

## Obituaries – “B” Surnames

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**Date of death: 25 Dec 1904**

**Subject: John Bahler**

**Source: *The Holt County [MO] Sentinel*, 30 Dec 1904, Friday, p. 4**

John Bahler, one of our sturdy, upright citizens, who for nearly forty years has been a resident of southern Holt county, answered the final summons, and passed into the eternal world at his home in Nodaway township, on the morning of December 25, 1904, and had he been permitted to live until the 15th day of May, 1905, he would have reached his 70th milestone. He was born near Wattenwil, near Bern, Switzerland, May 15, 1835, and after long suffering from stomach trouble he died Christmas day, 1904.

He came to this county in 1874 and was regarded by his neighbors and friends as an honest upright citizen. He leaves an aged wife and seven children to mourn his death. The funeral services were conducted on the 26th day inst. by his pastor, Rev. Wm. Tonat, of the German M.E. church, and the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery near the Nodaway German church.

**Date of death: 21 Aug 1920**

**Subject: Franklin Alexander Bailey**

**Source: *El Dorado [KS] Times*, 21 Aug 1920, p. 1**

Franklin Alexander Bailey, aged 86 years, 5 months and 20 days, died at the home of his son-in-law, Isaac Essex, three miles northeast of town, early this morning, where he has lived for the past eight years. Death was caused by heart failure.

Mr. Bailey is survived by five children, his wife having died 14 years ago. The children are W. L. Bailey, Mrs. Maggie Essex, and Mrs. Katie Schuman, of El Dorado; Mrs. Ruth J. Cook of Rolla, Mo., and Mrs. Alice Willyard, of Amarillo, Texas.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Essex home, and burial made in the Belle Vista Cemetery.

**Date of death: 15 Jul 1914**

**Subject: William T. Bailey**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 16 Jul 1914, p. 6**

William R. [sic] Bailey, 62 years old, died last night at his home, 1204 Lincoln street. He was a plasterer by trade and had only lived in St. Joseph for three months. Besides his wife he is survived by his wife [sic] and two sons, Vernie and Morris G. Bailey.

**Date of death: 5 Dec 1881**

**Subject: Alexander Baily**

**Source: *The Emporia [KS] Weekly Gazette*, 8 Dec 1881, Thursday, p. 3**

The funeral of Alexander Bailey, whose death was noted in THE NEWS of Monday, took place next afternoon

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under the auspices of the Odd Fellows, from his late residence at the corner of Tenth avenue and East street. The religious services were conducted by Rev. Allen Buckner assisted by Judge Culver. The deceased was born in Brook county, Virginia, in the year 1819, and was consequently 62 years of age at the time of his death. Early in life he removed to eastern Ohio, and afterward to Missouri, where he married Miss Elizabeth George, the result of the union being seven children, four of whom survive their parents, the mother having died some years ago.

Mr. Bailey came to Kansas in the year 1858 and located in Lyon county, where he resided until 1862 when he moved to Burlingame, Osage county, where his first companion died March 20th, 1867. The following year he returned to Emporia and some time thereafter married Eliza Rambo, who is left the mother of two orphan children by the loss of her husband.

The deceased was for many years an exemplary member of the M.E. church, which he joined in Emporia in 1868 under the pastorate of Rev. Hancock. He was an excellent citizen and for a number of years was the proprietor of a flourishing business in the city. He was a quiet man and was most highly esteemed by those who were thoroughly familiar with his many excellent qualities. His sufferings during his last illness were intense, but he bore them with Christian resignation and was ready when the summons came to call him from a world of sorrow and death to a home beyond the skies.

**Date of death: 31 Jan 1880**

**Subject: Amos Baker**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 10 Feb 1880, p. 2**

Maryville, February 7.—On the 31st, ult. Amos Baker, a respected citizen of Barnard, died from the effects of injuries received while at Stanberry some days ago. He left many warm friends to mourn his untimely death.

**Date of death: 16 Feb 1889**

**Subject: Dolly Ann Baker**

**Source: *St. Joseph Daily Gazette*, 11 Feb 1889, p. 5**

Mrs. Dolly Baker, colored, of Savannah, known by many old residents of this section of the State as "Grandma" Baker, is dying. The old lady is 103 years of age and is believed to be the oldest person in northern Missouri. She is a native of Kentucky and has lived in Andrew county over fifty years. She is the mother of thirteen children, but three of whom are now living. Her youngest child is over 50 years old.

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**Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 19 Feb 1889, p. 1**

Mrs. Dolly Baker, an aged colored woman of Savannah, is dead. She claimed to be nearly 109 years of age. She came to Andrew county fifty years ago.

**Date of death: Aug 1920**

**Subject: Isabelle Holt (Baker) Christenson**

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**Source: *The [Seneca KS] Courier-Tribune, 5 Aug 1920, Thursday, p. 4***

Isabelle Holt aker [sic] was born in Fillmore, Mo., April 24, 1850. She was the eldest of six children. In her youth she moved with her parents to Amazonia, Mo., where they lived for about two years, moving from there to Salem, Neb., in 1861.

At the age of 18, she accepted Christ as her Savior and her faith in Him has never wavered. Her life has ever been in accord with His teaching.

She was united in marriage to C. M. Christenson September 12, 1880. This union was blessed with six children, three of whom died in infancy. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, C. M. Christenson; one daughter, Lulu; two sons,, Lee, of Powhattan, kas., and Richard of Waterville, Kas.; two grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Martha Eaves of Rogers, Ark.; three brothers, J. K. Baker of Salem, Neb., Lee Baker of Chambers, Neb. and G. C. Baker of Los Angeles, Calif. She was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph D. Baker, who died June 24, 1920.

Mrs. Christenson experienced many of the privations and hardships of pioneer life, and in the latter years altho not physically strong was always cheerful, loving and kind.

Mrs. Christenson was a devoted wife and mother, a helpful neighbor and a loyal friend. She was happy and content in her home life and her hospitality will long be remembered by all who knew her. She loved the beautiful especially the flowers that grew in her garden. Her life of quiet simplicity and loving tenderness has blessed the hearts of many who hold precious her memory and have received inspiration to strive to attain higher ideals because of her influence.

The funeral services were held at the home on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock conducted by Rev. R. A. Yoder assisted by Rev. J. B. Vernon. The body was laid to rest in the Sabetha cemetery.

**Date of death: 8 May 1919**

**Subject: Nora (Baker) Walker**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette, 9 May 1919, Friday, p. 6***

Nora Walker, a negress, who lived at 309 1/2 North Second street, was found dead in a room at 330 Missouri avenue last yesterday morning. Coroner Forrest Thomas, who viewed the body, said an autopsy would probably be held.

**Date of death: 24 Jan 1914**

**Subject: Robert K. Baker**

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press, 24 Jan 1914, p. 6***

Robert Baker, twelve years old, died at 2 o'clock this morning at the home of his mother, Mrs. Bell Baker, 2616 Locust street. Besides his mother, he is survived by his grandfather, C. S. L. Baker.

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**Date of death: 15 Feb 1909**

**Subject: Sarah Ann (Baker) Craig**

**Source: *The Holt County [MO] Sentinel*, 19 Feb 1909, Friday, p. 4**

Mrs. Sarah A. Craig, a former resident of Forbes township, died at her home in Hominy, Okla., Monday, February 15. The body was brought here for burial, the funeral being held the 17th, and interment being in the Highland cemetery. We hope for an obituary next week.

**Date of death: 20 Aug 1886**

**Subject: William Baker**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 12 Nov 1886, p. 4**

Some time about the 20th of last August a young man named William Baker was run over by a Santa Fe train six miles from Atchison and instantly killed. At the time of Baker's death it was supposed that he was a tramp and that he was steal- [sic] a ride when the accident happened. But later developments go to show that this theory is without foundation, and every indication points to the fact that young Baker was foully murdered. The aged father of Wm. Baker, the murdered man, was in the city yesterday en route to his home in Nodaway county, Missouri, near Maryville. He has been making an investigation of the death of his son, and as far as can be learned the facts of the sad case are as follows.

Some time ago Wm. Baker, only son of J. N. Baker left his home in Missouri and departed for Thomas county, Kansas, where he took up a claim. Here he had some trouble of some kind with a man owning an adjoining claim, but it never seemed to amount to very much. This party's name was Dan Love. Young Baker wrote to his parents and old friends in Missouri very frequently and as far as they knew he seemed to be getting along very nicely. The last seen of Wm. Baker in western Kansas, as far as as [sic] anybody knows, was on the 14th day of August last, when he was seen at Oakley, St. John county. The next place he is known to have been seen is at Topeka, where he purchased a silver watch of John Paine, jeweler, at 98 Kansas avenue.

When he left Thomas county parties there state he had in all about \$300 upon his person. The next place he was traced to is where he was found dead, near Atchison, about August 20 last. A coroner's inquest was held over his body and a unanimous verdict reached that he died from the result of an accident, and he was buried in the pauper's field. In the meantime his parents and friends in Nodaway county knew nothing of his whereabouts, and it was supposed that he was still on his claim in Thomas county instead of filling a pauper's grave. Finally, in some way, young Baker's parents found, indirectly, that he was not in Thomas county, and they commenced instituting inquiries. They found that he had left there ostensibly for home. They traced him to Topeka and thence to Atchison. About four weeks ago Mr. and Mrs. Baker went to Atchison and the body of the supposed tramp was exhumed and identified as the body of the missing son. He was taken home and interred, and then the aged father, Mr. J. N. Baker, started out to learn some facts relative to his son's death. About three weeks ago he passed through this city en route to Thomas county. Here he made investigations and obtained information regarding his boy. He found that his son had secured a good claim, established himself very well, and that his reputation in that section was the best. When the father learned that his son had \$300 in money and a valise when he left Oakley, then he knew that there was something wrong. That his suspicions were well founded there is not a doubt, for when the body of young Baker was found there was not one cent on his person. The

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watched which he had purchased of Paine, of this city, was also gone. What had become of these articles? Of course the supposition is that Baker was knocked down and robbed and in order to place him where he would never be able to give any evidence against them, the villainous robbers placed his insensible body on the track with the result above. Mr. Baker, the father, is an old man over 70 years of age, and he has been determined to find out the cause of his son's death or at least how it came about. He is now thoroughly satisfied that he was murdered in cold blood for the money he had upon his person. To follow the case up further would require means which the old gentleman is not possessed of, and he has therefor determined not to continue the search longer, and he returned to Maryville last night broken-hearted and dispirited.

**Date of death: 6 Jun 1874**

**Subject: Joel Baldwin**

**Source: *The Holt County [MO] Sentinel*, 12 Jun 1874, Friday, p. 2**

It becomes our painful duty this week to chronicle the death of one of our oldest and most respected fellow-citizens—Mr. Joel Baldwin, who departed this life at his residence in Forest City, Holt county, Mo., on Saturday, June 6th, 1874.

Joel Baldwin was born of Quaker parents, June 10th, 1809, near Salisbury, in the state of North Carolina, and when but a child his parents moved with him to near Richmond, Indiana. As a youth he preferred to roam over the country in the pursuit of several avocations, and at that stage of his history, we find him hard at work in the States of Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio. In the latter state he made the acquaintance of Miss Nancy Vinsonhaler, whom he married in Ross county, Ohio, July 18, 1841. After their marriage they moved to the then county of Nodaway, Missouri, arriving there in September, 1841. In 1851 he located his present homestead, at Forest City, where he remained until the close of life. An aged widow, four sons and one daughter, and numerous relatives remain to mourn his death.

Mr. Baldwin was raised in the faith of the Society of Friends, and was himself a member of the order, till he came to the frontier where no such organization existed. He was a man of many fine qualities [*illegible*]. His hospitality was proverbial. No person was ever turned away from his door hungry. He was a man of nerve, self-reliance and perseverance. In fact, his sickness and death were measurably due to exposures and over-exertion in the discharge of duty, but his otherwise robust constitution could not withstand the shock thus caused, together with the increasing weight of years.

Although ailing much during the winter and early spring months, he was sick in bed but six weeks. He finally died without a struggle, in peace with God and all mankind, having attained the age of 64 years, 10 months and 27 days. He will be greatly missed by his fellow-citizens. Peace to his ashes.

**Date of death: 11 Nov 1895**

**Subject: Gillum Reed Baley**

**Source: *Los Angeles [CA] Herald*, 12 Nov 1895, Tuesday, p. 1**

Fresno, Nov. 11.—Judge Gillum Baley, a pioneer of California and also one of the oldest citizens of Fresno county, died this evening.

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Judge Baley was born near Springfield, Ill., in 1813, of southern ancestors. He crossed the plains in 1849, returned to Missouri in 1858 and brought with him his wife and nine children. The caravan of sixty persons was attacked on the way by the Mohave Indians, and after nine of the party had been killed a return was effected as far as Albuquerque, N.M. Ten months later the journey was resumed and the party reached Millerton, this county, by way of Visalia.

Judge Baley was for twelve years an honored occupant of the bench, and not one of his decisions was reversed. He had twelve children and was twice married. He took an active interest in Democratic politics up to the time of his death and made a speech in the county campaign of last year.

**Date of death: 18 Jul 1908**

**Subject: Barnett Atwell Ball**

**Source: *McCracken [KS] Enterprise*, 17 Jul 1908, Friday, p. 5**

Barnett Atwell Ball died at his home eight miles west of McCracken, Thursday evening 9:30 o'clock. He had been sick for the past four weeks, suffering with dropsy and heart trouble, and the pain had been intense for several days, when death came to his relief.

Barnett Atwell Ball was born near Marshalltown, Iowa, January 15, 1858, and came with his parents to Ness county in 1878 where he has continuously made his residence.

On October 4, 1885, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Van Winkle, and to this union seven children were born, two girls and five boys.

Mr. Ball was a good citizen and had the universal respect of all who knew him, and will be missed by his neighbors and friends.

He leaves to mourn his loss beside his wife and children, his father, E. C. Ball of PenDennis, brother, Fred S. Ball of Scott City, and sisters, Mrs. J. H. Liston of Boseman, Montana; Mrs. Henry Cranston of Ness City, and Mrs. W. H. Campbell of this city.

The funeral services will take place tomorrow, and the interment will be made in the McCracken cemetery.

**Date of death: 14 Nov 1918**

**Subject: Frederick Solomon Ball**

**Source: *McCracken [KS] Enterprise*, 22 Nov 1918, Friday, p. 5**

Funeral services were held Friday, November 15, at the Basnett home in Ness City, over the remains of F. S. Ball, who died there Thursday, November 14. Rev. Smith conducted the services in the presence of the relatives and a few friends. The body was taken to Scott City for burial.

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Mr. Ball had been a sufferer for many months from a cancer which finally caused his death, and while the services of a specialists [sic] had been sought, and all means possible resorted to, yet it was without avail and he passed peacefully away at 12 o'clock last Thursday.

Frederick S. Ball was born near Savannah, Mo., November 25, 1866, and died November 14, 1918, lacking eleven days of being 52 years of age.

He was married January 8, 1903 to Viloma Cutler who departed this life June 4, 1917. He leaves a little daughter, Lucetta, three sisters, Mrs. Lucetta Campbell and Mrs. Jessie Cranston, who were with him at the time of his death, and Mrs. Della Liston of Alliance, Neb., who, on account of sickness in her own family, could not be with him. He leaves many other relatives and friends who mourn his death.

**Date of death: 26 Nov 1923**

**Subject: Isaac Emmerson Ballard**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 27 Nov 1923, Tuesday, p. 17**

Isaac E. Ballard, 51 [sic] years old, died at his home near Lake school at 3:15 o'clock Monday afternoon. He is survived by his wife, one son and one daughter, Ellis and Evelyn Ballard, and one brother, James, at Battlett [sic], Iowa. Ballard was a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen lodge No. 92. Funeral services will be held from the family home at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Burial will be in Ashland cemetery.

**Date of death: 2 Apr 1900**

**Subject: John A. Ballard**

**Source: *Glenwood [IA] Change Viewer*, 5 Apr 1900**

Mr. John Ballard, although a great sufferer died very unexpectedly at his home in the west part of town Monday night, and laid to rest in the Glenwood cemetery Wednesday. He leaves a wife and son, also a sister of Omaha and brothers James of near Sidney and I. B. of this place to mourn. He was an old soldier highly esteemed by all who knew him.

**Date of death: 1 Feb 1899**

**Subject: John W. Ballard**

**Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 18 Feb 1899, Saturday, p. 5**

Conception. Obituary—Judge Jno. W. Ballard died at his home in Clyde, Mo. Feb. 1, after a long and painful illness. He had long before his death prepared his soul for eternity and awaited the call of God with the patience and confidence of one who is not afraid to meet his Creator. Judge Ballard was one of the most respected citizens of the community. He was especially characterized by honesty, frankness, and uprightness; his word was sterling and all who knew him not only respected him but also held him in the light of a friend whose worth could be depended upon in adversity or need. His amiability and kindness of manner gave to the evening of his life a glow and beauty that made age in him peculiarly sweet. He leaves four sons and three daughters to mourn his death. To these we extend our sincere condolence.

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**Date of death:** 27 May 1923

**Subject:** Anne Mary (Balsiger) Zehnder

**Source:** *Henry County [MO] Democrat*, 31 May 1923, Thursday, p. 7

Again has death entered the Zehnder family, in the Delmar neighborhood west of Clinton, the aged mother, Mrs. Mary Zehnder passing away at her home near Stone's chapel on Sunday morning. Last week she sustained an operation at the Clinton hospital, after which she returned to her home, but continued to sink until death claimed her. Her husband, F. Zehnder, entered into life eternal life [sic] on December 31st last.

Had Mrs. Zehnder lived until June 17th she would have been 63 years of age. This worthy couple is survived by seven children, Herbert, Ed, Roy, Miss Josie and Lawrence of the Delmar neighborhood, and Mrs. Rosie Wackerman, of Clinton, and A. F. Zehnder, storekeeper at Delmar. One daughter, Miss [sic] Lena Bartley [sic] has passed away, leaving a 14 year old daughter, Greta Bartley [sic], who has lived with her grandmother. Other grandchildren are three daughters of A. F. Zehnder, Lucille, Evelyn and Maxine, and a daughter of Herbert, Oleta May.

The deceased had been a resident of that locality 32 years. The funeral will be Tuesday at Stone's chapel by Rev. Dillman, of Montana [sic], with interment at the chapel cemetery.

**Same**

**Source:** *The Clinton [MO] Eye*, 15 Jun 1923, Friday, p. 3

Marie Balsiger was born June 17, 1860, in Buchanan county, Missouri; died May 27, 1923, at the N. I. Stebbins hospital, Clinton, Mo., aged 62 years, 11 months and 10 days.

On March 20, 1881, she was united in marriage to Frederick Zehnder, who preceded her to the heavenly home 4 months and 27 days. To this union were born nine children as follows: Alvin, dying in infancy, and Mrs. Lena Bantly passing away Jan. 7, 1915. The living children are: Alden, living at Delmar; Herbert, living near home; Mrs. Wm. Wackerman, Clinton, Mo., and Edwin, Josie, Lawrence and Roy, at home. She also leaves five grandchildren: Greta Bartley, Lucile, Evelyn, Maxine and Oleta Zehnder. She is survived by four sisters and four brothers. Mrs. Zehnder was confirmed in the German Reform church in youth and lived a consistent Christian life; was a faithful Christian wife and the most loving of mothers. No sacrifice was too great, no task too hard for this loving mother. Her home was a home of hospitality and she leaves an influence that will live and bear rich fruit.

A noble mother has gone home. "She fought a good fight; she finished her course; she kept the faith; she has received her crown."

Funeral services were conducted at Stones Chapel Tuesday, May 29th, by Rev. Dillman, of Montrose. Burial in the cemetery nearby. Those coming from a distance for the funeral were: Wm. Balsiger and daughter, Marie, Albany, Mo.; Mrs. Carrie Keller, Wm. Keller, Otto Keller, wife and son, Clifford, St. Joseph, Mo. The pallbearers were: M. A. Harrison, Geo. Roberts, Homer Colson, Walter Goodman, Omer Kedigh, D. T. Gates and Harley Henny.



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**Date of death: 9 Jan 1916**

**Subject: Ralph Bambrough**

**Source: *Concordia [KS] Press*, 10 Jan 1916, Monday, p. 1**

Ralph Bambrough, a fine old gentleman, who has made this city his home for the last five or six years, died at his home at 603 East Eighth street, Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Mr. Bambrough lacked but a few days of being 90 years of age and only last week was down town visiting with his many friends. But for an accident that he met with a couple of years ago when he was run down by a speeding motorcycle, he probably would have lived many more years. Mr. Bambrough was born in England and was 89 years, 11 months and one day old. A short funeral service was held at the home this afternoon conducted by Rev. Wickman and the body will be shipped to Rosendale, Mo., tonight over the Missouri Pacific for burial.

**Date of death: 6 Aug 1910**

**Subject: Mary (Banchop?) Rush**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 11 Aug 1910, p. 2**

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Rush, 204 East Indiana avenue, returned Wednesday evening from Maryville, Mo., where they were attending the funeral of Mr. Rush's mother, Mrs. Mary Rush, who died very suddenly Saturday.

**Date of death: 22 Sep 1890**

**Subject: Albert Banks**

**Source: *St. Joseph Herald*, 23 Sep 1890, p. 3**

An old colored man named Albert Banks was found dead on the C., B. & Q. track at Seventeenth and Penn streets at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. He was about 60 years of age and had been at his home, Fourteenth and Monterey streets about twenty minutes before the body was found. He started to walk up the track, and doubtless fell as he walked. Coroner Whittington held an inquest over the remains last night and the jury returned a verdict that Banks died of paralysis of the heart. An autopsy was held, which showed that the heart was much diseased.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph Daily Gazette*, 23 Sep 1890, p. 5**

Albert Banks, an old colored man, was found dead on the C., B. & Q. tracks near Seventeenth and Penn streets yesterday morning about 10 o'clock by two boys, Mack Storminger and Ed Gibson. The lads informed Patrolmen Strop and Meyers, who called Coroner Whittington, and the body was removed to an undertaking establishment. As there were no marks upon the old man's person, an autopsy was deemed necessary, and to the coroner's jury it was revealed that Banks' death was caused by paralysis of the heart, and a verdict in accordance was rendered. Banks was about 60 years old, and has a wife living at Fifteenth and Sacramento streets. He also has four grown children living. When found the old man was lying face downward, and the body was yet warm.

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**Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 22 Sep 1890, p. 6**

Albert Banks, a well known character about town, was found dead on the railroad tracks at the corner of Seventeenth and Penn streets, at 11 o'clock this morning. He was a colored man about sixty years of age, and has for several years been playing the violin for all colored dances. He was subject to heart disease and that was the probable cause of his death. The body was taken in charge by Coroner Whittington and removed to Duffy & Smith's undertaking establishment, on Frederick avenue, where an inquest will be held this evening.

**Date of death: 2 Mar 1920**

**Subject: Alfred Jefferson Banks**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 3 Mar 1920, Wednesday, p. 12**

Jeff Banks, a negro, who for the last fifteen years has conducted saloons and rooming houses in St. Joseph, was shot and instantly killed at 3 o'clock yesterday morning in his saloon at Fifth and Messanie. Shortly after the shooting the police arrested Aden Baker, 612 Sylvania street, and V. O. Hoover, 317 South Fifth street, both white men, at Fifth and Angelique streets, and Baker is said by the police to have confessed to firing the shots.

The motive for the shooting is not yet clear to the police. In statements made yesterday afternoon to Tom Johnson, chief of detectives, Baker and Hoover said the shooting was done in self-defense and that the argument arose over the late war. Baker told the police that Banks swore at him, and had shoved his hand in his pocket for a gun when he fired.

Three other negroes were in the saloon at the time. James Booze, who lived at Banks' rooming house, said he heard Baker say to Banks, "hold up your hands" and that when the saloon keeper turned, Baker fired.

One of the negroes notified the police and Sergt. Ocie McVey and Patrolmen Reams and Hartwig found Banks lying with his head at the foot of the icebox in the saloon. One of the shots entered the right temple and the other the right chest. The police say they found no gun on Banks and the only weapon in the place was a revolver in a drawer behind the bar. It had not been in use, said the policemen.

According to the arresting officers, Baker was drunk when taken into custody. When searched, a .25 caliber automatic was found and as near as could be determined five shells had been exploded. Baker formerly conducted a near beer depot at Eighth and Charles streets. He is married, the police say, and has two children. Hoover also is married and was formerly a bartender at Sixth and Sylvania streets. Baker is 32 years old, and Hoover 36.

Banks was 50 years old, and is said to have been wealthy. His home was at 2209 Sylvania street, where he lived with his wife and two daughters, Rose and Ethel. He was the owner of considerable real estate in the city. He was always well dressed and had a large collection of diamonds, all said to be perfect stones.

The body was removed to the Ramsey undertaking rooms, where an inquest will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

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Baker and Hoover are being held at Central police station. They have retained Barney Reilley as their attorney.

### Same

**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 4 Mar 1920, Thursday, p. 3

Aden Baker was formally arraigned before Justice Wilson yesterday, charged with murder. He is alleged to have shot Jeff Banks, a negro saloon keeper, Tuesday morning. His preliminary hearing was set for March 12. He was not admitted to bond and will be held at the county jail. He is represented by Barney Reilly.

Baker was arrested after a coroner's jury inquest at the I. D. Ramsey undertaking parlors yesterday afternoon.

Van Hoover, who was with Baker at the time and who was held by the police in connection with the shooting, is charged in a warrant issued at the same time with carrying concealed weapons. He is alleged to have had a revolver in his pocket. He was arraigned before Justice Forgrave and will be given a hearing March 11. He was placed under bond of \$500.

The principal witnesses examined by the coroner's jury were James Booz and George Ephraim, who were in the saloon at the time of the shooting. Both said that there had been no quarrel between Banks and Baker, but that Baker asked Banks a question which the negro did not answer and the shots followed. They said all of them had been drinking.

Baker confessed to the police that he shot Banks, but the statements made by Baker and Hoover are said to conflict.

**Date of death:** 28 Feb 1898

**Subject:** child of Isaac Banks

**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 1 Mar 1898, p. 5

Coroner Richmond was called to 1811 Angelique street yesterday to view the remains of a 2-year-old child of Isaac Banks, colored. The child died suddenly without the attention of a physician. The coroner found that the little one's death was due to natural causes.

**Date of death:** 2 Feb 1899

**Subject:** Howard Banks

**Source:** *St. Joseph Herald*, 4 Feb 1899, p. 5

Howard Banks, a famous old negro character familiar on the streets, died Thursday night at the home of Fred Lemasters, 405 North Second street.

**Date of death:** 5 Oct 1891

**Subject:** [Mrs.] Sarah Banks

**Source:** *St. Joseph Herald*, 6 Oct 1891, p. 5

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Sarah Banks, a colored woman 45 years of age, died suddenly yesterday of asthmatic suffocation at her residence, at Nineteenth and Howard streets.

**Date of death: 9 Nov 1899**

**Subject: Richard Banning**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 11 Nov 1899, Saturday, p. 5**

Richard Banning, aged 78 years, died Nov. 9 at 12:20 p.m. Funeral will take place from the family residence this Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment at Mt. Mora.

**Date of death: 1 Aug 1913**

**Subject: John Bantz**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 4 Aug 1913, p. 8**

Maryville, Mo., Aug. 3.—John Bantz, a Maryville capitalist, died Friday morning at his home here, after an illness of but a day. Acute pneumonia ended his life. He was 74 years old and was a native of Indiana.

**Date of death: 21 Nov 1849**

**Subject: Edmond Barada**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 30 Nov 1849, p. 3**

Died, In St. Joseph, on Wednesday morning the 21st November, Edmond Barada, son of Isadore Barada, aged 20 years, 11 months and 25 days.

**Date of death: 26 Nov 1880**

**Subject: John Osborn Barada**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 27 Nov 1880, p. 4**

[Note: ... indicate illegible portions]

A telegram was received in this city yesterday stating that John Barada had died in Pueblo a few hours previous to the hour the message was sent. John Barada was one of the proprietors ... Second streets, and was ... known and most popular saloon men in the city. He has been in St. Joseph ... and always conducted ... becoming manner. For ... has been troubled with consumption and at the advice ... to Colorado some ... ago, thinking the ... benefit him, but to no avail ... asleep ... Mr. Barada was unmarried ... twenty-five or twenty... age. His remains will be ... interment.

**Date of death: 30 Jul 1900**

**Subject: Elizabeth (Barger) Eby**

**Source: *Eugene [OR] City Guard*, 4 Aug 1900, Saturday, p. 4**

Died.—In Lane county, Oregon, July 30, 1900, at 6:05 p.m., Elizabeth Ely [sic], daughter of G. P. and Martha Barger, aged 59 years, 7 months and 23 days. Elizabeth Ely was married to David Ely in Linn county, Oregon,

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May 13, 1855. She leaves a husband and seven children, a brother and sister and thirteen grandchildren. She was a member of the Christian church, which she joined at an early age. Interment in Mansfield cemetery.

**Date of death: 2 Jun 1914**

**Subject: Laura Ellen (Barger) Reed**

**Source: *The Albany [MO] Capital*, 4 Jun 1914, Thursday, p. 1**

Rev. G. W. Maxwell of Albany was called yesterday to preach the funeral of Mrs. Levi Reed, who died suddenly at her home east of Worth, Mo., early Tuesday morning. Mrs. Reed was up when some of her older children came home, after attending a party, a little while after midnight. At about 1 o'clock one of the sons heard the baby crying and called to his mother, but receiving no answer, went to her room and found her dead in bed. She had apparently passed away without a struggle. Mrs. Reed had been in her usual health on Monday evening, and the doctor who was called through that her death was due to heart disease. Her husband was away from home at the time of her death. Besides the husband, she leaves a family of eight children, who are receiving the sympathy of all in this bereavement.

**Date of death: 21 Oct 1913**

**Subject: Richard Thomas Barger**

**Source: *The Albany [MO] Capital*, 23 Oct 1913, Thursday, p. 5**

After being afflicted for several years with consumption, which had of late become complicated with heart trouble and a painful attack of dropsy, Richard T. Barger died last Monday soon after noon.

Deceased was a son of Wm. P. Barger, and was born in Nodaway county, Missouri, being 43 years, 11 months and 22 days old at the time of his death. His mother died when he was a baby, and he was reared by his step-mother. On Nov. 17th, 1897, he was married to Bessie Sexton. Eleven children were born to this union, three of whom died in infancy. He leaves the wife, five small sons and three daughters. He is also survived by his father and stepmother, W. P. Barger and wife of Los Angeles, Calif.; by one brother, who lives in Idaho, and by three half-brothers and five half-sisters, who are: A. W. Barger of Bakersfield, Calif., Alex. Barger who is a soldier with Co. L, 3rd Battalion U. S. Engineers, stationed at San Antonio, Texas; Ben H. Barger, Mrs. W. H. Adkins, Mrs. W. T. Nelson, Mrs. L. A. Reed and Mrs. A. J. Gronendyke, all of Worth, Mo., and Mrs. E. L. Cook of Seattle, Wash. One of his own brothers died years ago.

Mr. Barger had joined the United Brethren Church in early life, and he lived firm in that faith, meeting his years of ill health with a patient resignation that was remarkable.

Rev. Ed. Beauchamp, a pastor of the United Brethren Church, preached the funeral at the Carmack Church on Tuesday at noon, after which the burial was in the Carmack cemetery.

**Date of death: 14 Jun 1901**

**Subject: Henry F. Barker**

**Source: *Valentine [NE] Democrat*, 20 Jun 2901, Thursday, p. 1**

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Henry F. Barker died at his home down the river last Friday morning June 14 1901, of heart failure. He had been failing of late but on the morning of his death had been out milking his cows and doing chores when he began feeling faint and went to the house to rest for awhile. He died a few minutes afterward sitting in his chair. Mr. Barker was an early settler and was well liked by all who knew him. We hope to publish a more complete account in our correspondence from near where he lived.

### Same

**Source:** *Valentine [NE] Democrat*, 20 Jul 1901, Thursday, p. 4

Sparks Chips.

The village of Sparks and the surrounding community were greatly shocked last Friday morning about 8 o'clock as little Oscar Peterson came from one house to the other with a message announcing the very sudden death of Henry F. Barker, one of the oldest most useful and highly respected citizens We have known Mr. Barker for 14 years he being one of our first acquaintances after we landed in this country and have done quite an amount of business with him, served as constable under him for a term of years and always found him ready ro [sic] advise and help in any way that assistance was needed. His dealing was always honest and honorable and his labor unceasing until the Great Ruler of the Universe, who doeth all things well, came to his relief and found him true to his word as he had told us that he expected to work till he died and his word came true for death must have struck him while he was milking a cow. He came into the house, sat down in a rocking chair and in a few seconds was dead. His funeral took place at Sparks Sunday the 16th conducted by Rev. Bruce. Twenty-four teams and several on horseback followed his remains from the residence to the church at Sparks where the funeral services were held. Rev. Bruce delivered a very able discourse, touching the life and character of our departed friend and neighbor. The procession from the church to the cemetery was one fourth of a mile in length. His pall bearers were two comrades, James Culp and William Allen, four neighbors, Mathias Jelly, James H. Sears, George Bristol and George Shelborn, and we laid him to rest in his cold bed of mother earth in the Sparks cemetery in the presence of many sad hearts, weeping friends and heart broken relatives with whom we know how to sympathize. But le [sic] us leave him to rest from his labors in the hope of a glorious resurrection.

JAMES H. SEARS.

**Date of death:** 16 Sep 1917

**Subject:** William Oliver Barksdale

**Source:** *The Leon [IA] Journal-Reporter*, 27 Sep 1917, Thursday, p. 12

The body of Will Barksdale, a former resident of Garden Grove, was brought here Tuesday for burial, the funeral being held Wednesday. Will was working on a farm near Helena, Mo., and about the eleventh of the month he fell from a load of hay and broke his back. He lived until the 16th, being conscious most of the time. His brother Arthur who is running a store at Wilburton, Kansas, was notified and reached his side before he died and accompanied the body here.—Garden Grove Express.

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**Date of death: 18 Jul 1895**

**Subject: Lillian Marie Barman (or Barmann)**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 21 Jul 1895, p. 7**

Savannah, Mo., July 20.—Died—At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Bannam [sic], Thursday, July 18, 1895, Lillian Marie Bannam, aged 2 year and 24 days. The funeral took place from the Catholic church, Saturday morning, at 9 o'clock. Rev. Father Anselm of Maryville preached the funeral.

**Date of death: 29 Oct 1895**

**Subject: Louis Leslie Barman**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily News*, 30 Oct 1895, p. 6**

Laura [sic], the eleven-year-old daughter [sic] of Mr. and Mrs. Martin L. Barmann [sic] of Walker's addition, died yesterday of diphtheria.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 30 Oct 1895, p. 3**

Louis Barmann, aged 11 years, died at the residence of his father, Martin Barmann, opposite New Ulm yesterday. Funeral to be at 2:00 p.m. from residence to Mount Mora.

