21, 1900. He had lived in Nodaway county, the place of his birth, all his life with the exception of three years which he spent in the west in an effort to regain his health. He

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was a patient sufferer, never complaining of his lot. Everything possible was done to relieve him, but to no avail.

He is survived by his wife and five children: Mrs. Eva Fast of Burlington Junction, Mrs. Emma Ripley of near Clearmont, Earl, Paul and Leland Bever at home, his father, Jess Bever, his stepmother, one brother, Estol Bever, of near Burlington Junction, one sister, Mrs. Edgar Pence of Clearmont, besides a large number of more distant relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home this afternoon by Rev. E. E. Edwards and burial will be in the Clearmont cemetery.

**Date of death: 1 Nov 1897**

**Subject: Michael Bever**

**Source: [Maryville MO] *Weekly Democrat-Forum*, 11 Nov 1897, Thursday, p. 5**

Michael Bever was born in Adams count [sic], Ohio, in 1811. Moved to Indiana about 1825. Was married to Ann McCracken in Russ county, Ohio, in 1838. Moved to Iowa in 1854, and thence to Missouri in 1869 settling in what was known as the Ohio settlement. He was the father of six children, two girls and four boys, of whom three boys and one girl are still living. About the year 1828, in his 17th year, he was converted and joined the United Brethren church. While in Iowa he joined the M. E. church, of which he remained a member until death.

He died November 1, 1897, from dropsy, aged 86 years. The funeral services were conducted at the old home about 3 1/2 miles south of Clearmont at 10 a.m. Tuesday, after which his body was laid to rest in the Clearmont cemetery. Rev. C. H. John conducted the services. One of the notable features of the funeral was the presence of an older brother from Nebraska who is now in his 90th year.-- Clearmont News.

**Date of death: 4 Apr 1912**

**Subject: Ralph L. Bever**

**Source: *Burlington Junction [MO] Post*, 11 Apr 1912, Thursday, p. 8**

The funeral service of Ralph Bever, the 9-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bever, was held Friday morning, conducted by Rev. Wiley of Clearmont. Mrs. Bever was ill in the hospital at Maryville and was unable to attend the service.

**Date of death: [12] Jan 1900**

**Subject: Amy G. Bezona**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 17 Jan 1890, Friday, p. 8**

Amy, the little girl of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bezoni [sic], about a mile south of town, was buried on Monday of this week.

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**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 17 Jan 1890, Friday, p. 3**

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Died.-- At the residence of her parents south of Savannah, Sunday morning, Jan. 12, 1890, Amie G. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert [sic] Bezona, aged 4 years, 6 months and 9 days.