**Date of death: 4 Aug 1913**

**Subject: George B. Barmann**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 11 Aug 1913, p. 8**

Savannah, Mo., Aug 10.—George B. Barmann, 29 years old, died Monday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Barmann, south of Savannah. He was buried Wednesday.

**Date of death: 25 May 1880**

**Subject: Brinsley Barnes**

**Source: *Nodaway [MO] Democrat*, 3 Jun 1880, Thursday, p. 3**

Died in Green township, May 25 1880, at the residence of his son-in-law C.C. Curnutt, Brinsley Barnes, after a painful illness of three weeks. The deceased was born in North Carolina, May 29, 1800. His parents moved to Kentucky when he was four years old, where he was raised and educated. After his education was finished he filled several important offices. He was honored and respected by all. In 1828 he moved with his parents to Missouri, and settled near DeKalb, Buchanan county. In 1846 he married Mrs. Nancy Matherly. Two children blessed this union, one of which died at the age of six years, the other, Mrs. Mary L Curnutt, was spared to take care of him in his old age. In 1858, he moved with his family to Nodaway county where he has since resided. He taught school several years in Hughes township, where he also served as justice of the peace. In 1860 he professed religion and joined the M.E. church, south, in which he lived a faithful and consistent member until removed from the church militant to the church triumphant, and though he left no dying testimony, we mourn not as those without hope. He survived his companion eight years. He has one brother living in Buchanan

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county and two in Worth county. His remains were interred in the Cain burying ground, May 26. May the bereaved ones live so that they may make an unbroken family in heaven" - A friend.

**Date of death: 5 Jan 1903**

**Subject: Fielding Barnes**

**Source: *Dearborn [MO] Democrat*, 9 Jan 1903**

Fielding Barnes died at his home in this city, Monday morning, about 5 o'clock, of paralysis of the throat. He was taken suddenly Saturday afternoon about two o'clock, and when Dr. Hale arrived he pronounced his case very doubtful. Every attention was given him, but as it was impossible for him to take anything internally nothing could be done to relieve him.

His funeral was conducted by Rev. Leo Harrell, of Platte City, at the Baptist church, Wednesday, at 11 o'clock, after which the Masons took charge of the remains and laid them to rest in the cemetery north of town. Although the weather was very inclement the church was crowded to its utmost capacity. Nearly every business house in the city was closed during the services.

Fielding Barnes was born in Pike county, Ind., Aug. 7, 1838, but moved with his parents to Platte county, Mo. when but three years of age. He was married to Miss Mary S. Williams of Buchanan county, Aug. 11, 1861. To this union nine children were born; seven boys and two girls, eight of whom are living and were at the funeral. One daughter is dead. He obeyed the Saviour and joined the Baptist church at the age of twenty years. He became a member of Rowley Lodge 204, A.F. & A.M. while they held their meetings at Arnoldsville.

The deceased was a kind husband, a loving father, and a good, upright citizen, one that will be missed by all.

**Date of death: 26 Jun 1911**

**Subject: George Washington Barnes**

**Source: *The [Burns OR] Times-Herald*, 1 Jul 1911**

As the result of a series of law suits, legal controversies and quarrels, Geo. W. Barnes was shot down on the street in Canyon City last Monday afternoon by Geo. W. Anderson. Born had been drinking and their grievance had been of long standing, the controversy was started over some property of the dead man's wife.

Geo. Barnes formerly lived in Prineville and came of a fighting family. He figured in the vigilante times in Crook county in the early eighties when several lives were sacrificed including Mike and Frank Mogan, the widow of whom is well known here and who now lives at Ontario the wife of Charles Adams.

Till Glaze and Bud Thompson, two other fearless gun men, were also there during that bloody period.

A few years ago Anderson, the slayer of Barnes, and Mrs. Barnes became involved in a law suit and Anderson was finally given a judgment for \$2,500 by a decision of the supreme court. On an execution he became the legal possessor of a ranch in John Day Valley. Mrs. Barnes resisted the actual possession with force of arms.



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About two years ago Barnes, who was an attorney, married and represented his wife in her legal controversies and it was here that the two men became embittered.

**Date of death: 27 Jan 1889**

**Subject: Stephen Hartwell Barnes**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 30 Jan 1889, Wednesday, p. 3**

Maryville.

The death of S. H. Barnes of Hughes township, last Saturday, already noted by The Herald, will be a severe loss to Nodaway county. Mr. Barnes was a strong Republican and an upright, Christian gentleman.

**Date of death: 6 Apr 1915**

**Subject: Eli Barnum**

**Source: *The Oregonian*, 9 Apr 1915**

Callahan, Cal., April 8.—Death, when Eli Barnum passed away yesterday at the age of 98 years, stopped preparations for celebration of the 72d anniversary of his marriage on April 27. Mrs. Barnum is 88 years old. Eli Barnum was a native of New York and married Mary Madden April 27, 1843. Eight children out of 12, many grandchildren and several great grandchildren are living.

Barnum was one of the pioneers of Siskiyou County.

**Date of death: 25 Oct 1902**

**Subject: Adrian Wesley Barrett**

**Source: *Skidmore [MO] Standard*, 28 Oct 1902, p. 4**

Died: Adrian Wesley, son of Wesley and Lizzie Barrett, was born Feb. 2, 1895, died Oct. 25, 1902. The funeral service was held at the home Sabbath afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by H. J. Donaldson. The body was laid to rest in the Masonic cemetery at Skidmore to await the resurrection at the last day.

**Date of death: 26 Sep 1902**

**Subject: Allene E. Barrett**

**Source: *Skidmore [MO] Standard*, 30 Sep 1902, Tuesday, p. 1**

Last Friday night at about 12 o'clock, Aleene, the little four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Wesley Barrett, died of congestion of the lungs. The little one was sick only a short time. She had been complaining for a day or two with a bad cold but was able to be up and playing around the house until Thursday morning when she suddenly took worse and a few minutes past 12 o'clock Friday night she breathed her last.

The funeral was conducted at the house by Rev. H. J. Donaldson Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, after which the remains were laid to rest in the Masonic cemetery near this city.

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**Date of death: 21 Jun 1920**

**Subject: Charles Lucius Barrett**

**Source: *The King City [MO] Chronicle*, 2 Jul 1920, Friday, p. 5**

Charles Lucius Barrett, born at Rush, Pa., April 18, 1834. Died at his home in Winslow, age 86 years, 2 months, 3 days. At four years of age and after the death of his mother, he was taken to raise by a man named Yocum, living at Bear Gap (near Shamokin) Pa., with whom he remained eleven years. Meanwhile his father had again married and settled at Milton. Charles longer to be with his father and when 16 years of age secured the consent of Yokum to visit his father at Milton and never returned to Bear Gap. His father then purchased a canal boat and put Charles to boating. He was industrious and became owner of his boat within 6 years. After 8 years of boating he started westward and joined a party of gold hunters bound for Pike's Peak. Upon reaching the central part of Nebraska, his party met hundreds of gold seekers returning discouraged, and his party abandoned the trip. He retraced his way as far as Salt Creek (near the present city of Lincoln) where he purchased a claim and cabin. On November 6, 1859, he married Lorinda Etherton, eldest daughter of his neighbor, James Etherton. The following year, a daughter, Luella, was born. In 1862, he let his farm and returned to Pennsylvania with wife and daughter and remained in the east four years. A second daughter, Ida C., was born at Montoursville, and a son, Charles A., was born at Selinsgrove. They again moved west, settling near Rochester, Missouri, where a second son, Walter O., was born. Meanwhile the Indians had become troublesome in Nebraska and both he and Etherton sold their holdings near the village of Saltillo. In 1872 he finally settled at Winslow, DeKalb county, Mo. Here two daughters and a son were born,-- Zula E., Dora M. and Henry C. Charles L. conducted the general store and served as postmaster of Winslow for more than 30 years, when that postoffice was discontinued.

Since retiring from the mercantile business at Winslow, he has resided on his farm near the old store. Of late years he had been a great sufferer from that so much dreaded trouble, cancer of the face. He passed away at his home at Winslow, June 21, 1920. The largely attended funeral was at the family home on Wednesday, June 23, and interment was in the Winslow cemetery. The funeral sermon was by Rev. Bowen, pastor of the Winslow M. E. church. And thus another of the old settlers of that community and of DeKalb county has passed away. He was a man highly esteemed and had ever taken an active interest in the affairs of the community in which he lived. Peace to his memory and sympathy to his sorrowing family and relatives.

**Date of death: 21 Mar 1921**

**Subject: Charles Wesley Barrett**

**Source: *Skidmore [MO] News*, 24 Mar 1921, Thursday, p. 1**

Charles Wesley Barrett died at his home here Monday afternoon, March 21, after a long illness. It is not known how long he had been afflicted with the fatal disease, but he had been in very poor health for a year or more. About the last of December he underwent an operation at Kirksville, and was in the hospital there for several weeks. Since returning home he had been very weak, and gradually grew worse until the end.

Mr. Barrett was born in Warren county, Pennsylvania, January 15, 1854. In 1879 he came to Missouri, and was united in marriage to Jennie Elizabeth Parrish, March 13, 1888. To this union were born eight children, Amy, Alma, Alta, Archie, Agnes, Alice, and Adrean and Aleen who died in youth.

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In 1906 he united with the Methodist Episcopal church, and had lived a consistent Christian life. His experience grew richer and brighter as the years passed.

He was a charter member of the Odd Fellows Lodge at this place, and he believed and practiced all of its teachings. He said it was his lodge that awakened in him the desire to live a better life.

Besides his wife and children, he leaves five brothers, Reuben, John, James E., Henry Thomas, and Robert; three sisters, Mrs. A. D. Russell, Mrs. Sarah Russell, and Mrs. Rose Abbott; and a host of other relatives and friends. A brother, William Barrett of Sugar Grove, Pa., died Tuesday at noon and will be buried tomorrow.

Funeral services were held at the M. E. Church yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. C. E. Olson, and burial was in Masonic cemetery. All of the children were at home for the funeral.

**Date of death: 17 Aug 1899**

**Subject: Marian M. "Bird" Barrett**

**Source: *Skidmore [MO] Standard*, 18 Aug 1899, p. 1**

Miss Bird Barrett died yesterday morning at the home of her father, Henry Barrett, west of town. Young, talented and educated, she was especially qualified to enjoy life, and was taken away at that period when it seems most worth the living. Her death brings sadness to many."

**Same**

**Source: *Skidmore [MO] Standard*, 1 Sep 1899, p. 1**

Marian, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Barrett was born July 16, 1876 and died at their home, August 17, 1899.

She was converted about ten years ago and joined the M. E. church in 1890 under the pastorate of Rev. C. O. Mills. From that time till her death she lived a faithful, consistent Christian life. She was an active worker in the Epworth League and Sunday School and will be greatly missed in the community.

After eight weeks of patient suffering she went home to rest, leaving her parents, one sister and four brothers to mourn her loss. The funeral was preached at the Burr Oak church by her pastor, Friday, August 18.

**Date of death: 9 Nov 1905**

**Subject: Flora Nevada (Barrow) DeMoss**

**Source: *Stanberry [MO] Owl-Headlight*, 14 Nov 1905, Tuesday, p. 1**

Mrs. Flora Nevada Demoss [sic], daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Barrow was born October 16, 1870 near Ottumwa, Iowa.

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In 1875 the family moved to Missouri locating in Andrew county, not far from the little town of Rea. Mrs. DeMoss [sic], before she was married, graduated at Warrensburg, Missouri, from the State Normal school and taught three years in Northwest Missouri. During her work as teacher she met Mr. Fred T. DeMoss to whom she was married October 31, 1894. To this union were born five children, all of whom survive her. She died suddenly of heart failure at her home, November 7, 1905.

A short funeral service was held at the residence, conducted by W. W. Whitman and was concluded at Rosendale, Missouri, by Rev. A. R. Hunt of Savannah, who preached the funeral sermon. The remains were laid to rest in the Rosendale cemetery.

Mrs. Flora DeMoss became a Christian while in the Normal at Warrensburg, in this most holy faith she has ever lived as a Christian woman. She was one of the good women and among the best mothers in the Christian church.

She was one among the very best as a wife and her sudden and untimely death was a shock to the entire church, town and neighborhood. The people can hardly realize yet that it is true.

In this hour of sad bereavement, the stricken husband and motherless children have the sympathy of the entire community.

**Date of death: 17 Jan 1905**

**Subject: Minerva (Bartlow) Pothour**

**Source: *Coffeyville [KS] Daily Journal*, 16 Jan 1905, Wednesday, p. 1**

Mrs. J. H. Pothour died at her home in Cherryvale Tuesday morning of heart failure. Mrs. Pothour had many friend here who are grieved to learn of her death. She was 45 years old and was the wife of the well-known Santa Fe conductor on the run between this city and Cherryvale.

Mrs. J. H. Pothour was the mother of two sons, aged about 22 and 13 years, and a daughter aged 19. They, with the husband, survive. The funeral will be held from the M. E. Church of which deceased had long been a member, at Cherryvale. Thursday afternoon. Interment at the Cherryvale cemetery.

**Date of death: 29 Jul 1884**

**Subject: Charles Barton**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette-Herald*, 31 Jul 1884, Thursday, p. 1**

Maryville, Mo., July 30.—Charles Barton, an old resident, aged fifty, living one mile east of the city, suicided last night, by hanging, in the smoke house. He leaves a wife and family. No cause is assigned and the coroner's jury is still at work.

Barton had been to town Tuesday and had made and [sic] effort to borrow money to pay off some \$5000 indebtedness on his land. He moved here from Kansas about two years ago, and most of the time since then he has worked as a section hand on the railroad and lived in East Maryville. Last spring he traded town property

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for thirty-four acres of land about three miles east of the city. He got home from town Tuesday about sundown and had been drinking somewhat. It is said he has drunk [sic] considerably, especially at times, during the past two years. When he got home he pretended to be very much out of humor about the supper that was prepared him, talked some of burning the house, and ordered his wife off the place. By and by he left the house, saying he was going over to Mr. Francey's, a neighbor. He went a little ways, came back, ate a little supper, and walked restlessly about the house several times, and left the house about dusk, taking a rope with him. As he had often talked of suiciding, his wife thought he was simply playing a bluff game as he had done several times before. But an hour or two afterwards her son came home and Mrs. Barton told him about the way the old man had acted, and suggested that he had better go out and look after him. The son thought it not worth while, and said that he guessed his father would return all right when he got in a little better humor. They discovered, however, that the milk stool was gone and the son concluded he would make some search. In a few moments he found the body of his father swinging to a rafter in the smoke house, suspended by a rope. The body was left hanging until the coroner, Dr. J. M. Larrabee, and the jury went out Wednesday forenoon, when they took it down. The jury's verdict was that he came to his death by his own hand from hanging and strangulation when laboring under temporary aberration of mind.

Barten [sic] was 47 years old. He and his wife have seven children, five boys and two girls, the oldest 22 and the youngest 7. They were married in Joliet, Ills., in 1861. Barten left Germany when about 19 years of age.

### Same

**Source:** *Albany [MO] Ledger*, 2 Jul 1897, Friday, p. 1

Richard Baldock, the young man who was seriously injured at the fair grounds by his horse falling upon him, is reported better.

**Date of death:** 31 Jul 1915

**Subject:** Russell Barton

**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 8 Nov 1915, p. 5

Maryville, Mo., Nov. 7.—Frank Barton of this county has just filed suit in the Taylor county, Iowa circuit court for \$25,000 for the loss of his wife and child who were drowned July 31 in the flood waters of the 102 river near Bedford. He alleges that the county was at fault in not having proper barriers. As a result, he drove his team off a curve, upsetting the buggy, and throwing the passengers all into the water. He was saved, but the others drowned.

**Date of death:** 15 Jan 1895

**Subject:** Andrew J. Bashor

**Source:** *Boulder [CO] Daily Camera*, 16 Jan 1895, p. 4

At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Andrew Butler, aged 42, died after many months illness from consumption. He was a son of John Bashor and leaves a widow.

**Date of death:** 28 Oct 1918

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**Subject: William Salkeld Bateman**

**Source: *The King City [MO] Chronicle*, 8 Nov 1918, Friday, p. 8**

William Salkeld Bateman was born in Andrew county, Mo., Oct. 16, 1872, and died at Kalispell, Montana, Oct. 28, age 46 years, 12 days. He leaves five sisters and three brothers to mourn his loss: Lizzie Laffon, Fort Lupton, Colo., Mrs. Geo. H. Meek, Maryville, Mo.; Mrs. Jess Murphy, Whitesville, Mo.; Mrs. Frank Schildtknecht [sic], Flag Springs, Mo.; Mrs. Alvis Agee, McFall, Mo.; Miles Bateman, Denver, Colo.; John, Edmonton, Canada; Ray, also of Can.

Mr. Bateman grew to manhood in Andrew county and is well known thruout [sic] the vicinity in which he lived. He was a hard working man and spent several years with Marion Scott, giving excellent service. He was not only industrious but also agreeable. Mr. Bateman made a profession of faith under the preaching of Rev. Pipkins in 1913. He was a member of Flag Springs lodge I.O.O.F. at Flag Springs, Mo.

Funeral services were conducted at the Flag Springs Baptist church by Rev. L. E. Marvin of Savannah, Mo., after which the Odd Fellows took charge and laid the body to rest in the Flag Springs cemetery there to await the resurrection morn.

A friend.

**Date of death: 8 May 1891**

**Subject: Christian Henry Bauer**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 4 May 1891, p. 3**

Christian H. Bauer was struck by a Frederick avenue electric car, at the Sixteenth street crossing, yesterday at about 12 o'clock, and so badly injured that death will undoubtedly ensue.

Mr. Bauer was employed by the People's Street Railway and Electric Light company at its power house as fireman. He lives at 727 Mount Mora road and was on his way home at the time he was hurt.

He rode out to Sixteenth street upon Frederick avenue car No. 19, and as the car slowed up Bauer jumped off, and stepping behind the car, started to cross the other track. Just as he stepped upon the track he was struck by car No. 23, which was approaching from the east.

The car knocked him down, caught him between the fender and the ground and dragged him several feet. The car was stopped as quickly as possible and Bauer was pulled from his perilous position. He was unconscious and bleeding from a wound in the back of his head. Bystanders carried him to the sidewalk, and Dr. Bergoff, who happened to be passing, did what he could for the injured man.

A few minutes later he was carried to his residence and Dr. Garner, the company's physician, sent for. Upon examination the man was found to have received a fracture of the skull and was badly injured about the stomach.

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Bauer has a wife and one child. He has lived in St. Joseph for a number of years, and has been employed by the People's Power company for some time. No blame is attached to the driver of the street car for the accident. It was one that could not be avoided, and one that is liable to happen to almost any one.

When he fell under the car he impeded its progress so much that electricity began to fly in every direction. That Bauer was not killed outright by a shock is a mystery.

At 1 o'clock this morning Bauer was still unconscious with no chance for recovery.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 5 May 1891, p. 3**

C. H. Bauer, the man who was run over by a street car on Frederick avenue Sunday at 12 o'clock and so nearly killed, has been resting well for the last twenty-four hours, and his physician thinks there is some hope of his recovery. The skull is not now believed to be fractured, as was stated in yesterday morning's paper, the condition being concussion of the brain. For the first four hours after the accident he vomited blood, but he is now able to retain medicine and liquid nourishment. Dr. O. B. Campbell is attending him.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 7 May 1891, p. 3**

C. H. Bauer, the man who was struck by a Frederick avenue street car on Sunday at Sixteenth street and Frederick avenue, is improving slightly. Since he was hurt he showed no signs of consciousness, except slight motions and by swallowing liquid nourishment that was placed in his mouth, until yesterday, when he became conscious for four or five minutes and spoke a few words. He then became unconscious again. He is suffering from concussion of the brain.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 10 May 1891, p. 3**

Christian Bauer, who was struck by a Frederick avenue street car Sunday last, died about 10 o'clock Friday night. His skull was fractured at the time he was struck, and it was known that he could not live. He only recovered consciousness once from the time that he was hurt until he died and then only for a few moments. He lived at 717 Mount Mora road and leaves a wife and one child.

No date has yet been fixed for the funeral, as the family is expecting a brother of the deceased to arrive from Illinois.

**Date of death: 25 Nov 1854**

**Subject: Mrs. Ann C. Baugher (or Bougher)**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Commercial Cycle*, 2 Feb 1855, p. 4**

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In Savannah, Andrew county, Mo., on the \_\_\_\_ [sic] ult., Mrs. Ann C. Baugher, aged 24 y'rs and 6 months, wife of F. A. Baugher, and daughter of Mrs. Jane [or James] Baugher, of Va.

**Date of death: 2 Sep 1905**

**Subject: Charles L. Baumle**

**Source: *The Shawnee [OK] Herald*, 4 Sep 1905, Monday, p. 1**

At 12 o'clock Saturday night the death of Charles L. Baumle, one of Shawnee's best known and promising young business men occurred at the residence of his father, Louis Baumle, 202 S. Oklahoma avenue.

The fatal disease was tuberculosis, from which he had for several years been a sufferer. Hoping to receive some benefits by a change of climate, Mr. Baumle last January went to Roswell, N.M., where his father and himself had property interests, and there he remained until about ten days ago. The dread malady, however, had so fastened itself upon him as to preclude the possibility of recovery, and he returned home and eight days later death came to his relief.

Charles L. Baumle was a native of Missouri, having been born in the city of Savannah in 1877, and was therefore 28 years of age. He attended the schools of his native city and six years ago was graduated from the Shenandoah, Iowa, College, and a year later took up his residence with his father and mother here. The father and son then formed a business partnership under the firm name of Baumle & Son, and have since conducted an insurance, brokerage and loan business on East Main street.

Mr. Baumle, who was one of the best equipped and hard working young business men in the city was also known and honored for his integrity and faithfulness in all of his walks in life, and his death is universally regretted and mourned.

Of his immediate family he is survived only by his father, his mother having died five years ago, and an only sister died in Missouri prior to the removal of the family to this city.

After a brief funeral service at the residence, which will probably take place at a late hour this afternoon, the remains will be conveyed to his old home, Savannah, where the interment will be made.

**Date of death: 9 Apr 1891**

**Subject: Mrs. Emily Baxton**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 10 Apr 1891, p. 3**

Emily Baxton, a colored woman who lived in St. Joseph for a great many years, died yesterday at the advanced age of 104. She died at the home of a colored woman, Mary Free, at 314 Sixteenth street, who, although in no way related to the old lady, cared for her all of last winter as if she was her mother.

Mrs. Baxton was born in Alabama presumably in the year 1797. She did not remember in what year she was born, but claimed that she was 36 or 37 years of age when General Lafayette visited the United States in 1824. She was married when she was 25 years old. In 1844 she and her husband were brought to Missouri by General



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James Craig as his slaves. In 1848 they lived at Oregon, Mo., and in 1850, he brought them to St. Joseph. Mrs. Baxton was never out of the city after that time. Her husband died just after the war and is buried here.

General Craig and his family were very kind to her and allowed her considerable money. After the war the general employed her for many years, paying her good wages. She saved her money and bought quite a lot of property in the vicinity of Sixteenth and Sylvania streets. She afterwards lost this property through inability to pay taxes. After her home was sold she lived for a great many years with the family of a colored man named Ray. She paid nothing for her keeping and he finally ceased to care for her. Since then she has been a charge upon the city and her colored friends. For the last fifteen years she was unable to do any work, although able to get around, until within the last year. In her declining years she lost none of her senses, and her mind was clear until dissolution occurred.

She was a member of the colored Baptist church and was very devout. The body will be buried today.

**Date of death: 29 Jun 1897**

**Subject: Elizabeth (Bayne) Gee**

**Source: *Logan County [KS] Clipper*, 1 Jul 1897, Thursday, p. 1**

The people of this community were shocked yesterday morning to learn of the death of Mrs. C. C. Gee which occurred Wednesday morning at 1 o'clock. The immediate cause of her death was internal hemorrhage. She has not been well this spring and summer but no serious result was expected until a few days ago, when the family and immediate friends became alarmed as to her condition and all hope was given up.

Elizabeth Bayne was born in Indiana May 28, 1839 [sic], and with her parents emigrated to Andrew county, Missouri, in 1842. Here she became acquainted with Mr. C. C. Gee and on the 30th day of May, 1858, she was united to him in the holy bonds of matrimony, and remained in that country until the year 1886, when they removed to Logan county, Kansas, where she lived until the date of her demise. To this union was born four children, one boy and three girls. The son and one daughter still survive her, Mrs. Lucy Graff of Andrew county, Missouri, and Jefferson Gee of Logan county, Kansas, while the other two daughters have passed beyond to that world where there will be no parting and where she expects to meet them. Besides the two children named she leaves a bereaved husband and a host of sorrowing friends to mourn her loss. Mrs. Gee was a kind and loving wife and mother, beloved and respected by all who knew her, a true christian lady and a good neighbor. The many friends of the sorrowing family extend their warmest sympathies.

The funeral services will be held this afternoon and the remains will be taken to Missouri on the train for interment.

**Date of death: 25 Nov 1907**

**Subject: Virginia (Bays) Carrel**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 26 Nov 1907, p. 2**

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The death of Mrs. Virginia Carrell [sic], which was announced in yesterday morning's Gazette, was caused from taking an overdose of medicine a week ago.

Mrs. Carrell, who was 79 years old and the wife of General Carrell, 514 North Twenty-second street, was taken ill with stomach trouble last Monday. She took a dose of medicine, and, it not affording her any relief, she repeated it, in all taking four doses that day.

Several hours later she became violently ill, and Dr. H. S. Forgrave was called in to attend her. The lining of Mrs. Carrell's [sic] stomach had been almost entirely destroyed and death resulted Sunday night from interitis [sic].

The decedent is survived by her husband, her daughter, Mrs. Sarah Smith and four sons, Burr H., William, Jackson and Edward. All of the children, with the exception of the last named, live in Clarksdale. Mrs. Edward Carrell lives in Portland, Ore. The body was sent to Clarksdale last night where the funeral will be held today.

### Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 25 Nov 1907, p. 1

A package of pills was thrown in the yard of General W. Carrel at 5:14 North Twenty-second street a week ago. The medicine was taken by Mrs. Virginia Carrel, seventy-nine years old, and it caused her death.

Mrs. Carrel died at 10 o'clock last night, after a week of intense suffering. Soon after she had taken the pills Dr. H. S. Forgrave was called, and he attended the sick woman during her illness. On account of her age, she was unable to withstand the injury done by the strong medicine. Doctor Forgrave said today that the medicine she had taken, thrown in the yard by some one distributing samples, was the primary cause of the aged woman's death.

General Carrel does not know the brand of the medicine his wife took, and during her illness he inadvertently destroyed the wrapper. It was a package such as are thrown in yards and on doorsteps by those distributing samples, he said today. Mrs. Carrel showed her husband the wrapper and told him the package contained three doses. He remembers that among ... the printing on the package read:

"Take one at night and you will feel better in the morning."

Mrs. Carrel took one of the pills at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, and another at night ... she became very ... was called. During ... that the lining of ... entirely de... medicine.

A search ... made in the neighbor... home for other packages ... similar to the one ... yard, but the neigh... find one. It is ... of the dead ... the hands of ... secure the punishment ... in distributing the ... to law.

Mrs. ... husband, had been ... seven years, ... Clarksdale. She ... and was the mother of five children, four sons and one daughter. Her husband and herself had lived in that part of the city since they first came to St. Joseph.

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General Carrel said his wife had not previously taken any of the sample medicine thrown in the yard, but on this occasion she required medicine of that kind, and that is supposed to have induced her ... take ... her husband ... as he ... when she ... cause at ... and told ... should take.

... had ... came ... there ... notified of ... Jackson Carrel ... Mrs. Sarah Smith ... of ... Clarksdale ... Portland, Ore.

Burial at Clarksdale.

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**Date of death: 21 Jul 1876**

**Subject: Henry Ward Beacham**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 23 Jul 1876, p. 4**

Henry Ward Beacham, one of the oldest darkies in St. Joseph, died night before last rather suddenly of cholera morbus. He was nearly 75 years of age.

**Date of death: 17 Feb 1882**

**Subject: Charles Beal**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 19 Feb 1882, p. 4**

Maryville, February 17th.

Charles Beal, an old resident here, died very suddenly, at twenty minutes past three, this morning. Mr. Beal has not been well for several years past. As to the nature of his disease, the physicians do not seem to exactly understand, some thinking it a disease of the heart. He left his store last night about six o'clock, seeming to be as well as usual. He did not retire until two o'clock this morning. He and his wife were both sound asleep, and his knee resting heavily on his wife woke her up, when she pushed his knee off, saying, "I am tired." He awoke and said, "I am so tired too," the last words he spoke, and immediately commenced breathing hard and gasping. She got up and sent for assistance, but before any arrived he was dead.

Mr. Beal came here with his brother in 1856 or 1858. He clerked in a drug store in St. Joseph for a time, then in St. Louis, and afterwards traveled for a wholesale druggist in St. Louis, and finally settled here in the drug business, and has been in that business here for ten or twelve years past. Funeral services Sunday.

**Date of death: 20 May 1914**

**Subject: George Washington Beard**

**Source: *Rock Island [IL] Argus*, 3 Jun 1914, p. 5**

George Washington Beard was born Jan. 30, 1849, in Muskingum county, Ohio, and died at Viola May 20, aged 65 years, 2 months and 20 days. He was the eighth child of Jacob and Susan Beard. He leaves to mourn eight brothers and sisters. July 4, 1871, he was married in Platte county, Missouri, to Mary Brananman. To this union 14 children were born, two of whom died in infancy. The family removed to Illinois in 1879. The funeral services were held from the M. E. church Friday morning, May 22, the pastor, Rev. B. R. Nesbit, officiating. The interment was in the Viola cemetery. Two sons, Charles and Sam Beard of Albany Mo., arrived Friday morning for the funeral. Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Beard, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bateman and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Peters of Aledo were out of town relatives who were present at the funeral.

**Date of death: 28 Jun 1873**

**Subject: [Lora B.] Beasley**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Republican*, 11 Jun 1873, p. 2**

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A very sad and distressing occurrence took place about eight miles north of Fillmore, Andrew county, Mo., on Friday of last week, June 27. Two little daughters of Mr. S. Beasley, one about eleven years old and the other about four years old, were engaged in kindling a fire in the cooking stove, preparatory to cooking one of the meals of the day, when they took the kerosene oil-can and poured oil from it on the coals of fire in the stove, when the oil igniting, produced an explosion, covering the little four-year-old all over with the liquid flame, burning it so terribly that it could scarcely be recognized as a human being, and after suffering untold agonies, died the next day from the effects of it. The other one was burned badly in her lower limbs, from the knees down to the feet, but is not thought to be dangerously burned. The flames communicated rapidly to the buildings, and it was only by almost by [sic] superhuman efforts, on the part of the father who was present, that the house was not burned to the ground.

**Date of death: 4 Oct 1918**

**Subject: Richard Beasley**

**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: 29/30 Jun 1883**

**Subject: Mary H. (Beattie) DeBord**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 11 Jul 1883, p. 5**

Mrs. A. D. Kirk has returned home from the funeral of her sister Mrs. Mary B. DeBord, wife of Thomas DeBord, residing at Parker, Andrew county, Mo. Mrs. DeBord died June 29th.

**Date of death: 10 Aug 1913**

**Subject: Orlena Beattie**

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

**Date of death: 25 May 1880**

**Subject: Joseph Beaumont**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette-Herald*, 24 Jun 1880, Thursday, p. 3- not an obituary**

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Notice is hereby given that letters of administration, upon the estate of Joseph Beaumont, deceased, later of Buchanan county, have been granted to the undersigned Thomas R. Smith, by the Probate Court of the county of Buchanan, bearing date the 27th day of May, 1880.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance, within one year after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate, and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the time of the publication of this notice, they will be forever barred.

St. Joseph, Mo., June 23, 1880.

Thomas R. Smith, Public Administrator and Administrator of Joseph Beaumont, deceased.

**Date of death: 4 Jul 1905**

**Subject: Robert Beaumont**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 5 Jul 1905, p. 2**

Robert Beaumont, a negro, aged fifty-three years, who lived at Twenty-fourth street and Mitchell avenue, dropped dead of heart disease in a saloon at Fifteenth and Sacramento streets, about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Beaumont is said to have been drinking freely during the day and was watching a card game when he toppled over and fell to the floor, dying almost instantly. Coroner Bansbach viewed the body after it was removed to his residence. His wife survives him.

**Date of death: 31 Jul 1922**

**Subject: Sarah (Bebout) Phillips**

**Source: *San Francisco [CA] Examiner*, 2 Aug 1922**

In San Francisco, Monday, July 31, Mrs. Dr. Sarah Phillips, wife of Dr. H. F. Phillips, 1320 O'Farrel st., mother of Carl W. Phillips and William R. Phillips, and sister of Mrs. S. F. Hutchinson of Redwood City, a native of Iowa, aged 66 years.

**Date of death: 3 Aug 1913**

**Subject: Sarah E. (Beck) Melching**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 11 Aug 1913, p. 8**

Hopkins, Mo., Aug. 10.—Mrs. F. C. Melching, 72 years old, died Sunday at the home of T. W. Porter, her son-in-law. Five children survive her.

**Date of death: 15 Nov 1898**

**Subject: Lewis Beckom**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 16 Nov 1898, p. 5**

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Lewis Beckom, a negro baby, 14 months old, died yesterday of burns received three weeks ago. He suffered greatly before relieved by death. Coroner Richmond viewed the remains. The boy died at the home of his parents, ?10 North Third street.

**Date of death: 15 Aug 1885**

**Subject: Leftwick (or Leftridge) Bedwell**

**Source: *Indianola [IA] Advocate-Tribune*, 3 Sep 1885, Thursday**

Prole - One of our oldest settlers. Mr. L. Bedwell, died at his home August 16, at the age of 66. Mr. Bedwell came to this county in the spring of 1847 from Missouri, and lived on the same land obtained from the government at the time of his death. He had by economy and industry accumulated a good property.

**Date of death: 13 Jul 1913**

**Subject: Ralph Eugene Beinert**

**Source: *Bedford [IA] Times-Republican*, 17 Jul 1913, p. 8**

Ralph Beinert, the fifteen-year-old son of A. F. Beinert, died Sunday at St. Francis hospital in Maryville after a month's illness, two weeks of the time being at the hospital, where two operations were performed in the hopes of saving his life, but all to no avail. Ralph's stepmother, of whom he thought so much, died two weeks previous to his death, but it was kept from him. Funeral services were held at the home Tuesday conducted by Rev. D. W. Griffith and burial took place in the Hopkins cemetery.

**Date of death: 21 May 1920**

**Subject: Celia (Belile) Raymond**

**Source: *Plainville [KS] Times*, 27 May 1920, Thursday, p. 7**

Mrs. Hector Raymond died Thursday night at the hospital in Savannah, Missouri, where she went to be treated for a cancerous growth.

She had been feeling exceptionally well that day. At eleven o'clock, Mr. Raymond asked her how she was and she replied alright. About a half hour later he awoke and found her dead. It is supposed she died of heart failure as she had a mother and brother died that way.

The funeral was held at Plainville Monday May 24th, in the Sacred Heart church conducted by Rev. Father Henry. Interment was made in the Plainville cemetery.

She leaves a husband and five children, Meddie, Alcid, Genette, Aldea and Edna. The youngest is six years old.

Her maiden name was Celia Belisle. Was born in Kankakee county, Illinois. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Belisle moved to Kansas about thirty years ago, homesteading near Damar. She was married on New Years Day, eighteen years ago to Hector Raymond at St. Marys, Kansas. Sixteen years ago they moved to Plainville. She has four sisters living: Mrs. John Tromblay and Mrs. O. Desbian of Damar, Mr. Frank Hinkhouse of Palco and Mrs. Geo. Moren of Minnesota. Also two brothers, Joe Belisle of Damar and Will Belisle of Palco.

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**Date of death: 12 Dec 1921**

**Subject: Clifford Rolland Bell\***

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 20 Dec 1921, Tuesday, p. 18**

We wish to thank with profound gratitude each and everyone interested, our neighbors and friends and relatives, also the packing house employes, for the kindness and sympathy rendered us during the death and burial of our dear beloved one, Clifford Rolland Bell, also for the beautiful floral offerings, the beautiful floral pillow with his name in chontilia, profusely decorated in beautiful flowers, given by the packing house employes, and many others so very rare are most assuredly appreciated by Mrs. N. E. Watson and family.

**Date of death: 27 Dec 1913**

**Subject: Hazel Elizabeth (Bell) Warburton**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 29 Dec 1913, p. 6**

Mrs. Hazel Elizabeth Warburton, twenty years old, wife of Thomsa P. Warburton, a farmer, died at 7 o'clock Saturday night at the home of her mother, Mrs. Adee Tschantz, near Avenue City, Mo. Besides her husband and mother, she is survived by two small children, Ruth and Herbert.

**Date of death: 11 Jan 1899**

**Subject: James Bell**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 12 Jan 1899, p. 5**

James Bell, a well known colored man, died yesterday morning at his home, 1313 North Fifth street. Bell was a kalsominer, whose wife died some years ago, leaving him with three small children. His malady was consumption.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 13 Jan 1899, p. 3**

James Bell, a well known colored kalsominer whose home has been in the north part of the city for the past ten years, died Wednesday and the remains will be taken to Chillicothe today for interment.

**Date of death: 16 Mar 1915**

**Subject: Lee D. Bell**

**Source: *Neosho [KS] Times*, 18 Mar 1915, pp. 1 & 5**

Lee D. Bell, for thirty years a prominent citizen, of Neosho died last Saturday at his home in Harrison, Ark., where he had lived for the past two years. The announcement of his death was a shock to his many friends in Neosho as it was not known that he was seriously sick. He was here about two weeks ago on business and complained of a bad cold and bronchial trouble for which he was then taking medicine. When he got home he called a doctor who pronounced the disease pneumonia. On Friday it was announced that he was improving but on Saturday his condition grew rapidly worse until his death in the evening.



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The body was brought to Neosho Monday night and the funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Congregational Church. A large congregation assembled and Rev. S. S. Willard preached a very beautiful and impressive discourse. The altar and casket were covered with floral offerings from relatives and friends.

Lee D. Bell was born at Avon, Ill., March 20, 1858. His father was Thomas A. Bell who died in Neosho only a few years ago. There were three sisters and two are living, Mrs. Julia Haldeman of Kansas City and Miss Lillie Bell of Catoosa. The other sister, Mrs. N. A. Morford, died in Neosho over 20 years ago.

Mr. Bell moved with the family to Maryville, Mo., in 1880 and in a short time from there to Bethany where he engaged in the real estate and abstract business. He was married there Dec. 25, 1882, to Miss Elvira S. Young and they moved to Neosho the next year. To them was born one child, Kirk S. Bell, who now lives at Independence, Kansas. Mrs. Bell died about seven years ago. Mr. Bell was married again to Miss Elsie Bradley who with two children one five and the other less than two, survive him.

During his thirty years' residence in Neosho, Mr. Bell was engaged in the real estate and abstract business. He was what is generally known as a "public spirited citizen," that is he was a leader in all public affairs and gave much of his time to matters of a general character in civil and political affairs.

Soon after coming here he was elected mayor of Neosho and as mayor was largely instrumental in getting the U. S. Fish Hatchery located here. He was secretary of the Neosho Commercial Club for many years and performed many public services for the town and county.

He was closely associated with Kerens, Scullin and the other St. Louis men who built the Mo. and N. Ark. Railroad and it was largely through his efforts that the road was built to Neosho. He was made town site agent of the road and afterwards the general industrial agent.

Mr. Bell was prominent in Republican politics as chairman or secretary of the Republican County Committee and member of the State Committee several times, also as a delegate to state and national conventions but he never held any political office. In politics he was known all over the state but for the past few years he had devoted his attention to his own business affairs and "dropped out" of politics.

About two years ago Mr. Bell bought an abstract and loan business in Harrison and moved there to live. However, in his death Neosho feels the loss of a man who did much for our public welfare and he left an indelible impression on the life of this city. He gave much of his life to the service of the community and his public deeds will be a lasting monument to his memory.

Besides Mrs. Bell and the two children from Harrison, the following relatives were here to attend the funeral of Lee D. Bell: Mrs. Julia Haldeman of Kansas City and Miss Lillie Bell of Catoosa, the two sisters. His son, Kirk S. Bell, and wife of Independence, N.A. Morford of Catoosa and his two daughters, Mrs. J. F. Harris of Carthage, and Mrs. Hattie Smith of Catoosa, also Mr. Harris. Miss Bell and Mrs. Smith were visiting in Kansas City and came down with Mrs. Haldeman.

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**Date of death: 10 May 1877**

**Subject: William S. Bell**

**Source: *Nodaway [MO] Democrat*, 24 May 1877**

Death of William Bell. At his residence in Lincoln township, on Thursday, the 10th inst. Aged fifty-three years and eleven days.

Mr. Bell was a native of England, having been born in Hinden, Wilshire, April 29, 1824. The deceased moved from England to America in 1849, and located for some time in the State of Connecticut. He moved with his family from that State to Columbia county, Wisconsin, where he resided until the winter of 1868, when he left Wisconsin in search of a new home, and in 1870 he purchased land and located in Lincoln township, this county, where he has resided up to the time of his death. The deceased had made rapid improvements on his farm in this township, and had just completed a new dwelling house on the same day he was taken down sick. He leaves a wife and six children—three sons and three daughters—to mourn his decease. His family all resided with him at the time of his death. The people of this vicinity acknowledge the loss of an exemplary citizen, and a just and upright man, and all heartily associate themselves with the family of the deceased in their great bereavement. Mr. Bell was buried at the Amity cemetery on Friday, the 11th inst., his remains being accompanied to their last resting place by a large concourse of sympathizing friends.

**Date of death: 16 Jan 1880**

**Subject: Georgie Bellis**

**Source: *Eddyville [IA] Tribune*, 17 Jan 1880, Saturday**

Little Georgie, the three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bellis, died at their home in Savannah. Mo., last Friday morning.

**Date of death: 26 Apr 1919**

**Subject: William S. Bellis**

**Source: *The Billings [MT] Gazette*, 27 Apr 1919, Sunday, pp. 1 & 2**

During a fit of intoxication, William S. Bellis, for years a passenger conductor on the Northern Pacific, shot at his wife in a room in a down town lodging house about 6:30 o'clock Saturday evening, then placed the weapon to his temple and sent a second shot through his brain. The first bullet missing Mrs. Bellis by a hair's breadth. The second killed Bellis instantly.

Mrs. Bellis said her husband had been drinking heavily yesterday afternoon, consuming a quart of whisky in their rooms. About 4 o'clock, another lodger reported. Mrs. Bellis rushed into her room without knocking and told her that Bellis had a revolver in his hand and had threatened to kill her. The woman's hair was dishevelled and she told the lodger that Bellis had seized her and dragged her about the room.

Later, Mrs. Bellis returned to her room and Bellis went out. He returned in an hour or so. About 6:30 o'clock Mrs. Bellis was sitting with the proprietress of the lodging house in the latter's apartments when Bellis entered the room.

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"Let's go out to dinner now," Bellis said, addressing Mrs. Bellis.

"I'm not hungry now. I don't believe I'll go out tonight," Mrs. Bellis replied.

Without further conversation, Bellis reached in his pocket, drew out a .38 caliber revolver and fired at Mrs. Bellis, who was sitting scarcely 12 feet away. Mrs. Bellis fell to the floor in a faint. Bellis immediately placed the revolver to his right temple and pressed the trigger. He fell to the floor in the opposite corner of the small room from where his wife lay in a faint.

Mr. and Mrs. Bellis came to Billings about a year ago from Livingston, where they still have a home and other property. They were married about 18 years ago and have one child, a son, Broderick, now in a military academy in Booneville [sic], Mo. For years Bellis has been a familiar figure on Northern Pacific trains running between Butte and Billings. He is said to have been a moderate drinker, but occasionally overstepped the limits of temperance. Mrs. Bellis said she believes her husband was out of his head when he took his life last night. He had threatened her with violence on several occasions, Mrs. Bellis said.

Mrs. Bellis remained in a state of coma for nearly an hour after the tragedy. Dr. H. E. Armstrong was summoned immediately after the shooting and pronounced Bellis dead. The body was removed to Smith's undertaking parlors.

Mrs. Bellis was sitting in a corner of the room when her husband fired the first shot. The bullet grazed her sleeve and, striking a cabinet behind the chair, glanced back, tearing her waist in the back. Bellis, seeing his wife fall from her chair, probably died believing he had killed her, witnesses said. Another lodger was standing beside Bellis in the doorway when he fired the two shots.

It is unlikely that an inquest will be held. Coroner Francis Smith said. Funeral arrangements probably will be announced today.

**Date of death: 20 Oct 1911**

**Subject: John Henry Bender**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 29 Oct 1911, p. 16**

Skidmore, Mo., Oct. 28.—John H. Bender, who died here this week, was one of the pioneer residents of Nodaway county, having moved to the county in 1851. He was 77 years old. Mr. Bender was born in Pennsylvania. He was twice married and is survived by two daughters, Mrs. J. N. Geyer and Mrs. C. H. Geyer, both of this vicinity. He suffered a stroke of paralysis about a month ago, and sank gradually after this attack.

**Date of death: 19 Oct 1919**

**Subject: Samuel Bender**

**Source: *Skidmore [MO] News*, 23 Oct 1919, p. 1**

Samuel Bender, who has been an invalid for eleven years, died Sunday morning, October 19, 1919.

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Mr. Bender has been a patient sufferer, but death to him was welcome. While his family and friends will miss him sadly, we feel he has gone to his reward and could not wish him back.

Samuel Bender was born in Boone county, Indiana, November 12, 1843. Died at his home in Skidmore, Mo., October 19, 1919, aged 75 years 11 months 7 days.

He united with the Methodist Episcopal church at Whig Valley, Holt county, Mo., in 1866. Later he moved his membership to King Grove and from there to Burr Oak Grove and from there to Skidmore, of which organization he was a consistent member at the time of his death.

He was united in marriage with Jennie E. Roberts of Holt county, Mo., on December 27, 1867. To this union were born three children: Edmond J. of Berthoud, Colorado, Elvia V., who died in infancy, Ephriam [sic] R. of Argo, Idaho.

When the stormy days of 1861 came he heard his country's call and answered. He served continuously from 1861 to May, 1863 in his first enlistment. He re-enlisted on May 4, 1863 for the period of the war.

He was in a number of battles and was badly wounded at Prairie Byon, Ark, during the autumn of 1863.

He was honorably discharged at New Orleans on July 27, 1865.

He was a kind and indulgent husband and father and held the respect and confidence of his neighbors and friends.

The funeral services were held at the residence of the deceased in Skidmore, October 21st, at 2:00 o'clock p.m. conducted by the pastor, Rev. E. M. Hoff, assisted by Rev. W. H. Welton and interment was in Masonic cemetery.

**Date of death: 18 Dec 1910**

**Subject: John A. Benight**

**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.

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**Date of death: 20 May 1920**

**Subject: Charles Bennett**

**Source: *The King City [MO] Chronicle*, 28 May 1920, Friday, p. 5, written by his brother Andrew**

Charles Bennett was born in Beauharnois County, Province of Canada, October 17, 1838; died at his home in King City, May 20, 1920. He was the third member of a family of thirteen children, all of which grew to manhood and womanhood before a death occurred in the family. The father died in Canada in the year 1865. The family moved to Missouri in the spring of 1867. The mother lived to the ripe old age of 93 1/2 years. Eight of the family are still living. The older brother lives in Kansas City, Kansas; two sisters are in Wisconsin; one sister is in St. Joseph; one brother in Stanberry, and two sisters and one brother in King City.

Charles Bennett was married on Empire Prairie, MO, January, 1881, to Mrs. Susie McComb, (nee Susie Nugent), who brought to the home a son by a former marriage, Thomas Leroy McComb, now a resident of Kansas City, Mo. To this union were born four children, three of whom survive him. Andrew, who lives on the old homestead; Anna Troup, who lives at Maysville, Mo., and Mrs. Winnie Spiking of King City. Joseph preceded him to the great beyond, February 21, 1918. He is also survived by a host of friends who will miss his genial spirit of friendship. Mr. Bennett was baptized in infancy in the Roman Catholic church, of which his parents were members. But coming to Missouri when the country was new and churches far apart, he never identified himself with any church, but lived a clean, christian life, and to the knowledge of the writer who knew him as well as one man can know another, an unchaste or covetous thought was never retained in his mind, and if he had any debt to pay in the future it will be for the sin of omission and not that of commission. He never doubted the future, believing that he was going into the hands of a God of justice who knew him as he really was.

The funeral was held at the Star Chapel church on Empire Prairie, Sunday, May 23, 1920, at 11 a.m., and the interment was in the cemetery there.

**Date of death: 11 Aug 1914**

**Subject: Clarissa (Bennett) Fullerton**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 12 Aug 1914, p. 6**

[Note: ... indicates illegible sections]

Mrs. Clarissa Fullerton, 64 years old, a resident of Nodaway county for forty years died yesterday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. ...ed Howden, 2618 Ren... street. Mrs. Fullerton came to St. Joseph last September. She suffered a stroke of paralysis six months ago. Short funeral services were conducted last night at Mrs. Howden's home by Rev. Charles E. P... pastor of Huffman Memorial church. The body will be taken this morning to Skidmore for burial.

**Date of death: 17 Apr 1891**

**Subject: Sarah (Benson) Saunders**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 19 Apr 1891, p. 8**

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Maryville, Mo., April 18.—Mrs. Sallie Saunders, wife of Earnest Saunders, will be buried Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Mrs. S. has been a long time sufferer. She leaves her husband and little daughter, Nellie, aged about 8 years, to mourn, and a large circle of friends.

**Date of death: 19 Jun 1879**

**Subject: Edward Bent**

**Source: *Oakland [CA] Tribune*, 26 Jun 1879, Thursday, p. 3**

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Bent—In Martinez June 19, Edward Bent, aged 2 [sic] years, 1 month and 19 days.

**Date of death: 25 Aug 1918**

**Subject: Harry Bentley**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 27 Aug 1918, Tuesday, p. 8**

Harry Bentley, a negro, 313 West Colorado avenue, was suddenly stricken on a Union line car Sunday night. He was taken to a hospital in the police ambulance, but died on the way.

**Date of death: 29 Apr 1921**

**Subject: William P. Bentley**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 30 Apr 1921, Saturday, p. 5**

Maryville, Mo., April 29.—W. P. Bentley, a resident of Nodaway county for seventy four years died at ... oclock this morning at his home six miles west of Maryville, after an illness of three years. Mr. Bentley was 83 years old.

**Date of death: 11 Jul 1904**

**Subject: Philip Bermond**

**Source: *St. Louis [MO] Republic*, 13 Jul 1904, p. 3**

St. Joseph, Mo., July 13.-- Philip Beremond [sic], 60 years old, a wealthy farmer, was murdered at his home, four miles east of Clarksdale, Andrew County, Mo., some time last night He lived alone and was credited with being a very rich bachelor. The body was found by relatives, who went to his farm to cut some wheat. Beremond was lying on the ground a hundred yards from his residence with his head beaten almost into a pulp.

There were evidences of a desperate fight between the old man and his assailants. His house was ransacked and if he had any money there, of which his relatives know nothing, it was secured by the murderers. It is not believed, however, that any considerable sum was kept there.

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**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 14 Jul 1904, p. 2**

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His head almost an unrecognizable ... as the result of blows that had been ... upon it, Phillip Bermond, an aged ... living four miles west [sic] of Clarksdale, Andrew county, was found cold in ... yesterday afternoon by his brother ... Bermond, and a nephew, Otto Bermond.

The ... man was lying face down on the ground about 200 yards west of the 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 had ransacked the ... for money that was supposed to have been secreted there.

The... a club ... fiendish end an... bravely for... evidences of the... robbers at ...

Bermond had the reputation of ... miser... general supposition of neighbors that he had a large... money secreted in the house. His... with him not... the h... did but the ol... preferred living alone and his way so... that he had few...

When his 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... a search, and discovered his body ... distance from the house.

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 ... beds had been torn to pieces and the furniture was turned over in confusion.

Neither of the relatives of the old man know whether he had any money in the house and therefore it is not... whether the robbers got anything.

About ... years ago, Louis Bermond, a brother of the man murdered yesterday was set upon by robbers, bound and ... and was threatened with torture if he did not... ing place... money.

He was... in a barn as the robbers went to the house and ransacked it in an endeavor to locate the money. They were unsuccessful, however, and ... the place, failing to find out... to burn the barn which... man lay helplessly.

... finally succeeded... on his hands ... and ... He reported the... Andrew county authorities but... robbers were never captured.

When Phillip Bermond's body was found yesterday... coroner of Andrew county was ... and a telephone message was sent to Undertaker Sidenfadden of this city to take charge of the body.

The local police department was notified last evening of the murder, but Sergeant Kelley, who was on duty, said that he did not know the people and could ... idea as to who had committed the ...

Bermond lived about fifteen miles... east of St. Joseph, just across the county line.

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Source: *Mexico [MO] Message, 21 Jul 1904, p. 2*

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Savannah, Mo.: The body of Philip Dermond [sic], a bachelor living in the eastern part of Andrew county, was found last week in a pile of brush in the timber on his farm. He had evidently been murdered in his house and the body carried to the timber to conceal the crime. Dermond was an extensive land owner and cattle raiser, and his wealth is estimated at \$50,000. The authorities left for the scene of the crime at once. Complete mystery surrounds the murder. The body was found by a neighbor.

**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.

**Date of death: 2 Sep 1913**

**Subject: James L. Berry**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 8 Sep 1913, p. 8**

Maryville, Mo., Sept. ?.—James Berry, a resident of this city for more than fifteen years, died this week after a long illness caused by cancer of the liver. Berry was 40 years old. The funeral services, which were held Tuesday afternoon at the residence, were in charge of the I.O.O.F.

**Date of death: ca. 1865-1866**

**Subject: Joseph V. Berry**

**Source: *The Walnut Valley [El Dorado KS] Times*, 29 Jun 1895, Saturday, p. 1- not an obituary**

Mrs. Sarrah [sic] Huffman-Berry was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, March 1816. Married James Berry, of Knox county, Ohio, in 1839. They moved to Missouri in 1843 and he died in 1854 leaving eight children, the youngest three months old and the oldest barely fifteen years.

When the war broke out Joseph V. Berry and James H. Berry enlisted in Savannah, Andrew county, Mo., in Co. B., 5th Missouri Cavalry. Joseph V. Berry had a horse shot from under him and was wounded. He died soon after the war. James H. Berry after his discharge enlisted in the 14th Kansas Infantry, also John W. Berry was in the 14th Kansas Infantry. In 1865 George W. Berry, the youngest boy, enlisted in Co. G., 51st Mo. Inf., and was supposed to have been murdered while crossing the plains.

This mother who went down into the jaws of death to furnish these four sons to the country in her direst need and who shouldered the burdens of life in her desolate home alone, was left in her old age to eat the ashen crust of poverty in the Butler county poor house.

It has been stated that she never had any sons in the army—that she was insane and her keepers were obliged to lock her up—that she was untruthful and could not [be] believed. I have seen her family record and other evidence which corroborate her statements. Those who now have the care of her, also her present associates,



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can discover no signs of dementia in her. She seems most thankful for all kindness shown her and it is but justice to her and the public that the facts in this case should be known.

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[Mrs. Berry, left without relatives or friends who cared for her, was sent to the poor house. Wallace Post G.A.R. of El Dorado asked permission to care for her, the county becoming responsible for her board, which the commissioners granted.—Ed. Times.]

**Date of death: 2 Nov 1918**

**Subject: Lou Berry**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 12 Jan 1922, Thursday, p. 2**

Savannah, Mo., Jan. 11.—Mrs. L. H. Berry of this city has received a telegram saying that the body of her son, Corporal Lou Berry, who died in France, would arrive in Brooklyn Friday, and would be forwarded to this place at once. The American Legion will have charge of the funeral service.

**Date of death: 29 Jan 1923**

**Subject: Oscar Berry**

**Source: *The St. Joseph [MO] Observer*, 10 Feb 1923, Saturday, p. 8**

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. — Savannah Democrat.

**Date of death: 23 Jun 1917**

**Subject: Samuel Preston Berry**

**Source: *The Thayer [KS] News*, 13 Jul 1917, Friday, p. 4**

Death claimed two old settlers of Urbana when Samuel P. Berry passed away at his home in Minco, Oklahoma, at 9:10 p.m. Monday, June 25, aged 82 years, one month and 11 days and his brother, James H. who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. David R. Price at 10 a.m. Sunday, July 1, aged 77 years and two days. Their funerals were held on Tuesday one week apart and they had been sick since the first of the year each suffering from the disabilities of army service and old age. They were the last of eight children born to William and Martha Berry, six sons and two daughters. Of the brothers one lost his life under Scott in Mexico, and Samuel, Thomas and James served in the Union army, all being soldiers from Indiana. Samuel came to Urbana in 1869 and lived on Elk creek southwest of Urbana till after the death of his wife in '72. Thomas and James came to Urbana in November of '71 with their families and made many friends of whom Prof. F. M. Abbott of Chanute was one who stood by the grave of his old comrade and friend of 46 years and spoke of that long friendship and

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that its only few years till all will be gathered home where parting is no more. As we looked upon the snow white heads and bowed forms of those old comrades and friends we could only think of the reunion there will be in the home beyond when they meet again. May God bless each and every one who helped take care of father and gave of their beautiful flowers to cheer his sick room and at last gave us their love and sympathy in our loss and for the beautiful floral offerings—Mrs. David R. Price and family.

**Date of death: 25 Dec 1906**

**Subject: Thomas D. Berry**

**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.

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**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, while on Burlington train. Survived by wife, mother, one sister and four brothers. 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: 07 Dec 1912**

**Subject: Mrs. Ann Bertram**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 9 Dec 1912, p. 6**

Mrs. Ann Bertram, ninety-one years old, who removed from St. Joseph to Des Moines ten years ago, after twenty years' residence here, died Saturday night in Des Moines. She was a native of Virginia, and had lived in Des Moines before her residence here. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Charles Shanks and Mrs. Ephraim Blackburn of Des Moines, and three sons, Burrel of Savannah, Mo., Thomas and Andrew. Her husband, Andrew Bertram, died here thirteen years ago. R. A. Bertram of St. Joseph is her grandson. The body will be brought to St. Joseph at 4 o'clock tomorrow morning and will be taken to Meierhoffer's. Burial will be at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

**Date of death: 4 May 1917**

**Subject: Kate (Beshears) Jackson\***

**Source: *The Kansas City [MO] Sun*, 26 May 1917, Saturday, p. 2**

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St. Joseph, Mo. Mrs. Kate Jackson, 512 N. 19th died May 11 [sic]. The remains were laid to rest in the St. Joseph Cemetery.

**Date of death: 25 Sep 1916**

**Subject: Ella R. (Best) Sharp**

**Source: *The Atchison [KS] Daily Globe*, 25 Sep 1916, Monday, p. 7**

Mrs. Ella Sharp, aged 54 years, wife of J. H. [sic] Sharp, cashier of the Helena State bank, at Helena, Mo., and oldest of the children of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Best, of Effingham, died in the Swedish hospital in Kansas City, Mo., this morning as the result of an operation for goitre, which was performed at noon yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Sharp came to Atchison Saturday evening and spent the night with Mrs. W. M. Walker, 216 North Tenth street, and went on to Kansas City yesterday morning. Mrs. Sharp was born and reared on the Best homestead south of Monrovia, and was the oldest in a family of four children. She was married about thirty years ago to J. H. [sic] Sharp. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Sharp lived in Muscotah, where he owned a lumber yard, and later they lived on a farm. Sixteen years ago Mr. and Mrs. Sharp moved to Helena, Mo., where he entered the banking business. For the last two or three years Mrs. Sharp was assistant cashier in the bank. Mrs. Sharp had been annoyed for several years with goitre. Like a good mother that she was she did not want to be away from home and family any longer than possible, and having been in a hospital, she dieted herself and otherwise prepared for an early operation when she entered the hospital. The operation was performed a few hours after she reached the hospital, and word from there yesterday evening was that she passed through it very well, although the operation was very serious. The death of Mrs. Sharp caused the little town of Helena, Mo., to go into mourning. The Sharp family has been the life of the town, and Mrs. Sharp entered as willingly into anything that promised to be of good as did her husband. She was possessed of a most amiable disposition. There never was a kindlier woman. Her thirty years of married life was a continual love affair with her husband, and her two children, a son, Albert, aged 16, and a daughter, Twila, aged 13, joined with their father in worshipping their mother. Mrs. Sharp is also survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Best, of Effingham, and by two sisters and a brother: Mrs. B. E. Bonnel and John Best, of Monrovia, and Mrs. Riley Woods, of Council Grove, Kas. The body was taken to Helena this afternoon and funeral services will be held there at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The body will be brought to Atchison tomorrow evening and taken by motor hearse to Monrovia for burial Wednesday morning.

**Date of death: 8 Jul 1906**

**Subject: John Henry Best**

**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

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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.

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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:** 6 Jun 1911

**Subject:** Mathias W. Betts

**Source:** *Keokuk [IA] Daily Gate*, 7 Jun 1911

As the direct result of a paralytic stroke which he suffered two weeks ago last Saturday, Mathias Betts, well-known veterinary surgeon died at home Tuesday after having been confined to his bed since stricken. Dr. Betts had been a resident of Keokuk for the past eighteen years and naturally had a large number of friends here who are exceedingly sorry to learn of his demise. He was born Aug. 16, 1837 in Meadville, Penn. and in his early manhood moved to Des Moines in the year 1855. Later he made his residence at Maryville, Mo. for two years and it was while there that his marriage to his second wife who survives him, Mary Howes, occurred in 1874. The first wife, Miss Margaret Brown, to whom the decedent was married in 1858, passed away several years after their union. When the call for volunteers came in 1861 Mr. Betts united with the 23rd Iowa Infantry, which company came to Keokuk two weeks later and then started south to enter engagements in that part of the country. Betts was wounded in one of his limbs during a battle and in 1864 was honorably discharged from union service at Iron Mountain, Mo. Dr. Betts was a member of Belknap Post G.A.R. in this city and was one of the honored and highly respected of the fast dwindling numbers of veterans. For more than 25 years he has been a veterinary surgeon and was one of the careful and successful practitioners of the locality. Although a member of no church, he was an honest, liberty-loving & righteous man who was respected wherever he had made his home.

Aside from the wife, one son: Benjamin born to the union with the first wife survives. An adopted son Charles Betts, who has been with Mr. and Mrs. Betts for the past twenty-five years also makes this city his home, residing at the family residence on High street. Brothers and sisters of the late Dr. Betts who survive are: Eli, Keokuk; Taylor, Pueblo, Col.; Scott, North Bend, Neb.; Katherine Mack, Andover, Ohio and Della Inman, Maryville, Mo.

Services will be held Friday from the late residence.

**Date of death:** 2 Feb 1922

**Subject:** Zachariah Taylor Betts

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**Source: *Pueblo [CO] Chieftain*, 23 Feb 1922**

Taylor Betts, 73, died at the ranch home of his daughter, Mrs. C. L. Brown, 5 miles east of the city. Mr. Betts had lived in Pueblo county for the past 27 years and was particularly well-known in the farming community east of Pueblo. He also had a great many friends in the city. For a number of years he lived in the Avondale district and for six years was president of School District 12. Deceased was a member of Vineland Methodist Church. He is survived by five daughters: Mrs. M. H. McCord, Mrs. C. L. Brown, Pueblo; Mrs. D. W. Lewis, Anaheim, Cal., Mrs. Thomas Kinnaird, Brandsville, Mo., and Miss Grace Betts who is a teacher in School District 12; also two sons, Paul and Ralph Betts, Pueblo.

The body is at the Gait-Davis-Vories parlors and the funeral will be announced later.

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**Date of death: 5 Apr 1900**

**Subject: Emma (Bibbens) Whitehall\***

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette/Herald*, 6 Apr 1900, Friday, p. 3**

Emma Whitehall, colored, wife of Nova Whitehall, died yesterday afternoon at 1:50 o'clock at the home of her husband, Thirteenth and Moss streets. The funeral will take place tomorrow at 3 p.m. from the residence. Mrs. Whitehall was a native of St. Joseph and was 32 years old.

**Date of death: 5 Jul 1916**

**Subject: Hillery J. Bibbins**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 7 Jul 1916, Friday, p. 13**

Mr. Hillery J. Bbbins, aged 79 years, died at his home, 1622 Douglas st., at 10:00 a.m. He is survived by his widow, four sons, Frank, Charley, Arthur and Lawrence, all of St. Joseph, five daughters, Clara Ewing, Gertrude Franklin, Agnes Mitchell, Beatrice Robinson and Lucy McGuire; one brother, Lincoln Bibbins, Kansas City, Mo., one sister, Clara Wallace [sic], St. Joseph. Funeral from A.M.E. church, 1?th and Beattie, Saturday, ?:30 p.m. Burial Ashland Cemetery.

**Date of death: 26 Feb 1920**

**Subject: Albert T. Bickett**

**Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 28 Feb 1920, Saturday, p. 5**

Saxton, Mo. In response to word received here of the death of their nephew, G. W. [sic] Bickett, John Hunter of Saxton and Mrs. B. Moran of St. Joseph left for Maryville to attend the funeral held there yesterday from St. Mary's Church. Young Bickett, who was 20 years of age, had spent one year in the army, six months being with the American Expeditionary Force in France.

**Date of death: 10 Jan 1890**

**Subject: Edmund Graves Bickett**

**Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 25 Jan 1890, Saturday, p. 5**

From the Nodaway Democrat, Maryville, Mo., January 16th:

Edmund J. Bickett died, at his home, in this Township, Friday morning, at 5:15, January 10th, 1890, of rheumatism, at the age of 72 years, surrounded by all his children. He was buried in St. Mary's cemetery Sunday January 12th, under the beautiful and impressive forms of the Roman Catholic Church, Rev. Father Anselm officiating. His remains were bourne to their last resting place by Willebald Yehle, John Kirch, Marthin Dwyer, J. W. Swinford, Henry Hawgan and Henry Myers.

Memory carried many of those present back to the time when he, whose lifeless remains reclined in their last repose before the altar in St. Mary's magnificent church, had by his strong arms and Christian charity, swung the ace and fashioned the logs and aided in erecting the first Catholic Church in Nodaway county, and has ever,

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in temporal and spiritual matters, been one of the most charitable and kindly Christians his friends have known. Mr. Bickett, according to his sketch in the Nodaway County History, was the first Catholic in the county.

He was born in Marion county, Kentucky, November 16, 1817, and sprung from one of its most trusted families. October 29, 1829, he was married to Miss Pamella Ray, who is an own cousin of Hon. Proctor Knott of Kentucky, and who is now living, having blessed Mr. Bickett with nine children, six of whom are living, and are: George Bickett; Laura E., wife of Bernard Moran; Susan, wife of David Reardon of Andrew county; Pernesha, wife of Peter Kirch; Harriet, wife of John Hunter of St. Joseph; Martha, wife of Gus. Rohlman of St. Joseph. The family moved to Nodaway county in 1846 and have resided here continuously on the same farm since that time.

The deceased occupied the highest position as local adviser to his neighbors during all these years, and his benevolence and strict integrity softened many heart-burnings among his neighbors. He has almost always been Justice of the Peace of this Township, until it was rare, indeed, to see a ticket on which the name Edmund J. Bickett did not appear, until he absolutely refused to allow his name to be used.

His quiet, useful life passed among those he loved and honored: and its close was like the opening sunbeams in its bright rays of spiritual serenity. The little pattering baby footsteps, which had gladdened his prime, thronged in the healthful grace of strong manhood and womanhood around his reclining years, and in his children's children he saw again his own life renewed.

Edmund J. Bickett lived a long and useful life. He was a pure man, a true man, and was upright in all his dealings with his fellows. What higher eulogy could be paid his memory? Like the grain ripened for the harvest, the Invisible Reaper gathered him into the Eternal Harvest, for which he was well prepared. May his many virtues be enshrined in the hearts of those who knew him and loved him in the earth life.

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**Date of death: 2 Sep 1914**

**Subject: Frederick R. Bickett**

**Source: *Great Falls [MT] Tribune*, 3 Sep 1914, Thursday, p. 6**

A telegram received by Joe Bickett, a rancher of the Eden district, informed him of the death of his brother Fred Bickett who was residing in Sand Point, Idaho at the time of his death.

Fred Bickett left Montana between 1904 and 1906.

**Date of death: 6 Dec 1895**

**Subject: Julius Biester**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily News*, 6 Dec 1895, p. 6**

The four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Biester, 832 South Twentieth street, died suddenly at 1 o'clock this morning. Coroner Islaub was called to view the remains and found that the child had died of croup. The

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little fellow complained of feeling sick when he retired last night, but his parents did not know that his condition was serious until they were awakened by the heavy breathing of the child. After they had been aroused it was too late to save the boy's life, and he was choked to death by the swelling of his throat.

**Date of death: 23 Dec 1898**

**Subject: Ulrich Bieri**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 24 Dec 1898, p. 5**

John Biery [sic], aged 80, a well known Buchanan county farmer, fell dead at his home near the One-Hundred-and-Two river yesterday morning. Apoplexy was the cause of death. The aged man had just hitched up his team preparatory to coming to the city with some farm products. Feeling ill he went into the house and sat down. In a few minutes he fell over and expired. Biery had always been in good health for a man of his age and his death came very unexpectedly. He was well known in this city and was in the habit of making regular visits here with provisions.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 25 Dec 1898, p. 5**

[Note: ... indicates illegible sections]

Ulrich Biery, aged ... years, who died Friday morning, will be buried from his homestead, three quarters of a mile north of the F... school house, Monday, Dec. 26, at ... p.m. Interment at Oak Ridge cemetery. Friends invited.

**Date of death: 1 Sep 1897**

**Subject: William Euphratus Biggerstaff**

**Source: *Hopkins [MO] Journal*, 9 Sep 1897, Thursday**

Wm. Biggerstaff, aged 48 years, who is well known in Hopkins, having been employed on the section here under Fred Othman, met a horrible death near Sheridan last Saturday.

It seems he had been cleaning out a well for a Mr. Grace the day before his death, when he was rendered unconscious from the effects of damps, but this did not daunt him and he went back into the well the next day. He was again overcome and the men above started to draw him out. When within a few feet of the top, the deceased, being unable to hold to the rope longer, fell to the bottom of the well, a distance of about 50 feet, and, of course, was killed.

Mr. Biggerstaff had been recently converted, and was a hard worker in God's vineyard. The funeral services were held near Sheridan Sunday, after which the remains were brought here and laid to rest in the Hopkins cemetery.

**Date of death: 3 Oct 1880**

**Subject: Anna J. Billetter (or Billeter)**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 5 Oct 1880, p. 4**



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At Savannah, on Sunday night, Annie Billeter, niece of Rev. E. A. Carson, died of consumption, after long suffering. She was much respected by a large circle of friends, and the entire city mourns her untimely loss.

**Date of death: 3 Jun 1852**

**Subject: Mrs. Sarah Catharine Birch**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 2 Jun 1852, p. 3**

Died, suddenly, at Prairie Park, on Thursday morning last, Mrs. Sarah Catharine, consort of the Hon, James H. Birch, in the 48th year of her age. Although this most estimable lady had long been sorely afflicted, her condition had become apparently so much more encouraging, that her husband was absent, by her own permission and desire, and with the concurrence of her physician, fulfilling the second days appointment he had previously made in this county, and received the melancholy intelligence of the demise at Bloomington, on the afternoon of its occurrence. An extended circle of acquaintances, friends, and the church of which she lived and died an exemplary member, will mourn her loss, and doubtless furnish a more extended and appropriate obituary.

**Date of death: 13 Aug 1887**

**Subject: Hansen Bird**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 16 Aug 1887, p. 4**

Hansen Bird, aged 20 months, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Bird, died Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, of summer complaint. The funeral took place Sunday afternoon, from the residence of Newton Bird, Avenue City, and was largely attended, the remains being interred in Fairview cemetery [sic].

**Date of death: 18 Aug 1884**

**Subject: Laura M. Bird**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 22 Aug 1884, p. 4**

Only yesterday did the majority of the many friends and acquaintances of Miss Laura Bird, the accomplished society lady, of Avenue City, learn of her death Monday of this week and burial Tuesday. Miss Bird had been in failing health for some months, and while her friends were not unprepared to hear of her death the news coming so suddenly, was a shock to them.

Miss Bird was 19 years of age. She was well known in St. Joseph, having paid many protracted visits to this city. She was popular wherever she was known, and the news of her death brings sadness to more hearts than one. Only a few months ago she was in St. Joseph and remained several days. Her character was such as to invite the sincerest admiration and the closest friendship. She will not be forgotten soon.

**Date of death: 4 Apr 1917**

**Subject: Newton Bird**

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 5 Apr 1917, Thursday, p. 10**

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Newton Bird died at Kansas City, Mo., 6 o'clock Wednesday afternoon April 4, age 88 years 7 days. He is survived by one son, Steele M., of St. Joseph, two sisters, Mrs. Emily Litsey, Harrodsborg, Ky., and Mrs. James Lanius of Palmyra, Mo. Burial at Fairview Cemetery, northeast of St. Joseph, at 2 o'clock tomorrow (Friday) afternoon, under the auspices of the Masonic Lodge.

**Date of death: 10 Jul 1893**

**Subject: Richard Bishop**

**Source: *The Benton [KS] Call*, 13 Jul 1893**

Died- At the residence of J. E. Bradfield, two miles north east of Benton, Richard Bishop, age 57 years. Comrade Bishop was born in Indiana, in 1836. He moved with his father to Illinois in 1840 and was married in 1860. Mrs. Bradfield was the only child born to bless them. He entered the service of his country in 1861 as a Private in Co. A, of the Seventh Illinois Cavalry. He served four years and three months.

**Date of death: 4 Aug 1914**

**Subject: William P. Bishop**

**Source: *The Albany [MO] Capital*, 6 Aug 1914, Thursday, p. 1**

William P. Bishop died at his home in New Hampton on Tuesday night, Aug. 14th, at 10:45 o'clock, aged 68 years. He had an attack of the grip early last winter, which left his lungs impaired, and he had since been gradually getting weaker from the ravages of quick consumption.

Deceased was born in Lee county, Virginia, and came from that state to Rochester, Mo., in 1866, remaining there for a couple of years. He then went to Nebraska City, Neb., and stayed for two or three years, then moved to Martinsville, Mo., where he made his made his [sic] home until 20 years ago, when he moved to New Hampton, where he had since resided. He was married in Virginia in 1867 to Miss Sarah C. Larmer, who, with one son, Edgar Bishop, survives him. One son died a number of years ago. Mr. Bishop was widely known and universally liked in the New Hampton-Martinsville communities. He was a brother of Dr. T. S. and J. Z. Bishop of Albany, and a brother-in-law of James Larmer of this place.

Funeral services were held in New Hampton today, and interment will be in the Martinsville cemetery.

**Date of death: 15 May 1920**

**Subject: Lewis W. Bixler**

**Source: *The Narka [KS] News*, 28 May 1920**

he Narka News May 28, 1920

Lewis W. Bixler was born February 24, 1837 near Fremont, Sandusky County, Ohio, and departed this life May 15, 1920 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. James Ramsbottom, aged 83 years, two months and 21 days.

Funeral services being conducted by Rev. Mettler of the Narka Presbyterian church and by the Masonic lodge. Burial in Ida cemetery.

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At the age of four years he moved with his parents from Ohio to Pleasant Lake, Indiana, where he lived until maturity. At this place he was united in marriage to Miss Louisa E. Warnick. Three daughters being the result of this union. One dying in infancy. One Mrs. Ada L. McBride preceded him to the great beyond over 34 years ago. In early manhood he was baptized in the Christian church, later joining the Presbyterian church of which he remained a loyal and consistent member until the last.

In the year 1862 they turned their faces westward.

Mr. Bixler was one of Kansas early pioneers. Moving to the state in 1869, and 1874 settled on a homestead two miles east of Munden, where he lived or near the most of his life afterward.

He endured all the hardships that go with a new country, coming here just before the grasshoppers came.

Two years ago March he celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary.

He was a most devoted husband and kind father. He was always ready to do good, and was interest in the welfare of our community and country.

His delight was singing sacred music and beautifying his home with trees and flowers. Which he enjoyed sharing with others.

He leaves to mourn his death, a wife, one daughter, Alta E. Ramsbottom, one granddaughter, Mrs. Vera Hancock of South Dakota, three grandsons, Ralph, Glenn and Merl Ramsbottom, two foster granddaughters and seven great-grandchildren and three brothers, all of which served in the Civil war and a host of other relatives and friends.

**Date of death: 17 Oct 1913**

**Subject: Darwin Black**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 19 Oct 1913, p. 13**

Darwin Black died at the home of his father in Savannah, Mo., Oct. 17. Born Sept. 15, 1884. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Jessie Black. The funeral will be held at the Christian church at Savannah at 2 p.m. today. Burial at Savannah cemetery.

**Date of death: 10 Jul 1914**

**Subject: Grandison Lancaster Black**

**Source: *[Kansas City MO] Word and Way*, 13 Aug 1914**

It is a grateful task for me to pay this little tribute to the life and character of Dr. Black, whose death is to me a personal sorrow. I have been his intimate friend since I was a lad, connected by every tie that can connect two men except that of blood.

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There is an unwritten rule which teaches us to say naught but good of the dead. A better rule would teach us to speak nothing of the dead save that which is true. Undeserved eulogism and fulsome flattery, like calumny and slander, are not fitted for the grave. But the useful and conspicuous life should and does command admiration.

There are many things I would love to say in this article which I will leave to be written in the history of Missouri Baptists. No language can fully set forth his real worth to the world; and all that may be written will seem to those who know him as only an index to his real character.

He was born in Boone county, Missouri, November 23, 1833. He was a son of John M. and Elizabeth Sappington Black. His father was a Baptist minister. In 1849 this pioneer Baptist minister, with many of his neighbors went to the gold fields of California, where he died. This left the care of the family on Grandison L., who was the oldest son. In 1853 he was converted and united with the Baptist church. He was baptized by Rev. L. H. Stienbergen. From his conversion, he felt the call to the ministry, but for three years kept this conviction concealed. When he began to study for the ministry he had only \$2,50. Dr. R. S. Martin, who was teaching a private school, gave him 52 days in school for this \$2.50. He graduated from William Jewell College in 1860. He was married to Susan S. Chiles October 25, 1861. Of this union were born seven children, five of whom are living and two dead. His devoted wife died June 10, 1914, just one month prior to his death. She was a lovely woman, fitted in every way to be the wife of so good a man. She was, indeed, a real helpmeet to him during his long ministry.

Dr. Black was for many years intimately connected with William Jewell College. He has served some of the best churches in this state, among which may be mentioned Carrollton, Westport, Maryville, and others. While pastor at Maryville in 1900 he had a paralytic stroke from which he never recovered.

He was a wise, cultivated, true minister of the Gospel, whose sense of duty, as he saw it is the light of God's word, was his guide and the limit of his action. It could be truthfully said of him: He was "wise as a serpent and harmless as a dove."

In form, Dr. Black was a splendid development of robust manhood; in his manners he was simple and modest; in his tastes he found the greatest pleasures in a devout love for the beauties of nature; in his heart he loved his fellowmen and always extended to the suffering the sympathy of his generous nature. He was always full of humor and good-fellowship, and there was no element of malice in anything that he did or said. He was never envious or jealous of his associates in public or private life. Within a strong, rugged exterior he carried as big and as true a heart as ever beat.

Boundless, as his genial good nature and tenderness for others were, these qualities seemed to be notably conspicuous as his useful life drew near its end. There never was a more charming companion, a more generous friend. I think I knew G. L. Black as few men knew him. I learned to value his advice, to lean upon his counsel, and to esteem and love him as a man. Such was the unbounded kindness of his nature that no friend ever appealed to him in vain; and if I allude to these personal reminiscences it is that I may acknowledge the obligations which I owed to him, and which can now be inadequately requited by this imperfect tribute to his memory. I always felt that he was a great preacher. I loved to hear him. He was intensely original in his thought. He had the absolute confidence of his brethren. They all loved him.

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As a husband and father he was loving, faithful and tender. His home was the place of his greatest happiness. He loved his children, and warmly appreciated the unchanging love and devotion of his good wife, who preceded him to the grave only one month.

Honored and loved by all, he entered into rest. I held his hand and felt the last pulse beat of his great heart. He seemed only to be asleep, quietly taking his rest. God bless his memory to us all.—Lee Harrel.

**Date of death: 10 Nov 1921**

**Subject: Josephine B. (Black) Carter**

**Source: *The King City [MO] Chronicle*, 18 Nov 1921, Friday, p. 2**

Josephine Black, daughter of the late Charles H. and Elizabeth Black, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, September 25, 1850. She died at her home near Whitesville, Mo., November 10, 1921, aged 71y 1m and 15 days. She has had eight brothers, four of whom are now living—Lewis, of Fairport; Homer and Frederick of St. Joseph, and Charles of Kansas City. She also had six sisters, two, Mrs. Clara A. Gordry of St. Joseph and Mrs. Annette Hall of Savannah, now survive.

In November, 1875, she was united in marriage to Samuel T. Carter of her native state and county and to this union eight children were born—Pearl A., now of Whitesville; David H., who died Jan. 28, 1906; Ethel C., of Long Beach, Calif.; Charles, who died in infancy; Adeline I., of St. Joseph; Franklin M. and Katherine of Bakersfield, Calif., and Raymond R. of Whitesville.

In the year 1877, she, with her husband and children, moved to Missouri and located near Island City in Gentry county. For the last twenty years her home has been in Whitesville and vicinity.

When 16 years of age she professed faith in her Saviour and united with the United Brethren church in her Ohio home. On coming to Missouri she placed her membership with the Methodist-Episcopal church and at the time of her death she was an active and efficient member of that church at Star Chapel, being present at services a few days before her death. Full of honor and integrity, faithful to the cause of Christ whom she loved, a devoted wife, an indulgent mother, a royal neighbor, industrious and economical in her home life, possessing a well balanced business faculty, she will be sadly missed by her husband and children who will feel the loss of her devotion and wise counsel. In her last hours she was attended by her husband and children who were kindly assisted by neighbors and friends, but the best efforts of love and medical science could not prolong her life, and she departed, leaving husband, six children, seven grandchildren, and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

Funeral services were held at Whitesville, Friday, November 11th, conducted by Rev. Imes of Union Star, assisted by Rev. Dayhoff of King City and Rev. Cunningham of Bolckow, and the body was interred in the Whitesville cemetery.

**Date of death: 9 May 1923**

**Subject: Samuel Black**

**Source: *The [Oklahoma City] Oklahoman*, 10 May 1923, Thursday**

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Dr. Samuel Black, 83 years old, died at the family residence, corner Grand and Pennsylvania avenue early Wednesday morning. Black was a member of the G.A.R. first battery, Iowa regiment. He practiced medicine for 35 years in the northwest before coming to Oklahoma. He is survived by three sons, Charles H. and Roy H. Black of Oklahoma City, and Walter Black of Minco, Okla. Services will be held in Minco, Okla., Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

**Date of death: 13 Nov 1918**

**Subject: Lovdy Pauline (Blackford) Worthington**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 14 Nov 1918, Thursday, p. 6**

Mrs. George Worthington, twenty-one years old, wife of Private George Worthington, formerly stationed at Camp Funston, Kan., died at 9:55 o'clock last night in a local hospital, following an operation. Besides her husband, she is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Blackford, 223 South Seventeenth street, with whom she lived, and brothers and sisters as follows: Private Paul E. Blackford, 63d field artillery, Camp Jackson, S.C.; Louis and Nathan Blackford, St. Joseph; Mrs. Fred Taylor, St. Joseph, and Mrs. C. R. Morrison, Kansas City.

**Date of death: 26 Aug 1905**

**Subject: William Blackman**

**Source: *Holdenville [OK] Tribune*, 31 Aug 1905, Thursday, p. 1**

William Blackman, of Weleetka, died at home in that city last Saturday and was buried the following day. While his age is not known to the writer, he was not far from the three score and ten, attained only by men of exemplary [sic] habits and character. The deceased was a man of considerable wealth in the two territories. A wife, daughter and three sons survive him. The widow and sons live in Weleetka and the daughter, a Mrs. Montgomery, lives in Shawnee. One of the sons is a banker at Weleetka and another is in the hardware business there. The deceased was highly regarded as a citizen and a man. His death came after a long illness with complications usual to persons of his age. The funeral was largely attended and was a fine tribute to the esteem in which Mr. Blackman was held in the community in which he was best known.

**Date of death: [Aug] 1896**

**Subject: Frank Blair**

**Source: *Kansas City [MO] Journal*, 30 Aug 1896- not an obituary**

Frank Blair, aged 26 years, a city solicitor for the Lawton & Burnap Printing Company, was thrown from a bicycle three miles east of the terminus of the Fifteenth street cable line yesterday afternoon, and it is thought fatally injured. He was scorching along the road, when his front wheel hit a rock and he was thrown over the handle bars, his head striking the hard roadbed first, causing concussion of the brain. He was removed with all possible dispatch to his home, 514 East Thirteenth street, and attended by Drs. Horrigan and Drake, but his life is despaired of.

**Date of death: 13 Dec 1915**

**Subject: Felix Blakeley**

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**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 16 Dec 1915, Thursday, p. 2**

The body of Felix Blakely [sic], father of George Blakely, Mrs. Lulu Zeman, and Mrs. Charles Robertson of St. Joseph, who died Monday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George W. Wells, at Atchison, Kas., will be brought to St. Joseph tomorrow for burial. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Blakely was born in Jefferson county, Tenn., March 25, 1821. He moved with his father, Joseph Blakely, to Jackson county, Mo., in 1837. He went to what was known as Platte Purchase when that vicinity was a wilderness inhabited by Sac and Fox Indians. He married twice, the first time to Miss Anne Lackey in 1843 [sic], and nine children were born to them, five of whom survive. They are James of Oakland, Cal.; Jesse of Fresno, Cal.; Mrs. F. C. Brown of Leavenworth, Kas.; Mrs. G. W. Wells of Atchison, and Mrs. C. A. Sallee of Hollister, Idaho. His second wife was Miss Charity Shuck. They were married in 1861, and had six children, five of whom survive. They include the three living in St. Joseph and Mrs. O. E. Madinger of Wathena, and Watson Blakely of Portland, Ore. During the Civil war he was in the Confederate army. He was widely known in and near St. Joseph as Uncle Felix. He will be buried in King Hill cemetery.

**Date of death: 14 Nov 1920**

**Subject: Theresa (or Thursey) Ann (Blakesley) Crawford**

**Source: *Emporia [KS] Gazette*, 15 Nov 1920, Monday, p. 2**

Mrs. Theresa Ann Crawford died yesterday morning at 9 o'clock, at home of her son, Harry A. Crawford. 312 Cottonwood Street.

Theresa Ann Blakesly [sic] was born in McHenry County, Ill., July 22, 1845. She was married to George Crawford in Paushiek [sic] County, Iowa in 1864. Mrs. Crawford is survived by a son, Harry Crawford, of Emporia, a daughter, Mrs. H.A. Davis, of Ellinwood, and a sister, Mrs. C.W. Gardner, of Tacoma, Wash. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Emporia.

The funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Harry Crawford home, 312 Cottonwood Street. Rev. Cecil Franklin will conduct the services. Interment will be in Maplewood Cemetery.

**Date of death: 25 Nov 1899**

**Subject: William Robert Blakely**

**Source: *Dearborn [MO] Democrat*, 1 Dec 1899**

A telephone message received in our city last Saturday morning conveyed the sad intelligence that Robert Blakely, a former well known resident of this community, had met his death the night before by being run over by a train at the little town of Amazonia in Andrew county. Mr. Blakely lives about a mile south of that town and had gone to the depot to see his brother Sam off. Sam had been visiting him on Friday and was going back to his home in St. Joseph on the 10 o'clock Burlington. After his brother left, instead of going home he went up in town, where he remained until some time after midnight talking to friends and acquaintances, then he started for home, going back by the depot, where he borrowed a lantern from the night operator and started for home. He had proceeded only some three hundred yards when the midnight express came thundering along striking

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him, killing him instantly. His body was found laying along side the track a few hours afterwards with one hand cut off and the head almost severed from the body. At the time the passenger train came long there was a freight train standing on the siding and it is supposed that the headlights from each train confused him and caused him to step on the wrong track with the above result. The body was taken to his home south of Amazonia and on Sunday was laid to rest in the Masonic cemetery four miles north of St. Joseph.

William Robert Blakely was 33 years old last April, was the son of Mrs. Dan'l Blakely north of this city, and was the brother of Samuel and James Blakely. He was married several years ago to Miss Lucy Chesnut, daughter of Andrew Chesnut, deceased, his wife being a half sister to R. L. and Thomas Ferril of this city. Mr. Blakely leaves a wife and two children, the youngest being a babe just two weeks old. Bob was a genuine good fellow and was highly respected by all who knew him and it does seem too bad that one just in the prime of life should thus be taken away.

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**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press, 25 Nov 1899, Saturday, p. 6*

Robert Blakeley [sic], a farmer who lived two miles south of Amazonia, was struck by a north-bound Kansas City, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs train a short distance south of the station at Amazonia between midnight and 1 o'clock this morning, and was instantly killed.

The dead body was discovered beside the railroad track at 1 o'clock this morning. It was removed to the station and the coroner of Andrew County was notified. It is not known whether Blakeley was struck by a freight or a passenger train, but it is believed that he was killed by northbound Burlington & Missouri River train No. 13, which left St. Joseph at 12:20 a.m. Blakeley's body was badly crushed and bruised, and his death is supposed to have occurred instantly.

Blakeley was about the depot at Amazonia last night. It is said that he had been drinking and that he was under the influence of liquor when he started to walk home a few minutes before 12 o'clock. It is supposed that he lost his bearings and wandered about near the depot. The dead man was thirty-eight years old and married.

**Date of death:** 14 Jul 1910

**Subject:** Waunita Blakey

**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press, 14 Jul 1910, p. 6*

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Blakey died at 6 o'clock this morning at the home of the parents, 715 South Twenty-eighth street.

**Date of death:** 16 Oct 1910

**Subject:** Ernest Blaser

**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press, 17 Oct 1910, p. 6*

Ernest Blaser, aged thirty years, died at 2:45 o'clock yesterday morning at a local hospital, where he had been taken from his home at Amazonia, Mo., for an operation. Burial at Amazonia.



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**Date of death: 19 Mar 1886**

**Subject: Henry P. Blount**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette-Herald*, 4 Dec 1888, Tuesday, p. 4**

Henry P. Blount, a farmer living two miles south of Lake Station, died late Sunday night from injuries received in the morning by being thrown from a wagon on South Sixth street near the terminal shops.

Blount had started from the city on foot, and when opposite the Terminal plant was overtaken by a friend riding in a wagon to which was attached a team of mules. He received an invitation to ride and had just jumped into the wagon when a dog ran barking at the mules and started them so that they sprang into a gallop. Blount was standing in the forward part of the wagon, and, losing his balance fell over the side striking on his shoulder and face on the asphalt, the wheels passing over his body. He was picked up and taken as far as Buford's farm house where his condition became so alarming that he was removed to the house and a physician sent for. Nothing could be done for him however, and he died at 8 o'clock last night. He leaves a wife whom it is thought will have to be sent to the asylum as her mind is deranged. His brother James travels for the Baker clothing house of Chicago, and an effort has been made to find where he is that he may be notified of the accident.

Blount's body will be taken to Rochester, Andrew county, Mo., the home of his mother and brother William, at 10 o'clock this morning for burial.

**Date of death: 1 Nov 1913**

**Subject: Clarence Blue**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 1 Nov 1913, p. 1**

Clarence Blue, a twelve-year-old negro boy, was run over and fatally injured by a limousine motor car owned by J. G. Schneider, vice-president of the German-American National Bank, who lives in Krug Park Place, at Fourth and Isabelle streets, about 8:30 o'clock this morning. The boy arose after he was hit and was taken to his home at St. Joseph avenue and Fillmore street in the automobile, where he died at 10 o'clock.

Young Blue had started to cross Fourth street as a northbound trolley car rounded the corner, and failed to see the motor car, which was on the opposite side of the street car, going in the opposite direction. The car knocked him down and ran over him.

The injured boy got up and staggered to the sidewalk after he was run over. He began to cry but did not appear to be hurt. There was no sign of blood and no visible wound. He was attended at home by Dr. C. F. Imus and after a while he began to sink and succumbed.

Mr. Schneider was in the limousine at the time but he did not witness the accident. The boy was a son of Henry Blue. The body was sent to Ramsey's undertaking rooms by Coroner T. J. Lynch and an inquest will be held Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

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**Source:** *St. Joseph Gazette*, 4 Nov 1913, p. 2

As a result of the finding of the coroner's jury in the inquest yesterday into the death of Clarence Blue, a negro 12 years old, who died of injuries sustained when an automobile owned by J. G. Schneider, vice president of the German-American National bank, struck him, a warrant probably will be issued today for C. F. Sidekum, chauffeur of the car. The charge may be manslaughter.

The verdict asserted that there was no doubt that the accident was unavoidable, the chauffeur was violating the law by driving his car on the wrong side of the street, and it was the belief of the jury that the accident would not have happened had the [car?] been on the right side of the [road?].

**Date of death:** 6 Mar 1909

**Subject:** Margaret (Blue) Kelly

**Source:** *[Kansas City MO] Word and Way*, 15 Apr 1909, Thursday, p. 15

Margaret Blue Kelly was born August 6, 1833, and died March 6, 1909, aged seventy-six years and six months. She was married January 22, 1854 [sic], to Jesse Kelly. Of the union were born seven children, of whom five are living. Two of the sons are Baptist preachers, and the heart of Mrs. Kelly was always open to the minister. Her life of devotion to God and her study of His word were beautiful. Her delight was in the law of the Lord. She had read the Bible entirely through each year for many years. Her entire life has been spent near Cosby, Mo. The memory of her life in the community will be sweet.

C. C. Cunningham, Pastor.

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**Date of death: 1 Jul 1910**

**Subject: James A. Boatright**

**Source: *The Beaver [Co. OK] Herald, 30 Jun 1910, Thursday***

The fire fiend seems to be abroad in our land. One destructive fire at Beaver, another threatened, and now comes the total destruction of the town of Balko by fire Sunday last, June 25th.

The fire occurred as the result of the use of gasoline to exterminate bed bugs. Mrs. Merrilees and her daughter, Miss Marcie, postmistress at that place were using the fluid and in order to completely rid the premises of the pest, had pretty thoroughly saturated the room and contents of the same in which the vermin were found. They had about completed their work when a match, which was lying on the floor, was stepped on and ignited. In an instant the entire room was ablaze. Mrs. Merrilees was near the door and made her escape without injury. The daughter was slightly burned but not seriously.

The explosion occurred in an upstairs room of Mrs. Merrilees' dwelling. This building, together with other small ones and a large store building containing a \$5,000 or \$6,000 stock of general merchandise and the Balko post office, were totally destroyed. This comprised the entire town.

J.A. Boatright, one of the proprietors of the store, was seriously burned. When the alarm was given Mr. Boatright was in the store. He rushed to the scene of the fire and tried to extinguish the flames. The room being filled with gas and smoke, he was soon overcome. Realizing his danger, he tried to make his escape but found the way to the stairway blocked by flames. He made his way to a window and knocked out the sash but was too weak to go further. Those on the outside who were urging him to come out of the building saw him sink at the window and hurried to rescue him. This was not accomplished however until Mr. Boatright had been fearfully burned and it is feared that his injuries may prove fatal. His arms, hands, back and lower limbs were badly burned. Dr. Long was called to attend the injured man and he expressed grave fears as to his recovery. However Mr. Boatright is a strong vigorous man and may be able to withstand the injury.

The attention of those who were present being attracted to the suffering man, very little was saved from the buildings. There was no insurance on the store building or stock and only a small sum on one of the residences. This will be a grave loss for these people and their misfortune will be sincerely regretted by their many friends and customers.

At this time word comes that Mr. Boatright is resting as easy as could be expected and the earnest desire of all is that we may continue to hear of his improvement.

**Same**

**Source: *The Beaver [Co. OK] Herald, 7 Jul 1910***

J.A. Boatright, an account of whose burning in the Balko fire was given in these columns last week, succumbed to his injuries Friday. Burial was made in the Beaver cemetery Saturday at 10 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Boatright's injuries were so serious that from the first very little hope was entertained of his recovery. His

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sufferings were intense for several days, and when death finally came it came as a sweet messenger to relieve him from the tortures which he was enduring.

The deceased had no relatives in the county, but had a wife and two children at Thomas. To these he left his property, making a will shortly before he passed away. W.T. Quinn, a brother in the Masonic Lodge, was called to his bedside the evening previous to his death and wrote the instrument.

During Mr. Boatright's residence in the section where he made his home he became widely acquainted. Engaged as he was in the mercantile business, he had an opportunity to meet and mix with the people. He had many friends who regret his sad accident, and these, together with The Herald, extend deepest sympathy to the relatives.

**Date of death: 29 Jul 1894**

**Subject: Willard Hall Bohart**

**Source: *The Purcell [OK] Register*, 10 Aug 1894, Friday, p. 4**

Can there be death? I can still hear his very words ringing in my ears—words of profound wisdom, grasping problems reaching beyond the grave, dealing with eternity—death. Do I not feel yet the grasp of his hand, bidding me a momentary farewell, promising to return in a short time? Time! What is time? Is this life real, or is it only a dream, after which we awaken into a real life?

It was like a thunder-clap from a clear sky, when I heard Willard Bohart was dead. It is hard to comprehend the possibility of death to him with whom we are accustomed to interchange thought—mind—soul.

Is the space of life of each man allotted to him? Then why is it so apparently unreasonably divided? Here the intelligent man who makes life a study for the better [*line illegible*] his prime—[*line illegible*] hood; while the ignorant, the boor lives on. Truly, the ways of Him above are inscrutable.

Willard H. Bohart was born in Buchanan county, Missouri, in the year 1850. He received only an ordinary public school education, but acquired, by his extraordinary capacity for learning and retaining, a scholarship which fitted him to become the president of several seats of learning in his native state. Adhering to the doctrine of the Christian church, of which he was a member to the last, his views were broad and very liberal, and like all men of deep study, came to the point where his soul prompted him to tear down those imaginary border lines in christendom which divides christian from christian, and man from man. When I once asked him, after an animated controversy: "Are you a mason." He answered me with his characteristic vehemence: "Try me," meaning by that he stood on a platform broad enough for all men to stand on. He was a man of great business capacity and foresight. Starting like many Americans—empty handed—he accumulated a competency and established several private banks and two national banks in the state of Missouri.

He was a genial companion to all who understood him. He was very proud of his Germanic ancestry, and would not tire to relate of one of them who, contrary to the wishes of others, served as officer in the battles of Napoleon the Great.

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He was devoted to his family, consisting of a wife, son and daughter. In the latter days of his life he was sometimes morose, due to a disease which he could not control and which was the immediate cause of his death. I look back with pleasure at the many hours of pleasant intercourse I have had with him. I send my heartfelt consolation to those who mourn his departure, assuring them the sympathy of one who holds this life only as a stepping stone to the real life beyond.

Ignatius Spitzer.

**Date of death: 6/8 Nov 1920**

**Subject: Henry Collins Bolen**

**Source: *Confederate Veteran Magazine*, Jul 1921**

Rev. H. C. Bolen, a superannuated minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was born in Howard County, Mo., in 1843 [sic], and died at Callao, Mo., on November 6, 1920. He had gone from his home in Shelbina to Callao to fill an appointment for a brother minister and was suddenly stricken. His life was a grand success in its service to others. He was a remarkably modest man, and he referred to the strenuous life of a Confederate soldier in the long and unequal contest only occasionally to his most intimate friends. His life was unpretentious, yet filled with helpfulness for others. He was true to his profession. Though dead, he will continue in the hearts of all who knew him.

C. H. Myers.

**Date of death: 29 Jul 1910**

**Subject: Mary Ann (Boling) Stout**

**Source: *The Gove County [KS] Advocate*, 6 Aug 1910, Saturday, p. 2**

Mary Ann Boling, born July 2, 1832, married to Daniel Stout, on March 26, 1861, died at Quinter, Kansas, July 29, at 8:30 p.m., aged 78 years and 27 days.

There were four sons and two daughters born of this union, all of whom are living, except one son, John W. Stout, who died 20 years ago. Mother Stout had been a consistent christian woman for many years, and was a member of the Methodist church. During the last years of her life she suffered a great deal, but remained cheerful as long as she retained consciousness. Mother Stout had been failing rapidly for the last few days, and since Tuesday of last week there was a continual struggle to prolong life, but it was unavailing.

Services were conducted at the residence on Saturday, at 3:00 p.m., by the Rev. Ward of the M.E. church.

It was the request of the deceased that she be buried at Moreland, by the side of her son, John, and the remains were taken to Moreland Sunday morning, and the funeral sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Starbuck, of the M.E. church at Moreland. The body was then laid to rest in the Moreland cemetery.

**Date of death: 19 Dec 1899**

**Subject: Thomas Boling**

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**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette-Herald*, 21 Dec 1899, Thursday, p. 4

The funeral of Thomas Boling will take place from the residents, 1226 south Fifteenth street, today at 2 o'clock. Services at the residence. Interment at Ashland vault. Friends of the family invited to attend.

**Date of death:** 28 Jun 1918

**Subject:** Harriet Mabel (Bonham) Turney

**Source:** *The King City [MO] Chronicle*, 5 Jul 1918, Friday, p. 4

Harriet Mabel Bonham, daughter of Robert and Harriet Bonham, was born on Empire Prairie, Mo., August 7, 1874; died at her home in Oelwein, Iowa, June 28, 1918, aged 43 years, 10 months and 21 days. She was married to Neri Hill Turney, November 3, 1897. To this union were born five children—Robert B., Hazel Ann, Merle May, Harry Raymond, and Florence Lucile.

She is survived by her husband and five children, and her mother, Harriet Bonham, and four brothers, Geo. R. Bonham and Dwight Bonham of Empire Prairie, Mo.; David J. Bonham of Carlinville, Ill., and Roderick F. Bonham of Elida, New Mexico. She united early in life with the Presbyterian church of Empire Prairie, and she was constantly in the christian work, and was a member of the Presbyterian church at Oelwein, Iowa, at the time of her death. She was a prominent member of the Woman's [sic] Relief Corps, was president of the Oelwein Corps three years and was State I. & I. officer.

The funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church at Empire Prairie, Mo., June 30, 1918, at 3 p.m., conducted by Rev. Trotter of Union Star. A large concourse of friends and relatives was present to pay their last respects, as she had grown to womanhood in this vicinity. The pallbearers were her three brothers, G. R. Bonham, D. J. Bonham, J. D. Bonham, and her cousin, A. D. Beaver. The remains were laid to rest in Empire Prairie cemetery.

*"Farewell, dear wife and mother,  
Thou hast gone and left us;  
Here thy loss we deeply feel,  
But it is God that hast bereft us;  
In heaven we hope to meet then,  
When the day of life has fled,  
Where no farewell tears are shed."*

**Date of death:** 12 Apr 1885

**Subject:** John Bonham

**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 14 Apr 1885, p. 1

John Bonham died at his residence in this city at 10:50 o'clock Sunday morning, after an illness of ten days with rheumatic menengitis [sic]. He was born at Lisbon, Wabashaw county, Wisconsin, July 20, 1839, and at his death was 45 years, 8 months and 23 days old. He emigrated to Missouri in 1856 and settled on Empire Prairie, Andrew county, residing there until the civil war opened, when he enlisted August 12, 1861, as a private in

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company "F," 13th Missouri Infantry, Colonel Peabody's regiment. He was taken prisoner at Lexington, Missouri September 20, 1861, mustered out as a 3d Sergeant at St. Joseph, Mo., October 25, 1861. He re-enlisted January 8, 1864, as private in company "C," 12th Missouri cavalry, and was discharged therefrom as 2d sergeant at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, by reason of a gun shot wound in the left foot, received in the first day's fight at the battle of Nashville, Tenn., December 15, 1864, he being in the first brigade, General Ha... 's division. He was carried off the field between 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon and sent to the hospital at Jeffersonville, Indiana. Shortly afterwards, he with all the wounded Missouri troops was transferred to Jefferson Barracks, Mo. On returning home he entered the United States railway mail service, and served about ten years, running between Quincy, Ill., St. Joseph and Kansas City, Missouri.

He then engaged as a traveling salesman with A. N. Schuster for two years then with H. W. King & Co., Chicago, four years, and was in his fifth year with Clement, Bane & Co., Chicago, in the same capacity, when he died.

He was married to Hattie E. Savory, November 7, 1861. The result of the union was three children, May Rebecca, now the wife of Steele L. Moorehead, of the Rock Port *Journal*, Arthur D. and John W. Bonham, now entering upon manhood.

Hon. David Bonham of Andrew county, present member of the legislature, Robert Bonham and wife of Empire Prairie, and Wm. Bonham, King City, are the surviving out of eleven that came to the state with the deceased. His father, Col. David Bonham, was a member of the legislature, and was also a member of the state legislature from Andrew county.

The deceased was a prominent Mason of the state. He was made a Mason November 21, 1863 at Whitesville, Mo., and was admitted to Zeradetha lodge St. Joseph, October 10, 1865, and afterward affiliated with St. Joseph lodge February 4, 1868. He was made senior deacon in 1870, senior warden in 1871, worshipful master in 1872, Royal Arch Mason, April 1, 1880, consecrated Knight of the Red Cross May 22, 1880, dubbed and created Knight of the Templar June 4, 1880. At the time of his death he was a member of St. Joseph lodge, No. 78, A.F. & A.M. St. Joseph Royal Arch Chapter No. 14 St. Joseph Council, No. 9, Royal and Select Masters and St. Joseph Commandery, No. 4 Knights Templar, mounted.

Never was a Mason more beloved or more favorably known among the Masonic fraternity of northwest Missouri than John Bonham. Having been appointed district lecturer in 1879, and holding that office ever since, he has visited every lodge in his district several times and been at the making more Masons, perhaps, than any other man that ever filled such a position. He was endeared to the fraternity in a way that his death will be keenly felt. His genial disposition was noticeable by all his friends and associates. He was a man of honor and strict integrity, a champion of truth, temperance and virtue, and charitable to a needy stranger or friend. He was a man of limited education, and this was secured at a common district school. His literary qualifications and worldly goods were the result of his own exertion. He joined the Christian church in his eighteenth year, and has lived a conscientious member of the same all through his life.

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At the time of his death he carried \$3000 in insurance in the Masonic Benevolent Association, Mattoon, Illinois, also \$1,400 in the United States Railway Mail service Association, and \$10,000 accident insurance which latter can not be claimed on natural death.

Letters and telegrams of condolence have been received from various portions of the state, among the latter, one from Grand Master Robert Stevenson, of Kansas City, who will probably be present and conduct the burial services.

He leaves an amiable and loving wife, three dutiful children, a host of friends and relatives, many kind neighbors and associates to mourn his death. The funeral services will be conducted by the Masonic fraternity, Elder M. M. Goode officiating—at the Christian church at 3 o'clock in the afternoon to-morrow. The Knights Templar will escort the remains to their last resting place in Mount Mora cemetery. The several Masonic orders and Custer Post G.A.R., citizens and friends will form in procession at 1 p.m. to pay this last tribute to the memory of their deceased friend and brother.

**Date of death: 6 Sep 1872**

**Subject: Mrs. Georgianna Book**

**Source: *The Atchison [KS] Daily Champion*, 10 Sep 1872, p. 4**

Mrs. Georgianna Book, wife of Jacob Book, of Amazonia, Mo., formerly of Atchison, died at Amazonia on the 6th inst. She leaves her devoted husband and three little children to mourn her loss. The parents lost a daughter about a week before the death of the mother.

**Date of death: 29 Jun 1896**

**Subject: Hezekiah S. Boone**

**Source: *The St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 3 Jul 1896, Friday, p. 5**

H. S. Boone, who was formerly a street car conductor in this city, but later lived in Pueblo, Colo., died at the latter place last Monday, and his body was sent to Meierhoffer & Pegan in this city, who will turn it over to a sister of the deceased, Mrs. Mary L. Daggart, living at Twelfth and Pacific from whose residence the funeral will be held.

**Same**

**Source: *The St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 3 Jul 1896, Friday, p. 3**

The funeral of the late H. S. Boone, who died at Pueblo, Col., Monday will be held from the family residence, Twelfth and Pacific streets, today at 2 p.m. Interment at Oakland. Friends invited to attend.

**Date of death: 28 Oct 1922**

**Subject: Henry Curtis Booze**

**Source: *Maryville [MO] Daily Democrat-Forum*, 4 Nov 1922, Saturday, p. 5**

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After an illness of a year or more with lung trouble, Curtis Booze, west of Hopkins, passed away last Saturday. Funeral services were conducted at the Baptist church in this city Monday forenoon by Rev. E. W. Hickox, after which burial took place in the Hopkins cemetery.

**Date of death: 5 Dec 1899**

**Subject: Della Elizabeth Born**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily News*, 7 Dec 1899, p. 9**

Savannah, Mo., Dec. 6.—Miss Della Born, who ... ill since Friday, died Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock.

**Date of death: 6 Dec 1920**

**Subject: Elizabeth B. (Bosko or Baske) Reeves**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 7 Dec 1920, Tuesday, p. 2**

Elizabeth Baske Reeves, thirty-four years old, wife of William H. Reeves, died yesterday afternoon at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. H. V. Pottenger, 1112 North Sixth street. Besides her husband, she is survived by two sons, Jack and Harry Reeves, both of St. Joseph; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Baske, Ironwood, Mich., two sisters, Mrs. Mary Eschmeyer, Chicago, and Mrs. Ida Bier, Ironwood, Mich., two brothers, Frank P. Baske and Joseph G. Baske, both of Chicago. The funeral will be held at the St. Joseph's Cathedral tomorrow afternoon and burial will be at Savannah.

**Date of death: 17 Apr 1917**

**Subject: Miranda (Boswell) Huffman**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Observer*, 21 Apr 1917, Saturday, p. 5**

Mrs. Miranda Hoffman [sic], widow of Samuel Hoffman, a pioneer Methodist Episcopal preacher, died at the home of her grandson, S. W. Beale, 2616 Penn street, Tuesday morning. The remains were buried at Savannah Wednesday. Huffman Memorial church of Wyatt Park was named after her husband.

**Date of death: 9 Apr 1907**

**Subject: Mrs. Rachel Botts\***

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 9 Apr 1907, Tuesday, p. 6**

Mrs. Rachel Botts, aged 78 years, died of hemorrhage of the brain at 2:30 o'clock a.m., April 7. The funeral will be from the Francis Street Baptist church at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Burial will be in Ashland cemetery. Mrs. Botts lived for more than sixty years in St. Joseph, and was well known. She was a member of the Queen Esther Tabernacle No. 55, all members of which are requested to be in attendance at the funeral.

**Date of death: 4 Aug 1914**

**Subject: Anna Gretchen Bowlin**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 4 Aug 1914, p. 6**

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Anna Bowlin, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Bowlin, died yesterday morning at the home of her parents, 1321 North Ninth street, after an illness of a few weeks.

**Date of death: 29 Dec 1919**

**Subject: Julia May Bowlin**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 30 Dec 1919, Tuesday, p. 6**

Julia Mae Powlin [sic], 1-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles [sic] A. Powlin, died yesterday afternoon at the home of the parents, 1318 North Twenty-second street. Burial will be in High Prairie cemetery tomorrow afternoon.

**Date of death: 2 Apr 1875**

**Subject: Mildred (Bowling) McGee**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Morning Herald*, 7 Apr 1875, p. 1**

McGee—In Andrew county, April 2, 1875, at the residence of her son in law, W. Estes, after a long and painful illness, Mildred McGee, aged 78 years 6 months and 6 days.

Deceased was a native of Spottsylvania [sic] county, Va., but came to Missouri some forty years ago, and was a strict member of the Baptist Church for forty [?] years.

**Date of death: 13 Jun 1922**

**Subject: George W. Bowmer**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 14 Jun 1922, Wednesday, p. 1**

Maryville, Mo., June 14.—George W. Bowmer, seventy-four years of age, a janitor, who had lived in Maryville about six years, was struck and probably instantly killed yesterday by a northbound Burlington freight train, just south of Rosendale.

Bowmer had been in St. Joseph and it is not known why he was walking on the track. It is presumed that he was unable to hear the signals warning him from the track.

For twenty-five years, previous to coming to Maryville, Bowmer was a resident of St. Joseph, where he was employed by the Rock Island railway. He is survived by his wife, a brother in St. Louis, and several brothers and sisters who live in Kentucky. The body will be buried here and the funeral, while the arrangements have not been completed, probably will be held tomorrow.

**Date of death: 7 Sep 1922**

**Subject; George W. Boyd**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 8 Sep 1922, Friday, p. 6**

George W. Boyd, sixty-seven years old, a farmer, died at 12 o'clock last night at his home six miles north of St. Joseph, on the Amazonia road. He is survived by his widow, a son, Bruce Boyd; three brothers, Henry Boyd,

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Farley, Iowa, Thomas Boyd, Cascade, Iowa, and J. C. Anderson, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and a sister, Mrs. Francis Beeks, Cascade, Colo. He was a member of the Odd Fellow Lodge at Amazonia.

**Date of death: 26 Jul 1916**

**Subject: Hezakiah B. Boyer**

**Source: *The Kansas City [MO] Times*, 29 Jul 1916, Saturday, p. 2**

H. B. Boyer, 79 years old, died Thursday in St. Joseph, Mo. Besides the widow, Mrs. Mary Hale Boyer, he is survived by two sons, Frank and Alfred, and one daughter, Mrs. T. F. Seaman, 4547 Pennsylvania Avenue. Funeral services will be held at 9:30 o'clock this morning at the Edward T. Smith undertaking rooms. Burial in Mount Washington Cemetery.

**Date of death: 13 Jan 1889**

**Subject: Jean Field Boyle**

**Source: *The St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 14 Jan 1889, Monday, p. 4**

Died, yesterday afternoon, of congestion of the brain, Jean Field Boyle, aged 28 months, eldest daughter of Loren L. and Mary E. Boyle, 912 Ridenbaugh street, after an illness of ten hour's duration. See tomorrow's dailies for the funeral notice.

**Date of death: 13 Feb 1913**

**Subject: George Jefferson Boyles**

**Source: *The Oskaloosa [KS] Times*, 20 Feb 1913, Thursday, p. 3**

George Jefferson Boyles departed this life Thursday, February 13, at the home in Denison, aged 76 years. He was born at Elkhart, Indiana. He spent several years of his life in Missouri coming to Kansas in 1880, locating at North Cedar and has made his home here ever since. A widow—two sons and four daughters survive him. The funeral service was held Saturday afternoon in the M.E. Church and was conducted by Rev. N. J. Adams, after which burial was made in the cemetery south of town.

**Date of death: 11 Jul 1905**

**Subject: Martin F. Boyles**

**Source: *[Pendleton OR] East Oregonian*, 12 Jul 1905, Wednesday, p. 1**

Martin Boyles of Oregon City, was instantly killed Tuesday by his horse falling over a 25-foot embankment with him.

**Date of death: 19 Apr 1908**

**Subject: Oliver H. Boyles**

**Source: *Cortland [KS] Register*, 24 Apr 1908, Friday, p. 5**

Oliver H. Boyles was born in Andrew Co. Mo. Jan. 26, 1846, and died at his home, in Republic Co. Kan. April 19, 1908, aged 62 years, two months and twenty three days.

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Mr. Boyles spent most of his life near the place where he was born, living there until the year 1899 when he came to Kansas and settled near Formoso. Later he moved to Republic Co. where he has since lived.

On Aug. 13, 1864, he inlisted [sic] in the 43d regiment of infantry Mo. Vol., and served untill [sic] June 30, 1865, when he was honorably discharged at Benton Barracks, Mo. He was one of the earliest members of the G.A.R. He joined the J. J. Jones Post at Formoso in the year 1902. In 1868 he was married to Alice Jane Christie, with whom he lived six years, when she died. To this union one child, George, was born.

On Aug. 29, 1875, he was married to Fany [sic] Francis Coumdist [sic], whom he leaves to morn [sic] his loss. To this union five children were born, Avis, Roy, Clyde, and Claude, who are living, and Grace who is dead.

In 1882 he united with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. When he came to Kansas he united with the M.E. Church, and remained in its communion untill [sic] his death. He lived a consistant [sic] christian life and died triumphant in the faith of the savior he loved so long; there with the Christ, he will await the comming [sic] of his loved ones.

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**Date of Death: 18 Jan 1923**

**Subject: Ella Marie (Brace) Schermerhorn**

**Source: *The Modern Light*, 25 Jan 1923, Thursday, p. 2**

Galena, Kas., Jan. 18.—Mrs. Ella Schermerhorn, 45 years old, wife of E. B. Schererhorn [sic], president of the Citizens Bank of Galena, died in Jane Chinn Hospital in Webb City, Mo., at 3 o'clock this afternoon, following a major operation last Friday morning.

Mrs. Schermerhorn was born at Amazonia, Mo., but had been a resident of Galena for fifteen years, coming here from Reno, Nev., and had been making her home at 803 East Fifth street for a number of years.

She is survived by her husband, E. B. Schermerhorn; her mother, Mrs. S. A. Brace; one brother, Harold Brace, both of Reno, Nev., and a sister, Mrs. Alice Casner of Galena.

**Date of death: 13 Jul 1923**

**Subject: Casper Garrett Bradford**

**Source: *Joplin [MO] Globe*, 14 Jul 1923, Saturday, p. 5**

Realizing he had but a short time to live Dr C. G. Bradford of Reeds, formerly widely known Joplin physician, who died at his home in Reeds at 4 o'clock yesterday morning, spent the last few days of his life in company with a close friend, W. W. Whitaker, Reeds casket maker, with whom he had arranged that a special casket for his burial be built.

All the details and decoration of Mr Bradford's casket were designed by him. The casket is constructed of black walnut and is unusually unique in its decoration.

Funeral services will be held at the First Baptist church in Saginaw at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. Burial will be in Saginaw cemetery.

Mr Bradford lived here a number of years. Mr Bradford practiced medicine the last forty years, and had been in good health until the last few months. Three months ago he retired from the profession and purchased a home at Reeds and went there to reside. Mr. Bradford was born April 18, 1844, in Ohio. He was a veteran of the Civil war.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary B Bradford; three daughters, Mrs. Sam Williams of Saginaw, Mrs S. T. Callahan, Joplin, and Mrs. Ivy Stickons, Joplin; two brothers, A. A. Bradford, St. Joseph and Mose Bradford, Omaha, Neb., and a number of grandchildren, one of whom is E. L. Williams, No. 1722 Grand avenue.

The body will lie in state at the residence in Reeds until 9 o'clock Sunday morning.

**Date of death: 15 Jan 1916**

**Subject: Nettie (Bradford) Sneed & infant**

**Source: *The Kansas City [MO] Sun*, 22 Jan 1916, Saturday, p. 1**

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Mrs. James Sneads [sic] died January 15 and also the baby and the funeral services were held from the Frances [sic] Street church Monday afternoon. She leaves a husband and a mother.

**Date of death: 2 Apr 1902**

**Subject: Simeon Briggs Bradford**

**Source: *The Daily [Ardmore OK] Ardmoreite*, 3 Apr 1902, Thursday, p. 4**

Like a thunder bolt from an unclouded sky, the finger of death touched Judge S. B. Bradford, last Monday, while in the full exercise of his duties as United States Commissioner. Stricken with apoplexy, his strong constitution boldly fought off the fell destroyer until 9:30 o'clock last night, when surrounded by the members of his family, his spirit passed quietly away to that land from whose bourne no traveler returns. His death is a serious blow to the family, to his relatives and friends. The awful suddenness of the stroke makes it hard to realize. Cut down in the prime of life, a noble character has been removed from among us, and all Ardmore will miss Judge S. B. Bradford.

Simon [sic] Briggs Bradford was born in Vinton county, Ohio, on July 19, 1847; died at Ardmore, I. T., April 2, 1902, in the fifty-fifth year of his age.

Between those two dates there were more than forty years of tremendous activity and splendid usefulness.

In his veins flowed the blood of ancestors greater than Kings.

His first American ancestor was William Bradford who came over in the Mayflower and was governor of Plymouth colony. Another of his ancestors was General Bradford of the Revolution. Moses Bradford, his grandfather was an officer in the war of 1812.

Judge Bradford himself, though only a boy at the time, was a soldier in the war of '61. At the outbreak of the war, as a boy of fourteen he acted as a scout and at the age of sixteen he enlisted in company B. 43rd Missouri infantry serving to the end of the war.

After the war, he entered Missouri University taking the scientific course and receiving a good business education, and with the true grit of his ancestors he paid for his education by teaching. In 1868 he emigrated to Ottawa [sic], Kansas and began the study of law, being admitted to the bar in 1874.

He was married in 1869 in Franklin county, Kansas, to Mary J. Gray, who together with the four children, Lewis, Rollo, Ella and Otto are almost heartbroken at their great loss. In addition to these immediate members of his family, there survive also his father aged eighty-seven at Lincoln, Kansas, and four brothers and one sister.

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Though cut down in his prime, Judge Bradford has lived in active usefulness for over 60 years. Beginning active service for his country as a scout at the age of fourteen, he continued in steady toil until last Monday when death found him at his desk.

During a residence of nearly twenty eight years in Kansas he served the state in the Legislature in '74 to '76 and as County Attorney in '80 to '82[;] he was elected Attorney General of the state in 1884 and was one of the most successful and efficient defenders of the law and constitution, that Kansas ever had. During his incumbency the liquor men of Kansas made a determined effort to evade the prohibiting amendment, but Judge Bradford proved his sterling manhood and skill as a lawyer by breaking up every attempt to override the law. No man in the entire state of Kansas was better known or had more friends.

In 1895 he moved to the Indian Territory living at Muskogee until 1897 when he was appointed U.S. Commissioner and moved to Ardmore. In the entire territory there has never been a more public spirited man or one more active in the interest of the welfare of the people. Through [sic] his duties as commissioner at Ardmore were extraordinary heavy and exacting, yet he found time to assist in any cause or enterprise that would benefit his fellow citizens. His splendid manhood and Christian character made him a moral power of the greatest value. He has labored actively for several years to ameliorate the condition of the people of the Indian Territory.

He was especially earnest in effecting improvements along the line of education. The seventy-five thousand children of the Indian Territory, who were without school privileges, were his especial charge. No man in the Territory was better informed regarding our needs and our condition.

During the past winter instead of spending his month of vacation in recreation that he so much needed, he was in Washington earnestly urging upon Congress the need of relief. He was to have returned again next week to continue this work had not death interfered.

Ardmore cannot replace him. In his death we lose one of the most useful and public spirited men.

The children in the Indian Territory are called upon to mourn the loss of a sincere personal friend and a loyal defender of the rights of childhood.

The Masonic fraternity mourns him as a useful, active and exemplary member.

His old soldier friends feel his loss deeply as the loss of a beloved comrade, a true soldier, a loving friend and brother.

He was a lifelong Christian, and during his residence in Kansas he was an active worker in the Sunday school as superintendent and teacher. Since coming to Ardmore he has been actively identified with the First Presbyterian church of which church both he and Mrs. Bradford were members.

His death sudden and entirely unexpected found him prepared.

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"Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him,  
And lies down to pleasant dreams."

Funeral services for our deceased townsman will be held tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock, at the First Presbyterian church. The hour is placed late, to enable relatives who are coming from Topeka, Kan., to be present.

The funeral will be conducted by the Masonic lodge and the G.A.R. post. Interment will be in South cemetery.

**Date of death: 8 Sep 1874**

**Subject: Arthur D. Bradley**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Morning Herald*, 19 Sep 1874, p. 4**

On the first day of this month, Arthur D. Bradley, a little ten year old son of J. G. Braley, Esq., of Union Star, DeKalb county, was thrown from a horse, and we regret to learn that he died on the 8th inst. from the result of his injuries. He was a deaf mute, and at the time of the accident was home for vacation from the State school at Fulton. He was a bright little fellow, and his unfortunate condition rendered the affection his parents bore him doubly tender. It was at first thought that he was not seriously hurt, but a few days developed the sad truth that he had received internal injuries that were beyond medical skill, and after suffering intensely until the 8th, his spirit took its flight. It is a consolation to his bereaved parents to know that in that world to which he has gone misfortunes are unknown, and their little one both speaks and hears.

**Date of death: 29 Apr 1901**

**Subject: Dudley J. Brady**

**Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 11 May 1901, Saturday, p. 5**

Mr. Dudley J. Brady, one of Nodaway's old and esteemed citizens, died April 29, aged about 60 years, after a short illness, at his home five miles southwest of Maryville. The funeral occurred Thursday morning, 2d inst. Requiem services were held in St. Patrick's Church, Rev. H. Niemann officiating. Mr. Brady is survived by his wife and six children.

**Date of death: 1 Aug 1923**

**Subject: John Christopher Brady**

**Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 4 Aug 1923, Saturday, p. 5**

Right Rev. James P. Brady, rector of St. Mary's Church, this city, was called to Conception to officiate at the funeral of his brother, John C. Brady, and Joseph Gaa, father-in-law of Mr. Brady, which were held simultaneously Friday morning, services being conducted at 9 o'clock in the Abbey Church.

Mr. Brady, whose death occurred at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1, was born in Conception, Mo., 57 years ago, his parents, the late Judge and Mrs. William Brady, being the most prominent of the pioneer settlers of Nodaway County. About ten years ago he was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Gaa, who also represented a well known family of Conception. Mr. Brady had for years been identified with farming interests in the locality



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of Conception, but was more recently engaged in the real estate business. He was well known throughout conception and vicinity, his friends, without regard to creed, appreciating him for his civic interests and straightforward business methods. His death was due to a complication of diseases and followed a week's illness. The survivors are his widow and two children, Leonard and Lorine; three sisters, Mrs. Mary Keeler, Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Clem Meyer and Miss Rose Ann Brady, at home. Besides Monsignor Brady, he is survived by three [sic] other brothers, Lawrence Brady, who resides in St. Joseph; William[,] Thomas, and Sarf Brady, all of Conception.

Mr. Gaa, who died one hour after Mr. Brady, had been ill for some time. He was 76 years of age. Burial was in St. Columban's [sic] Cemetery at Conception.

**Date of death: 9 Sep 1891**

**Subject: Scott Brady**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald, 9 Sep 1891, p. 3***

Scott Brady, a colored man is lying at the Lake View house, Lake Contrary, in a dying condition, the result of a shot fired by Joseph Elder, a special deputy sheriff.

Bad whisky is said to have been the cause of the row which resulted in the tragedy.

The shooting occurred at about 8 o'clock last night, at the Lake View house, kept by Ed. Dunford.

In some way Brady aroused the anger of Elder, who drew a revolver and fired.

The bullet penetrated the bowels of the colored man, making a wound that proves fatal in nearly every case.

At a late hour last night no arrests had been made.

Elder held a commission as special deputy sheriff. He was employed by the Lake Shore Driving company to preserve the peace at the Lake. He is well connected in St. Joseph.

Brady, the injured man, has been employed for some time by the Lake Park company, and had charge of the boats and fishing tackle. He is a middle aged man and unmarried. He is said to be an inoffensive fellow.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald, 10 Sep 1891, p. 5***

Scott Brady, the negro shot by Deputy Constable Elder at Lake Contrary Tuesday evening, died yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock from the effects of the wound.

Dr. Whittington, the coroner, was notified and immediately went to the late residence of Brady, viewed the remains and ordered them removed to Heaton's morgue, where the inquest will be held this forenoon.

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Deputy Sheriff Smiley yesterday evening arrested Elder at the lake and brought him to the city, arriving about 8 o'clock. Prosecuting Attorney Vories met the officer and prisoner, and owing to the inconvenience of having papers issued and a hearing given, Eldon consented to remain in the custody of the officer last night, and this morning will be brought in and the proper papers issued.

It was said by some at the Lake that Brady had said that the shooting was accidental, but the negro made a statement to Prosecuting Attorney Vories before death in which thit [sic] is denied. Brady said that Elder wanted to kill him.

Brady was married, having a wife and two children.

### Same

**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 11 Sep 1891, p. 3

Deputy Constable Elder, the officer who did the shooting, which proved fatal, at the Lake a few days ago, was taken before Justice Weaver yesterday. He waived examination and was held in the sum of \$5,000 to the grand jury. He gave the bond with Louis Fuelling, William Kleinburg and W. B. McNutt as sureties.

The warrant upon which these proceedings were had was sworn out by Wells France, the father-in-law of the dead negro, charging murder in the second degree.

**Date of death:** 09/19 Sep 1918

**Subject:** William James Brady

**Source:** *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 30 Nov 1918, Saturday, p. 5

Conception Junction, Mo.

Word has been received that William Brady, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Brady, of near Conception Junction, died of pneumonia at 9:40 p.m., September 9th, at a field hospital in Paris, France, ages 22 years. ...

Memorial services for [him] will be held at the Holy Family Church Monday morning, Dec. 2d, at 9:00 o'clock, Very Rev. James P. Brady officiating. [His] hosts of relatives, friends and acquaintances, also the Knights of Columbus of which order [he was a member], are cordially invited to attend.

**Date of death:** 20 Jun 1912

**Subject:** Alonzo F. Bramble

**Source:** *The Kansas City [MO] Times*, 21 Jun 1912, Friday

A. F. Bramble, 55 years old, died at 7 o'clock yesterday morning at his home, Seventy-fourth Street and Cleveland Avenue. He is survived by his widow, seven sons and two daughters, all of this city. Funeral will be at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at the Southern M. E. Church, Sixty-third Street and Swope Parkway. Burial will be in Mount Washington Cemetery.

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**Date of death: 28 Mar 1907**

**Subject: Clarence Branaman**

**Source: *The Atchison [KS] Daily Globe*, 10 Apr 1907, Wednesday, p. 8**

A good many people in this vicinity will remember Bob Branaman, who formerly lived at Sugar lake, and who two years ago, moved to a farm near Rochester, Mo. A few days ago a cyclone passed over Rochester, and Mr. Branaman's four [sic] year old son, his only child, was killed.

**Date of death: 6 Oct 1906**

**Subject: Robert Wells Brand**

**Source: *The [Council Grove KS] Weekly Guard*, 12 Oct 1906, Friday, p. 4**

R. W. Brand was born in Washington, Davis county, Ind., Sept. 15th 1857 [sic] and died Oct. 6th 1906. In 1852 he was married to Lucinda Fisher, coming to Kansas in 1864, where they have since resided. To this union was born five children, four daughters and one son. In 1852 the deceased [sic] became a member of the Christian church and has since taken an active part in church work. He leaves a wife, one son and two daughters to mourn the loss of a kind husband and loving father. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. L. Bryant at the Christian church Monday at 3 p.m. Interment was made in Greenwood cemetery.

**Date of death: 23 Jan 1913**

**Subject: Sarah Elizabeth P. (Brand) Sawyer**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 23 Jan 1913, p. 6**

Mrs. Sarah E. P. Sawyer, sixty-six years old, widow of Alexander Sawyer, died this morning at 2:30 o'clock, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Cora S. Mitchell, 1322 Prospect avenue. She is survived by three other daughters, Mrs. Lillian W. Wilson and Miss Essie A. Sawyer, both of St. Joseph, and Mrs. Rachel Calloway of ..., Kan., and two sons, William B. Sawyer of Hemple, Mo., and Francis J. Sawyer of St. Joseph. The body will be taken Saturday morning to Hemple, Mo., for burial.

**Date of death: 5 Jul 1914**

**Subject: Louis Brandt (or Brant)**

**Source: *Wathena [KS] Republican*, 10 Jul 1914, Friday, p. 5**

Louis Brandt, father of Lee Brandt, living here in the bottom, died last Sunday, over at Nodaway, Mo., where he had been living for a great many years. Mr. Brandt had been sick and bedfast for a number of years.

**Date of death: 11 Oct 1914**

**Subject: Charles William Branson**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 14 Oct 1914, p. 6**

Word was received yesterday from C. E. Branson, advising his family of the death of his father, Charles Branson, 74 years old, at Quitman, Mo., Sunday. The dead man was a veteran of the Civil war and a pioneer resident of Nodaway county.

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**Date of death: 6 Aug 1905**

**Subject: George Brant**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 7 Aug 1905, p. 2**

Nodaway Station, Mo., Aug. 6.—A man named George Brandt [sic] was killed by an early morning Burlington train one mile north of Nodaway Station today.

He was walking down the track when struck. An inquest will be held over the death by Coroner Morris today.

**Date of death: 27 Jul 1918**

**Subject: Mary Ellen (Bratton) Rainey**

**Source: *The White Cloud [KS] Globe-Tribune*, 8 Aug 1918, Thursday, p. 1**

Mary Ellen Bratton was born at Nodaway [Co.], Mo., July 18, 1860, passed away July 27, 1918, at White Cloud, Kans., being at time of her death 58 years and 9 days old. She leaves to mourn her loss a husband, Jas. S. Rainey; two sons, Geo. Rainey at Camp Funston and Hobart Rainey; six daughters, Mrs. Chas. Waggoner, Mrs. William Simmons, Mrs. Ernest Butrick, Mrs. Homer Christian, Miss Susie Rainey and Miss Nora Rainey, all of White Cloud, except Mrs. Simmons, whose home is at Wetmore, Kans.

Mrs. Rainey was a kind and loving wife and mother and a great lover of home, but was never too busy to leave her work to care for her loved ones. She was laid to rest at Forest City, Mo.

*A precious one from us has gone,  
A voice we loved is stilled,  
A place is vacant in our home  
Which never can be filled.  
God in His wisdom as recalled  
The boon His love has given,  
And though the body slumber's here  
The soul is safe in Heaven.*

**Date of death: 29 Jan 1901**

**Subject: Matthew Bratton**

**Source: *The Holt County [MO] Sentinel*, 8 Feb 1901, p. 2**

Matthew Bratton, who for over forty years has been a resident of this county, died at his home in the Burr Oak district, January 29th, 1901, at the age of 83 years.

**Date of death: 25 Jun 1911**

**Subject: Elizabeth (Breathed) Carter**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 28 Jun 1911, p. 2**

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Grief over the death of a daughter, Miss Catherine Carter, two years ago, is believed to have caused the death of Mrs. Eugene Carter, aged sixty-one years, mother of Mrs. Lutz Hopkins, 5717 King Hill avenue, who was buried at Savannah yesterday. Mrs. Carter lived in Arkoe at the time of her daughter's death, where her husband conducted a store. They removed a year ago to Kansas City, but Mrs. Carter's health continued to fail, and she died last Sunday. The husband survives.

The funeral, at the Savannah Presbyterian Church, was conducted by the Rev. Mr. McLaughlin.

**Date of death: 24/25 Jul 1915**

**Subject: John Allen Breckenridge**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 26 Jul 1915, Monday, p. 6**

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Asa Breckenridge of New Orleans died yesterday at a local hospital. The family formerly lived at Savannah, and the body was taken there this morning for burial.

**Date of death: 9 Aug 1912**

**Subject: Wilhelm "William" Bredenbeck**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 12 Aug 1912, p. 8**

Maryville, Mo., Aug. 11.—Wilhelm Bredenbeck, a native of Westphalia, Germany, and one of the few Germans that can claim service in the Confederate army, died here yesterday. When Fort St. Phillip was taken by Admiral Farragut, following the siege of New Orleans, Bredenbeck was one of the Confederate prisoners.

On being paroled he went back to Germany, not returning to America until 1868. The ship on which he made his second trip to America became lost and the crew and passengers were all but starved when the ship was rescued. His wife and baby in Germany followed him.

Hearing of the building of the Union Pacific railway Bredenbeck went to Omaha as a camp baker and then came on to Maryville to engage in the bakery business here, but later retired to engage in fruit raising.

**Date of death: 7 Jul 1916**

**Subject: Elizabeth J. (Breit) Reynolds**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 7 Jul 1916, Friday, p. 10**

Savannah, Mo., July 7,— Mrs. James Reynolds, sixty-five years old, a lifelong resident of Andrew County, died at her home, two miles south of Savannah, this morning. Besides her husband, four sons and three daughters survive. They are: Mrs. Della Boicourt, Colorado Springs, Colo.; D. C. Reynolds, Joplin, Mo., Jesse, Edward and Lewis Reynolds, Mrs. Walter Howard and Mrs. Walter Eisinger [sic], all of Savannah and vicinity. Probate Judge Peter Breit is a brother.

**Date of death: May 1905**

**Subject: George Breit**

**Source: *Logan County [KS] News*, 5 May 1905, Friday, p. 5**

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Fred Jackson received a letter last Sunday announcing the death of George Breit at Phoenix, Arizona. His remains were shipped to Bolckow, Mo., for interment. During his stay here he gained in health and he was earnestly solicited to remain here. He made many friends while here who will be pained to learn of his death. He was a bright and well behaved young man and a gentleman in the true sense of the word.

**Date of death: 7 Feb 1913**

**Subject: Louis M. Breit**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 8 Feb 1913, p. 1**

Savannah, Mo., Feb. 8.—Word was received here this morning stating that Louis Breit, a prominent farmer living five miles east of here, had died in Colorado Springs, Colo. Mr. Breit went to Colorado about a year ago for his health. Attorney P. C. Breit, a brother, left this morning for Colorado Springs and the body probably will be brought back to Savannah for burial. His wife was with him in Colorado.

Besides the wife four sisters and three brothers survive, Mrs. Susan Eisiminger, Mrs. James Reynolds, Mrs. Will Triplett, Mrs. James Cloonan, all of Savannah, Jacob Breit of Nodaway County and Joseph and P. C. Breit of Savannah.

**Date of death: 8 Oct 1903**

**Subject: George Breuninger**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 9 Oct 1903, Friday, p. 3**

George Breuninger, who resided at 844 South Nineteenth street, died at a local hospital at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, after nine weeks of suffering from apendicitis [sic]. Mr. Breuninger was a bartender in his brother's saloon at Sixth and Charles streets. He leaves a wife and one child, a girl of five years old. Besides these there are his mother, two brothers, Jake and Henry, and two sisters, Misses Mamie [sic] and Etta.

He was a member of Pocahontas tribe No. 10 of the Red Men and of the St. Joseph Schwabenverein. These two organizations will have charge of the funeral, which will probably take place next Sunday afternoon. The burial will be in Ashland cemetery.

**Date of death: 5 Feb 1907**

**Subject: Henrietta (Breuninger) Leibfried**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 7 Feb 1907, Thursday, p. 8**

Henrietta Leibfried, aged 42 years, wife of Joseph Leibfried, died Feb. 5 at the family residence, No. 845 S. 19th St. Deceased is survived by her husband and five children, besides mother, sister, two brothers, Mrs. Minnie Breuninger, Mrs. Minnie Stemler, Jacob and Henry Breuninger, Funeral services will be held at residence Friday, Feb. 8, at 2 p.m. Burial at Ashland cemetery. Friends of the family invited to attend.

**Date of death: 27 Jan 1892**

**Subject: Jacob Breuninger**

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**Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 6 Feb 1892, Saturday, p. 8**

The funeral of Albert Hahn took place last Sunday afternoon under the auspices of the G.A.R. and the Red Men. Interment in Mount Mora. At about the same time the remains of Jacob Brenninger were escorted to their final resting place in Ashland cemetery.

**Same**

**Source: *The St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 30 Jan 1891, Saturday, p. 3**

Jacob Breuninger died Wednesday afternoon at his residence, Nineteenth and Olive streets, aged 59 years. Funeral takes place from his late residence Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family invited to attend.

**Date of death: 29 Nov 1900**

**Subject: Samuel Brent**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily News*, 29 Nov 1900, p. 5**

Samuel Brent, colored, aged seventy-four, died this morning at his home, 713 South Fourteenth street. He was the father-in-law of Rev. Joseph Jones, pastor of Hope Baptist church (colored). Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

**Date of death: 2 May 1912**

**Subject: Henry J. Brewer**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 2 May 1912, p. 6**

Henry Brewer, a negro, sixty-one years old, died at 11 o'clock today at his home, 1217 North Eighth street, of heart trouble. He had lived in St. Joseph forty-five years and for twenty-six years had been janitor for the National Biscuit Company.

**Date of death: 20 Dec 1909**

**Subject: Vera D. Brewer**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 21 Dec 1909, p. 6**

Vera D. Brewer, eleven-year-old daughter of H. J. Brewer, one of St. Joseph's industrious colored men, died at 5:50 o'clock Monday afternoon at the family home, 1520 Savannah avenue, of tuberculosis.

**Date of death: 13 Jan 1916**

**Subject: Candada (or Cansada) Belle (Bridges) Betts**

**Source: *Pueblo [CO] Chieftain*, 14 Jan 1916**

Mrs. C. T. Betts, 60, one of Pueblo's most beloved citizens, died at the family residence yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Betts have lived in and near Pueblo for the past 22 years, most of the time being spent on their ranch on the St. Charles Mesa. Mrs. Betts was a devout Christian and member of the Vineland Methodist Church.

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She leaves to mourn her loss her husband; five daughters, Mrs. M. H. McCord, Ramah, Colo.; Mrs. Thomas Kinnaird, West Plains, Mo.; Mrs. C. L. Brown, Vineland; Miss Ethel Betts, Los Angeles, Cal.; Miss Grace, Pueblo; two sons, Paul and Ralph, at the family residence; mother, Mrs. D. E. Sherer, Colorado Springs; one brother, Will Bridges, Morgan, Utah; and one sister, Alice Holloway, Trenton, Mo.

The funeral will be held Saturday from the First Methodist Church, Rev. H. A. Wood assisted by Rev. A. J. Waller will conduct the service. Interment will be in Roselawn. Arrangements by United Undertaking Co.

**Date of death: 28 May 1891**

**Subject: James Brierly**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 9 Jun 1891, p. 4**

Died, at his residence in Andrew county, Missouri, May 28, 1891, Captain James Brierty, in his 81st year. Captain Brierly was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, March 9, 1811, where he was raised and educated, having graduated at the Cincinnati college when he was quite young. He emigrated to St. Louis and connected himself with the American Fur company as manager. From St. Louis he went to Iowa when it was a territory and settled in the present city of Keokuk where there were but two houses in it. When the Black Hawk war broke out he enlisted as lieutenant and served until the close of the war. In 1839 he was married to Miss Sarah Cable of Columbia, Ky. He was elected to the senate for a number of years; also as representative from Lee county, Iowa. Just before the war he came to Missouri and settled in Buchanan county. In 1862 he joined the enrolled militia with rank of captain, and was elected to the legislature from Buchanan county, serving two terms. He was an invalid for many years, and when the end came was glad to go, dying in the Christian faith of a home in heaven. A large concourse of friends of deceased attended the funeral, the remains being interred in the Whitesville cemetery.

**Date of death: 27 Aug 1899**

**Subject: Albert Brim**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 30 Aug 1899, p. 3**

The remains of Albert Brim, the man who cut his throat near South St. Joseph last Saturday and died on Sunday, were buried in the city cemetery yesterday.

**Date of death: 17 Jan 1915**

**Subject: Elizabeth (Bringold) Trachsel**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 18 Jan 1915, Monday, p. 5**

[Note: ... indicates illegible sections]

Elizabeth Trachfel [sic], 83 years old, a widow, died yesterday afternoon at the family home, 110 North Fifteenth street, after a brief illness. She had been a resident of St. Joseph for twenty-five years. She is survived by five sons and ... daughters. They are: .. F. Trachfel, St. Joseph, Dr. ... Trachfel, Denver ... S. L., W. R. and D. E. Trachfel, all of San Diego, Calif., Miss Louise and Lena Trachfel... Mrs. G. E. My... all of St. Joseph. The body will be removed to Union Star, Mo. ... home, for burial.



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**Date of death: 19 Feb 1917**

**Subject: Clinton Brink**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 21 Feb 1917, Wednesday, p. 6**

Clinton Brink, 66 years old, died at a St. Joseph hospital at 6:20 ... His body was taken to Savannah for burial.

**Date of death: 21 Feb 1907**

**Subject: John Quincy Brink**

**Source: *The [Maryville MO] Daily Tribune*, 21 Feb 1907**

Awakening from her sleep after midnight Thursday morning Mrs. J. Q. Brink of Graham was shocked to find her husband cold in death. He had passed away without a tremor, so far as can be known, and as paralysis was the cause of this sudden ending of his life it is believed Mr. Brink died in his sleep. The dead man, who was the father of J. R. Brink of East Sixth street, was one of Graham's oldest citizens as well as one of the pioneer settlers of Nodaway county he having been a resident of Hughes township for almost half a century. During that time he had become known to practically every person in that section of Nodaway county. His birthplace was near Chillicothe, O., where he was born in October 1829. When a young man Mr. Brink came west to Missouri and decided to make his home in Nodaway county. He located on a farm just north of Graham, where he lived for a number of years, afterward going to Graham to make his home.

On settling in that town, Mr. Brink engaged in the mercantile business and was for a large time identified with such interests there. As advancing years came to him however, he decided to retire from active commercial affairs and from that time until his death he lived quietly in the town which so long been his home. Last summer Mr. Brink was stricken with paralysis, and given time it was feared he might not recover his former health. But more recently he had been much better and none who knew him thought death was near. The husband and wife retired Wednesday night as usual, Mr. Brink being apparently in excellent health. It was almost 2 o'clock when his wife discovered that he was dead.

Besides his wife, the dead man is survived by three children, none of whom was at home when the father died. They are: J. R. Brink of Maryville, Mrs. J. W. Spencer of St. Joseph, and Mrs. J. H. Bohart of Maitland. J. R. Brink left for Graham early Thursday morning immediately when being informed of the unexpected death of his father. Funeral services take place Saturday morning at 11 o'clock in Graham.

**Date of death: 10 Feb 1876**

**Subject: Mary Elizabeth Brink**

**Source: *Nodaway [MO] Democrat*, 17 Feb 1876**

Miss Libbie Brink, daughter of J. Q. Brink of this place, died February 10, at 4 o'clock P.M. Her funeral was preached at the M. E. Church, by Rev. Devlin. The house was crowded to its utmost extent, and the deepest sympathy was manifested. "Strange that one so young and lovely should have a life so brief", and how true was the saying, "In the midst of life we are in death."

**Date of death: 15 Jul 1905**

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**Subject: Frank M. Brinson**

**Source: *The Marshfield [MO] Chronicle*, 27 Jul 1905, Thursday, p. 1**

Frank M. Brinson, a pioneer business man of St. Joseph, died at the home of his son, local manager of the Postal Telegraph Co., in that city.

**Date of death: 14 May 1918**

**Subject: Robert B./R. Brinton**

**Source: *The St. Joseph [MO] Observer*, 18 May 1918, Saturday, p. 7**

Robert R. Brinton, uncle of Earl D. Brinton, deputy county clerk, died Tuesday at his home in Union Star, Mo. He was 68 years of age and prominent in his community.

**Date of death: 17 Mar 1919**

**Subject: Rachael (Brittin) Pugsley**

**Source: *[Eureka KS] Democratic Messenger*, 20 Mar 1919, Thursday, p. 1**

Dr. C. M. Cheney and Dr. R. E. Cheney were called to Bolckow, Mo. Monday by the death of their grandmother, Mrs. J. W. Pugsley, who died Monday morning March 17. They will take the body back to the old home town, Saybrook, Ill., for burial. Mrs. Pugsley will be remembered by many in Eureka, having made her home here with Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Cheney for several years.

**Date of death: 7 Apr 1894**

**Subject: Cyrus Francis Broadwell**

**Source: *Grand Island [NE] Daily Independent*, 9 Apr 1894**

Died, Saturday evening, April 7th, at 8:00 o'clock, Cyrus F. Broadwell, aged 48 years, at his late residence, corner of Sixth and Pine streets.

The deceased had been of ill health for some months. Death was the result of dropsy. Mr. Broadwell came to Grand Island about nine years ago. He was for a long time in the dairy business and delivered milk in the city. Later he engaged in the hotel business, having charge, until about six months ago, of the B. & M. hotel. He has been seriously ill for some time, mention of which was made in this paper, which sickness culminated in his death as mentioned.

Mr. Broadwell was a member of Charity Lodge, No. 1, A.O.U.W., the Select Knights and the Degree of Honor.

The funeral was held from the residence this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, under the auspices of Charity Lodge, No. 1.

The deceased leaves a wife, three daughters and two sons to mourn his loss, who have the sympathy of many friends.

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**Date of death: 12 Jan 1920**

**Subject: George William Broadwell**

**Source: *Lincoln [NE] Journal Star*, 13 Jan 1920, Tuesday, p. 5**

Grand Island, Neb., Jan. 13.—George Broadwell, fifty-one, was found dead in his barn this morning by an employe. Death resulted from a revolver shot by his own hand. A note found in his pocketbook read: "Dear mother: Mother, I leave you all. Have made a mistake in income tax report. So will have to suffer for it. May God and you forgive me and may God bless you. You will find check for all the money I could get for you in my chiffonier drawer. Try and forgive me. George."

Authorities are of the belief that recent ill-health resulting in part from an injury, was the cause of the act. Mr. Broadwell was a member of the city council from 1901 to 1917. He was the owner of an eighty acre farm and thirty-five lots in the residence district. He had been married, but was divorced some years ago, and made his home with his mother.

**Date of death: 15 Nov 1882**

**Subject: Mrs. Jane Broady**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 16 Nov 1882, p. 4**

Mrs. Jane Broady, colored, died in this city yesterday morning, at an early hour, of typhoid malaria, at her home on North Sixth street. The deceased was the wife of Silas Borady, and had been sick only a few weeks. Her age was thirty-five years. She had been married to Mr. Broady six weeks, and leaves a son, Henry Clay, aged sixteen years. The funeral takes place at three o'clock to-day from the residence of Mr. Broady.

**Date of death: Dec 1892**

**Subject: daughter of Gordon Broce & Mary Ann (Hobson) Broce**

**Source: *Hazelton [KS] Express*, 9 Dec 1892, Friday, p. 2**

Several deaths of little children having occurred near Attica, concerning which there were different reports afloat, the Sentinel sent a reporter to that city and gathered the following facts concerning the matter:

Mr. Gorden [sic] Broce, living 5 miles north of Attica, who lost his wife last spring, has met with another misfortune in the loss of a little girl 5 years old. That you may fully understand the case we would state some of the particulars of Mrs. Broce's death.

The case was one of confinement. No medical aid was in attendance; the only attendant being a *Christian Science* (?) Healer; by name Mrs. DeLate; a woman with no knowledge of anatomy and no experience in medicine. When the husband of the woman saw that the case appeared hopeless, Dr. Martin of this city was summoned. After having examined the case the Dr. pronounced it hopeless but left some medicine for the woman to take, but she refused to take it or to have anything to do with the Dr. of medicine, so strong was her faith in the so-called science. Knowing how near death was the friends were summoned to gather at the house where the woman lay. The mother of Mr. Broce, who also has some faith in the science, said to Mrs. DeLate, the healer, "the woman is dying." Whereupon the healer replied "Mrs. Broce, I'm astonished at you; there is no

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such thing as death." Mr. Jefferson Broce in the adjoining room heard the conversation and stepped in and also pronounced that the woman was dying.

Mrs. DeLate again replied, "there is no death, she is only resting." Thereupon Mr. Ryan, a brother-in-law of Mr. Broce appeared upon the scene and said, "she's dead." This was too much for the healer, who then ordered Ryan to leave the house; he did not leave however, but replied to the lady with the very sensible remark, "You are the one who had better leave the house and for a time, at least, soak your head."

Now for the recent outrage. The little five year old daughter of the deceased woman was recently taken with a very sore throat. Mrs. DeLate advised that the child remain with her until she would recover. Meanwhile a little child of Mr. Jefferson Broce died. Mr. Gorden Broce who attended the funeral of his brother's child, upon returning home learned that his little girl who was with the C.S. healer was worse. In fact the woman sent word that the child had "gone asleep" and she could not "wake it up." Accordingly he hurried to the child and found her not "asleep" but dead. Yet the healer affirmed that "there is no death" when she had allowed the child in six days time to pass away from the lack of proper care or treatment.

Another child of Mr. Broce was very ill at the time of the funeral. Dr. Wilson of Attica was called but gave them no hope and advised them to get counsel; the father was willing to trust Dr. Wilson with the case; the result is that the child is almost well, and it is the belief of everyone that the little girl might have lived had she had proper treatment.

The family is grief stricken, and the community is thoroughly cured of the Christian Science delusion.—*Harper Sentinel*

**Date of death: 3 May 1880**

**Subject: David Brock**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 6 May 1880, p. 4**

A few days ago Mr. Joseph [sic] Brock, a well known and highly esteemed farmer, living in Andrew county, near Hackberry Ridge, met with a very serious, and probably fatal accident. He was sitting in his corn crib shelling corn, and was jabbing the corn down from the loft with a hay fork. He had been to work some hours and worked out a pretty good sized hole in the bottom of the corn, and pretty soon he went to punch some more down when the great mass caved in, coming with such violence against the fork that it pushed the handle through his hands and on into his stomach, tearing a fearful wound, and felling him to the floor, where the corn rolled down in torrents upon his almost lifeless form, bruising and scarring him up in a most painful and frightful manner. He was too badly injured to give the alarm, and remained in a semi-unconscious condition for some time, when he was found and taken to the house, when medical air was summoned and all done that was possible to ease his pain and save his life. At the time our informant left there he was still alive, but fears were entertained of his recovery. Mr. Brock is one of the oldest and best known farmers of this section, and has been a resident of Andrew county for years.

**Date of death: 6 May 1917**

**Subject: George Elmore Brock**

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**Source: *Lyon County [KS] Northern Journal*, 11 May 1917, Friday, p. 1**

George Elmore Brock was born in Sparta, Tenn., April 3, 1860 and died in Emporia, Kans., May 6, 1917, age 57 years, 1 months and 3 days. He was united in marriage to Texas Hunter in 1886. To this union one son was born, Hugh L. whose mother died in 1888, Afterwards he moved to east Tenn., and in 1889 was married to Sarah Alice Smith. To this union two daughters were born, Laura Ella and Tona May.

He moved to Missouri in 1898, and from there to Allen, Kans., where he resided almost continually until his death.

On Easter Sunday he was stricken with apoplexy at his home near Bushong, Kans., and was taken to Emporia to the home of his daughter Mrs. B.E. Rowland, where his children cared for him during his illness.

He leaves to mourn his loss, his children, Hugh L. Brock of Bushong, Kans., Mrs. B.E. Rowland of Emporia, Kans., Mrs. J.N. Smith of Esbon, Kas., two brothers, Dr. W.L. and John Brock of Sparta, Tenn., and one sister Mrs. Liege Johnston of Walling, Tenn., also two son-in-laws and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Allen M.E. church Tuesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, conducted by Wm. Conrad, assisted by the Masons, who performed their funeral rites at both the church and grave in the Bushong cemetery, where the body was laid to rest in the presence of many sorrowing relatives and friends.

**Date of death: 10 Feb 1895**

**Subject: Harriett (Brokaw) Cloonan**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily News*, 11 Feb 1895, p. 2**

Savannah, Mo., Feb. 11.—Died—Mrs. Cloomin [sic], wife of John Cloomin, at her home two miles west of Savannah Sunday morning at 6 o'clock.

**Date of death: 25 Apr 1903**

**Subject: Daisy Cecelia Brooke**

**Source: *The King City [MO] Chronicle*, 1 May 1903, Friday, p. 4**

Daisy Cecilia [sic] Brooke, daughter of E. C. and S. A. Brooke, was born in Andrew county, near Whitesville, Mo., November 3, 1885, and died after a six weeks' illness at the place of her birth, Saturday, April 25, 1903, making her 17 years, 4 months and 22 days old.

Daisy was the youngest of a family of twelve children, which will make her absence all the more felt. Two of the children died in infancy, and her sister, Mrs. Mattie Hall, preceded her, March 5, 1902, leaving two motherless children and a husband.

Daisy was greatly admired by all who knew her, as she was very affectionate and kind. From her last words we have no doubt as to her future life, saying: "Don't worry about me for I am all right," and exhorting the family to be good and meet her in heaven.

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The relatives and friends gathered at the home Monday noon, and the pastor, A. D. Davis, held a short service there. The casket was then tenderly borne from the house by six young ladies, friends of the deceased, who acted as pall bearers. The funeral was preached in the church at Flag Springs to a large crowd, from Rev. 14:13, after which the body was quietly laid to rest in the town cemetery to await the day when God shall call his jewels forth.

A. D. Davis.

**Date of death: 13 Jul 1887**

**Subject: Amanda Brooks\***

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Herald*, 14 Jul 1887, p. 4**

Died, last night, Amanda Brooks, aged 45 years, a colored woman who had been in the employ of Mr. Robert Douglas for years. She came to this city from Glasgow, Mo., and was formerly from Fayette, Ky. The funeral will take place at the A.M.E. church this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

**Date of death: 23 Oct 1899**

**Subject: infant daughter of Hattie Brooks**

**Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 30 Oct 1899, p. 8**

The infant child of Mrs. Hattie Brooks [*illegible*] Tuesday and was buried in the Savannah cemetery, Thursday afternoon.

**Date of death: 12 May 1880**

**Subject: Amelia (Brosi) Kessler**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 15 May 1880, p. 4**

Thursday, the earthly remains of Mrs. Jacob Kessler were laid away by loving hands to await the judgment day. There was a very large concourse of weeping friends on hand to administer the last sad rites to the 'loved and lost.' She died Wednesday, leaving a husband and seven small children to mourn her demise. The oldest child is ten years and the youngest six weeks. The deceased was a daughter of Mr. John Brosi, of this city.

**Date of death: 7 Feb 1915**

**Subject: Aaron Brown**

**Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 13 Feb 1915, p. 5**

Cathedral. The funeral of Aaron Brown, a colored man, who died Saturday night, took place last Tuesday morning, Requiem Mass being offered at 9 o'clock by Rev. W. Delaney. The deceased, who was about forty years of age, had been in the employ of Judge J. H. Carey, Thirtieth and Jule streets, for a number of years, and was most devoted to the family. About two months ago, being disabled from duty, by sickness, Judge Carey had him sent to St. Joseph's Hospital where he received every care and attention from the family of his employer as well as the attendants at the Hospital. Realizing that his illness was serious he asked to be received into the

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Church and was Baptized three weeks ago by Father Delaney. The funeral was attended by the family of his employer. Interment was in Mount Olivet Cemetery. The survivors are three sisters and one brother.

**Date of death: Nov 1868**

**Subject: Alfred Brown**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Morning Herald*, 22 Nov 1868, p. 1**

Sudden Death.—A few days ago a young lad named Alfred Brown, whilst engaged in play, fell sick and died within a few minutes. An inquest was held upon the body, and a verdict returned that death was caused by pulmonary apoplexy.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Morning Herald*, 8 Nov 1868, p. 1**

We are furnished by Mr. Hillyer, undertaker, with the following list of interments made under his supervision during the month of November.

30th—Alfred Brown, colored, of apoplexy, aged 9 months, City Cemetery.

**Date of death: Aug 1899**

**Subject: Alfred Brown**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily News*, 08 Aug 1899, p. 2**

Alfred Brown, the colored engineer, was buried this afternoon from the A.M.E. church. The remains were placed in Ashland cemetery. His home was at 1114 Robidoux street.

**Date of death: 7 Jul 1915**

**Subject: Andrew Brown**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 8 Jul 1915, Thursday, p. 1**

Andrew Brown, a negro, 67 years old, 1613 Bartlett street, was found dead in bed last night about 11:15 o'clock. Brown was supposed to have died of heart failure. He was employed at the Berry foundry. He is survived by his wife and twenty-two children.

**Date of death: 1 Feb 1914**

**Subject: Charles Brown**

**Source: *The Holt County [MO] Sentinel*, 6 Feb 1914, Friday, p. 3**

Charles Brown, who for nearly fifty years has been a resident of our county, died at his home in Forbes township, Sunday last, February 1, 1914, aged 82 years and 9 months. He came to Holt county in 1857, and located in the Richville district. He was born in Watertown, N.Y., May 2, 1831. He was a Baptist preacher for many years in this section, and was an earnest worker in his Master's vineyard. By reason of advanced years, he retired from the ministry, and has been living a quiet, retired life at his home two miles south of Forbes.

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On March 17, 1859, he was married to Miss Charity Carter, who survives him. By this union 12 children were born, ten of whom survive—A. J., of St. Joseph; Marion, of Rulo, Neb.; C. F., of St. Louis; John, of Burnham, Mo.; Clark, of Lexington, Ky.; Lora, of Forbes, Nancy Barnett, of Concrete, Wash.; Elizabeth; Mary Thornbourn [sic], and Kate Proffit, of Fillmore, Mo.

The funeral was held from the home, Wednesday, Feb. 4, interment being in the Oregon cemetery, the funeral being conducted by Elder T. J. Puckett, pastor of the Fairfax, Mo., Baptist church.

**Date of death: 3 May 1921**

**Subject: Clem Brown**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 18 Nov 1921, Friday, p. 5- *not an obituary***

[Note: ... indicates illegible sections]

Dessie Brown, negro ... sentenced to five years ... penitentiary Thursday morning by a jury in the criminal division of the circuit court for manslaughter. She was charged with the murder of her husband, Clem Brown, May 3 ... The case was submitted to the jury at 4:30 oclock Wednesday ... but a verdict was not reached until 10:30 oclock Thursday morning.

**Date of death: 21 Oct 1894**

**Subject: Daniel C. Brown**

**Source: *The King City [MO] Chronicle*, 2 Nov 1894, Friday, p. 4**

Died—at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. J. A. Snapp, living near Winslow, at 6 o'clock p.m., Sunday, October 21, 1894, Daniel C. Brown, of Empire Prairie, Mo.

The remains were taken to the Empire cemetery on Tuesday the 23, where, after services by Rev. Reed, pastor of the Presbyterian church, they were interred by the side of his deceased wife who died some years ago.

Mr. Brown was born in South Carpentry, Conn., June 28, 1835, and with his father's father came to Missouri, in June 1855. The family located on Empire Prairie, on what is known as the old Brown homestead, nearly 40 years ago. In this community the then young man reached his majority and in September, 1861, was joined in marriage to Miss Jane Bonham, daughter of Col. Bonham. To Mr. and Mrs. Brown were born two children—Rebecca Jane, now the wife of J. A. Snapp, and Arthur, now a young man of about 20 years of age. The wife and mother closed her eyes in the slumber of death in 1884. Mr. Brown's mother, an aged lady of 92 years, three brothers—J. B., M. M. and Cornelius—and the two children still survive him.

Mr. Brown was at his daughter's visiting, when taking sick. He continued to grow weaker until after about ten days death ended all and his spirit took its flight from the earthly tabernacle.

During the long residence of the deceased on Empire, he had won by his genial and friendly disposition the esteem of a large circle of friends and acquaintances, many of whom were present to pay the last earthly tribute to a highly respected and esteemed citizen and neighbor.



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The deceased leaves a very nice estate, the accumulation of a lifetime's services.

And such is the lot of man. To-day in health and in the active avenues of life; to-morrow we may be ushered into the great eternity beyond.

To the sorrowing and the bereaved, the many friends here extend their sympathy.

**Date of death: 24 Jun 1892**

**Subject: Ed Brown (aka Ed Jackson)**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 21 Jun 1892, p. 5**

Ed. Jackson, a colored barber, employed in the O.K. shop on Felix street, was shot about midnight last night by Patrolman Burns on Twentieth street, near Messanie, while resisting arrest. The bullet entered the calf of his left leg, making a flesh wound. Jackson had assaulted a 12-year-old colored girl named Cleata Snowden, a daughter of Prof. Snowden, who was walking along the street, she says, returning from the meeting of a colored literary society on Jones street. The girl is employed as a servant in the house of Henry J. Hall, a grocer living at No. 520 South Twentieth street.

The girl's story is to the effect that Jackson siezed [sic] her by the arm, threatening to hurt her if she made an out-cry, and forced her to accompany him to an alley near by. There he made an indecent proposal to her and was preparing to accomplish his designs when the officer came up. All the time she was screaming, she says.

Jackson claims to have met the girl about 9 o'clock and walked about with her for some time. She agreed to his proposition he says, and he gave her a ring. She only screamed, he claims, when others came upon the scene. Jackson and the girl were brought to the police station together and Dr. Sawyer summoned to dress the wound. Jackson was drunk.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 22 Jun 1892, p. 3**

Ed Jackson, alias Ed Brown, the negro barber who assaulted Cleota [sic] Snowden, a twelve-year old colored girl, Monday night and was shot by Patrolman Burns, has been removed to the city hospital and the wound may prove serious. The ball ranged upward from the calf of the leg, where it entered and is believed to have lodged in the knee joint. Dr. Sawyer probed for the bullet but was unable to extract it.

A charge of assault has been placed against Jackson in the police court, and until the matter is investigated it is not known whether he will be prosecuted on a more serious charge or not.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 24 Jun 1892, p. 3**

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Ed. Brown alias Jackson, the negro barber who was shot by Patrolman Burns Monday night after assaulting Cleota Snowden, is in a precarious condition, with the chances against his recovery very great.

The ball could not be located in Brown's leg, and was never extracted. He continued to grow worse and was yesterday removed from the city hospital to his home at 114 Robidoux street. Last night Doctors Crossland, Leonard and Campbell amputated the leg between the knee and hip joints. Amputation became necessary because the wound did not heal and gangrene had set in. It was feared that blood poisoning would result.

Brown's friends and relatives have made numerous complaints that he was not receiving proper treatment. They now insist that his leg should have been amputated at once. Their complaints are directed against Dt. Sawyer the city physician.

Dr. Sawyer says he would have amputated Brown's leg soon after he found that the ball could not be extracted, but Brown would not consent to having it done. The ball, he is inclined to believe, struck an artery in the knee joint and for that reason it was impossible to reach it. The wound soon developed into a dangerous one. Brown's friends called on the mayor and asked that the case be investigated. They also wanted another physician to take charge of the case, but this could not be permitted while Brown was under the city physician's care at the hospital. Then they had him removed to his home, where the leg was taken off as stated above.

A brother of Brown said last night that it was not believed the patient would live until this morning. His condition at that time was considered very critical.

**same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 25 Jun 1892, p. 3**

Ed. Brown, the colored barber who was shot by Patrolman Burns and had his leg amputated Thursday, died last evening at 4:45, from the shock of the amputation. He leaves his mother, one brother and three sisters.

Brown was a member of the Barber's Union, and the funeral will probably take place tomorrow under the auspices of that body.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 8 Jul 1892, p. 2**

Dr. Crossland called at The Herald office last night for the purpose of putting himself right in the controversy which has grown out of the death of Ed Brown, the barber, who was shot by Patrolman Burns on the night of June 20.

Dr. Crossland said in reply to the statement that he had been connected with an indignation meeting which had for its object the censuring of the city physician and the patrolman, that he had nothing to do with any such meeting either as a promoter or participant and that it was unkind of Dr. Sawyer to connect him with one or to accuse him of jealousy.

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But with reference to the treatment of Brown, who it will be remembered, died, had this to say in reply to what Dr. Sawyer has said in regard to the affair. The following is Dr. Crossland's statement, and was dictated by him with a request that it be printed:

"I want the magnificent health officer, Dr. Sawyer, to understand that I was not at the indignation meeting held by the colored people and Ed. Brown's friends. The assertion made by him that I was makes him the champion Ananias.

"I have always been friendly with Dr. Sawyer, and had sympathy for him from the fact that he is too grossly ignorant about the teachings of medicine to have sympathy for himself. At the request of Ed. Brown, his brother and several of his friends, I was called to the city hospital on the third day after the shooting, by the city physician, Dr. Sawyer.

"I examined the limb, finding the principal blood supply cut off from the foot; comparatively no temperature in the part. In fact, it was dead within two or three inches of the knee joint. I advised Dr. Sawyer to amputate the limb at once.

"Ed. Brown seemed to have lost all confidence in the qualifications of Dr. Sawyer, which was very bad for both. He then turned and wanted to know of his physician what had he decided to do for him. Dr. Sawyer replied, 'I am waiting for the swelling to go out,' which showed a limited knowledge of surgery.

"Dr. Sawyer claimed that I commended his treatment while at the city hospital. I wish to say that I did not. I simply advised him to take other procedures and take them at once. I simply spoke of the healthy surroundings to encourage Brown, which honor was due the hospital steward.

"I have been non-committal to a great number of colored and white people who have attempted to interview me about the case simply to quiet the indignant and mob feeling they had toward Dr. Sawyer for his inhuman treatment of Brown. I do asset on my honor that Dr. Sawyer failed to do his duty. He allowed the greater portion of Ed Brown's leg to rot on his body, which is a disgrace to the city, a reflection on the profession and inhuman.

"But it is a fact that he revived after the operation. Dr. Sawyer, after exhausting his knowledge of surgery, learned through the telephone that other physicians were called to take charge of the case. One of the physicians opened up a communication with Dr. Sawyer through the telephone and wanted to know if it would be all right for him to see the patient at the hospital. Sawyer replied, 'no,' and requested him to go to h—I, that he did not intend for those 'black s—of b--- to be around there.' It takes those qualities to be city physician now, I suppose. It has been rumored that there are several patient[s] at the hospital suffering for the want of medical attention.

"Ten or fifteen days ago an almost penniless colored woman went to the city hospital to be operated upon. I know it to be a fact that she has not been operated on and is growing worse daily. The last time I saw her mother I was informed that she was walking around holding her abdomen with her hands, experiencing pain in

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its worst form. She said also that the doctor had anterized a hole into her abdomen. I suppose that is the latest surgical method of opening up the abdominal wall to let out pus.

"I would not have said anything had not Sawyer raised such a false accusation as he has. I consider the Doctor quite fortunate to be at liberty and still forced upon the paupers of the city. If they allow him to be Health Director of the city of St. Joseph, they ought to allow the Dime Musee to be open on Sunday. This is all I have to say now."

### Same

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald, 15 Jul 1892, p. 3***

*[A lengthy article about an investigation into the case, including the following excerpts:]*

... Dr. Geiger examined Dr. Crossland very closely and demonstrated to the committee from Crossland's own statement that the amputation of the limb involved a question of doubt as to its propriety during the time Brown was in the hospital, but the technicalities and medical phrases indulged in bewildered the stenographer and committee and clouded the real condition of the man somewhat, but still enough was learned after the committee adjourned to justify the prediction that it will exonerate the city physician from all blame.

...Dr. Campbell who performed the amputation had no reflections to cast on the treatment which Brown had received at the hands of the city physician, and the most that could be made out of the medical evidence introduced was a difference of opinion, which is likely to occur in critical cases.

Dr. Wilson, the assistant city physician who was intimately acquainted with the case from the time Brown received the wound, corroborated Dr. Sawyer in every particular.

Felix Defonds, the hospital steward, testified that Brown's treatment had been the best while under his care and this satisfied the committee as Mr. Defonds enjoys the confidence of the members of the council....

### Same

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald, 22 Jul 1892, p. 3***

The common council last night received the report of the committee appointed to investigate Dr. Sawyer's treatment of the case of Ed. Brown, and after considerable discussion, adopted a motion referring the testimony and the report of the committee to the committee of the whole.

The report stated that the committee believed the dead man could have had better treatment, and that Dr. Sawyer should receive the censure of the council for his "unbecoming language toward the dead man's friends and his brother physicians."

.... The report read in substance that the members of the committee were not well informed enough in medical knowledge to arrive at a definite conclusion in the case, but they believed that Ed. Brown's leg might have been amputated twelve hours sooner, and also that it was the committee's opinion that the case was not as faithfully

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treated as it should have been. The report further said that Dr. Sawyer was a paid officer of the city and should treat all alike, and did not believe that he neglected the case wilfully [sic], but because he lacked a realizing sense of the dangerous situation of the patient, and that the doctor should receive the censure of the council for the language he used towards the dead man's friends, and for his unprofessional conduct towards the other physicians in the case...

... Alderman Duncan then took the floor and said: 'I want to know whether this council wants to unload the responsibility on this committee of saying that Dr. Sawyer is guilty of unprofessional conduct? I do believe that the doctor did not know enough to treat the man as he should have been treated, and I believe that if any member of this council had been wounded as that man was, he would have been alive today, and with two good legs... [More discussion on what should be done, but no conclusion at this meeting.]

**Date of death: 4 May 1910**

**Subject: Edmond Samuel Brown, Jr.**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 6 May 1910, p. 4**

Edmond S. Brown, 16 years old, son of the late E. S. Brown, Sr., died at the home of his mother, Mrs. Jossie L. Brown, 2616 Delaware street, at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. He is survived by his mother and three brothers, all of St. Joseph. The funeral will be held from the residence at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon. Friends invited. Burial at Oakland cemetery.

**Date of death: [Apr] 1853**

**Subject: Evan B. Brown**

**Source: *Death Records of Missouri Men, 1808-1854, from the Savannah Sentinel*, Apr 1853**

Brown, Evan B. of Savannah, died aged 43 years 3 months 2 days, Born Harrodsburg, KY, came to Missouri 10-12 years ago; husband and father.

**Date of death: 8 Apr 1912**

**Subject: Felix Canada Brown**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 8 Apr 1912, Monday, p. 1**

Felix Brown, a widower farmer, who lived five miles southwest of the city at the home of his son-in-law, Frank Looney, died suddenly at 11:30 o'clock today, while at work on a neighboring farm. Brown was clearing some land when he was stricken. Dave Casteel, who was working with him, ran to a house nearby for assistance. When he returned, Brown was dead. It is believed that heart disease was the cause of death. Brown was about seventy years old.

Coroner C. F. Byrd was summoned and viewed the body.

**Date of death: 16 Jan 1876**

**Subject: George Brown**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Morning Herald*, 22 Jan 1876, p. 1**

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Died. Brown. In Savannah, on Sunday last, January 16, 1876, mainly of old age, Mr. Geo. Brown, aged about seventy-six years, and a residence of Andrew county for about 35 years.

**Date of death: 21 Nov 1902**

**Subject: Grace Brown**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 22 Nov 1902, Saturday, p. 4**

Miss Grace Brown, aged 15 years, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Brown, died at the family residence, No. 2624 Lafayette street, at 11 o'clock yesterday morning after a lingering sickness. Death was due to heart trouble. Miss Brown was born in St. Joseph and is well known.

The funeral services will be held at the residence at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon and interment will be made in Mt. Mora cemetery.

**Date of death: 13 Oct 1913**

**Subject: John B. Brown**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Observer*, 18 Oct 1913, p. 8**

John Brown, one of Nodaway county's earliest settlers, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Oren Masters, near Skidmore, Monday. In 1841 the family located where Graham now stands, when there were no roads other than Indian trails and no bridges. He was among the gold seekers who went to California, returning after two years. He was born in Tennessee in 1824.

**Date of death: 19 Aug 1899**

**Subject: Marie Brown\***

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily News*, 21 Aug 1899, p. 6**

Marie Brown, colored, the two-year-old daughter of Martha Brown, died Saturday in the old Franklin school building and was buried yesterday in the city cemetery.

**Date of death: May 1890**

**Subject: Mrs. Marilla (\_\_\_) Brown McCandliss**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 16 May 1890, p. 8**

The remains of Mrs. W. A. McCandliss of Barnard were taken through this city yesterday to Troy for burial, that place being the former home of the deceased. The remains were accompanied by a number of the friends and relatives. Mrs. McCandless [sic] was a sister of the wife of Hon. Cy Leland, Jr.

**Date of death: 13 Nov 1913**

**Subject: Mert (or Mora) Brown**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 14 Nov 1913, p. 1**

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Just as he stepped from the dance hall into the barroom at the Hodcarriers club, Third and Edmond streets last night, Mora [sic] Brown, 26 years old, living in the rear of 506 North Third street, was stabbed through the heart with a pocket knife by Sylvester Wilson, known as "Son" Wilson, living at Seventh and Richardson streets. Both are negroes. Wilson had not been arrested at an early hour this morning.

Brown's wife stood within five feet of the two and saw Wilson stab her husband. The stabbing, it is alleged, resulted from a threat said to have been made by Brown that he had a revolver in his possession with which he intended to shoot Wilson because he accompanied Mrs. Brown to the club. No revolver was found on Brown's body and none of the witnesses saw any.

After he had been stabbed Brown walked to a table where some friends of his sat, turned and walked to the bar, then staggered to the top of the stairs, and fell down them head first. When the police arrived he was dead. Mrs. Brown and Edna Arnold, also a negress, are held for investigation.

### Same

**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 19 Nov 1913, p. 5

Sylvester "Son" Wilson, 22 years old, a negro, who lives in "Rabbit Shoot alley," was held responsible by a jury summoned on Coroner Lynch Monday afternoon to inquire into the death of Mert Brown, 26 years old, whom Wilson stabbed in the heart with a pocketknife last Thursday night at the Hodcarriers club, Third and Edmond streets.

Lewis Lock and Frank Wilcox, negroes, testified they saw Wilson kill Brown with a knife. Mrs. Cora Brown, the widow, and Edna Arnold, a negro, both living at 506 North Third street, said they did not see a knife in Wilson's hand.

**Date of death:** 16 Jul 1923

**Subject:** Morgan Brown

**Source:** *[Maryville MO] Daily Democrat-Forum*, 17 Jul 1923, Tuesday, p. 1

Morgan Brown, 71-year-old resident of Nodaway County, died at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the county farm, west of Maryville. Death was caused by a complication of diseases resulting from old age. He is survived by four sisters, Mrs. J. W. Wilcoxon and Mrs. Mary McNeal of Kansas City, Mrs. W. B. Oliver of Iola, Kan., and Mrs. John Yates of Maryville, and a brother, John Brown of Boise, Idaho. Mr. Brown's sisters are expected into Maryville tonight. No funeral arrangements have been made.

**Date of death:** 5 Sep 1901

**Subject:** Nora (Brown) Ellis

**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette-Herald*, 6 Sep 1901, p. 5

Mrs. Nora Ellis, colored, twenty-nine years old, died at 8:10 o'clock Thursday morning, at her home, Second and Isidore [sic] streets. Death was due to pneumonia.

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**Date of death: 30 Nov 1900**

**Subject: Sarah Adaline (Brown) Mast**

**Source: *Skidmore [MO] Standard*, 7 Dec 1900, p. 8**

Last Friday afternoon the many friends of Mrs. John Mast were saddened by the intelligence that the good lady had been called from our midst by the insatiable monster, Death. Mrs. Mast had been sick only one week, but she was suffering with that dread disease, pneumonia, which triumphed over flesh and blood in a comparatively short struggle.

Mr. Mast, who has been grievously [sic] afflicted in the past year or two with rheumatism, almost succumbed when he was told that his wife was dead. he and his children have the sincere sympathy of a host of friends.

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Sarah Adaline Brown was born January 1st, 1846. She was married to John Mast, October 25th, 1864. Departed this life November 30th, 1900.

Ten children were born to this union, four of whom survive her. Catherine P. Herald, of Englevale, Kansas, Mary E. Walters, of Ponca, Oklahoma, and Martha E. and Myrtle E. Mast.

Sister Mast was converted at Liberty school house in 1875 under the ministry of Rev. Hedgepeth and joined the M. E. church, South, and has lived a consistent Christian life ever since.

In the decease of Sister Mast the community has lost one of its most honored citizens, the church a consecrated member, the father a kind and affectionate daughter, the afflicted husband a loving companion and the children a devoted mother.

I visited Sister Mast on Wednesday morning before her decease and she seemed cheerful and happy although suffering much pain at times. She desired so much to attend the meeting in progress at Skidmore. Though she had not the privilege of leaving a parting blessing to her loved ones, yet her consecrated life assures us of her peaceful death and happy admittance into heaven.

The funeral was preached at the home of the deceased, by the writer, to a large congregation of relatives and friends, from First Cor. 15:26. Her body was then laid away in the Groves cemetery to await the resurrection of the just.

I commend the sorrowing ones to the comforting influences of the Holy Spirit.

- W. A. Smith

**Date of death: 22 Oct 1883**

**Subject: Vidie M. (Brown) Peoples**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 24 Oct 1883, p. 5**



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Information was received in this city yesterday of the sudden death of Mrs. Peoples, wife of the editor of the *Maryville Times*, Mr. and Mrs. Peoples retired Monday night at their usual hour and nothing occurred during the night to awaken Mr. Peoples. When he awakened yesterday morning, however, he found his wife dead by his side. She had evidently died during the early part of the night. They had been wedding but a few months.

### Same

**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 30 Oct 1883, p. 8

Maryville, Mo., October 23.—The Gazette erred in its notice of the death of the wife of John A. Peoples, of the *Maryville Times*, in saying that Mr. People's "knew not of her death until morning." Her demise was sad indeed. Mr. Peoples and wife went to bed about 8 o'clock at night, she falling into a slight dose. Her health had been poor all summer. Mr. Peoples not yet having fallen asleep, she turned towards him, and placed her arm around his neck, and, without speaking a word, gave a few gasps and passed away. Mr. Peoples spoke to her and she failing to answer, he became alarmed, raised her up and found that she was unconscious. He hastily summoned Dr. Chas. Koch who arrived a few minutes past 10 o'clock and pronounced her dead. Yesterday evening Mr. People's [sic] was summoned by wire to Hamburg to attend the death-bed of his wife's father. Misfortunes, when they do come, fall thick and fast upon us. Heaven's will be done, not ours.

**Date of death:** 15 Feb 1887

**Subject:** William Brown

**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Herald*, 16 Feb 1887, p. 4

Wm. Brown, the colored man known as the "Bear," died yesterday at the lunatic asylum, and was buried by the city. Last fall he created a sensation on Blacksnake creek, on Sunday, by insisting on baptizing a number of small boys. He was about to down one little fellow, when the police discovered him and put him under arrest. It was at once seen that the man was crazy. He was lodged in the 'boose, and became so violent that, although he was heavily ironed, two men were required, night and day, to guard him. The man died from exhaustion, wearing himself out in his madness. The city paid \$30 for the time he was at the asylum.

**Date of death:** 26 Apr 1910

**Subject:** William Spencer Brown

**Source:** *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 30 Apr 1910, Saturday, p. 5

William Spencer Brown, a negro, twenty-nine years old, died at 3:30 o'clock Tuesday morning, at his home, 2213 South Sixth street. He was one of the few Catholic negroes in the city. The funeral took place from Holy Rosary Church Thursday afternoon, with interment in Calvary Cemetery.

**Date of death:** 1 Mar 1895

**Subject:** Alexander Wilson Broyles

**Source:** *Hopkins [MO] Journal*, 7 Mar 1895, Thursday

A. W. Broyles, after being bedfast for about forty days with typhoid fever, passed to that better country at his home in Hopkins, Mo., on last Friday. Brief services were held at the residence on Saturday, after which the

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remains were laid to rest in the Hopkins cemetery. Elder McKinney will deliver the funeral discourse at some future date.

### Obituary

Alexander Wilson Broyles was born Feb. 12, 1861, in Nodaway County, Missouri. He was married Feb. 6, 1886, to Miss Della Downing. To them was born two children, one son and one daughter. He died March 1, 1895, aged 34 years and 16 days. He leaves a wife and two children, a mother, two sisters and four brothers to mourn his loss. He left a bright evidence that he was going to a better home than this.

**Date of death: 7 Dec 1920**

**Subject: Asa B. Broyles**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Observer*, 18 Dec 1920, Saturday, p. 1**

Friends of the family were notified this week of the death of Asa Broyles of Maryville, who died at his home there on Tuesday at the age of 87 years. The deceased was an early resident of this county, having lived in St. Joseph in 1840, from which place he moved to Nodaway county. He is survived by three children, thirteen grandchildren, twenty-four great grandchildren and one great great grandchild. Until his death there were five generations of the Broyles family living. Old residents of this city will well remember a brother of the deceased. Solomon Broyles, who for years was captain of police here prior to the organization of the present metropolitan system. Sol Broyles died in service here.

**Date of death: 5 Mar 1909**

**Subject: Martha Ann (Broyles) Downing**

**Source: *Bedford [IA] Times-Republican*, 11 Mar 1909, Thursday, p. 8**

Mrs. Washington Downing died March 5 at her home in Hopkins, at the advanced age of nearly 80 years. The funeral services were held at the home on Monday, conducted by Rev. Armstrong of Hopkins, assisted by Rev. Osborn of New Market, Rev. Edmonds of Hopkins and Rev. Adams of St. Joseph.

**Date of death: 21 Jul 1877**

**Subject: Daisy Bruce**

**Source: *The St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 24 Jul 1877, Tuesday, p. 4**

City and Country—Little Daisy Bruce, two years old, a daughter of Mr. James Bruce, who has been an engineer on the Kansas City, St. Joseph and Council Bluffs road for years, died at Savannah on Saturday last, and was buried there yesterday. Mr. Bruce resides on Eleventh street.

**Date of death: 10 Dec 1910**

**Subject: Nathaniel Pearson Bruce**

**Source: *Chariton [Keytesville MO] Courier*, 16 Dec 1910, Friday, p. 1**

Nathaniel, 13-year-old son of Prof. N. C. Bruce of the Dalton Agricultural College, met death Saturday afternoon by a bullet shot fired from a gun in the hands of his brother, Bates, aged 15 years. Bates was

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removing the gun from over the doorway when his brother entered with the mail from train No. 3 which he had just been sent to the postoffice for. The gun was cocked and, unaware of this, Bates pulled the trigger and shot his brother, who received the full charge of the weapon in the stomach, the bullet ranging downward into his bowels. Death resulted in three minutes. This unfortunate accident is greatly to be regretted by the friends of Prof. Bruce who is a good citizen and a respected darkey.

**Date of death: 4 Jun 1896**

**Subject: George Perry Brumfield**

**Source: *Eugene [OR] Daily Guard*, 4 Jun 1896**

Died—Mr. Geo. P. Brumfield died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. A. Strong, at Elizabeth and Lincoln streets, at 10:30 o'clock today, at the age of 83 years, 11 months and 27 days. Deceased had been suffering with erysipelas for the past three or four weeks, which together with old age, was the cause of death. Deceased was a native of West Virginia and resided in that state until a young man when he was married and removed to Missouri. In 1852 he crossed the plains with his family to California, where he resided until 1887, when he removed to this state and has since resided on a farm near this city until recently when he moved into town. He leaves two sons in California and a daughter, Mrs. A. Strong, in this city. The funeral will be held from the late residence at 2 p.m. tomorrow to the I.O.O.F. cemetery.

**Date of death: 3 Sep 1874**

**Subject: Thomas Harvey Brumfield**

**Source: *Russian River [CA] Flag*, 10 Sep 1874**

Thomas H. Brumfield, who had been lying sick with pneumonia, at Hollister, for several weeks, died last Sunday. His brother, Byrd, who was with him during his last sickness, brought the remains to Healdsburg and they were buried in Oak Mound Cemetery, the funeral taking place on Tuesday. The deceased was a son of Geo. Brumfield, of Russian River township, and had lived in this part of the county since boyhood. He leaves a wife and four children.

**Date of death: Sep 1918**

**Subject: Much Bruner**

**Source: *The Kansas City [MO] Sun*, 7 Sep 1918, Saturday, p. 2**

St. Joseph, Mo. Word has been received in St. Joseph, Mo., of the death of Mr. Much Bruner, son of Mrs. Lovie Washington. Besides his mother he leaves a wife and baby boy and a host of friends.

**Date of death: 5 Jun 1897**

**Subject: Mary A. (Bruns) Miller**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette-Herald*, 6 Jun 1897, Sunday, p. 6**

Mary A. Miller, aged 34 years, wife of John C. Miller, died at the family residence ten miles southeast of the city, near Willow Brook, yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, after an illness of twenty-two days. The funeral

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services will be held at the residence, Monday at 2 o'clock. Interment at Agency cemetery. Friends of the family invited to attend.

**Date of death: 7 Feb 1910**

**Subject: David B. Bryant**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 8 Feb 1910, p. 8**

The funeral of Dr. D. B. Bryant will be held in Savannah, Mo., at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon from the residence of his brother-in-law, T. L. Lillibridge.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 10 Feb 1910, p. 2**

Savannah, Mo., Feb. 9.—Dr. David B. Bryant, who died in a St. Joseph hospital Monday, was buried Tuesday afternoon in the Savannah cemetery.

Dr. Bryant was for many years one of the leading physicians of Savannah. He graduated from the St. Louis Medical college, and studied at the Bellevue hospital in New York under the direction of Dr. William Bull, an eminent physician. He was proprietor of a drug store at Savannah and took part in the welfare of the city. He delivered lectures several years ago at St. Joseph medical colleges and also at the state university.

**Date of death: 15 Dec 1918**

**Subject: Susanna (Bryant) McGlothlin**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 15 Dec 1919, Monday, p. 14**

In Loving Memory of our dear mother and grandmother, Susannah McLaughlin [sic], who passes away just one year ago today, Dec. 15, 1918:

*Darling mother, how we miss you,  
Since the Savior called you home  
Oh, this earth would seem like heaven  
If we could hear your voice once more.  
More and more each day we miss you.  
Friends may think the wound is healed,  
But they little know the grief and sorrow  
That lies within our hearts concealed.*

--Her Daughter and Grandchildren, Mrs. D. W. Brown, Children.

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**Date of death: 10 Mar 1904**

**Subject: Franklin Addis Buck**

**Source: *Miami [FL] News*, 11 Mar 1904**

Mr. F. A. Buck died yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Asa D. Roberds, in this city, of lymponia [sic], at the age of sixty years.

Funeral services took place this afternoon from the residence, conducted by the Rev. W. E. Stanton, pastor of the Baptist church, the interment following the service at the City Cemetery, Funeral Director H. M. King being in charge.

Mr. Buck came to Florida from Missouri fourteen years ago, residing in Hernando and Pasco counties, where he was prominent in school and educational work until failing health compelled him to abandon his duties.

In December last he came to Miami to live with his daughter, who, with his wife, have been constant in their devoted attentions, doing all in their power to make his last days as comfortable as possible.

The sympathies of their friends are extended to the sorrowing widow and daughter in their hour of mourning because of the loss of husband and father.

**Date of death: 17 May 1912**

**Subject: Grace Emma (Buck) Thompson**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 17 May 1912, p. 1**

Maryville, Mo., May 17.—Mrs. Harry Thompson, twenty-seven years old, was found dead in her home this morning at 7 o'clock by a neighbor who had brought some milk. At 3 o'clock this morning when the husband got up to go to work the woman was still alive. When the body was found it was half way out of bed. The cause of death was convulsions associated with nephritis. The deceased leaves a husband and a child three years old. The funeral ceremony will be held tomorrow afternoon at the Methodist church and interment will be made in the Miriam Cemetery.

**Date of death: 16 Feb 1904**

**Subject: Joshua Harlow Buckingham**

**Source: *Sheridan [WY] Post*, 24 Feb 1904**

J.H. Buckingham, an old-timer in Wyoming, died at his home on Bear Gulch the 16th Inst. at the ripe old age of seventy-seven years and four days. The deceased was buried on the 16th at 2:00 p.m.

**Date of death: unknown**

**Subject: William Buford**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 2 Nov 1892, p. 3**

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Information was brought to the city yesterday of a fatal fight near DeKalb last Sunday, which resulted in the death of William Buford, a colored man. Buford had been stabbed and his murderer is said to have been John Ball, another colored man.

Buford was last seen alive with Ball and a colored man named Mitchell, on the day he was killed. The three men had been drinking and came out of the woods near the residence of George Heisel, a farmer. A fight occurred in the road which is said to have been witnessed by Heisel. Later the farmer went out into the road and found Buford, lying there, stabbed in the left side. He died in a short time.

Coroner Whittington was seen yesterday but he knew nothing about the matter. He had not been notified of the death. The county authorities knew nothing about the crime until yesterday, and it is said that Hall and Mitchell have left the country. Mitchell is reported as having said that Ball did the cutting.

### Same

**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 3 Nov 1892, p. 3

William Buford, the colored man who was stabbed near DeKalb Sunday, is not dead. His wounds are considered very dangerous. The cutting was done by James Pollard and not by John Ball.

**Date of death:** 1 Mar 1921

**Subject:** Amanda S. (Buhr or Boyer) Berry

**Source:** *The Minco [OK] Minstrel*, 11 Mar 1921, Friday, p. 1

Mrs. Amanda Berry, widow of Samuel P. Berry, passed away in a St. Joseph hospital, March 1st, 1921, age 66 years, 1 month and 16 days. Mrs. Berry was born near St. Joseph, Mo. January 13, 1855, and lived there with her parents until she was 22 years of age, when she was united in marriage to Samuel P. Berry. A few years later they moved to Savannah,, Mo. And in 1901 they moved to Minco Ok.; Where they lived until Mr. Berry's death, Jun 24th, 1917. Since then Mrs. Berry made her home among her children.

There was [sic] seven children born to this union, four girls and three boys. Mrs. Anna Follett, of Venice, Cal. Mrs. Garnet Miller, of Guilford, Mo., Leonard Berry, of Wilcox, Arizona, Preston Berry, of Phoenix, Arizona, and John Berry of Minco, Okla.. and two daughters who died in infancy.

Mrs. Berry united with the Baptist church when she was 26 years old, and continued to live and trust her Savior, and to be kind and helpful to all. She was a loving wife, a devoted mother and was beloved by all who knew her.

She leaves to mourn her loss, two sisters and three brothers, John Martin and Dave Boyer, Mrs. Martha Pettis, Clayton N.M., Mrs. Sarah Warner, of Morrill, Kansas, four grandchildren, Grace, Newell and Nola and Mrs. Gladys Anderson. She will be greatly missed and her vacant chair in our homes can never be replaced. She will also be missed by her many other relative and friends.-- Contributed

**Date of death:** 14 Apr 1916

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**Subject: Forest E. Buis**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 15 Apr 1916, Saturday, p. 10**

The Rev. L. M. Jones, pastor of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, will officiate at the funeral services for Forrest [sic] Buis, who died Friday evening at the family home, 6403 King Hill avenue, Sunday at 10 a.m.

**Date of death: 1 Nov 1915**

**Subject: Thomas Grant Buis**

**Source: *The [Mankato KS] Western Advocate*, 12 Nov 1915, Friday, p. 8**

Thomas Grant Buis, forty-eight years old, a former Andrew county farmer, died at 7:25 o'clock, Monday evening at the family home, 6402 King Hill Avenue, of diabetes from which he had been a sufferer four years. Funeral services were at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, at the Methodist Episcopal church south, at Savannah with burial at the Coffman cemetery. He was born June 19, 1867, on a farm near Bolckow, Mo., where he was married and lived until five years ago when he removed to Mankato, Kansas. Last January he came to South St. Joseph from Mankato and purchased the old J. B. Hyde home at 6402 King Hill Avenue. He is survived by a widow and nine children, who are: Mrs. N. F. Ford, of Mankato, Kansas, and Joseph, Cecil, Loid, Grant, Agatha, Leslie, Forest and Sherman who live at home. He leaves four sister: [sic] Mrs. Lida Adonnell, of Pueblo, Colo., Mrs. Henry Bowlin, of Savannah, Mo., Mrs. William Bartlett and Mrs. W. C. Mathis of St. Joseph, and two brothers, C. E. and M. F. Leslie, of St. Joseph.

**Date of death: 1 Dec 1923**

**Subject: Nicholas Bullman**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 1 Dec 1922, Friday, p. 6**

Nichols [sic] Bullman, thirty-two years old, a farmer, died at 4:20 o'clock yesterday afternoon at his home, 1515 Holman street. He had been a resident of St. Joseph for three years. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Emma Bullman, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bullman.

**Date of death: 26 Oct 1904**

**Subject: Frank Albert Bullock**

**Source: *Decatur County [IA] Journal*, 1 Nov 1904**

Frank A. Bullock, son of O. A. and Aure O. Bullock, was born in St. Joe, Mo., on May 25th, 1888, and died of diphtheria in St. Joe, October 26, 1904, aged 16 years, 5 months and 1 day. He was a dutiful and loving son and his life was one of promise. It was his delight to be in Sunday School and he chose for his companions only such boys as were morally clean and upright. The heartbroken parents and bereaved family have the sympathy of a wide circle of acquaintances and friends. Frank will ever be to them a dearer tie in Heaven.

**Date of death: 25 Aug 1917**

**Subject: Orlinza Appleton Bullock**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 27 Aug 1917, Monday, p. 5**

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Orlinza A. Bullock, 61 years old, died at 11:45 o'clock Saturday night at his home, 2725 Cornell avenue. He was a carpenter and a member of Enterprise lodge, I.O.O.F. He had lived in St. Joseph fifteen years. He is survived by a widow and three sons and a daughter, Orlinza A., Jr. of Fairport, Mo., Harry J. and Timothy E. Bullock of St. Joseph, and Mrs. Jesse Cole of Waverly, Kas.; his mother, Mrs. D. F. Warford of Pattonsburg, Mo., and four brothers and two sisters. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

**Date of death: 4 Jul 1920**

**Subject: Amanda E. (Bundy) Armstrong Lay**

**Source: *The Atchison [KS] Daily Globe*, 8 Jul 1920, Thursday, p. 4**

U. D. Gardner: "Mrs. Amanda Tay [sic], who died the other day at Helena, Mo., has five living sisters who are past seventy years of age. Mrs. Tay was over eighty when she died."

**Date of death: 10 Apr 1910**

**Subject: Carl Christian Bunse**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 11 Apr 1910, p. 6**

Carl C. Bunse, seventy-nine years old, died at 8 o'clock last night at his home, fourteen and a half miles northeast of St. Joseph. He is survived by two sons and four daughters.

**Date of death: 17 Jun 1905**

**Subject: Christian A. Bunse**

**Source: *The Robinson [KS] Index*, 22 Jun 1905, Thursday, p. 1**

Christian Bunsby [sic], step-father of Mrs. J. J. Leidy, died Saturday morning at his home near Cosby, Mo. Mrs. Leidy and her brother, Fred Cornell went there Sunday to attend the funeral.

**Date of death: 9 Aug 1910**

**Subject: Ernest C. Bunse**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 12 Aug 1910, p. 6**

The body of Ernest Bunse, who died Tuesday in Hot Springs, Ark., arrived here early this afternoon and was taken to the residence of his sister, Mrs. C. F. Marti, 1104 South Twentieth street. The funeral services will be held at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning at the residence. The body will be taken to Cosby, Mo., for burial.

**Same**

**Source: same, p. 14**

Ernest Bunse, age 23 years, died Tuesday at Hot Springs, Ark. He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Frazee of Wellington, Kan., Misses Anna and Lydia Bunse of this city, two half-sisters, Mrs. C. F. Marti of St. Joseph and Mrs. J. J. Leidy of Robinson, Kan., and one half-brother, Fred W. Cornell of St. Joseph. The remains arrived here this noon. Services will be held at the home of his half-sister, Mrs. C. F. Marti, 1104 s. 20th st., tomorrow (Saturday) morning at 8 o'clock. Burial at Cosby, Mo. Friends invited.



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**Date of death: 4 Dec 1919**

**Subject: Jacob Abner Burch**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 6 Dec 1919, Saturday, p. 6**

Jacob Burch, 43 years old, a prominent farmer and stockman of Clearmont, Mo., died Wednesday night in a hospital in Clarinda, Iowa, according to word received at the local stockyards, where he was a regular patron. Death was the result of injuries he received when a mule kicked him several weeks ago. He was taken to Clarinda, where he was operated upon. He is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter.

**Date of death: 14 May 1894**

**Subject: Mahala Elizabeth (Burch) Carmichael**

**Source: *Hopkins [MO] Journal*, 23 May 1895, Thursday, p. 1**

Died, at the residence of N. Orme, May 14, '95, Mrs. Mary [sic] E. Carmichael. The subject of this sketch was born in Indiana December 4, 1828. She was married in 1846 to Augustin Carmichal [sic], who died a number of years ago. To this union were born ten children, all of whom survive her. In 1866 she and her husband moved to Page County, Iowa, and three years later removed to Nodaway County, where she has since resided.

She became a member of the Baptist church in 1859 and lived a consistent life unto the day of her death. During her last illness she manifested the grace of patience. The funeral services were conducted by A. L. Cooper at the residence of her son-in-law, N. Orme.

**Date of death: 2 Feb 1915**

**Subject: Henry Edward Burdick**

**Source: *Stillwater [OK] Gazette*, 5 Feb 1915**

H. E. Burdick, grandfather of former County Clerk E. M. Hamlin, died at the Hamlin home in Spring Valley district, Wednesday morning, February 3, 1915, of asthma, after an illness of two weeks, aged 92 years, 4 months and 19 days.

Mr. Burdick was the oldest man in Payne county, and possibly the oldest person in Oklahoma. His life had been as useful as it was long, and until a short time ago he was in full possession of his usual strength. His final illness was brief. Last summer he made garden as usual, and was able to do a surprising amount of work for a man of his years.

H. E. Burdick was born near Meadville, Pa., and came to Payne county twenty-three years ago from Maryville, Mo. Twenty years ago he conducted a grocery store in Stillwater, and since retiring from business he has lived on the place in Spring Valley where he died.

The decedent has three living daughters, Mrs. Effie Hamlin, of Ceres; Mrs. P. D. Vandervoort, of Goff, Kan., and Mrs. S. R. Beach of San Diego, Calif. The former was with him when he died. Mrs. Burdick, the wife and mother, died fourteen years ago.

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**Date of death: 24 Jan 1888**

**Subject: Nick Burke**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Herald*, 25 Jan 1888, p. 8**

Nick Burke, an old colored man, died at the poor farm yesterday.

**Date of death: 22 Jul 1898**

**Subject: Joseph Burkett**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 23 Jul 1898, p. 5**

Joseph Burkett, aged 56, once a respected and well-to-do citizen of St. Joseph, died at the city hospital at noon yesterday after a lingering illness with paralysis. He will be buried in the city cemetery today by order of the charity board.

**Date of death: 30 Nov 1921**

**Subject: Alonzo D. Burnes**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 1 Dec 1921, p. 1**

Platte City, Mo., Dec. 1.-- Alonzo D. Burnes, for twenty-three years judge of the Fifth Missouri judicial circuit, died at his home here last night after an illness of about a week. Death was due to an infection of the gall duct.

Judge Burnes, who was fifty-seven years old, had spent all his life in Platte County. The son of Fielding Burnes, a well-known Platte County farmer, Judge Burnes was born on a farm near Camden Point. He received his education in the Platte County public schools and Vanderbilt University, later graduating from the law department of the University of Missouri. Before he was elected to the circuit bench in 1898, Judge Burnes practiced law in Platte City, was city attorney and later county attorney for four years. He was a Democrat and a ... in Missouri party councils. Judge Burnes was an Odd Fellow and a Knight Templar and a member of the Christian Church.

The widow, Mrs. Rowena Boone Burnes, and a daughter, Mrs. Alice Koster of Kansas City, are the only immediate surviving relatives. Judge Burnes was a nephew of the late James N. Burnes, member of congress from the Fourth congressional district.

Funeral services will be held from the Christian Church here tomorrow afternoon.

**Date of death: 18 Nov 1896**

**Subject: Fielding Burnes**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Weekly Gazette*, 20 Nov 1896, p. 3**

A telegram received last night from Platte City announces the death of Colonel Fielding Burnes, whose demise occurred at his home in that place yesterday afternoon.

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The telegram did not state the cause of death, but for some time past Colonel Burnes has not been in good health. The funeral will take place at Platte City this afternoon, and will be under the direction of the Knights Templar, of which he was a member. A large number of people from St. Joseph will attend, as the deceased was well known and highly respected here. The news of his death will be a sad shock to the large circle of friends of the diseased [sic].

Colonel Fielding Burnes was the elder brother of the late James N. and Calvin F. Burnes. He was one of the pioneers of Northwest Missouri and one of its well known and popular citizens. He came to Platte county early in the 30's and made that fertile section of the Platte purchase his home, where he has resided continuously since. He has been interested in a great number of enterprises connected with the upbuilding of the county and his public spiritedness and liberality have made him honored and respected by all.

Col. Burnes has watched the development of Platte county from a rugged wilderness to one of the most prolific counties of the state, and in every enterprise which needed assistance his advice and financial help were always freely given. Some of the greatest improvements which the county possesses are attributable to his work.

Col. Burnes leaves five children, four of whom are residents of Platt county. The children are Alonzo D. Burnes, one of the best known attorneys of Platte City; Mrs. Dr. Redmond, Mrs. Alice Koster and Mrs. Beuna [sic] Hunter, all of Platte county, and Mrs. Susan Tibbs of Salt Lake City, Utah. Colonel Burnes was a man of great intellectual power, and one who made and held friends. His death will be deeply deplored.

**Date of death: 26 Aug 1916**

**Subject: Lewis Calvin Burnes**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 28 Aug 1916, p. 6**

As told in the late editions of *The News-Press* Saturday, Lewis C. Burnes, fifty-six years old, president of the Burnes National Bank of St. Joseph, was fatally stricken with heart disease while play golf on the St. Joseph Country Club links in Andrew County at 3:45 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Death ensued within a short time.

Mr. Burnes will be buried in Mount Mora Cemetery tomorrow afternoon.

The immediate cause of death was expansion of the heart, due to unusual exertion, the doctors say. Mr. Burnes had just played his ball from the fourth to the fifth hole in his game with W. W. Wheeler Jr., his son-in-law, Charles B. Farish and T. P. Holland. Mr. Wheeler noted that his father-in-law had lagged behind and found him seated on a bunker. Asked why he did not proceed, Mr. Burnes said he was suffering from an asthmatic spell. A moment later he became unconscious.

Efforts to resuscitate Mr. Burnes failed. Playing behind the party were Dr. H. J. Ravold and C. M. Carter and behind them were Dr. F. G. Thompson, J. B. Moss and W. P. McDonald. The two physicians hurried to the stricken man, and in the effort to revive him electric current was transferred to his chest from the storage battery of Wheeler's motor car. This produced only muscular reaction, and Mr. Burnes was soon pronounced dead.

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Although Mr. Burnes had been enjoying generally good health up to the time of his death, he had experienced difficulty in getting his breath while under any pronounced physical exertion. For this reason he abjured golf until cooler weather. Saturday brought a decided drop in temperature however, and he decided to resume the exercise. He was cheerful and appeared to be feeling well until he was stricken. Twenty minutes elapsed between the time he stopped playing and the time death ensued. The body was removed to the summer home of Mr. Farish, near the clubhouse, and later to the Burnes residence at 4821 Francis street.

The funeral services will be conducted at 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the Francis Street Methodist Church, Twelfth and Francis streets, of which Mr. Burnes was a member and an officer. The Rev. B. P. Taylor of Kansas City, formerly pastor of the Francis Street Church, and Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, pastor, will officiate. The active pallbearers will all be men employed in the Burnes bank, as follows: George A. Nelson, John J. Walsh, Wesley Kost, Oliver Rost, Leo Mallows, Charles Schrank, Milo Chute and Webb Scanlon.

The honorary pallbearers will be ... Van Natta, W. W. Wheeler, R. W. Powell, John D. Richardson, Col. James H. McCord, Henry J. Mueller, Ralph E. Costigan, William W. Curtin, Charles J. Schenecker, Charles Ardery, L. M. Smith, A. P. Clayton, C. H. Taylor, Charles S. Kemper, all of St. Joseph, and Henry Juengst of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mr. Burnes is survived by his widow, one son, ... Burnes of St. Joseph, and two daughters, Mrs. W. W. Wheeler Jr. of St. Joseph and Mrs. James S. Boyd of Norritown [sic], Pa. Four sisters also survive, Mrs. Milton Moore of Kansas City, Mrs. Elias S. Gatel of St. Louis, Mrs. Theodore Winningham of Kansas City, and Miss Virginia Burnes of Kansas City. James N. Burnes, late president of the Empire Trust Company and a brother of L. C. Burnes, died suddenly of apoplexy four years ago at his winter home in Pasadena, Cal.

L. C. Burnes was born Nov. 9, 1860, at the old family home near Weston, Mo. He was the son of Daniel D. Burnes, and both his parents died several years following his birth. His parents left their six children to the custody of the father's two brothers, Calvin F. and James Nelson Burnes. All of the family's property was left to the brothers, who formed the Burnes estate, their own property being invested as well as that of their late brother.

L. C. Burnes came to St. Joseph in 1873, when his two uncles came here to establish the Bank of St. Joseph. The family lived at Ayr Lawn south of the city, and while there L. C. Burnes attended the Christian Brothers' College and the St. Joseph high school. Latterly he attended Phillips Andover College and Yale University. Soon after his return to the city he was made superintendent of the St. Joseph Water Company, of which the Burnes estate owned the controlling interest. He was married July 6, 1886, to Miss Ida Collins, daughter of a prominent St. Joseph merchant.

Following his connection with the water company Mr. Burnes went with the National Bank of St. Joseph, which later became the First National Bank of Buchanan County. Subsequently he organized the Burnes National Bank of St. Joseph, of which he was president at the time of his death.

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Mr. Burnes was a member of the board of trustees of the Francis Street Methodist Church, of which congregation he had for years been an active member. He was also a past commander of Hugh de Payens Commandery, Knights Templar, and a member of numerous other fraternal and civic organizations.

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**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 29 Aug 1916, p. 6

The funeral service for Lewis C. Burnes, president of the Burnes National Bank, who died suddenly Saturday afternoon while playing golf at the Country Club, was conducted at Francis Street Methodist Church at 4 o'clock this afternoon, and was largely attended. Many friends and relatives of the dead banker from out of town were in attendance. Burial was in Mount Mora Cemetery.... [*lodge resolutions*]

**Date of death:** 5 Apr 1917

**Subject:** Augusta Cornelia (Burnett) Price

**Source:** *The Hood River [OR] Glacier*, 12 Apr 1917, p. 3

Death came suddenly last Thursday night to Mrs. Augusta Cornelia Price, aged 73, while accompanying her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Davidson, she was motoring from the city home of Mr. and Mrs. Davidson to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Van Horn, where she was to have been a guest at the wedding of their daughter, Miss Marion, and Anson G. Allen. Mrs. Price, although she was apparently in the best of health and has never suffered other than minor illness during her long life, was stricken with an attack of heart trouble, and death came before she could be returned to the city home.

Mrs. Price, whose maiden name was Burnett, was born October 3, 1843, at Savannah, Mo. Her father, William Burnett, was a native of Virginia and her mother was of Kentucky birth. At the age of 14 years she crossed the plains with her family, emigrating to California. She was married at Petaluma, Calif., to Jacob Price, who on April 5, 1895, 22 years before to the day, passed away at Racine, Wis., where he and his wife moved from California in 1889.

In 1899 Mrs. Price came to Hood River to make her home with Mr. and Mrs. Davidson.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon from the Davidson home.

In addition to the local daughter, Mrs. Price is survived by two sons, Lester Price, of Wenetka, Ill., and William B. Price, of Oakland, Calif. Two sisters, Mrs. George Richardson and Miss Stella Burnett are residents of Portland.

The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. M. L. Hutton, pastor of the Riverside Congregational church. The funeral was directed by S. E. Bartmess.

**Date of death:** unknown

**Subject:** Mrs. Lou Burnett

**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 2 Jun 1891, p. 5- *not an obituary*

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Lou Burnett, the wife of a negro brute named Ransome Burnett, is lying at the point of death at her home, Nineteenth and Angelique streets, in consequence of a murderous assault upon her by her fiendish husband between the hours of 4 and 5 o'clock Sunday morning.

At the time mentioned Burnett, who had spent the night in a drunken debauch, appeared at his home, when his wife upbraided him for his conduct. The brute, without a word of warning and while she was lying in bed, picked up a rocking chair and struck her upon the head with it. He then wrested one of the rockers from the chair and proceeded to beat the defenseless woman over the head and upon the chest and shoulders in a terrible manner.

While Burnett was engaged in his inhuman work, his two grown step-daughters, who had been awakened by their mother's cries, appeared in the room, when Burnett drew a razor and chased them into the house of a neighbor. The dusky demon then cut the front of his coat into shreds with the razor and left the place, telling everyone he met that his wife had made a desperate attempt upon his life and in defending himself he was compelled to strike her with a stick.

Burnett is said to have gone from his own house to the home of Rev. Samuel Smith, the colored Baptist preacher, and there he is supposed to have remained in hiding all day Sunday. He was seen at Smith's Sunday evening about 6 o'clock, and the police searched the premises several hours later, but failed to find him. The colored residents of the city were in a high state of excitement over the affair Sunday night, and had Burnett been arrested it is not at all improbable that he would have been strung up to a telegraph pole.

Burnett's wife is his senior and has children by a former husband nearly as old as he is. It is said that they have frequently quarreled and that upon previous occasions he threatened to kill her. Burnett is a hod carrier and does not bear a good reputation, although he has never been mixed up in any serious trouble before.

Drs. Crossland and Westover were called to dress the wounds of the injured woman, and found her breast bone broken and her head battered in a terrible manner. She has been unconscious ever since the assault and there is little hope of her recovery.

Nothing has been seen of Burnett since Sunday evening, although a state warrant has been issued for his arrest.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 3 Jun 1891, p. 3- not an obituary**

Mrs. Burnett, the colored woman whose husband beat her up in such a horrible manner Sunday morning, is resting as easy as might be expected and will probably recover. Burnett has not yet been arrested.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 6 Jun 1891, p. 5**

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Mrs. Burnett, the colored woman who was so brutally beaten by her drunken husband last Sunday morning, and whose life was despaired of for several days, is improving and will probably recover. While no other person has been the would-be murderer since Sunday evening Mrs. Burnett positively asserts that he appeared at her window at a late hour Wednesday night, and pointing a revolver at her pulled the trigger, but it failed to discharge the cartridge. The injured woman aroused the other members of the family by her screams, but when they looked outside nothing could be seen of Burnett. The wife lives in mortal fear of him all the time, and says she knows he will make an attempt to finish the work of which he made such a bungling job Sunday.

**Date of death: 12 Jul 1913**

**Subject: Prior Burnett**

**Source: *Idaho Statesman*, 15 Jul 1913, Tuesday, p. 7**

CALDWELL--Pryor [sic] Burnett, a resident of Canyon county for almost half a century, died at the Idaho hotel in this city Saturday evening. Death was due to heart trouble and Mr. Burnett had been in good health, a few hours before his death.

Deceased came to Idaho 47 years ago, locating on a ranch between here and Parma, on which he made his home up to about five years ago, when he retired and came to Caldwell. He was a native of Tennessee and was 79 years and six months of age at the time of his death. He has a nephew residing at Boise and a niece, Mrs. L. B. Stafford, living near Caldwell. A brother and another niece reside in Washington.

The funeral will be held Wednesday at 2 p. m. in the Presbyterian church.

**Date of death: 16 Feb 1898**

**Subject: Sarah Ann (Burnett) Iddings**

**Source: *Holt County [MO] Sentinel*, Feb 1898**

In the death of Mrs. Isaac H. Iddings, which occurred at the home of her son, James, in Nodaway township, on Wednesday of last week, February 16, 1898, was one of the pioneer mothers of Holt county.

Her maiden name was Sarah Ann Burnett, and was born in Campbell county, Va., Sept. 28, 1819. When 16 years of age she moved with her parents to Miami county, Indiana, where she was united in marriage to Isaac H. Iddings, Aug. 28, 1839. Mr. Iddings died in this county April 18, 1868, and she remained his widow up to her death, taking upon herself the cares and responsibilities of raising a large family of children, and the management of the farm, which she did in a highly successful manner.

This marriage resulted in nine children being born, three sons and two daughters surviving their mother: these are: James, of Nodaway township; Isaac and Mrs. Mary E. Loucks, of near Maitland; Sigel, of Logan county, Kansas, and Mrs. Frances S. Livingood, of Jewell county, Kansas. This family of children have given Mother Iddings nineteen grandchildren, and one great-grandchild, a son of Mrs. Leora Shields, a daughter of Mrs. Loucks.

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Mrs. Iddings came to this county with her husband in 1843, and had lived on the farm where she died for fifty years.

She united with the M. E. church when 22 years of age, and remained steadfast, and a faithful member up to the time of her death.

**Date of death: 11 Oct 1906**

**Subject: Cleo D. Burnette**

**Source: *Conway Springs [KS] Star*, 6 Sep 1906, Thursday, p. 5**

Cleo Burnette was stricken with paralysis at Oxford last week and is in a serious condition.

**Same**

**Source: *The [Wellington KS] Monitor-Press*, 19 Sep 1906, Wednesday, p. 6**

Cleo Burnette, who has been in the hospital at Wichita, was brought back to his home in Oxford last week, and will be cared for hereafter by his brother and sister, from Conway Springs. His condition shows some improvement.

**Same**

**Source: *The [Wellington KS] Monitor-Press*, 10 Oct 1906, Wednesday, p. 4**

Word comes from Oxford that Cleo Burnette suffered a second stroke of paralysis last Sunday morning and is in a very precarious condition. His brother James, who was in town this morning, says he is unconscious and the physicians think he cannot live more than forty-eight hours at the outside.

**Same**

**Source: *The Wellington [KS] Daily News*, 11 Oct 1906, Thursday, p. 1**

Cleo D. Burnette died at 6 this morning at Oxford. He had been practically helpless from paralysis for several days. He formerly lived in Wellington and practiced law. At one time he held the office of police judge and was also justice of the peace. The funeral will be held Friday at 10 at Oxford.

**Same**

**Source: *The [Wellington KS] Monitor-Press*, 17 Oct 1906, Wednesday, p. 1**

Cleo D. Burnett, of whose critical condition mention was made last week, died at his home in Oxford at 6:20 o'clock last Thursday morning, the direct cause of death being a paralytic stroke which he suffered about 5 o'clock the preceding Sunday morning. At the time of the last seizure he was in very poor health, in fact a nervous wreck from spinal trouble that first made its appearance some three years previous. He was conscious for most of the time after being stricken, but deprived of all power of speech or motion, a movement of his eyelids being apparently all that he was able to control. It was impossible to administer food or medicine on account of the danger of strangling, and death finally came as a welcome relief to his hopeless suffering.



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Cleo Burnette's story is a sad one. He started out in life with bright prospects as an attorney, and a brilliant career seemed opening before him. He was industrious in his profession, had a well-trained and scholarly mind and enjoyed the respect of his associates at the bar and the community generally. He filled the offices of police judge and justice of the peace of Wellington and was in line to receive the Republican nomination for county attorney at the time he became involved in the trouble that blighted his career and shortened his life.

The difficulties in which the young man became involved through his connection with what is known as the forged McCauley letter are too fresh in the public mind to need repeating here. Suffice it to say that however harshly his fellow-attorneys and the courts dealt with his offending, public opinion, esteeming that the only blot on an otherwise honorable career, was inclined to be more charitable in its judgment. That Burnette was more sinned against than sinning in the whole unfortunate affair; that he was the victim of men more unscrupulous and avaricious than himself, is now generally believed by those familiar with the facts. The local bar and the district and supreme courts dealt with the matter according to the law and the evidence, no doubt, but a great many people will always believe that there were certain extenuating circumstances that, if given due weight, would have placed his offense in a different light.

It's all done and over with now. Burnette is beyond the utmost reach of human harm or help, but somehow we cannot help thinking that his ruined career and early death might have been avoided if his professional brethren had been a little less exacting in their deference to the letter of the law—a little more disposed to temper justice with mercy and deal with an erring associate as they too hope to be dealt with in the final judgment of the last great day.

The funeral of Burnette took place from the Presbyterian church at Oxford, with which organization he had united a short time before his death, at 10 o'clock last Friday morning, services being by the pastor, Rev. J. C. Wingerd. The church was filled with a large concourse of sympathizing friends. Many beautiful floral tributes were sent, among them a number of pieces from this city. The remains were interred in the Oxford cemetery. The deceased is survived by his devoted wife, who has stood by him with notable fidelity in all his misfortune and cared for him tenderly during his prolonged illness. His father is said to be seriously ill at the present time at his home in Springdale township

**Date of death: 23 Nov 1906**

**Subject: Columbus James Burnette**

**Source: *The [Wellington KS] Monitor-Press*, 5 Dec 1906, Wednesday, p. 4**

Columbus James Burnette was born April 24, 1839, near Independence, Jackson county, Missouri; died November 23, 1906, at his home near Ewell, Kansas, aged sixty-seven years, seven months and twenty-nine days.

When he was two years old his parents moven [sic] from Independence and settled near Edgerton, Platte county, Missouri, where he spent his childeood [sic] days and grew to manhood. He was the third eldest son in a family of twelve children, all of whom survive him except one, who died in infancy.

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In January, 1862, he enlisted in Company F., 6th Missouri Volunteers, and after enduring the hardships and braving the storms of battle for three and a quarter years, he was honorably discharged in April, 1865, and once again became a private citizen of the glorious country he had fought to defend. He always loved to relate the incidents of the battle-field, which he seemed to remember as though it were but yesterday, and during his last sickness whenever "the boys," as he called them, would come and talk over the stormy scenes of '61-'65, his heart seemed to fill anew with love and patriotism; and many times when alone has he read o'er and o'er the personal memoirs of some of the great generals who led in the war.

After his discharge from the army he went to Gentry county, Missouri, and settled near Stansberry [sic], where on December 21, 1865, he was united in the bonds of wedlock with Mahala V. Pope, who has been his faithful and loving companion for nearly forty-one years and who who [sic] survives him. To this union nine children were born, three dying in infancy and one, Cleo D., preceding him only six weeks.

On July 19, 1884, he arrived with his family at Caldwell, Kansas, in which vicinity they lived until the following spring, when he moved onto a farm near Milan. Here he lived until February, 1890, when he removed to the farm now occupied by H. L. Games, and after farming there three years he again moved onto the farm near Ewell, which he owned at the time of his death.

While he has been up and around most of the time, yet he has practically been an invalid for the past thirty years and unable to do any physical labor. He was a sufferer from a great many complicated and chronic diseases. His last sickness dates from April 10th of the present year and during the intervening time he has suffered intensely. At times he would seem to be getting along fairly well, when suddenly a reverse would come and he would writhe in pain and agony.

He at one time was an active member of the Missionary Baptist church, but at his death he belonged to no particular cult or creed. He realized that the mighty universe was not without a Master, recognized God was his maker and often spoke of the immortality of the soul. He was kind and loving and never willingly wronged a mortal man. He realized that at the grave God drew the line between the two eternities; that mortal man had never lifted the sombre [sic] veil and looked beyond. He asked no written covenant with God, for he recognized Him as his Father, and trusted Him without requiring the intervention of priest or prophet. He did not fear the sleep of death, the unknown terrors of the starless night, the waves of the dark river. He did not seek assurance from the lips of men that the wisdom, love and power of his heavenly Father would not fail, for through a thousand celestial windows streamed the light of God, telling him of His presence in that home beyond the grave. And now as I write methinks I hear his voice singing in that glad home of the soul, for he died as he had lived, a pure, true, trusting, upright man.

The funeral services were conducted at the home Sunday morning, November 25th, Rev. Mr. Rolfe, pastor of the Baptist church, officiating. The discourse was both encouraging and inspiring, while the songs of the choir seemed akin to the melody of heaven. After the services his friends, neighbors and relatives took a last look at his mortal remains, then commenced the long journey through the pouring rain to the Conway Springs cemetery, east of town, where he was quietly laid to rest, beneath the sighs and sobs of those to whom he was near and dear, to await the call of his Master, when the dead in Christ shall rise.

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**Date of death: 14 Apr 1917**

**Subject: Alonzo Burns**

**Source: *The St. Joseph [MO] Observer*, 21 Apr 1917, Saturday, p. 5**

Alonzo Burns, a former negro policeman, died Sunday.

**Date of death: 27 Feb 1920**

**Subject: Calvin Lee Burns**

**Source: *The Western Kansas News*, [Goodland KS], 5 Mar 1920, Friday, p. 1**

Calvin Lee Burns died Friday, Feb. 27, 1920, at his home in Goodland, Kans., age 38 years, 8 months and 24 days. He was born at Fillmore, Mo., June 3, 1882. He was married to Miss Edna May Jenkins Jan. 27, 1914, at St. Joseph, Mo., and to this union two children were born. He is survived by his wife, son Everett Lee, and daughter Viola May, and five sisters, Edna, Madeline, Beulah and Orpha of Denver, Colo., and Marion of Granite Canon, Wyo.

The deceased came to Goodland from St. Joseph, Mo., in 1916 with his family and has lived in Goodland and vicinity ever since.

**Date of death: 11 Nov 1921**

**Subject: Clay D. Burns**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 12 Nov 1921, p. 1**

Barnard, Mo., Nov. 12.-- The celebration of Armistice day here was brought to an early and very sad close at 9 o'clock in the morning by the accidental death of Clay B. Burns, assistant cashier of the Barnard State Bank, and the serious injury of Fred Staulling, a clerk in a local store. The accident happened while a flagpole was being installed, and all other events arranged in observance of the day were immediately abandoned.

At the hour mentioned a number of men were engaged in raising a steel pole from which to fly the national emblem. It was found necessary to remove the pole from the pit into which the base had been placed in order to make some alterations. As Burns and Staulling were lifting the pole a gust of wind caused it to sway against an electric wire of high voltage.

The electric current passed through the body of Burns and caused his instant death. Staulling was rendered unconscious and for a time his life was despaired of, but he was revived with the aid of a pulmotor [sic] dispatched from Maryville, which also was used in a fruitless effort to resuscitate Burns.

The dead banker was thirty years old and is survived by his widow and two children. His parents live on a farm near here. The widow is a daughter of Thomas Cook, a Barnard merchant. Burns was for a time a bookkeeper for the Stock Yards Bank in South St. Joseph, and returned to Barnard several years ago.

The wire against which the flagpole fell was one extending from the electric power plant at Maryville, supplying current to Barnard and a number of other towns in this locality.

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**Date of death: 22 Nov 1912**

**Subject: David Burns**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 27 Nov 1912, p. 7**

Mrs. William Pyles, 5417 South First street, has been called to Savannah, Mo. by the death of her father, D. Burns.

**Date of death: Oct 1895**

**Subject: Ellen (Burns) O'Donnell**

**Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 19 Oct 1895, Saturday, p. 5**

From Conception, Mo. On last Saturday, our esteemed fellow-citizen, Mr. James O'Donnell, received a message from his son, Cornelius, who is conducting a hotel in some part of Wyoming. The message brought the painful news of the death of Ellen, the wife of Cornelius, who died in Cheyenne, from the effects of an operation performed on her while there. The remains were sent from Cheyenne, over the Wabash line and arrived in Conception Sunday evening. The funeral took place Monday morning at 9 o'clock. The remains were interred in St. Columba's cemetery, Deceased was before her marriage Miss Ellen Burns and a member of a family well known in this community. About eight years ago she was united in marriage to Mr. Cornelius O'Donnell, and they were members of the Immaculate Conception parish for several years. She was an amiable young woman, and her demise is keenly felt by all her many friends. She leaves two small children, a boy and girl, who thus early in life are deprived of the solicitous care of a loving mother. R.I.P.

**Date of death: [Jul] 1863**

**Subject: Harrison Burns**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Weekly Herald & Tribune*, 9 Jul 1863, p. 2**

The guerilla Jos. Hart and his band of about thirty men, made a raid in Andrew yesterday. They called at the house of Mr. Harrison Burnes [sic], rushed in and commenced shooting, killing a Mr. Henry and dangerously wounding Mr. Burnes and another gentleman by the name of Jenkins. After this they robbed Mr. Graff of \$60 and his fire-arms. This occurred about six miles above Savannah. Much excitement exists. At last accounts they were being hotly pursued by Capt. Stotts' company of the 3d Provisional Reg. and the loyal citizens generally.

**Date of death: 28 Jun 1870**

**Subject: Henry Burns**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Morning Herald*, 29 Jun 1870, p. 4**

About two o'clock yesterday afternoon a young colored man, named Richard Simpson, twenty years of age, took down an old shot gun at the house of a colored woman, named Burns in the northeastern part of the city near Webster school house, for what purpose is not stated, but thinking the weapon unloaded, he undertook to frighten the children, several of whom were standing near. He said to a boy, ten years old, named Henry Burns, "Lookout out [sic], Henry, I'll shoot you" as he said this he cocked the gun, pointed at the doomed boy and pulled the trigger. To his horror the charge went off and the whole load of perhaps fifteen buckshot passed in at

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the right temple, a large number coming out on the other side, making a hideous hole through Burns' head, and scattering his brains in every direction. The boy, of course, dropped dead in his tracks.

A scene of terror ensued, the children scampering away in confusion, the prostrate form of the unfortunate youth lying on the ground, and his wretch and unwitting slayer, with the weapon in his hand, bending with looks of horror above the victim of his folly. Simpson was almost frantic with dismay, in view of the awful work he had done. The mother of the boy was also terror-stricken at the sight of her slain son and bitter words were spoken against Simpson.

The author of this mournful tragedy, we learn, was employed at Mitchell's photograph gallery, to which place he repaired immediately after the casualty, making, however, no effort to escape from the officers when they should want him. Notice was given to City Marshal Stroud of the terrible affair, and he, hearing that Simpson was at Mitchell's [sic], went there and arrested him. He is now in jail awaiting a legal investigation of the case. The Coroner was notified of the case.

Since the above was put into type, we have seen Coroner Berghoff, who had just returned from the holding of an inquest on the remains of the unfortunate boy. The testimony of Waunser Burns, 15 years old, a relative of the deceased, was to the effect that Simpson picked up the gun, and, without any apparent intention of hostility, shoved the ramrod down and drew it out; then placing the muzzle within eight inches of Burns' head, fired. The gun was loaded with No. 4 shot. The witness states that he warned Simpson that the gun was loaded, but he either did not hear or paid no attention to the warning. The gun was so close to the boy's head that it was thought the discharge would have killed him instantly, had there been no shot in the piece. The verdict of the jury was simply that the deceased came to his death by a shot fire from a gun in the hands of Richard Simpson, leaving to the courts the question of *intent*, though some of the jurymen expressed the belief that Simpson had done [sic] malicious intent in the killing. The gun is a very old-fashioned fowling piece.

**Date of death: 18 Aug 1916**

**Subject: James Ambrose Burns**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 20 Aug 1916, Sunday, p. 13**

All members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows are requested to meet at Shady Beach hall this morning at 9 o'clock to attend the funeral of Brother J. H. Burns, a member of Amazonia Lodge No. 286. (Signed) W. A. Zimmerman, N. G. Sibly [?] Gomal [?] Sec'y.

**Date of death: 10 Jun 1907**

**Subject: Wayman R. Burns**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 11 Jun 1907, Tuesday, p. 6**

Wayman R. Burns, aged 24 years, died at the home of his mother, Mrs. Maggie Burns, 915 South Fifteenth street, last night at 9 o'clock. He is survived by his mother, three sisters, Leota, Tena and Ina Burns; two brothers, Arthur and Osie Burns. Funeral services will be conducted from the home of his mother this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial in Mount Mora cemetery.

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**Date of death: 12 Dec 1872**

**Subject: Bettie Burrier**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Republican*, 3 Jan 1873, Friday, p. 2**

Died. On December 12, Miss Bettie Burrier, daughter of Andrew Burrier, of Holt county, aged 14 years; dying very slowly.

**Date of death: 12 Dec 1918**

**Subject: James B. Burroughs**

**Source: *Villisca [IA] Review*, 20 Dec 1918**

Mrs. B. F. Burroughs returned Sunday noon after having attended the funeral at Northboro, Iowa, of her son, James, who died last Thursday of pneumonia developed from influenza at a hospital in Kansas City. The father was unable to go to Northboro, being confined at home on account of illness, but a son, William T., who was mustered out of Camp Dodge and returned home Monday of last week, attended the funeral.

James had left Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas, where he was in training, and when he reached Kansas City was ill and was taken to the General hospital. A week ago last Friday the parents received a telegram which stated that their son was in the hospital with influenza but was not seriously ill. Thursday morning of last week they received another message that James's condition had changed for the worse and then word came which stated he had died that morning, December 12, at four o'clock.

The funeral services were held last Saturday at Northboro, where four of the deceased's brothers live and where the parents expect to move in the spring.

James B. Burroughs was 27 years and 2 months old and was, before he enlisted July 19, 1918, a solicitor for the St. Louis News and Press. He made his home, when he was not traveling, with his parents who have resided in Villisca for the past three years.

**Date of death: 26 Apr 1922**

**Subject: Edward Daniel Burrows**

**Source: *The Leavenworth [KS] Times*, 22 Apr 1922, Saturday, p. 5**

The body of E. D. Burrows, age 87, Rosendale, Mo., resident who died at the Soldiers' Home hospital, was sent Friday by J. A. Bush, funeral director, to Rosendale for interment. The funeral will be held there today.

Mr. Burrows was a native of Ohio but had lived for more than a half century in Andrew county, Missouri. He came to the Soldiers' Home for treatment less than a month ago. The deceased served during the Civil War with the Union Army. He was a member of the Masonic lodge at Rosendale.

The daughters, Mrs. Ida M. Lindsey of St. Joseph, Mo., and Mrs. Lorena Wilson, Blythedale, Mo., two sons, Mark Burrows, Greeley, Colo., and W. E. Burrows, St. Joseph; and one sister, Mrs. Hardin Asher, Rosendale, survive.

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**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 22 Apr 1922, Saturday, p. 5

Edward Daniel Burrows, 87 years old, former resident of Rosendale, Mo., died Thursday night at the soldiers' home at Leavenworth, Kas. Burial will be at Whitesville, Mo. He is survived by four children: W. E. Burrows and Mrs. Ida M. Lindsey, both of St. Joseph; Mark Burrows, Greeley, Colo., and Mrs. Lorena Wilson, Blythedale, Mo.

**Date of death:** 18 Dec 1912

**Subject:** Delilah (Bush) Hart

**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 19 Dec 1912, p. 4

[Note: ... indicate illegible sections]

Delilah Hart, ... years old, died ... yesterday morning at a local hospital. She was the wife of Frank L. Hart, and her former home was at Parnell, Mo., where the body was taken for burial.

**Date of death:** 11 Jun 1897

**Subject:** Martin Busser

**Source:** *Holt County [MO] Sentinel*, 18 Jun 1897, p. 1

On Friday last, June 18 [sic], 1897, Martin Busser, living a short distance from the old Hollister mill on the Nodaway, was struck by a snake, supposed to have been a copperhead, and died in less than an hour. Mr. Busser was barefooted, and fixing a hedge fence when struck. He was struck on the ankle. A messenger was sent to Fillmore for a doctor, but before he arrived the unfortunate man was out of his misery. He was about 50 years of age and leaves a wife and two children.

**Date of death:** 25 Apr 1920

**Subject:** Mrs. Maud Butcher

**Source:** *The Kansas City [MO] Sun*, 8 May 1920, Saturday, p. 9

St. Joseph, Mo. Mrs. Maude Butcher, who was taken to the Noyes Hospital to be operated on, died on April 25. She leaves a son, a little daughter, twelve years of age to mourn her loss. Her body was taken to Wathena for burial.

**Date of death:** 16 Jun 1915

**Subject:** Clarence Butler

**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 16 Jun 1915, Wednesday, p. 6

Clarence Butler, thirty-nine years old, a laborer, died at 2:45 o'clock this afternoon at the home of his cousin, John L. Hurst, 1669 South Tenth street, after a prolonged illness. He was not married.

**Date of death:** 3 Jan 1882

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**Subject: Mrs. Harriet (---) Hubbard Butler**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 4 Jan 1882, p. 4**

About half-past three yesterday afternoon an old colored lady named Harriet Butler fell on the sidewalk in front of the residence of Mr. W. H. Sawyer, No. 719 North Fourth street. The fall was observed by Mrs. A. M. Spaulding, who was visiting her sister, Mrs. Sawyer, and she immediately called that lady. Together they went out on the walk where the woman lay, and raising her partly up Mrs. Sawyer asked what was the matter with her. She said she was very sick: that she had been washing at Dr. Long's, that she had a severe pain in her left side where she placed her hand, and that she had taken a glass of wine at Long's.

The two ladies called assistance and kindly had her brought into the house. She sat in a chair for a few minutes and complained of being very sick, and asked to be laid on the floor. Her wish was complied with, and in about ten minutes she died.

In the absence of Coroner Heddens acting Coroner 'Squire Fitton was called, who immediately summoned a jury, and took the testimony of Mrs. Sawyer and Mrs. Spaulding, and of James Hubbard, a son of the deceased. She lived near Davis' mills, and was about sixty years of age. The inquest will be continued at Fitton's office at ten o'clock this morning.

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**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 5 Jan 1882, p. 4**

The evidence concerning the death of Mrs. Harriet Butler, before the jury ordered by Justice Fitton, Acting Coroner, was concluded yesterday, and a verdict rendered that the woman came to her death from heart disease. The jury was constituted as follows: W. J. King, foreman, M. C. Riley, John Mower, A. D. Thomas, John Cox and F. B. Kercheval.

**Date of death: 22 Mar 1892**

**Subject: Hugh Butler**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 26 Mar 1892, p. 3**

Hugh Butler, colored, died in Chicago Tuesday evening, March 22, of pneumonia fever, aged 29 years. He leaves a wife to mourn his loss. Deceased was born in Indianapolis. Remains will arrive this morning, and will be buried from First Baptist church tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

**Date of death: 11 Jan 1921**

**Subject: Daisy Dell (Butner) Jackson**

**Source: *The Casper [WY] Daily Tribune*, 11 Jan 1921, p. 2**

Daisy D. Jackson, 32 years of age, wife of Ray Jackson, 705 East Eighth street, died this morning at 3 o'clock at one of the local hospitals. The body is being held at the Bowman chapel pending funeral arrangements.

**Date of death: 28 Nov 1916**



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**Subject: Henry F. Butterfield**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 29 Nov 1916, p. 6**

Henry F. Butterfield, aged seventy-one, died late yesterday at the home of his son, W. F. Butterfield, 3423 South Sixteenth street. The aged man had made his home in the city the last year. He formerly lived at Clinton, Okla. Two other sons survive, Lester and Fred Butterfield, both of St. Joseph.

**Date of death: 20 Sep 1921**

**Subject: Oliver L. Butts**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 20 Sep 1921, p. 9**

Oliver Butts, an aged negro living three miles southwest of Amazonia, Mo., was murdered by person or persons unknown some time last night. Butts lived on a small farm near the banks of the Missouri River. He was in Amazonia last night and displayed a considerable roll of money.

Early this morning a small boy named Hoffman, whose parents live in the vicinity, went to Butts' cabin on an errand. When he entered the house he found Butts' dead body on the floor, and called his father. Dr. S. F. Beaver [sic] of Amazonia, coroner of Andrew county, was summoned.

Butts had been shot through the head, slashed with a knife across the stomach, and his ribs and head had been crushed with a heavy blunt instrument of some kind.

The murderer's motive apparently was robbery, as all of the negro's money is missing, although nothing else about the place was disturbed. Butts lived alone, and his place is difficult to reach, being practically surrounded by a gumbo swamp.

The body of the murdered negro will be brought to St. Joseph in Fleeman-McNeill's ambulance this evening. Andrew County authorities have made a thorough search of the premises and have been unable to find any clue to the murder or murderers.

**Date of death: 27 Jan 1919**

**Subject: Simeon Butts**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 27 Jan 1919, p. 6**

Simon [sic] Butts, seventy-five years old, a retired stockraiser, died at 11:30 o'clock this morning at the Woodland Hotel, where he had been living. He suffered at [sic] paralytic stroke a week ago. He had lived in St. Joseph eleven years, following his retirement at Hopkins, Mo. He is survived by his widow, seven sons and two daughters. The funeral arrangements have not been completed.

**Date of death: 4 Mar 1893**

**Subject: Harry Buzard**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 7 Mar 1893, p. 3**

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Harry Buzard aged 22 years, son of Captain B. F. and Minnie E. Buzard, died Sunday evening of heart disease. The funeral will take place from the family residence, 1010 Powell street, at 3 o'clock p.m., today, Tuesday the 7th. Services at the house.

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**Source: same**

Harry Buzard, son of Captain B. F. Buzard, died very suddenly Sunday evening of heart disease. He was well during the afternoon and ate dinner with the family as usual. About 7 o'clock in the evening he was found dead in the water closet, and is thought to have been dead for several hours.

Deceased was 22 years of age and had been afflicted with heart disease for several years. He had been working for George Fanning, the carriage manufacturer, for some time, and was an honest, intelligent young man.

The funeral will take place from the family residence, 1010 Powell street, at 3 p.m. today.

**Date of death: 14 Apr 1894**

**Subject: Martha A. (Byers) Saunders**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 15 Apr 1894, p. 3**

Maryville, Mo., April 14.—Mrs. John Saunders, widow of the late John Sanders [sic] of this city, died at her home in this city today, after a brief illness. She was one of the best known and most highly respected ladies in this county. She located here with her husband at an early date and was prominently identified with the early history of Nodaway county.

**Date of death: 14 Nov 1912**

**Subject: William Walton Byers**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 15 Nov 1912, p. 13**

Maryville, Mo., Nov. 15.—W. W. Byers, sixty-six years old and a wealthy Nodaway County pioneer, committed suicide at his home here some time between 4:30 and 8 o'clock last evening by drinking an ounce of carbolic acid. The body was found by his daughter, Marie, when she returned from her work at the McCrary millinery a few minutes after 8 o'clock. The man drank the acid, placed the bottle on the table and laid down on the bed.

It is declared that charges shortly were to have been preferred against Byers by a woman relative, and that worry over the situation was the only possible reason for his suicide.

Byers applied at several drug stores before securing the acid. Then he went to a real estate office and talked over a deal he had been contemplating. He was last seen shortly after 4 o'clock on his way home. His wife, a sister of Judge Rea of Savannah, was absent from home all day, being on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. B. C. Barrow, who lives near here.

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The funeral will be held from the family residence here tomorrow afternoon, with interment in the Miriam Cemetery.

Mr. Byers is survived, besides the widow, by four children: Mrs. B. C. Barrow and Mrs. Edward Walker of near here, Roy L. Byers, Savannah, and Marie, who lives at home.

Dr. J. H. Todd, coroner, decided no inquest would be necessary.